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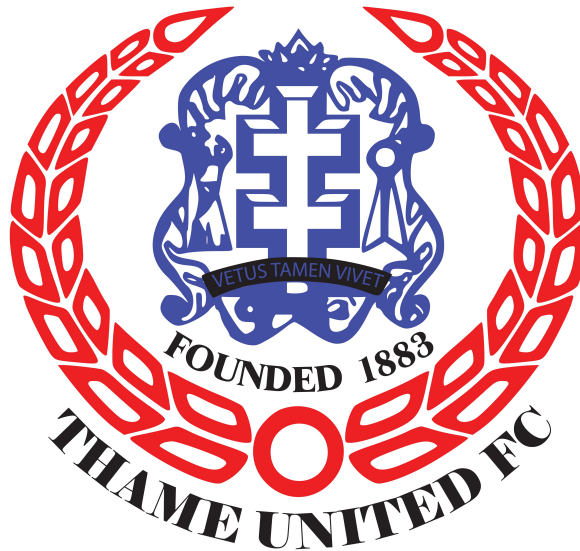
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# WELCOME



Good afternoon and welcome to the ASM Stadium for this Pitching In Southern Football League Division One Central match between Thame United and Bedford Town. A warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters from Bedford Town and we wish them all an enjoyable stay and a safe journey home.

This week saw a remarkable feat by modern standards as Mark West celebrated 15-years as Manager of Thame United. His service to the Club does, however, extend back to September 1999 when he first signed as a player from Farnborough Town and went on to become manager in 2003, replacing Andy Sinnott. At the end of the 2004/05 season Mark took on a role with the management team at Slough Town, although he never really lost interest in Thame United.

I would often bump in to Mark in Thame and he would always ask how we were doing. And so it was, that in January 2007, we managed to persuade Mark to return to the Club. It was not the most appealing of jobs either, we were homeless, ground-sharing 15 miles away in Wallingford and at the bottom of the Hellenic Premier League. But credit to Mark, he saw the vision of what we were trying to achieve, recognised it would take time, but believed we would get there.

Had it not been for Hounslow Borough withdrawing from the league at the end of March 2007 – a team against whom we had collected six points – Mark would have performed a miracle in maintaining our Step 5 status in those first few months. As it was we were relegated on goal difference.

Undeterred, and against a backdrop of difficulties owing to playing matches in Wallingford, Mark built a strong team and a few years later – having won Hellenic League Division 1 East – we returned to the Premier Division in time for our own return to Thame. Year-on-year improvements followed until we regained our Step 4 status winning the league in some

style on the final day of the 2016-17 season, beating Henley Town 9-0 to finish above Bracknell Town, who led the league at the start of the final day. Since then we have made continued improvements under the leadership of Mark - a core feature of which has been the commitment and faith that he has shown in players (with (in comparative terms) a very small turnover in players), something that is also reflected in the (lengthy) support that he has now received from Stuart and Ben.

Over those 15 years I have become increasingly aware of the wide and varied opinions that exist in football, but I have to say that Mark and I have never taken a different view – in fact I now don't even need to ask questions as we both have the same answer.

I make no apology for devoting the majority of my notes today to those 15-years as it is, without doubt, a remarkable achievement which should be rightly celebrated.

Of course none of this will be of remotely any interest to Mark since, as always, he will be preparing for the match today - and they don't come much tougher than league leaders, Bedford Town. Our visitors are unbeaten in their last nine league matches, and come in to the game having beaten Hertford Town 3-0 last weekend. The fixture earlier in the season saw Bedford run out 3-0 winners on a cold midweek evening, and we know that we will need to be at our best if we are to get anything out of the game today.

After today we are on the road next Saturday with a trip to West Oxfordshire to face North Leigh, before travelling to Chesham to face Aylesbury United on Wednesday 02 February 2022.

Enjoy the match

Jake Collinge



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<b>THAME UNITED (FROM)</b>		<b>BEDFORD TOWN (FROM)</b>
<b>Craig Hill</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Alex Street</b>
<b>Brodie Gray</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Drew Richardson</b>
<b>David Lynn</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Lewis Miccio</b>
<b>George Gilmore</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Rory McAuley</b>
<b>David Pearce</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Charley Sandars</b>
<b>Jack Tutton</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Hugh Alban Jones</b>
<b>Greg Hackett</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Connor Tomlinson</b>
<b>Lynton Goss</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Joe Butterworth</b>
<b>Harry Mepham</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Jermaine Howe</b>
<b>Dan West</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Danny Setchell</b>
<b>Ryan Blake</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Will Summerfield</b>
<b>Andy Gledhill</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Daniel Walker</b>
<b>Jack Tompkins</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Callum Donnelly</b>
<b>Matt Peake-Pijnen</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Zak Brown</b>
<b>Finlay Murray</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Olly Swain</b>
<b>Lewis Thorne</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Craig Mackail-Smith</b>
<b>Harry Scott</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Josh Page</b>
<b>Charlie Barnett</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Joe Steele</b>
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<b>Mark West</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Gary Setchell</b>
<b>Stuart Blaik</b>	<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Darren Edey</b>
<b>Ben Johnson</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Graeme Tomlinson</b>
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# THAME UNITED HISTORY

