



Spartan South Midlands League Div 1  
**LONDON LIONS v AMPHILL TOWN**

**LONDONLIONS FC**

Season

**2019/20**

Kick off 3.00pm  
Sat 17th August 2019

Matchday programme  
50p or FREE with admission

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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 in to 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 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

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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!

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.

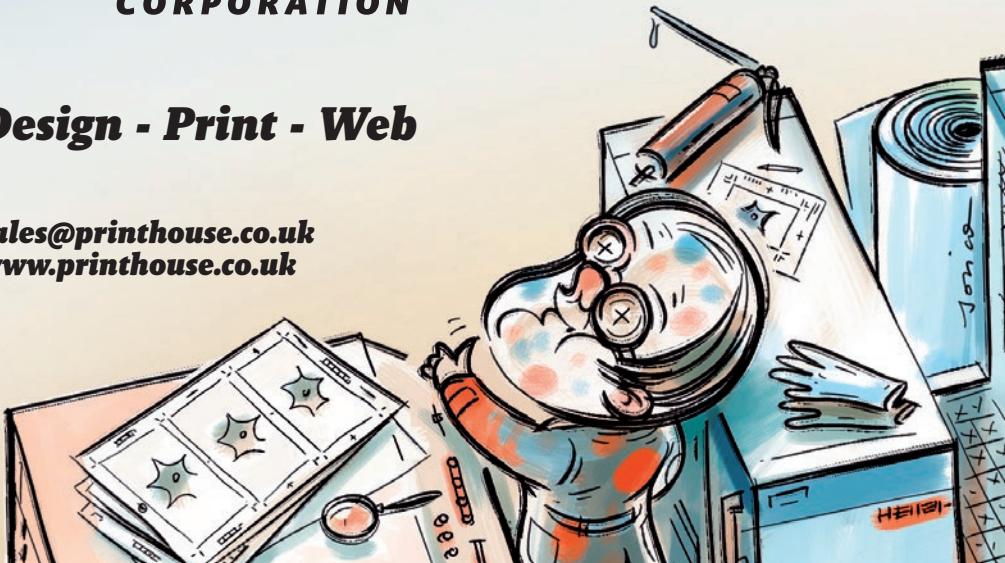
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# OUR HISTORY

**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 in their first season as they won the Division 1, and also reached the semi-finals of the Aubrey Cup.

The club grew into one of the strongest outfits 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 one better in 2012/13; winning the South Midlands Division One title and promotion to the heady 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 now missing a number of players who had departed following promotion, and 2013/14 saw Lions suffer their first ever relegation at the end of a difficult season.

Having steadied the ship and changing its name to MACCABI LONDON LIONS, the club decided to return to the Herts Senior County League for 2015/16. Seeking to promote a new generation, there was immediate reward by winning the Anagram Records Trophy at the end of last season, with most of the starting XI having come through the club's massive youth set up; the future looks bright!

Due to a lack of floodlights and a stand, Lions senior team had to ground share at St Albans City, Broxbourne, and Hemel Hempstead Town in order to play in the South Midlands League. However, first team football returned to Rowley Lane in 2015 as the new Alan Matthey Stand and floodlights were installed into the renamed Alpha Stadium. 2016-17 saw the first team, led by Andy Landesberg, achieve an unprecedented treble in winning the league, Centenary Trophy and, for the first time, the Aubrey Cup. They followed this up last season with a strong league challenge and 2 more cup finals, winning the divisional cup with a thrilling victory over champions Southall.

**We have always tried to conduct ourselves with sportsmanship and pride as well as striving for victory. We look forward to continuing this into the future.**

# OPPOSITION HISTORY

**Paul Blackman is in charge at Ampthill Town after taking them to their best position for 4 years last season. He took over the role in February following the departure of Paul Toms and guided them into tenth place a fine finish.**

In the closing weeks of the campaign Town won seven of their last nine league games with their only losses coming at champions Harefield United and Buckingham Athletic. Among their wins was an incredible 11-0 score over FC Broxbourne Borough with Jamie Cerminara getting five goals and Brandon Carney four including a second half hat trick.

In the match before that Town won 5-0 at Wodson Park and later completed the double over them. Ampthill also made it to the North Beds. Charity cup final where they lost to Biggleswade FC after beating Potton in the semi final on penalties, after being two down at the break.

Last year Ampthill won their first game of the season at Enfield Borough. But Borough beat them at home before the end of August and a home loss from Harefield set the pattern for their form before the New Year with the majority of their nine losses on home soil coming before Christmas.

Ampthill lost at home to Edware in the Vase and at Hillingdon Borough in the Div 1 cup. They beat London Tigers in the Trophy before losing to Colney Heath , again at home. Town lost in the quarter finals of the Beds. Senior Trophy at Langford on penalties. They won the county Trophy in 2012 when they beat Crawley Green 1-0 and also won it 5 years ago when they beat Kempston Town and Bedford College.

Ampthill got to the FA Vase quarter finals 4 years ago before losing at Eastbourne and two years ago in the Vase they won 10-1 at New College Swindon before going out to Royal Wootton Bassett.

Jamie Cerminara was top scorer last year with 29 goals but the forward line has been added to by the return of Charlie Cullen and Danny Butler from Bedford. Harry Murray also links up from Bedford while Ross Tompkins also returns to the club from Biggleswade FC.

