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HL1 25/11/23, 3pm The Northcourt OX14 1PL

### **Abingdon United Vs Tytherington Rocks**







## **Club** Partners





## CLUB OFFICIALS

Position	Name
Chairman	Alan Midwinter
Vice Chairman	Mark Cunningham
General Manager	Stefan Caira
Finance Officer	Sarah Crawley
Treasurer	Robin Yuill
Commercial Manager	Chris Lewis
Communications Officer	Mark Reynolds
Head of Media	Harry Burton
Club Welfare Officer	Chris Cole
Football Secretary (Mens)	Alistair MacDonald
Football Secretary (Ladies)	Abbie Smith
Head of Football Development	Adam French
First Team Player/Manager	John Mills
First Team Player/Assistant Manager	Aaron Woodley
First Team Goalkeeper Coach	Graham Sloper
Physio	Callum Warne
Development Management Team	Jack White & Ollie Tilling
Abingdon United Vets Team Manager	Adam French
Abingdon United Ladies Management Team	Danial Knight & Declan O'Hanlon
Abingdon United Ladies Development Team	Jon Ward & Paul Biddle
Abingdon United Under 18's Management Team	Mark Reynolds & James Booker
Abingdon United Under 13's Team Manager	Adam French
Abingdon United Under 11's Team Manager	Steve French
Abingdon United Under 9's Team Manager	Lewis Andrews
Kit Manager	John Blackmore
Grounds Team	John Blackmore & Jennings Pitch Maintenance
Grounds Caretaker	Alex Armstrong
Bar & Functions Manageress	Kate Fegan





2023/24 Appearances	2023/24 Goals	2023/24 Assists	2023/24 Clean Sheets (GK)
4	1	1	
4	0	2	
12	0	2	
13	0	2	
2	0	0	
24	0	1	4
20	1	2	
19	4	5	
24	0	0	
19	0	1	
21	0	0	
7	2	1	
19	4	3	
13	0	0	
19	9	7	
21	0	2	
6	3	2	
15	3	4	
19	3	2	
18	2	1	
12	1	0	
1	0	0	
18	6	5	
16	6	1	
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1	Clanfield 85	19	15	1	3	32	46
2	Malmesbury Victoria	19	14	3	2	26	45
3	Sporting Club Inkberrow	18	11	3	4	26	36
4	Hartpury University	14	11	2	1	30	35
5	Shortwood United	19	10	4	5	13	34
6	Devizes Town	20	10	2	8	10	32
7	FC Bristol	17	10	1	6	19	31
8	Tytherington Rocks	17	9	2	6	8	29
9	Calne Town	18	8	2	8	1	26
10	F C Stratford	17	7	4	6	10	25
11	Abingdon United	19	8	1	10	-1	25
12	Stonehouse Town	18	6	4	8	-7	22
13	Southam United	17	7	1	9	-9	22
14	Cheltenham Saracens	17	4	3	10	-15	15
15	Newent Town	15	3	4	8	-19	13
16	Long Crendon	17	3	2	12	-22	11
17	Kidlington Res	16	2	3	11	-23	9
18	Moreton Rangers	17	2	3	12	-34	9
19	Chipping Sodbury Town	18	2	3	13	-45	9



## SQUADS

## **Abingdon United**



- 1. Eddie Cavanagh (VC) 16.
- 2. Lewis Dix
- 3. Ollie Creed
- 4. Harry Sampford (C)
- 6. Macauley Dodson
- 7. Aaron Woodley
- 8. Ben Barrett
- 9. Harry Ackland
- 10. Casey Highmoor
- 12. Jack Badger
- 15. Dan Chalmers

Manager- John Mills

16. Ellis Walker
17. Joe Green
18. Zach Morey

- 19. John Mills
- 20. Matty Woodley21. Dylan Conlan23. Joel Akrill

Colours Shirts- Yellow Shorts- Blue Socks- Blue Keeper- All Black



### **Tyhtherington Rocks**

- 1. Liam Barrett
- 2. Tom Bidder
- 3. Levelle Bishop
- 4. Justin Bishop
- 5. Aaron Clark
- 6. Nathan Croot ©
- 7. Connor Davey
- 8. Jamie Dwyer
- 9. Peter Dykes
- 10. Max Ferretti
- 11. Jackson Gillard



- 13. Kyle Head
- 14. Tarji Jones
- 15. Jordan Leonard
- 16. Stuart Nelson
- 17. Andrew Peterson
- 18. Sam Russell
- 19. Mathew Sumner
- 20. Kalil Traore
- 21. Max Wilding
- 22. Toby Waterman
- 23. Kian Watmough
- Manager- Steve Farr Kit- All Green GK Kit- All Blue

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## ABINGDON UNITED CLUB HISTORY

The club was formed in 1946 when a group of ex-service men decided that the town could support two football clubs. The first meeting to form the club was held in the local Anchor Public House on the bank of the River Thames, as there were no club facilities. They joined the North Berks League and within two seasons had won its Charity Shield. The following year 1953/54 they won the league and cup finalists. The club had its sights on higher things and five years later entered the Hellenic League. Since then it has remained in this league and during this time had success in the lower divisions. In 1965/66 they won the Division One Challenge Cup and the following season were the cup finalists.

