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## WELCOME TO THE HUTCHINSON HOLLOW

Good Evening and a very warm welcome to The Hutchinson Hollow for this United Counties Premier Division South fixture. We would especially like to welcome the players, officials and supporters from Biggleswade United and hope you enjoy your short stay with us and have a safe journey home after the match.

We would also like to welcome the match officials to the Hollow and our match sponsors. Of course we have played our friends and neighbours many a time over the years and the fixture normally attracts one of the biggest crowds in the league for the season.

Many of the players of course have worn both colours with the Potton line up having multiple former Biggleswade players including of course this season Dave 'Bullet' Parkinson.

Biggleswade have signed our former centre half and winning quiz player Joe Gauge this season and also include Gareth Hunt and Josh Sturniolo in their line up.

Our most recent meeting was the FA Vase match during September 2020 where we managed to win 2-1 with two early goals from Aaron McArdle and Luke Pyman being enough on that day.

How refreshing it was in our last match against Easington Sports to play opponents who played the game the correct way and did not resort to sledging as one of our more recent opponents have.

In fact the worst that could be heard was when one of our players said that they were going to get a fine for being booked !

Two fine goals gained us the three points with Bullet scoring from an impossible angle and a well taken goal from Jack Moriarty being his first for the club.

We round up our league fixtures with another first time visitor in Rugby Town on Saturday but before that the reserves have their intermediate Challenge Cup Final against AFC Dunstable Dev being played down the road at Langford. This is after they secured promotion after finishing runners up on Saturday.

The first team also has a cup final next Wednesday when we travel to Raunds for the Hinchingsbrooke cup against League Champions Harborough Town. I hope that if we win this Snoop has been working out as the Trophy is massive !

Enjoy this evenings' match.