Thame United were formed in 1883 making it one of Oxfordshires' oldest clubs. The early years were spent in various Oxfordshire Leagues and in 1906, 1909 and 1910 Thame won the Oxfordshire Senior Cup and the Senior League in 1907,1908, 1910, 1930 and 1931. A switch to the Hellenic League then brought further success culminating in the Hellenic League title in 1961-62 and 1969-70, as well as being runners up in 1960-61, 1976-77 and 1980-81. The Oxfordshire Senior Cup was won in both 1976 and 1981 but a poor spell in the mid eighties preceded a crossing of the pyramid in 1988-89 to join the South Midlands League. The Club finished runners up in both 1988-89 and 1989-90 before eventually winning the title in 1990-91.

Thame received the green light to join the Diadora League in 1991/92. 1994-95 saw the Club win the Division 2 Championship with 93 points - an 11 point margin. In 1995/96 the Club reached the 3rd Round Qualifying in the FA Cup and the FA Trophy. In the league we finished a creditable 13th in our first ever season in the Isthmian League Division One. Andy Sinnott was appointed first team manager in June 1997 and, with a dramatically reduced operating budget, the side were relegated into Ryman Division Two. The Club bounced straight back into Ryman Division One and reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase. 1999/2000 saw the Club come within two points of achieving promotion to the Premier Division.

200/2001 season the team lead the way for most of the season, putting together a club record of 12 consecutive league wins but a slump in form in the latter part of the season resulted in a 5th place finish. A mid-table finish followed in 2001/2002 season but the Oxfordshire Senior Cup was retained. Mark West was appointed player/manager when Andy left United during the Summer of 2003. In October 2003 the Club reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup for the first time in its history, before being beaten 1-2 by Conference side Farnborough Town.

After a mid-table finish the Club moved to the newly formed Southern League, Division 1 West. In October 2004 the Club again reached the FA Cup 4th qualifying round and finished the season 11th in the league. Mark West left to join Slough Town and defender Tony Joyce was appointed player /manager.

By July 2005 the Club were in financial trouble and, following a visit from Bailiffs acting on behalf of HMRC, the landlord enforced a clause in the tenancy agreement and evicted the club from Windmill Road. However, shortly thereafter Thame United reached a formal agreement with the new owners of Windmill Road that secured £1.7 million to enable a new facility to be constructed in the town and, after several options had been explored and found to be available, settled

on Church Farm on the northern edge of the town. Whilst the Club progressed procurement of the new site, and the necessary planning permission, a ground share agreement was reached with neighbours Aylesbury United and, with the side struggling at the foot of the Southern League Division 1 West, Tony Joyce resigned in December 2005, with a new joint managerial partnership of Richard Searl and Alan Thorne appointed. Relegation to the Hellenic League was confirmed later in the season. A ground share agreement was reached with AFC Wallingford for the 2006/07 season. Mark West returned to the Club mid-way through the season but could not save the Club from relegation to the Hellenic League Division 1 East. The 2007/08 season provided greater stability for the Club, with Mark West and new assistant, Frank Thompson, looking after first team affairs. A mid-table finish resulted, which was followed by a ninth placed finish in 2008/09. 2009/10 saw the Club win the Division 1 East title by six points and reclaim their place in the Premier Division.

The 2010/11 season was the most significant in the Club's recent history. With work on a new £3.1m ground at Meadow View Park commencing in March 2010, United returned to Thame at the ASM Stadium on 11 December 2010, just over five years after their enforced eviction from the town. Boasting eight pitches, a floodlit 3G training pitch and 8000sqft clubhouse, United now have one of the best sporting facilities in the County. The official opening against Oxford United on 18th January 2011 set a record crowd of 1,382.

Season 2016-17 was one of the most successful in the recent history of the Club. Going the whole league season without losing at home, United were crowned Hellenic League Premier Division Champions on the final day of the season, defeating Henley Town 9-0 to over-turn a seven goal deficit. United were duly promoted to the Southern Football League, returning after a spell of twelve years away. In the first season back at Step 4, United finished in a comfortable mid-table position, enjoying a successful run in the FA Trophy. In 2018/19 United secured an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish with the side occupying a mid-table position when the 2019/20 season was curtailed due to the pandemic. The 2020/21 season never really got going, with only seven league matches completed before the league was again curtailed, although the side reached the First Round Proper of the FA Trophy before losing out to Bognor Regis Town.

Prior to the 2021/22 significant enhancements were completed to Meadow View Park with associated organisational changes, including all teams within the Thame Football Partnership now playing under the 'Thame United' banner. This includes Thame United Reserves, who will be competing in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One.

# THAME UNITED SQUAD

**Craig Hill: Goalkeeper (Age: 26)**

Re-joined United in December 2020 from Corby Town, who he joined from United in February 2020, having been first choice keeper for the Red Kites for three seasons. Previously with Aston Villa, Oxford City and Kettering Town.

