



SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Premier Division  
Sat 13 January 2024 15:00

London Lions-v- Stansted

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# WELCOME

A warm welcome to you all to our fabulous home here at the Alpha Stadium – we’re all so very proud of the incredible development of the facility here over recent years and, over the summer, that investment continued; the installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system will, we trust, ensure our playing surface remains as good as any outside of the professional game.

And we believe we now have a first team squad capable of doing our home justice, a young group that is beginning to show the fruits of the labours that so many have put into our youth set up that now boasts in excess of 50 teams.

Competing in the Spartan League carries many challenges, and we’re learning how tough it is to maintain consistency in terms of selection and performance over a season that is likely to span approaching 60 matches. But it’s a challenge we are relishing and one we believe we are up to. Last season we started slowly, but once into our groove climbed the table to ensure the top 6 finish that grants clubs at our level the prized reward of an FA Cup place.

Once again it was in the cups that we really excelled, retaining the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy with an Adam Bolle inspired 5-1 win over Belstone before narrowly failing to retain our Divisional SSML cup with a defeat in the final.

We are also incredibly proud that our club supplied approaching 75% of those that represented Team GB on the pitch and as management in the European and Pan-American Maccabi Games in the summer. Led by our own Andy Landesberg, our Open Age side stormed to the gold medal in Budapest, scoring 27 and conceding just 2 on their

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way to beating a strong French team in the final. That winning mentality is one we hope the boys will bring back to their league football.

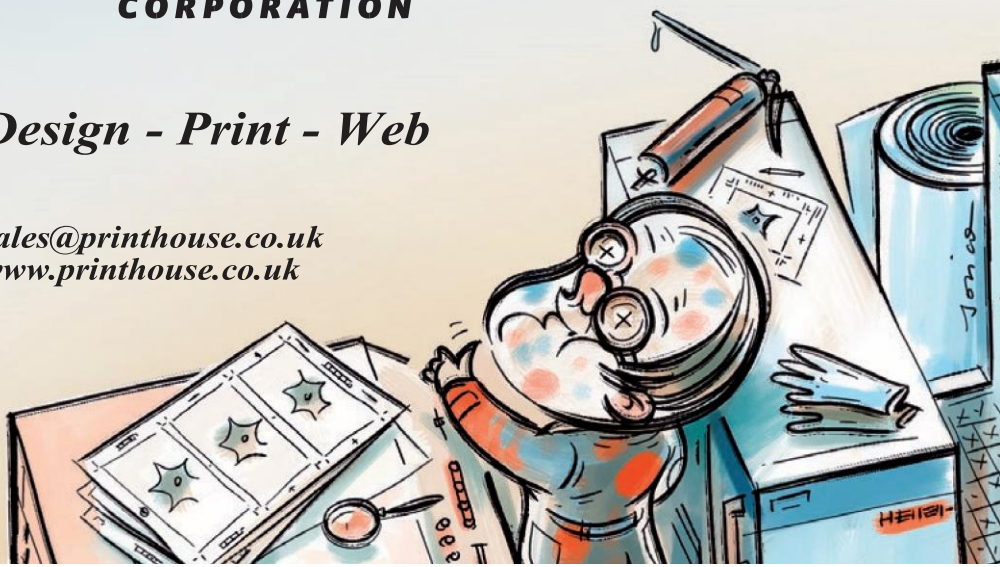
We are though much more than just a first team. Our juniors go from strength to strength, with our U-18's taking on a new challenge as they step out of local Sunday football and into a midweek floodlight league. Our men's section will look to compete at the top end of their divisions while our double winning Masters side continue to show there's plenty of life in some old dogs yet! All goes to show we are a club that looks to inspire itself to greater things at every level, from under 6 to over 55.

On the pitch we hope our play is of the quality to which we aspire, with a competitive spirit and sportsmanship the values that are fundamental to all our sides. Off the pitch we hope we equally do things the right way and strive to be, if nothing else, good hosts!

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So all that's left is to say is enjoy the game and come join us in the clubhouse for a cup of tea at half and full time! May the best team win.