Matt

# **This Week's Fixtures**

**20/04/22 Cogenhoe United FC VS Northampton  
O.N.Chenecks**

**20/04/22 Newport Pagnell Town FC VS Bugbrooke  
St.Michaels FC**

# **Latest Results**

**Mon 18 Apr 2022 15:00**

**PDS Coventry Sphinx FC 2 - 0 Coventry United FC**

**PDS Desborough Town FC 2 - 0 Rothwell Corinthians FC**

**PDS Easington Sports FC 2 - 1 Rugby Town FC**

**PDS Godmanchester Rovers FC 0 - 2 Eynesbury Rovers FC**

**PDS Harborough Town FC 6 - 0 Lutterworth Town FC**

**PDS Hinckley LRFC 8 - 0 G.N.G Oadby Town FC**

**PDS Wellingborough Town FC 1 - 0 Newport Pagnell Town  
FC**

## First Team Fixtures and Results 2021/22

date	opponents	comp	result	att	scorers
03.08.21	Wellingborough Town (H)	UCL-PS	5-3	112	Amadi ,Wilson,Willis,Maxwell,Pyman
07.08.21	Eyensbury Rovers (H)	FAC-EP	2-1	161	Amadi ,Wilson
14.08.21	Coventry United (H)	UCL-PS	0-4	127	
21.08.21	Walsham-Le-Willows (H)	FAC-P	5-1	132	McArdle (2),Pyman,Amadi ,Willis
24.08.21	Cogenhoe Town (A)	UCL-PS	2-3	46	McArdle,Willis
28.08.21	Harborough Town (A)	UCL-PS	1-3	116	McArdle
30.08.21	Godmanchester Rovers (A)	UCL-PS	2-1	128	McArdle (2)
04.09.21	AFC Sudbury (H)	FAC-IQ	0-1	211	
11.09.21	Halstead Town (A)	FAV-P	2-1		McArdle,Andrews
18.09.21	Rugby Town (A)	UCL-PS	0-3	168	
25.09.21	Baldock Town (H)	FAV-1Q	1-1 (2-3)	137	Earmes
28.09.21	Newport Pagnell Town (H)	UCL-PS	1-1	102	Dowridge
02.10.21	G.N.G Oadby Town (H)	UCL-PS	4-0	58	Maxwell (2),Pyman,Willis
05.10.21	Eyensbury Rovers (A)	UCL-PS	2-2	108	McArdle,Dowridge
09.10.21	Coventry Sphinx (A)	UCL-PS	1-2	66	Pyman
12.10.21	Peterborough N.S((A)	UCL-PS	2-1		Gauge,Willis
16.10.21	Leicester Road (H)	UCL-PS	0-5	104	
23.10.21	Northampton O.N (H)	UCL-PS	0-2	85	
30.10.21	Long Buckby (A)	UCL-PS	4-3	47	Pyman (2) ,Gauge (2)
06.11.21	Lutterworth Town (A)	UCL-PS	2-3	52	Pyman ,McArdle
13.11.21	Rothwell Corinthians (H)	UCL-PS	4-0	71	Charles,Dowridge,McArdle,OG
20.11.21	Easington Sports (A)	UCL-PS	1-1		Pyman
23.11.21	Cogenhoe United (A)	UCL-PS	1-1	42	OG
27.11.21	Bugbrooke St Michaels (H)	UCL-PS	2-2	51	McArdle,Camara
30.11.21	Desborough Town (H)	UCL-PS	1-1	61	Andrews
11.12.21	Bugbrooke St Michaels (A)	UCL-PS	0-2	60	
18.12.21	Godmanchester Rovers (H)	UCL-PS	1-2	97	Thomas
03.01.22	Eyensbury Rovers (H)	UCL-PS	2-1	164	Willis,Butler
08.01.22	Cogenhoe Town (H)	UCL-PS	2-1	125	Dowridge,Own Goal
15.01.21	Desborough Town (A)	UCL-PS	0-2	84	
18.01.22	Biggleswade Town(A)	BSC-1	1-3		Willis
22.01.22	Harborough Town (H)	UCL-PS	0-1	107	
25.01.22	Netherton United (A)	HINC	2-1		Morrell,Parkinson
01.02.22	Biggleswade United (A)	UCL-PS	1-0	214	Willis
05.02.22	Wellingborough Town (A)	UCL-PS	0-0	95	
	12.02.22 Long Buckby (H)		UCL-PS	6-0	95
	Parkinson(2),Maxwell(2),Willis,Butler				
26.02.22	Newport Pagnell Town (A)	UCL-PS	1-3	172	Octave
05.03.22	Coventry Sphinx (H)	UCL-PS	2-3	92	Smith,Brinkman
12.03.22	Hinckley LRFC (A)	UCL-PS	0-3	110	
19.03.22	Lutterworth Town (H)	UCL-PS	0-2	142	
22.03.22	Rorthwell Corinthians (A)	UCL-PS	0-4	60	
26.03.22	Coventry United (A)	UCL-PS	1-2	67	Francisco
02.04.22	Northampton O.N Chenecks (A)	UCL-PS	2-1	35	Willis(2)
05.04.22	Godmanchester Rovers (A)	HINC	2-0	80	Smith,OG
09.04.22	Easington Sports (H)	UCL-PS	2-0	67	Parkinson,Moriarty
16.04.22	G.N.G Oadby Town (A)	UCL-PS	3-1	37	Amadi ,Willis,Andrews
19.04.22	Biggleswade United (H)	UCL-PS			
23.04.22	Rugby Town (H)	UCL-PS			
27.04.22	Harborough Town (N)	HIN			

## League Table 19th April

### PREMIER DIVISION – SOUTH

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1	Harborough Town FC	37	33	2	2	99	101	
2	Hinckley LRFC	37	32	2	3	79	98	
3	Rugby Town FC	37	24	4	9	31	76	
4	Coventry Sphinx FC	37	23	3	11	48	72	
5	Newport Pagnell Town FC	36	23	2	11	37	71	
6	Lutterworth Town FC	37	20	7	10	25	67	
7	Wellingborough Town FC	38	20	6	12	16	66	
8	Coventry United FC	37	17	6	14	15	57	
9	Eynesbury Rovers FC	37	14	7	16	-2	49	
10	Godmanchester Rovers FC	37	13	6	18	-7	45	
11	Potton United FC	36	12	7	17	-11	43	
12	Cogenhoe United FC	36	11	9	16	-13	42	
13	Bugbrooke St.Michaels FC	36	14	5	17	-13	41	*
14	G.N.G Oadby Town FC	38	11	8	19	-23	41	
15	Long Buckby AFC	37	12	5	20	-37	41	
16	Desborough Town FC	37	11	8	18	-17	38	*
17	Easington Sports FC	37	11	5	21	-17	38	
18	Rothwell Corinthians FC	37	5	8	24	-39	23	
19	Biggleswade United FC	36	5	3	28	-101	18	
20	Northampton O.N.Che FC	36	3	5	28	-70	14	
21	Peterborough North FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## **POTTON UNITED 2 EASINGTON SPORTS 0**