**David Lynn: Defence (Age: 26)**

Solid and assured left back with good technical ability. Now in his seventh season with the Club having previously been with Oxford United, Chesham United and Banbury United.

**Lewis Thorne: Defence (Age: 19)**

Steps-up this season from Thame Rangers with an abundance of pace, energy and defensive qualities, whilst also dangerous going forward.

**Harry Mephram: Defence (Age: 23)**

Joined at the start of the 2017/18 season from Beaconsfield Town and has been a virtual ever-present since. Versatile defender who reads the game well and with good technical ability.

**George Gilmore: Defence (Age:19)**

Recent signing from Didcot Town, having come through the youth ranks at Oxford United. Imposing centre half who can also play at full back.

**Brodie Gray: Defence (Age: 24)**

Right back who Impressed during pre-season with his pace, strength and reading of the game. Joins from Dundonald Bluebell, having previously been with St Johnstone and East Fife.

**Finlay Murray: Defence (Age:20)**

Came through the ranks at Barnet FC. Solid and assured defender who can play anywhere across the back four.

**Matt Peake-Pijnen: Defence / Midfield (Age: 23)**

Versatile player who is comfortable on either flank. Joined United in December 2018 from neighbours Aylesbury United. Previously with Oxford City and Banbury United.

**Greg Hackett: Midfield (Age 25)**

Signed at the start of the 2019/20 season having spent the latter half of 2018/19 with Didcot Town. Another wide player who contributes his fair share of goals. Previously with Oxford United and Ardley United.

**Jack Tutton: Midfield (Age: 22)**

Joined United from North Leigh in January 2019 having previously been with Oxford City. Energetic and hard-working midfield player who gets forward and causes problems in the opposition area.

**Harry Scott: Midfield (Age: 21)**

Re-joined at the start of the season, having previously played in the 2018/19 season when he signed from neighbours Aylesbury FC. Tricky wide player with good pace and close control, but also an eye for goal. Also played for Beaconsfield Town, Aylesbury United and Berkhamsted



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**Jack Tompkins: Midfield (Age: 19)**

Signed at the start of the season. Combative ball-winning midfield player with bags of energy and who looks to get the ball forward. Previously with Barnet.

**David Pearce: Midfield (Age: 30)**

Vastly experienced player who joined the Club in October 2021 from Chesham United for whom he played over 300 games. Previously with Oxford City and Hemel Hempstead Town

**Ryan Blake: Midfield/Striker (Age: 30)**

Signed in the early part of the 2019/20 season from Chesham United. Brought with him a wealth of experience – quick and dangerous player with an eye for goal.

**Daniel West: Midfield/Striker (Age: 28)**

Joined nine years ago from Oxford United, initially as a midfield player, but moved forward scoring 25 goals in the Championship winning side of 2016/17 before claiming the Golden Boot in the Southern League East Division in 2017/18.

**Lynton Goss: Striker (Age: 26)**

Prolific striker who scored over 80 goals for United in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 seasons before making the move to Harrow Borough. Returned to the Club in October 2018.

**Andy Gledhill: Striker (Age: 32)**

Been with the Club for a number of years, enjoying his best goalscoring spell during the Championship winning side of 2016/17, before suffering bad luck with injuries. Now returned to full fitness.

**Mark West: Manager (Age: 55)**

Former player with Thame United who re-joined the Club for his second spell as Manager in January 2007. Prolific goalscorer with Wycombe Wanderers, Slough Town and Farnborough Town.

**Stuart Blaik: Assistant Manager (Age: 50)**

FA Level 3 Coach now in his seventh season with the Club. Previously with Aylesbury United, Corby Town, Nuneaton Borough, Brackley Town, Buckingham Town and Tring Town.

**Ben Johnson: Coach (Age: 35)**

Former player who has since gone on to manage the Development side and Reserve Team. Stepped-up to First Team level in 2018/19

**Jen Pilcher: Physio**

Joined the Club at the start of last season and has become an invaluable member of the management team.

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# BEDFORD TOWN HISTORY

Bedford Town Football Club was formed in 2008 and has had a mixed history, that has seen it reach the higher levels of non-league football, with some notable cup runs on the way.

The Eagles started life playing in the United Counties League, and its predecessors the Northampton League and Northampton Alliance. In 1945 they moved to the Southern League but had little success until 1951 when player/manager Ronnie Rooke joined the club. Having a well-known former England and topflight footballer, inspired the local population to back the club, which paid off with some notable scalps in the FA Cup in the mid 50's when Bedford saw national fame as giant killers. Notable victories included Watford 3-2, Norwich 2-4, Newcastle 1-2, Exeter 1-2, Brighton 2-1 and Oxford 1-0, but maybe the 2-2 draw at Highbury against Arsenal in front of 55,000 fans was their biggest achievement.

Rooke's management reign came to an end and the 60's and 70's saw a string of managers including Barry Fry in 1977 who was followed by Trevor Gould. The last match for the Eagles at its home in Queens Park was in 1982, when the grounds leaseholders reserved their right to terminate their contract. After 74 years, Bedford's football team was no more.