David Kyte

## OUR HISTORY

**In the summer of 1995, the players and officials of Maccabi Association London (MAL) decided that they had reached the limits of Sunday football and that a new challenge was required.** The Hertfordshire Senior County League was a popular choice and the club made its debut in the 95/96 season under a new name of MALEX.

Four years later the club had made many friends but had narrowly missed out on promotion from Division 1 in each season. During the summer of 1999, the club revised its management structure, and decided to change its name to LONDON MACCABI LIONS, whilst retaining its all-Jewish status.

Under the management team of Bobby Fisher and Adam Solomons the 1st team lost only three league games that season as they won the Division 1 and reached the semi-finals of the Aubrey Cup. The club grew into one of the strongest teams in the Premier League but had to wait to land its first major honour in 2007 when Lions beat Metropolitan Police to lift the Herts Centenary Trophy. This was supplemented by the Reserves who were also promoted as champions, in 2002, and made it to three Herts Reserve Cup finals, winning one in 09/10.

After a decade in the Herts Premier, in 2009/10 now under the stewardship of Tony Gold and Steve Grenfell, Lions won the Herts Senior County League for the first time in the club's history, winning promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League in the process. The following season – the club's first in the South Midlands Division One – they added a second Herts Centenary Trophy beating Letchworth Garden City Eagles 3-2 in the final. Lions were able to go on better in 2012/13, winning the South Midlands Division One title and promotion to the heights of the South Midlands Premier Division. The club also made their debut in the FA Cup, winning 4-0 against Clapton.

Now just one league away from semi-professional football, it was a tall order for a team missing a number of players who had departed following promotion, and so 2013/14 saw Lions suffer their first ever relegation at the end of a difficult season. Having steadied the ship, the club decided to return to the Herts Senior County League for 2015/16 in order to rebuild.

Seeking to promote a new generation under manager Andy Landesberg, there was immediate reward by winning the Anagram Records Trophy at the end of their first season, with most of the starting XI having come through the club's massive youth set up. We then achieved an unprecedented treble in winning the league, Centenary Trophy and, for the first time, the Aubrey Cup.

The club was welcomed back to Spartan South Midlands League where we have won further honours in the shape of the Division One Cup (2018), Herts Centenary Trophy (2019) and Spring Cup (2021) while threatening to get promotion to the Premier Division before Covid struck.

The club was reassigned to the Combined Counties League Division One in the summer of 2021 and we are again targeting promotion to the next step, as well as representing our community with pride.

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### **Spartan South Midlands League Division One**

Winners 2012/13

### **Spartan South Midlands League Division One Cup**

Winners 2017/18

Runners-Up 2018/19

### **Spartan South Midlands League Spring Cup**

Winners 2020/21

### **Anagram Records Trophy (Capital Counties Trophy)**

Winners 2015/16

### **Herts FA Senior Centenary Trophy**

Winners 2006/07, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19

Runners-Up 2017/18

### **Herts Senior County League Premier Division**

Winners 2009/10, 2016/17

Runners-Up 2008/09

**Herts Senior County League Division One**

Winners 1999/00

**Aubrey Cup**

Winners 2016/17

**Spartan South Midlands League Reserve Challenge Trophy**

Runners-Up 2010/11

**Herts Senior County League Reserve Division One**

Runners-Up 2004/05

**Herts Senior County League Reserve Division Two**

Winners 2001/02

**Club Records**

**Record Win:** 14-2 v Bedmond (2010/11, Herts County Premier Div.)

**Record Defeat:** 1-11 v Cockfosters (2013/14, South Midlands Prem. Div.)

**Most Appearances in Career:** Adam Myeroff (507)

**Most Goals in Career:** Adam Stolerma (134)

**Most Goals in a Season:** 46, James Gershfield 2017/17

**Most Goals in a Game:** 6, Adam Bolle v Broadfields United (W 6-3), SSMFL Div 1, 2017/18

**Best Performance in FA Cup** 1st Qualifying Round, 2013/142015/16

## **Combined Counties Football League 21/22**

### **21/22 – Division One Winners**

**Austin Lipman – top goal scorer 21/22  
CCFL Division One**

**Club of the Year 21/22 CCFL**

**Combined Counties Football League  
22/23 Premier Division North**



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Records show that the club goes back as far as 1902 and although success has mainly been confined to the League and Cups, our club name still stands proudly in the FA Handbook as winners of the FA Vase when in the 1983-84 season the players and fans made the trip to Wembley and in front of a crowd of 8,500 beat Stamford 3-2, a memorable occasion where the memories of a great day are portrayed in the Club Committee Room.