**As in the match against Godmanchester Rovers in the first half Potton played against the wind. Early in the match Potton were grateful to Sam Irish for making a couple of good saves, The first when Taylor broke down the middle and his shot was saved by Irish's legs and then from a free kick from Stott that was caught with the wind he did well to push over for a corner. The nearest Potton came to scoring was a shot from Jack Thomas that was easily saved. Play became scrappy with Potton being frequently caught offside. The half ended with a free kick from Stott going narrowly wide. HT 0-0**

**Potton started more brightly in the second half with Liam Andrews firing over and then Lil Francisco shooting wide when well placed. Good work from Easington's Swann ended with a centre that eluded everyone. Sam Willis had a shot blocked and then after a determined run ballooned the ball over the bar. Easington had a couple of efforts blocked before Swann shot wide. At the other end Marly Ugarte-Edwards headed wide. In the 72nd minute Potton took the lead when David Parkinson took the ball off a defender and then rounded the keeper before shooting from a narrow angle. Three minutes later Potton increased their lead when Jack Moriarty stroked the ball into the net past the keeper. Parkinson then forced a save from the Easington keeper. Potton saw out the rest of the match to secure the points. FT 2-0**

**Potton United: Sam Irish, Jamie Corey-Morrell, Jack Thomas, Sam Wills (Ieun Lewis), James Smith, Lil Francisco, Cole Butler (George Brinkman), Jack Moriarty, David Parkinson, Liam Andrews, Marley Ugarte-Edwards (Terry Offeh).**

**At times this match had a very much "end of season" feel to it, but in the end Potton deserved the three points.**

## **G.N.G. OADBY TOWN 1 POTTON UNITED 3**

Potton made it 4 wins on the trot in April with a convincing performance against Oadby. The first half was well controlled by Potton, playing some tidy football, and led by 2 goals at half time. Early in the second half a mistake by Potton's midfield lost possession from which Oadby scored. Fortunately Potton added a third three minutes later and comfortably held onto the end to secure the three points.

In the warm up Josh Howard-Dobson collided with Callum Wilson who needed treatment but decided he was fit enough to start. Jack Moriarty fired over the bar before at the other end Williams saw his shot saved by Sam Irish. Potton were playing some good tidy football and but was no surprise when they took the lead in the 3rd minute when Liam Andrews headed into the path of Chisom Amadi who slid his shot past the keeper. Sam Willis saw his shot saved before he played Cole Butler in and his shot was blocked.

Parkes made a good run for Oadby and he saw his effort blocked. Potton continued to press with Andrews weak shot being easily saved and an effort from David Parkinson went just wide of the post. In the 43rd minute Lil Francisco worked his way into the penalty area and was fouled. Sam Willis made no mistake from the spot. HT 0-2

Early in the second half the ball was played through to Parkinson and the keeper did well to stop him shooting. Parkinson was again played through and the keeper saved his effort with his feet. Oadby had not looked particularly dangerous but in the 59th minute Potton lost the ball in midfield and allowed Williams to place his shot past Irish. Irish then miskicked his clearance and Patel shot into the side net. In the 62nd minute the ball was played through to Amadi who unselfishly squared the ball to Andres to put into the net to restore the 2 goal advantage. Potton continued to attack with first Andrews and then Parkinson heading wide. Butler had a good run down the right but no one was on hand to convert it.

**FT 1-3**

**Potton United: Sam Irish, Jamie Coey-Morrell, Callum Wilson (Josh Howard-Dobson), Sam Willis (Jaidan Fitzpatrick), James Smith, Lil Francisco, Cole Butler, Jack Moriarty, David Parkinson, Liam Andrews, Chisom Amadi (Ieuan Lewis)**

The advantages of having a more settled side were clearly shown here with the team playing some neat controlled attacking football. Every player did what was asked of them and put the effort in.