Bedford Town supporters have always been a determined bunch, and on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1989 some of them met with the aim of starting a campaign to reform the club. That campaign was so successful that they soon got council permission to play on a public pitch in Queens Park, finishing fourth in the first reformed season in the South Midlands League. Runaway success in the 1992/3 season under Terry King and Tony Sullivan saw them needing their own ground to progress.

The council decided that the most appropriate location for the club was at a former tree nursery at Meadow Lane in Cardington. With financial support from the council and hard work by supporters the ground was ready for its first match in front of a bumper crowd of 3,000 at the New Eyrrie when Peterborough United came to town. The Eagles in their new home started life in the SML Premier Division and remained top all season, meaning more work at the ground was needed. Two more successive promotions followed before the club hit a stumbling block and risked relegation. The decision was made to bring Mick Foster in as manager from Buckingham Town, who brought several of his players with him, rescuing the season where they finished in eighth in the end. 97/98 was Foster's best season, narrowly missing out on promotion and winning the Vandanel Cup and the Beds Premier Cup.

Former players Jason Reed and Tony Luff took over as joint managers in 1998/99, having a good run in the FA Trophy, finally losing to the eventual winners Tiverton Town in the fifth round in front of a bumper crowd of 1,566 at the New Eyrrie.

Roger Ashby arrived the following season, with another strong cup run, this time losing out to Conference side Yeovil Town in the fourth round of the FA Trophy in front of 2,010.

The change of millennium also saw changes for the Eagles as they become a Private Limited Company, owned by David Howells. A generally poor season but great run in the FA Cup saw Match of the Day cameras arrive at the Eyrrie as a bumper crowd enjoyed our 0-0 draw against then Division 2 Peterborough United, the replay at London Road saw Bedford miss out in a 2-1 score line.

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Ashby's departure saw the arrival of former Northern Ireland international and Northampton Town Manager Kevin Wilson, results improved with him, but he soon departed to Aylesbury United. Dave Randell was next to take charge, but a poor run of results saw him replaced by Nick Platnauer.

Platnauer's first season in charge saw the team just miss out on promotion, but his second in 2005/06 saw the club move into its new facilities at the beginning of the season with a new function room and football facilities up to National Conference standard. The club were consistent throughout the season and earned a Playoff final spot at Chippenham. The Eagles had their day with a magnificent 3-2 win, the winning goal coming from a wonder strike by Tom Bonner two minutes from time. The Eagles now facing a new challenge in Nationwide South, the highest standard the club have played in since re-formation in 1990.

The Eagles found life hard in the Conference South and in February 2007, Platnauer resigned, being replaced by Stuart Bimson. Results improved, but they were not enough to prevent relegation, and Bedford's short foray into Conference football was over. Things got worse the following season, with a second relegation only avoided by the financial problems of other teams. Lee Howarth took over in the 2008/09 season, but struggled to find form, being replaced the following season by former Reading Captain and Welsh International Ady Williams. Survival in the division came in the last game of the season, where a 2-0 win over Tiverton saw survival by a point. The following season saw assistant manager Ady Hall promoted to the top job, but he struggled to find form and Nick Platnauer returned to the club as his assistant before taking the helm again.

Platnauer's departure in 2013, saw a string of other manager appointments in the following years. Lee Barman from Cranfield United, former player Danny Nicholls, and Wellingborough Manager Craig Adams, who was in charge as the Eagles were relegated to Southern League Division One. Jon Taylor took over in 2015/16 and his first full season in charge the following year saw a mid-table finish.

The 2017/18 season saw one of the club's most significant moments, when in February 2018 the club was bought by a local consortium headed by David and Jon Taylor, while on the pitch the team missed out on playoffs, finishing once in 8th place. Rebuilding, of the club and the team followed during the Summer with several former league players joining. The team enjoyed a fantastic run in both the FA Cup and Trophy in 2018/19, but that affected results in the League, although they did make the playoffs, losing out to Corby Town.

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the passing of owner David Taylor, saw his son and Manager Jon become club Director. With Jon moving upstairs Assistant Manager Nathan Abbey stepped up as Manager, winning his first match, but losing the next seven in nine, eventually being replaced by former player Mark Duckett. The season was declared null and void due to Covid-19, and work began preparing for the resumption of football in September 2020. An early exit in the FA Cup and defeat in the first League match last season saw Duckett depart, to be replaced by current manager Gary Setchell. Setchell and his assistant Darren Edey started their tenure well last season, remaining undefeated until the season was eventually curtailed once again.

# BEDFORD TOWN SQUAD

## **Jon Taylor (Director of Football and Operations)**

Jon took the vacant manager's job in September 2015 after the sudden departure of our previous manager, Dan Kennoy. Jon has a wealth of experience across non-league having managed at Arlesey Town, St Neots Town and Hereford United. He also lives in Bedford so is aware of local talent. Following the death of his father in October 2019, Jon stepped up to be Director of the club.