There was however a period of dark days when in 2012-13 the future of the club looked bleak where lack of leadership at the helm of the club led to a situation whereby outstanding debts meant there could have been a distinct possibility of the club folding. However a new committee of fresh faces was found and under the stewardship of Glyn Warwick the club managed to see off the threats of the bailiffs knocking at the club door. The new motivated Committee members were able to put plans in place, and over several years has attracted both new sponsors and supporters to the club, thus ensuring a brighter future.

At the end of 2018 – 19 season many Stansted followers (The Airport Army) were reflecting on what had been the most successful club season we have had for many years. To be able to display not just one trophy, but three because as well as collecting the League cup and the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy we also received the Shield for our Second place finish in the League. The club were not considered by many to be in contention for any honours after the experience of the previous season when the club won a late reprieve from the FA and avoided relegation to step 6 status. That made the success even more remarkable and was great testament to the hard work put in by the whole coaching staff and players.

With the Essex Senior League now in its 53rd season of competition we are proud to still be able to promote the club as being one of the Leagues founder members, although prior to the success of 2018 - 19 season our only other honours were a League Title in 2009-10 and two League Challenge Cup wins in 1983-84 & 2010-11, therefore the club are now hoping to build on these latest achievements.

2020-21 season saw the introduction of 3 junior teams at different age groups competing for us, which we hope will kick start the clubs long term plan of having a pathway through to Senior Football.

Further evidence of that was the introduction of Over 45's Veterans Football which introduced an avenue for those ex-players who thought their playing days were over and in season 2020-21 gained promotion to compete in the Premier Division of the Essex Veterans League in 2021-22.

Operating a football club at this level in the FA pyramid is extremely

challenging. What with financial burdens, player expectations and the need to compete with other major sports organisations in our geographical area, therefore great emphasis is placed on all the volunteers associated with the club.

We now embark on a new challenge for our first season in the Spartan South Midland Football League hoping we give a good account of ourselves in 2023/24.

## **STANSTED FOOTBALL CLUB SQUAD 23 - 24**

**GK, Charlie Turner**  
**GK, Harrison Crowther**  
**Charlie Adams**  
**Samuel Adetiba**  
**James Baughurst**  
**Freddie Burrell**  
**John Clarke**  
**George O'Conner**  
**Carl Conway**  
**Billy Coyne (C)**  
**Correy Davidson**  
**Jake Davis**  
**Finley Gregory**  
**Stanley Gurney**  
**Tom Massey**  
**Mitchell May**  
**Jack Mitchell**  
**Thando Moyo**  
**Scott Piggott**  
**George Pullen**  
**Joe Pullen**  
**Jason Reynolds - Blanche**  
**Sonny Shilling**

**MANAGERS – Paul Pittuck & John Watter**  
**COACHES – Neil Tillotson & Dave Limber**  
**PHYSIO – Lisa Mills**

<b><i>Colours</i></b>
<i>Shirts: Mint Green</i>
<i>Shorts: Grey</i>
<i>Socks: Grey</i>



## **London Lions**

Jake Rinsler

Benji Weinberger

Adam Lipman

Jack Mordecai

Jake Furman

Max Kyte

Austin Lipman

Liron Mannie

Daniel Creese

Felix Shalom

Adam Arnold

Mikey Perkins

Ben Barnett

Zak Jackson

Barr Slagter

Ezra Aaron

Nathan Bloohn

<b>Colours</b>
<i>Keeper: All Green</i>
<i>Shirts: White</i>
<i>Shorts: Blue</i>
<i>Socks: Blue</i>
<b>Management</b>
<i>Manager: Andy Landesberg</i>
<i>Manager: Darren Yarlett</i>
<i>Coach: Steve Grenfell</i>
<i>Physio: Pete Sheppard</i>



# Match officials

Referee: Rikki Woolford

Assistant 1: Frank Van der Wens,

Assistant 2: Kieran Scholes