# Biggleswade United History

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a Biggleswade United side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts. League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

The appointment of Brian Swords as first team manager in 87/88 proved to be the turning point in the club's fortunes. During the next ten years the club achieved a tremendous amount of success on and off the football pitch. Our record of League and Cup honours speak for themselves but aligned to this a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to match the on-field success. The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club has also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

The 1995/96 season was the most successful in the club's history – winning five major honours; the Beds Intermediate County Cup, Bedford and District League Championship, League Cup Championship and as the League's representatives the club won the Beds. FA Centenary Cup. Having won every major Bedford League honour the club felt it was time to move on and made the decision to make the step up once again and returned to Division One of the SML. In an exceptionally successful first season we celebrated a Division One "double" by winning the Championship and the Division One Cup. We also retained the Beds. FA Intermediate County Cup, only the second club in the competition's history to achieve this feat. To crown our success the club were awarded the SML Special Achievement Trophy in July 1997.

In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26th October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

The next eleven years saw the first team led by Steve "Snowy" Wright and under his management the club continued to enjoy a very high level of League and Cup success ultimately achieving promotion to the Molten Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and with it the opportunity to compete in the FA Cup. And under Snowy the club made three Beds FA Senior Challenge Cup final appearances, winning two of the three with victories over Stotfold (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0) but missed out in 2006/07 going down 2-0 to Dunstable Town. Snowy's other cup successes came in the form of the Hunts Premeir Cup, North Beds Charity Cup, Hinchingsbrooke Cup, the SML Division One Cup and the SML Special Achievement Award once again. The end of the 2006 2007 saw Snowy step down as manager with his assistant, Nick Burton taking over the first team reins. January 5th 2009 saw the club embark on further ambitious ground improvements. With financial backing from Biggleswade Town Council, Mid Beds District Council and the Football Foundation we installed a 260-seater stand, fully enclosed the ground with a double turnstile entrance and players' secure walkway which raised the ground to Grade E status.

After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time.

At the start of the 2013 2014 season we appointed Mick Reardon and Mark Royal as first team managers both of whom had enjoyed success as coaches at the higher levels of football. Their disciplined approach was quickly adhered to and responded to by the players and under their stewardship we achieved the highest Premier Division position in nine years and first silverware in seven years winning the North Beds Charity Cup for the first time in the club's history.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. Following Mick and Mark's decision to step down at the end 2014 2015, Guillem was quick to act and recruited a new Head Coach in Cristian Colas Beccera. Cristian was assisted by former professional player, Stuart Bimson, and under their guidance the team finished in eighth spot in the Premier Division in 2017 2018 – the highest position in the club's history. Having built a strong reputation for their outstanding coaching ability and playing philosophy Cristian and Stuart moved up to Step 3 level club, Staines Town, for the start of the 2018 2019 season. Guillem was again in search for a high quality coach and Jimmy Martin came highly recommended by his predecessor, Colas, who worked with Jimmy at Stevenage FC Academy. Jimmy was appointed Manager in May 2018 but he tendered his resignation in October 2018 having been offered a "hard to refuse" opportunity to take up a coaching role at Premier Division club Watford. Despite the setback the first team went on to record their highest ever League placing – a fourth spot in the Premier Division.

In the season 2019 2020 the club were sitting in a highly commendable third position in the Premier Division and under the management of Chris Devane and Trishnan Patel were hoping for a promotion play off opportunity. However, in March 2020 the season was decalred Null and Void by the FA after the devastating outbreak of the Coronavirus. The club were also to learn that Chris and Tishnan had accepted the offer to work at Step 4 and departed the club at short notice. Fortunately the club were able to call upon the services of former Head Coach Cristian Colas Cristian took the club to its highest ever position in the club's history at the curtailment of the 20/21 season leaving us second in the table on PPG. The club applied for promotion to Step 4 but were unsuccessful. A double whammy came when the club were subjected to a lateral move to the UHlsport United Counties League. After ten years of steady progress at Step 5 the club now face a challenging period that will require steadfastness and perserverance as we work to rebuild a squad that will once again be challenging for promotion.

The club has certainly come a long way in relatively few years but we could not have done it without the help of a very supportive Town and District Council who clearly understand the benefits of having a community based club in Biggleswade. Our success is also very much down to a very hard working committee who throughout the year – not just the football season – continue to volunteer their time and commitment to the club, to help it continue to thrive and be a source of enjoyment for our supporters and the Biggleswade community.