## **Gary Setchell (Manager)**

Gary joined the club in September 2020 following the departure of Mark Duckett. He has had a long and successful career as a player and manager. His playing career saw him at Rushden & Diamonds where he won the Football Conference and Football league Division Two. He reached the FA Trophy Final with Kings Lynn before going on to win the Southern League with Kettering. In 2009 Gary became the manager of Wisbech Town, before moving on to Kings Lynn in 2010. During seven years at the Linnets, he guided them to promotion from step five, and again from step four.

## **Darren Edey (Assistant Manager)**

Darren joined Bedford Town in September 2020, along with manager Gary Setchell having previously served alongside him during two spells at Wisbech Town FC. Before that he was a player at Peterborough United, Kings Lynn, Stamford, Spalding and St Neots.

## **Graeme Tomlinson (Coach)**

Graeme joined the coaching staff in the summer of 2020. He had an excellent playing career, starting at Bradford City earning him a move to Manchester United playing alongside Eric Cantona and the class of 92. After leaving United, he played for several clubs, including the Eagles. He now owns his own business and enjoys helping the club out.

## **Sam Gaughran (Coach)**

Sam joined the Eagles coaching team in October 2020. He started his career at Norwich City as a schoolboy before signing for Kings Lynn. He was then snapped up by Peterborough United, subsequently joining Lowestoft and then returning to Kings Lynn before playing for Royston Town.

## **Jazzy Dolby (Physio)**

Jazzy joined the Eagles in the summer of 2020 from Eynesbury Rovers. She has a BSc (Hons) in Sports Therapy, an intermediate trauma medical management in football qualification and a level three administering emergency medical gases. Jazzy has worked within the football industry for over nine years, starting off with work experience at MK Dons academy and several semi-pro clubs, before moving on to Eynesbury. Previously Jazzy was Head Sports Therapist/Head of medical at international football academy Brooke House College.

## **Alex Street (Goalkeeper)**

Alex joined the Eagles in November 2020 after leaving National League's Kings Lynn. He was part of the successful Kings Lynn side that won back-to-back promotions from step four and three, before winning the National League North to achieve Lynn's highest ever league placing. In all three promotion campaigns, the keeper played every single game and was an integral part of their success. His immense record in his 466 games for Kings Lynn speaks for itself.

## **Elliot Duffy (Goalkeeper)**

A product of Bedford Town's Youth Development, Elliot is a young keeper with plenty of promise, who joins the first team squad for the 2021/22 season as cover for Alex Street.

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## **Rory McAuley (Defence)**

Joined The Eagles in September 2021 after leaving Kings Lynn. The experienced centre back has also played for Cambridge United, Lowestoft and Chelmsford before teaming up with former Kings Lynn teammate Alex Street at The Eyrle.

## **Joe Steele (Defence)**

Joe joined the Eagles in November 2018 from AFC Dunstable. He is a local player and established himself into the side in February 2019. An injury forced him to miss most of the 2020/21 season, but he's back for this campaign.

## **Charley Sanders (Defence)**

Charley joined the Eagles in October 2020 from Yaxley FC where he played as a Centre forward. Previously clubs include Spalding United, Boston United and Kings Lynn.

## **Ollie Swain (Defence)**

A highly rated defender, Ollie made his debut for the Eagles in November 2016. He has also had spells with our neighbors, Bedford FC. Ollie also turned out for Dagenham & Redbridge.

Rejoined The Eagles in September 2019 after playing for Hemel Hempstead and Waltham. Left mid-season but rejoined for a third period in September 2020.

## **Zak Brown (Defence)**

This young defender joined Bedford in August 2021 after being released by Norwich City u18's.

## **Shaun Keane (Defence)**

A product of Leighton Orients youth, Keane played for four years as a teenager at Peterborough United before joining Bedford Town in August 2021.

## **Niall Jones (Defence)**

This young fullback joins us for the 2021/22 season from Potton United, having previously played for Hertford Town.

## **Louis Octave (Defence)**

Son of former Eagles coach Gill Octave, Louis is a pacey fullback, who joins the Eagles for the 2021/22 season from Dunstable Town.

## **Lewis Miccio (Defence)**

Fullback Lewis joined Bedford in August for the 2021/22 season having started his football career on the other side of the world. Born in Australia his main Australian club was Manly United where he played for four years, while also being selected for the Australian u23's. In the Summer of 2019, he moved to the UK and joined Kidderminster Harriers followed by spells at Solihull Moor and Stourbridge.

## **Matt Harriott (Midfield)**

Matt joined the Eagles for a second time in November 2019. He was previously with Hendon, Wealdstone, Hemel Hempstead Town, Hayes & Yeading United, Northampton Town, Alfreton Town (loan), Burton Albion (loan), Sheffield United. He left during the 2020/21 season, but has rejoined once again for 2021/22

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## **Josh Page (Midfield)**

Josh is a product of our youth system. He played in Australia with Perth Scorchers before returning the UK for his education. He was involved with the first team throughout preseason 2020, while still playing for the u18's.

## **Drew Richardson (Midfield)**

Drew joined the Eagles in the summer of 2020, having spent the previous season at Biggleswade Town FC. The young prospect spent his youth at Luton Town. His performances secured a contract in August 2020 and another for this campaign.

