



SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

Premier Division

Sat 18 Nov 2023 15:00 London Lions-v-Sawbridgeworth Town

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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

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medal in Budapest, scoring 27 and conceding just 2 on their 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.

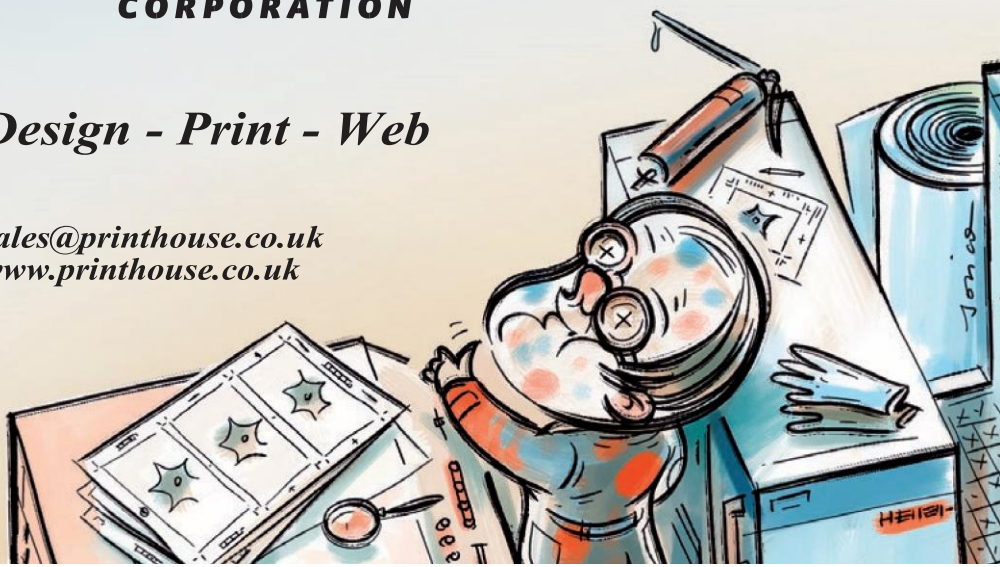
We are though much more than just a first team. Our juniors go from strength to strength, with our U-18's taking on a new challenge as they step out of local Sunday football and into a midweek floodlight league. Our men's section will look to compete at the top end of their divisions while our double 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 Stoleran (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, 2013/14 2015/16

## **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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## CLUB HISTORY

The club was founded in 1897 as **Sawbridgeworth**. In 1924, Sawbridgeworth won the East Herts League, winning the Herts Junior Cup three years later. In 1936, Sawbridgeworth joined the Spartan League.<sup>[2]</sup> The club entered the Herts County League Division One in the 1953–54 season, but left after only one season, joining the Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League and the Hertford & District League.<sup>[2]</sup>

Sawbridgeworth joined the Essex Olympian League, becoming founder members, in 1966 and were crowned champions in 1971–72.<sup>[3]</sup> They joined the Essex Senior League in 1976 and changed their name to Sawbridgeworth Town. They achieved their best FA Vase performance in 1980–81 when they reached a third round replay. Sawbridgeworth finished runners-up in the league in 1992–93 and 1994–95. They achieved their best performance in the FA Cup, the first qualifying round, in 2016–17. As of the 2012–13 season, they remain members of the Essex Senior League.<sup>[4]</sup>

SQUAD:

Wale Adedeji  
Leandro Alva  
Morgan Arnold  
Joshua Bardouveau  
Ethan Barton  
Haaroon Belaid  
Jaydon Charles  
Luke Clark  
Cormac Clarke  
Joe Cloake  
Zac D'Alberto  
Zachary Davidson  
Marcus Dowdeswell  
Jeremy Ebelebe  
George Edgeworth  
Charlie Fairhead  
Georgie Fairhead  
Ethan Gannon  
Austen Garrod  
Wesley Celestino Gomes Dos Santos  
Frederick Griffiths  
Teddy Hall  
Tristan Haupt  
Declan Lambe  
Callum Leggatt  
Oshun Lewis  
Jacob Lodge  
Shadrac Malembe  
Kyron Delroy Mitchell  
Torie Ndongala  
Favour Okonkwo Orihu  
Danny Palmer  
Jimmy Charles Parker  
Edwin Plackett  
Thomas Reeves

Jack Ryan  
Abdus-Salam Efosa Uhunoma Salami  
Charlie Shaves  
Oliver Siggers  
George Spillane  
Daniel Taylor  
Matthew George Thoma  
Lewis Wicker  
Billy Wise

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TOPS: RED

SHORTS: RED

GOAL KEEPER ALL YELLOW



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**MIND YOUR LANGUAGE**



**Respect**





## **London Lions**

Jake Rinsler

Benji Weinberger

Adam Lipman

Jack Mordecai

Jake Furman

Max Kyte

Austin Lipman

Liron Mannie

Daniel Creese

Levi Levenfiche

Teddie Levenfiche

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>



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## Match officials

Official 1: Terry Dawkins

Official 2: Frank Van der Wens

Official 3: Grant Mulcahy