## **POTTON UNITED RESERVES 5 LEA SPORTS PSG 1**

The weather gave the day a proper last game of the season feel, the boys enjoyed the sun on the centre circle pre match and shared some anecdotes from the season, with the Hollow looking fantastic, the Reserves were ready to host Lea Sports PSG. The management team have built a good relationship with Lea Sports this season after a competitive 3-1 win earlier in the season, respect was gained by both sides and this carried through the season.

The Reserves started the game well but failed to capitalise on two early chances for Chris Bacchus who came close with good work down the right hand side from Josh Cobb. On the eighth minute a corner from Craig Packham was delivered to the back post for Zubahyr Rahman to head home 1-0. Z Rahman won the ball in his half and played it out to Terry Offeh on half way, he poked it through for Craig Packham, he had no right to get to the ball but stole it from the out reaching toe of the Lea Sports PSG centre back, he rounded the keeper to give the Reserves a 2-0 lead inside the first 18 minutes. Two minutes later, Josh Cobb and Craig Packham continued combine well on the right hand side, playing a neat one two to allow Josh the space to send another inviting ball across the six yard box, this time Chris Bacchus made no mistake of converting, and christening his new boots in the processes. The Reserves continued to press in the first half with some good saves from the Lea Sports stopper preventing the reserves going in at half time further in front. HT3-0

In the second half the game slowed a little as the heat became a factor for the boys. Lea Sports created some good opportunities and Ben Lincoln saved well. The Reserves retained the ball and looked for triggers, on the hour mark, Z Rahman sent a neat diagonal pass to break the Lea Sports line to Liam Hayden who met it on the edge of the box, he lofted the ball over the keeper on the half volley to finish neatly. 4-0. In preparation for Wednesday to reserves made 4 chances and changed shape to see the game out. Serhan Droguer caused Lea Sports more problems down the left this time. He combined neatly to find him self just inside the box, a kind deflection sent his right footed effort beyond the Lea Sports keeper. Immediately after Lea Sports won a corner, the ball found Joe Hennan at the back post who headed the ball goal-ward, the Potton man on the back post was unable to clear the ball as it deflected off his head into the Potton goal. A conciliation goal for Lea Sports. The game fizzled out in the last 10 minutes, Potton retained the ball well and saw the game out. FT 5-1

The result means that the Royal Reserves sealed 2nd place in the Beds County League and promotion. A fantastic effort from the group in their first year together.

Focus now switches to Wednesday as we travel to Langford to play AFC Dunstable Development in the Final of the Intermediate County Cup, any and all support would be appreciated!

**The Intermediate Cup Final between Potton United Reserves and AFC Dunstable Development will be played at Langford on Wednesday 20 April. Please make a note of this date and come along and support the Reserves.**

# Potton Utd vs Easington Sports



# THIS EVENING'S TEAMS

## POTTON UNITED

(BLUE)

Sam IRISH 1  
Callum WILSON 2  
Lil FRANCISCO 3  
James SMITH 4  
Jack THOMAS 5  
Sam WILLIS 6  
Jack MORIARTY 7  
Liam ANDREWS 8  
David PARKINSON 9  
Chisom AMADI 10  
Cole BUTLER 11  
Jamie CAREY-MORRELL 12  
Josh HOWARD-DOBSON 14  
Marley UGARTE-EDWARDS 15  
Iuean LEWIS 16  
Jaiden FITZPATRICK 17

Jimmy MARTIN  
Mark GEARING  
Gary JACKSON

Manager(s)  
Assistant Manager  
Coaches

Match Officials:  
Ryan Allison  
Stewart Glendenning  
Jack Badcock

## BIGGLESWADE UNITED

(RED)

Michael HUDSON  
Axel AMPADU  
Cameron HYDE  
Jaiden IRISH  
Kwabena BOATENG  
Joe GAUGE  
Conor INSKIP  
Josh STURNIOLO  
Taylor RHINEY  
Gareth HUNT  
Markel COUSINS  
Kye ANDREWS  
Cade STEPHENS-ABBEY  
Milo KEANE  
Charlie BLACK  
Lewis JONES

Cristian COLAS  
Tom ASH  
Del DIGWEED

## NEXT AT THE HUTCHINSON HOLLOW

23.04 RUGBY TOWN UCL-PS

## CUP FINALS

20.04 AFC DUNSTABLE DEV (AT Langford FC) Intermediate Challenge Cup Final