## **Will Summerfield (Midfield)**

Will joined the Eagles in the summer of 2020. He originally played for the club on a month's loan deal back in 2014 whilst he was with MK Dons. Following his release from stadium:MK he has played for Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead Town and Arlesey Town. He is another local lad who lives in Bedford.

## **Callum Donnelly (Midfield)**

Callum joined the Eagles in the 2017/18 season from Hitchin Town where he made over 300 appearances. He left Bedford in the Summer of 2020 before re-joining late September 2020. His previous clubs include Cambridge City and Boreham Wood.

## **Danny Setchell (Midfield)**

Danny, the son of Manager Gary, joined the club in October 2020. Previously he was with Wisbech St Marys as well as Kings Lynn and Wisbech, a strong midfielder with an eye for the goal.

## **Hugh Alban-Jones (Midfield)**

Joined The Eagles in August 2021 after a successful preseason. His early career began at Peterborough United, but he moved to Spain for three years after his release. In Spain he played for Lorca, Hercules B and CD Llanes, before returning to the UK and joining Bedford

## **Connor Tomlinson (Forward)**

Connor joined the Eagles in the summer of 2019 following his release from Luton Town. He is a lively 20-year-old who has extreme talent. The son of former Eagle, and Manchester United forward and now Eagles coach Greame, Connor agreed a two-year contract with the club in 2019, which has been extended for the current season.

## **Dan Walker (Forward)**

Dan joined the club in the summer of 2018, ten years after he first signed for the Eagles. He has played for numerous Conference National sides, including Luton Town and Aldershot.

## **Rene Howe (Forward)**

Rene returned to the Eyrie in the summer of 2020, fourteen years after he departed as a teenager. The young Rene was instrumental in our promotion to Conference South in 2006 but moved to Kettering Town the same summer. A successful spell in the football league followed, playing at Peterborough, Burton, Torquay United, Rochdale and Newport County. Since dropping out the football league, he has played at Farnborough, Walton Casuals and Kettering. He is now back at the Eyrie where it all began.

## **Craig Mackail-Smith (Forward)**

Craig joined the Eagles in September 2020 following his release from Wycombe Wanderers. The former Scottish International has had a career that saw over 200 appearances for Peterborough United - scoring over 100 goals, and over 100 appearances for Brighton & Hove Albion. His career started at St Albans and included Dagenham & Redbridge and Luton Town.



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# THAME UNITED RESULTS

Date	Com	Aft		Opposition	Result	Scorer(s)
14/08/21	SL	125	(a)	Welwyn Garden City	D 1-1	Tucker
17/08/21	SL	110	(h)	Biggleswade FC	L 1-3	Goss
21/08/21	FAC	83	(h)	Thalcham Town	W 2-0	Hackett (2)
28/08/21	SL	110	(a)	Ware	L 0-4	
30/08/21	SL	263	(h)	Aylesbury United	L 1-3	Blake
04/09/21	FAC	457	(a)	Margate	D 2-2	Goss, Blake
07/09/21	FAC	237	(h)	Margate	L 2-4	Hackett, Blake
11/09/21	SL	63	(h)	FC Romania	W 5-0	Goss, West, Blake, Scott (2)
14/09/21	SL	84	(a)	Wantage Town	W 3-1	Goss (2), West
25/09/21	FAT	66	(h)	Winchester City	W 3-2	Blake (2), West
28/09/21	SL	67	(h)	North Leigh	D 2-2	Hackett (2)
02/10/21	SL	43	(a)	Kidlington	W 1-0	Blake
06/10/21	LC	68	(a)	Kidlington	D 1-1	West (W 7-6 pens)
09/10/21	FAT	111	(h)	Lymington Town	W 3-0	Blake, Hackett, Goss
12/10/21	SL	241	(a)	Bedford Town	L 0-3	
16/10/21	SL	81	(h)	Berkhamsted	L 1-2	Hackett
23/10/21	SL	115	(h)	Didcot Town	D 1-1	Tufton
30/10/21	FAT	106	(h)	Wimborne Town	L 2-4	Blake, West
02/11/21	LC	305	(a)	Banbury United	L 2-4	Blake (2)
06/11/21	SL	126	(h)	St Neots Town	W 2-0	Pearce (2)
13/11/21	SL	267	(a)	Harlow Town	D 2-2	Pearce (2)
17/11/21	SL	79	(a)	Biggleswade	W 3-0	Goss, Pearce, Blake
20/11/21	SL	95	(h)	Welwyn Garden City	W 3-0	Pearce, Blake, Goss
27/11/21	SL	111	(a)	Waltham Abbey	W 3-0	Blake (2), Tompkins
30/11/21	SL	122	(a)	Hertford Town	D 1-1	Tompkins
04/12/21	SL	73	(h)	Barton Rovers	L 0-3	
11/12/21	SL	39	(a)	Kempston Rovers	W 2-1	Goss, West
18/12/21	SL	103	(h)	Colney Heath	W 5-2	Pearce (2), Goss, Tompkins, Mephram
01/01/22	SL	165	(h)	AFC Dunstable	D 1-1	Mephram
08/01/22	SL	137	(h)	Wantage Town	W 1-0	Pearce
16/01/22	SL	88	(a)	FC Romania	W 4-0	Goss (2), Blake, Gilmore
22/01/22	SL		(h)	Bedford Town		
29/01/22	SL		(a)	North Leigh		
02/02/22	SL		(a)	Aylesbury United		
05/02/22	SL		(h)	Kidlington		
08/02/22	OSC		(h)	Bicester Hallions		
12/02/22	SL		(a)	Berkhamsted		
19/02/22	SL		(a)	Didcot Town		
26/02/22	SL		(h)	Hertford Town		
05/03/22	SL		(h)	Waltham Abbey		
19/03/22	SL		(a)	Barton Rovers		
26/03/22	SL		(h)	Kempston Rovers		
02/04/22	SL		(a)	Colney Heath		
09/04/22	SL		(a)	St Neots Town		
16/04/22	SL		(h)	Ware		
18/04/22	SL		(a)	AFC Dunstable		
23/04/22	SL		(h)	Harlow Town		