No further honours came the club's way until winning promotion in 1976/77 to the Premier Division. After a struggle at this level, relegation back to Division One came after four seasons. With a more ambitious approach, the club bounced back into the Premier League where it has remained ever since. It also won the Division One Cup in the same promotion year. Senior status was achieved in 1985 allowing it to be eligible for the F.A. Vase, County Senior Cup and in 1989 entered the F.A. Cup for the first time. A Members Room, Function Room, Covered Stand and Floodlighting have been completed in recent years to improve the off pitch facilities. 1996/97 has seen the club complete its 50th season and it's most successful. United won the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy and also winning the League's Floodlit Cup.

The highest ever league position was attained when finishing as Runners Up in the Hellenic Premier Division. The following season again saw success come to Northcourt Road with retaining the County Senior Trophy, Hellenic League Reserve Championship and Allied Counties Youth League winners. 2001 saw the construction of new changing rooms, together with turnstiles, to the Northcourt Road Ground and 2005 saw the construction of a new 150-seater stand and a covered stand. The club clinched promotion to the Southern League in season 2005/06. The club returned to the Hellenic League in 2013/14. United gained runners-up in Division 1 in season 2016/17 to clinch promotion back to the Hellenic Premier League. The 2017/18 saw the young Development team clinch runners up in the Hellenic Div 2 and also winning the League Challenge cup. The 2017/18 season also saw the introduction of United's first women's team who obtained League promotion in its first season together with the County Cup and League Cup. Season 2018/19 saw the women team progress into the Southern Region League, while the First Team were dropped down to the Hellenic Division 1.



## TYTHERINGTON CLUB HISTORY

Tytherington Football Club was formed in 1896 by local Headmaster, Mr Emanuel, and others including the Rev John Bingley. Rev. Bingley stipulated that, to gain his support, the club should play in amber and black, his old college colours at Brasenose, in Oxford.

The club played in the Wotton-Under-Edge League and travelled to away matches by waggonette, a four-wheeled horse drawn cart, with seats along both sides. The club played at many different grounds in the early days, including Mill-Leaze Fields behind the village shop. They eventually found a permanent home at the Hardwicke Playing Fields. The club used the Swan Inn as their changing rooms until a new pavilion was erected by the Parish Council, on the playing fields in 1938.

In the 1920s the club was suspended by the Gloucestershire Football Association for non-payment of a fine. The fine followed a referee being jostled into an adjoining brook after what the home side felt were some dubious decisions! No pay - no play, so Tytherington disbanded until 1932 when Tytherington Rocks FC was formed, joining the Bristol & Suburban League. War disrupted the local leagues and Rocks re-joined Division 1 in 1947. The same year a youth team called the Pebbles was formed and played in the Gloucestershire Junior Boys' League.

The 1960s were spent between Division 3 and Division 5. Facilities were upgraded in 1979-80, with new showers and toilet block together with electricity! The Reserves reformed in Division 7 and the first team reached Division 1 for the 1987-88 season. 1987-88 saw the formation of the third team joining Division 7 and at the same time Streamside Juniors were adopted as Tytherington Rocks Juniors. A floodlit training pitch was opened in 1988. Rocks entered Premier Division 2 and by 1993 arrived in Premier Division 1. Ground improvements continued with dugouts and perimeter fencing. As Champions of the Bristol & Suburban Premier League in 1997, it was shock and disappointment when an application to the Gloucestershire County League was rejected. Following rejection, a new bar, separate changing facilities, referees room and a spectator stand raised the profile of the cl ub and, in 1998, the County League application was successful. The team survived a difficult first season but, during the next four years, enjoyed top half finishes and were GFA Challenge Trop hy Finalists, League Cup Finalists and, in 2004, were County League Runners-up. Hellenic League football and Hellenic League status Division 1 [West] arrived in 2004-05. Season 2011-12 was to prove to be the first of three outstanding years for Tytherington Rocks. The 1st team finished 18 points clear to win the Uhlsport Hellenic League Division 1 [West] title, followed by a 3rd place and then champions again in 2014, this time by 5 points. Fol lowing this success, a transfer request to move to the Toolstation Western League was rejected by the FA. This refusal had a devasta ting effect on the club with players and team management of both 1st team and Reserve teams leaving in their numbers.

History will record that several managers and committee members worked tirelessly to ensure the survival of the club during the following four seasons.

The 2018/2019 season ended with all three teams (U18, Reserves and 1st team) all completing their programmes, although they all finished in the penultimate positions in their respective League divisions. Between August 2019 and now, Rocks have experienced major changes both on and off the field.

Reserve sides have folded mid-season, an U18 team had run its course and a Ladies team arrived and left. Numerous committee, man agement, and playing staff departures and arrivals took place during the two seasons destroyed by the Coronavirus.

One welcome achievement did however materialise. Rocks won the Beaufort Cup, an end of season competition run by the Bristol Premier Sunday League.

Recent years saw the club admitted into the Toolstation Western League with commendable league finishes following. Now into the current season we are back with our old friends in the Uhlsport Hellenic League...





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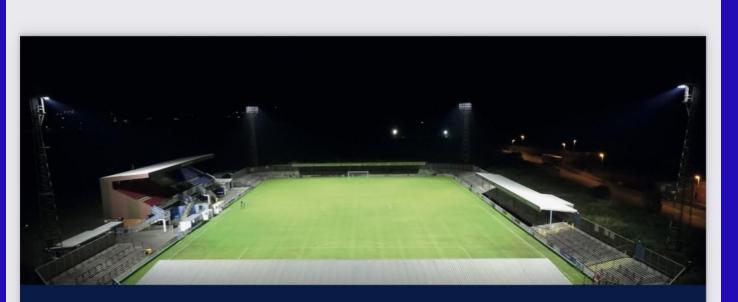
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