Town won their first two games at Wodson Park and Bedford but drew at home last week to Broxbourne Borough.

**The club dates back to the 1880s and they spent some seasons in the South Midlands League in the 1950s before returning to the league in the early 1990s after several seasons in the United Counties League.**



# HONOURS

AS LONDON LIONS	CLUB A HONOURS
SSML Division 1	Champions – 2012/13
Herts County Premier Division	Champions 2009/10, 2016/17
Herts County Division 1	Champions 1999/00
Anagram Trophy	Winners - 2015/16
Herts Centenary Trophy	Winners 2006/07, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19
Aubrey Cup	Winners – 2016/17
SSML Division 1 Cup	Winners 2018
Herts County League Reserve Division 2	Champions 2001/02
Herts County Reserve Cup	Winners 2009/10
Herts County League Reserve Cup	Runners Up – 2001/02, 2003/04
SSML Reserve Challenge Trophy	Runners Up – 2010/11
SSML Reserve Division 2	Runners Up – 2011/12

## HERTS SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

2003/04	PREM	3/15	R DIV 1	5/14
2004/05	PREM	6/15	R DIV 1	2/13
2005/06	PREM	11/15	R DIV 1	6/12
2006/07	PREM	9/16	R DIV 1	7/13
2007/08	PREM	7/16	R DIV 1	9/13
2008/09	PREM	2/16	R DIV 1	4/13
2009/10	PREM	1/16	R DIV 1	2/13
2015/16	PREM	4/18		
2016/17	PREM	1/16		

## SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

2010/11	DIV 1	8/21	R DIV 2	3/15
2011/12	DIV 1	7/21	R DIV 2	2/15
2012/13	DIV 1	1/21	R DIV 1	2/15
2013/14	PREM	22/22	R DIV 1	14/15
2014/15	DIV 1	17/21		

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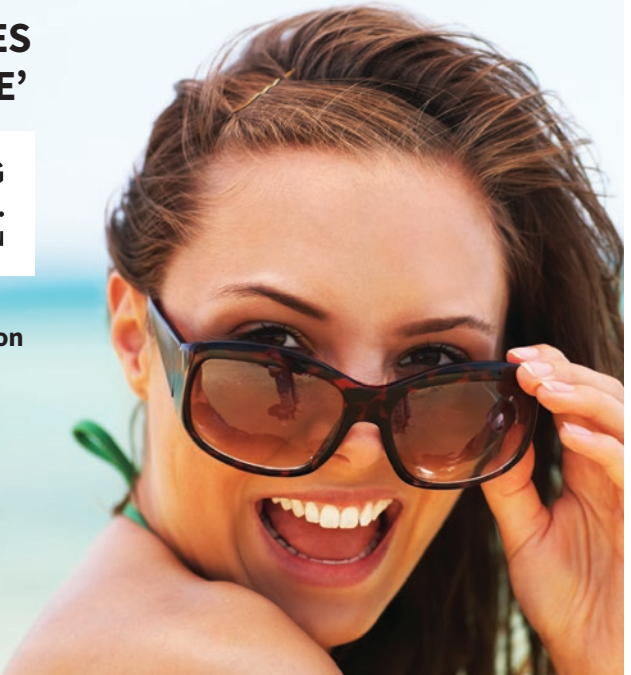
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## SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Senior Premier	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
St Panteleimon	3	3	0	0	13	9
Ampthill Town	3	2	1	0	6	7
Winslow United	2	2	0	0	11	6
Shefford Town & Campton	2	2	0	0	4	6
Langford	3	2	0	1	2	6
Enfield Borough	3	1	2	0	2	5
New Salamis	3	1	1	1	4	4
Rayners Lane	3	1	1	1	-5	4
Stotfold	2	1	0	1	0	3
Buckingham Athletic	3	1	0	2	-2	3
Milton Keynes Robins	3	1	0	2	-12	3
FC Broxbourne Borough	2	0	2	0	0	2
Park View	3	0	2	1	-4	2
London Tigers	1	0	1	0	0	1
Bedford	3	0	1	2	-4	1
Hillingdon Borough	2	0	1	1	-5	1
London Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brimsgate	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Amersham Town	2	0	0	2	-4	0
Wodson Park	2	0	0	2	-5	0



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# TODAY'S SQUADS FROM:

## LONDON LIONS

Blue shirts, shorts and socks

**Manager:** Andrew Landesberg

**Coaches:** Steve Grenfell / Darren Yarlett

**Physio:** Bryan Weintraub

## AMPTHILL TOWN

Tangerine shirts, black shorts and black socks

**Manager:** Paul Blackman

**Coaches:** Ant Christophi

**Physio:** /

Nathan Bloohn	Ross Tompkins
David Myers	Lewis Cerminara
Liron Mannie	Glenn Cooksley
Adam Lipman	Ash Mead
Nathan Schindler	Michael Moss
Nick Landesberg	Mark Smith
Jake Rinsler	Charlie Cullen
Lee Goldberg	Louie Dillon
Ollie Craig	Lawrence Burton
Austin Lipman	Michael Fullerton
Adam Arnold	Harry Murray
Levi Levenfiche	Danny Butler
Jake Furman	Brandon Carney
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