# FIXTURES AND RESULTS

## FIXTURES

22 January 2022

AFC Dunstable	V	North Leigh
Aylesbury United	V	Wantage Town
Barton Rovers	V	Kidlington
Berkhamsted	V	FC Romania
Biggleswade	V	Waltham Abbey
Didcot Town	V	Kempston Rovers
Herford Town	V	Colney Heath
Thame United	V	Bedford Town
Ware	V	St Neots Town
Welwyn Garden City	V	Harlow Town

## RESULTS

15/16 January 2022

Colney Heath	1	2	Barton Rovers
FC Romania	0	4	Thame United
Harlow Town	1	1	Didcot Town
Herford Town	0	3	Bedford Town
Kempston Rovers	1	2	AFC Dunstable
Kidlington	1	1	Berkhamsted
North Leigh	4	2	Aylesbury United
St Neots Town	0	2	Welwyn Garden City
Waltham Abbey	1	3	Ware
Wantage Town	1	3	Biggleswade

# The Pitching In Southern Football League Division One Central

22 January 2022

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	BEDFORD TOWN	24	18	3	3	62	21	41	57
2	BERKHAMSTED	23	16	5	2	40	12	28	53
3	NORTH LEIGH	25	13	6	6	52	30	22	45
4	AFC DUNSTABLE	22	14	3	5	41	20	21	45
5	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	22	14	2	6	47	32	15	44
6	WARE	24	13	4	7	61	33	28	43
7	THAME UNITED	23	11	6	6	43	30	13	39
8	HARLOW TOWN	20	10	5	5	37	24	13	35
9	DIDCOT TOWN	24	10	5	9	33	38	-5	35
10	BIGGLESWADE	24	10	4	10	39	38	1	34
11	AYLESBURY UNITED	22	9	4	9	45	41	4	31
12	FC ROMANIA	22	10	1	11	39	42	-3	31
13	ST NEOTS TOWN	23	8	4	11	35	39	-4	28
14	WALTHAM ABBEY	23	8	4	11	41	47	-6	28
15	BARTON ROVERS	22	8	2	12	32	40	-8	26
16	KEMPSTON ROVERS	24	6	3	15	35	63	-28	21
17	HERTFORD TOWN	24	5	5	14	35	52	-17	20
18	KIDLINGTON	23	4	8	11	26	54	-28	20
19	COLNEY HEATH	24	3	1	20	20	60	-40	10
20	WANTAGE TOWN	24	2	3	19	24	71	-47	9



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# THAME UNITED RESERVES RESULTS

Date	Com	Aft		Opposition	Result	Scorer(s)
03/08/21	SML	59	(a)	Amersham Town	L 0-2	
07/08/21	SML	25	(a)	Letchworth GCE	W 3-1	Evans, Lynch, Zekri
14/08/21	SML	40	(h)	Bedford FC	D 1-1	Buston
21/08/21	SML	67	(a)	Raunds Town	L 0-3	
28/08/21	SML	37	(h)	Amphill Town	L 1-2	Zekri
04/09/21	SML	44	(a)	Shefford Town & Camp.	L 1-5	Elliott
08/09/21	SML	52	(h)	Buckingham Athletic	W 3-2	Elliott, Sturgess, Scott
18/09/21	SML	43	(h)	Northampton Sileby	W 3-0	Peake-Pijnen, Gledhill, Preen
22/09/21	SML	31	(h)	Amersham Town	W 3-2	Blake, West, Peake-Pijnen
25/09/21	SML	25	(a)	Irchester United	W 2-1	Alexander, Kelly
02/10/21	SML	42	(h)	Stoffold	W 2-0	Elliott, Alexander
06/10/21	SML	53	(h)	Kidlington Reserves	W 5-0	Alexander (3), Evans, Lynch
09/10/21	SML	47	(a)	Rushden & Higham	W 2-0	Alexander, Bestley
19/10/21	SML	78	(a)	Amphill Town	L 1-4	Thorne
03/11/21	SML	71	(h)	Winslow United	L 2-8	Elliott (2)
06/11/21	SML	-	(a)	Langford	L 1-4	Garn
13/11/21	SML	61	(h)	Burton Park Wanderers	3-2	Lynch, Sagar(2)
16/11/21	SML	82	(a)	Buckingham Athletic	0-2	
20/11/21	SML	25	(a)	Bedford FC	1-1	Elliott
27/11/21	SML	42	(h)	Letchworth GCE	1-1	Alexander
04/12/21	SML	125	(a)	Long Crendon	0-0	
11/12/21	SML	55	(h)	Rushden & Higham	1-1	Russell
18/12/21	SML	142	(a)	Stoffold	2-10	Alexander, Kelly
27/12/21	SML	57	(a)	Penn & Tylers Green	2-3	Alexander (2)
08/01/22	SML	51	(a)	Kidlington Reserves	3-3	Alexander, Sagar, Elliott
22/01/22	SML		(a)	Winslow United		
26/01/22	SML		(h)	London Tigers		
29/01/22	SML		(h)	Langford		
05/02/22	SML		(a)	Wellingborough Whit		
12/02/22	SML		(a)	Burton Park Wanderers		
12/03/22	SML		(h)	Wellingborough Whit		
19/03/22	SML		(h)	Shefford Town & Camp		
26/03/22	SML		(a)	Northampton Sileby		
02/04/22	SML		(h)	Long Crendon		
09/04/22	SML		(h)	Raunds Town		
16/04/22	SML		(a)	London Tigers		
20/04/22	SML		(h)	Penn & Tylers Green		
30/04/22	SML		(h)	Irchester United		

# Spartan South Midlands League Division One

22 January 2022

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	STOTFOLD	24	18	3	3	80	22	58	57
2	WINSLOW UNITED	20	17	1	2	72	15	57	52
3	AMPTHILL TOWN	22	13	5	4	52	34	18	44
4	WELLINGBOROUGH WHIT	22	13	3	6	63	37	26	42
5	NORTHAMPTON SILEBY RAN	23	13	3	7	67	44	23	42
6	LONG CRENDON	23	12	3	8	67	40	27	39
7	BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC	22	12	2	8	42	29	13	38
8	BEDFORD	24	11	6	7	61	51	10	38*
9	RUSHDEN & HIGHAM UTD	23	10	5	8	40	49	-9	35
10	THAME UNITED RESERVES	25	9	6	10	43	58	-15	33
11	SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMP	18	10	2	6	55	31	24	32
12	LANGFORD	23	10	1	12	41	49	-8	31
13	PENN & TYLERS GREEN	22	7	8	7	55	42	13	29
14	LETCHWORTH GCE	22	7	4	11	35	45	-10	25
15	KIDLINGTON RESERVES	21	7	3	11	33	62	-29	24
16	AMERSHAM TOWN	24	6	4	14	39	58	-19	22
17	RAUNDS TOWN	25	5	5	15	36	75	-39	20
18	LONDON TIGERS	22	6	1	15	30	63	-33	19
19	BURTON PARK WANDERERS	21	2	4	15	28	71	-43	10
20	IRCHESTER UNITED	24	1	3	20	20	82	-62	6

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## 22 January 2022

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	CHALFONT ST PETER	9	7	1	1	32	14	18	22
2	RISBOROUGH RANGERS	7	5	1	1	31	16	15	16
3	BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC	8	5	1	2	26	16	10	16
4	FLACKWELL HEATH	8	3	1	4	15	25	-10	10
5	THAME UNITED	9	2	0	7	17	25	-8	6
6	HOLMER GREEN	9	1	0	8	10	35	-25	3

Date	Com	Aff		Opposition	Result	Scorer(s)
09/09/21	AC		(a)	Holmer Green	W 4-1	Bamsey, Cove, Tully, O.G.
23/09/21	AC		(a)	Flackwell Heath	L 1-3	Berko
04/10/21	AC		(h)	Flackwell Heath	L 1-2	Berko
11/10/21	AC		(h)	Holmer Green	W 5-1	Beadle, Cove, Ransby, Lawson (2)
21/10/21	AC		(a)	Holmer Green	L 1-2	Berko
03/11/21	AC		(a)	Chalfont St Peter	L 0-3	
08/11/21	AC		(h)	Chalfont St Peter	L 1-4	Berko
13/12/21	AC		(h)	Risborough Rangers	L 2-4	Loftus, Lawson
05/01/22	AC		(a)	Chalfont St Peter	L 2-5	Beadle, Lawson
10/01/22	SC		(h)	Didcot Town	L 2-5	Cove, Lawson
24/01/22	AC		(h)	Risborough Rangers		
31/01/22	SC		(h)	Chalfont St Peter		
07/02/22	SC		(a)	Didcot Town		
14/02/22	AC		(h)	Buckingham Athletic		
24/02/22	AC		(a)	Buckingham Athletic		
28/02/22	AC		(h)	Flackwell Heath		
03/03/22	SC		(a)	Buckingham Athletic		
07/03/22	SC		(h)	Risborough Rangers		
29/03/22	AC		(a)	Risborough Rangers		



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