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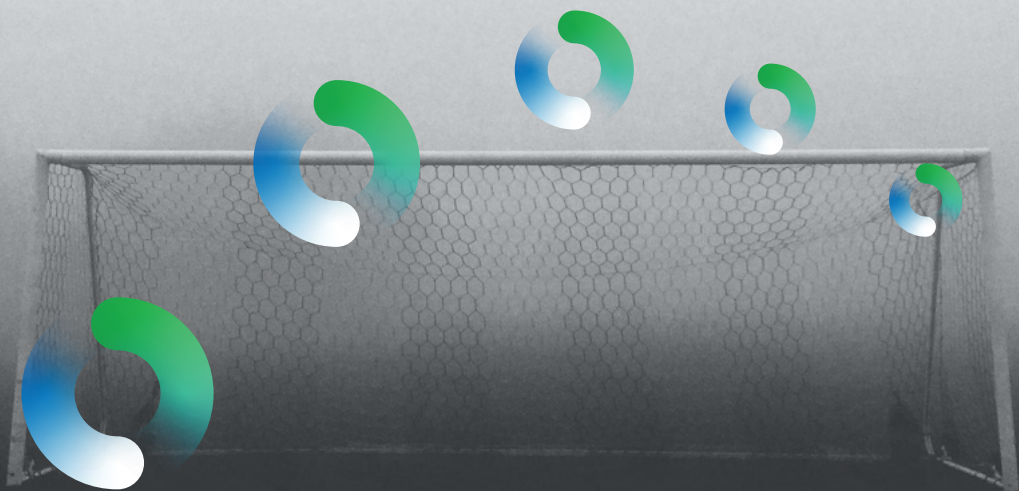
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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

I want to give a warm welcome to the manager, staff, players and directors of Stansted.

I want to congratulate the players on a very successful week, with convincing wins against Colney Heath last Saturday and Biggleswade United on Tuesday. It was pleasing to see us dominate both games in and out of possession. The attitude on the pitch ensured we were ruthless in attack whilst maintaining an intensity off the ball to press and recover. I want to specifically congratulate Josh Setchell and Joey Evans for picking up four goals each across the two games, including hat-tricks against Colney Heath, and a special mention must go to Charlie Smith for his audacious goal from inside the centre circle against Biggleswade on Tuesday. It is well worth looking at the replay on our Instagram page.

We are excited at the prospect of facing Stansted today in what will hopefully be a packed McMullen Park. The boys consistently feed off the incredible energy from the fans, both home and away. We hope that the support from those in the ground this afternoon will propel us

into a different gear against an opposition who have picked up a good result against MK last week.

Seeing so many young Bedford Park Rangers players coming down to support the first team is exciting. We are running sessions and Q&As for the youth teams today to ensure we can inspire the next generation of Real Bedford players. It is fantastic to see football in Bedfordshire continue to thrive at a grassroots level.

We face the prospect of another exciting match against MK Irish at their place in the FA Vase next Saturday, our third meeting with them already this season. It is a massive game for the club as we push to go deeper in this exciting competition. Your support on the road will be greatly appreciated, and it will certainly push the lads a bit more in what promises to be a tough encounter.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Hopefully, we can put in a strong performance this afternoon in front of a bumper crowd.

Rob Sinclair,
Manager



BIGGLESWADE UNITED

Real Bedford clinched a 5-1 victory over Biggleswade United thanks to two stunning goals late on under the Tuesday Night Lights.

First-half goals from Ben Stevens and Joey Evans were accompanied by incredible efforts from Josh Setchell and Charlie Smith in the second half, alongside a late goal from Tom Hitchcock to seal the win on the road.

Bedford completely controlled the game throughout the first half, ensuring the home team couldn't get a shot on target throughout the 45 minutes. Instead, all the action took place down the other end of the field. Fifteen minutes in, a low cross from Josh Setchell found Tom Wood at the back post, but the captain mistimed his shot, and it flew over the bar from close range.

Moments later, there was more trouble for Biggleswade as Corbit's deflected cross found Evans in the area; however, the striker couldn't get the right touch on

it to open the scoring. Still, Real Bedford searched for a goal, as Lee Watkins fired one towards the target from outside the box, only for it to steer wide off the outside of his boot

The Pirates soon found their opening. Biggleswade defenders initially blocked shots from Ben Stevens and Claston Gordon but only as far as Evans, who took the time to find the back of the net off the rebounding ball and get the visitors off the mark.

Moments later, Real managed to double their lead before the break. A long throw-in by Lewis Burgess was parried away but only as far as Stevens, who struck the ball on the half volley, nestling it into the bottom left corner from just inside the area, doubling The Pirates' lead heading into the break.

Second Half

The home side entered the second half with more fight, creating better chances



in the final third. The game sat poised, with Biggleswade looking for a goal to half the deficit and launch a comeback. However, Josh Setchell had other ideas. The winger picked up the ball inside the Biggleswade half before taking on Anthony Leslie and curling a shot past Caleb Chandler in goal to send the away fans delirious. A superb solo effort from many yards out that could end up being an early contender for goal of the season.

Biggleswade weren't down and out, and the referee awarded them a lifeline in the 73rd minute for an apparent handball by Lewis Burgess in the area. Jesus Mendoza slotted it past McGregor to keep the home side in the game.

As Rob Sinclair brought on the experienced heads of Tom Hitchcock and Luke Knight to see out the game, Real Bedford resumed control of possession, limiting chances for Biggleswade to launch attacks in the final 10 minutes. With the clock in the red, Bedford showed defensive resilience to win the ball back in their

half. As Charlie Smith received possession in the centre circle, he caught Chandler off his line, producing an inch-perfect shot over the keeper and into the back of the net in incredible fashion.

Real Bedford were not done and quickly launched another attack late on. Josh Setchell picked up the ball on the flank before delivering a cross towards Tom Hitchcock, who found the back of the net at the far post to seal the deal for the away side as Biggleswade fell apart. A late off-the-ball tussle saw former Bedford FC midfielder Connor Inskip receive a straight red card, not that the game was affected as the referee blew his whistle shortly after.

RBFC: McGregor, Corbit, Clifford, Wood ©, Burgess, Smith, Setchell, Watkins (Knight 84'), Evans, Stevens (Hitchcock 78'), Gordon

Unused Subs: J.Duckett, Swain, Bozward



FROM THE BOARDROOM

I am delighted to welcome every one of you to McMullen Park for today's match against Stansted.

Today is pretty special for me as we are joined at our meetup by Jameson Lopp. For those unfamiliar, Jameson is a highly respected Bitcoin OG, a software engineer and the CTO of Casa. I had the privilege of interviewing him in 2017 as the 3rd ever guest on my podcast. After just two shows, I contacted Jameson and requested an interview. He agreed, so I jetted to America, recorded a show, and we have remained friends since. Having him come to Bedford is quite surreal for me.

He is not the only special guest today; the new Mayor of Bedford, Tom Wootton, is in attendance. We are also excited about the many activities planned for Bedford Park Rangers, the local boys group we partnered with last season.

The team has put in immeasurable work to put this day together. The meticulous planning and logistical coordination have two primary objectives: to ensure that Rob, his staff and the first team have everything they need to give us the best chance of victory and that the fans have a great day out.

This occasion is a perfect opportunity to spotlight Real Bedford's progress since I took over

the club. From the outset, my mission has been unequivocal: bring league football to Bedford. We're a sleeping giant, and there is no reason we can't rub shoulders with teams in League 2, and maybe higher.

The original goal was to achieve this within a decade, but our aspirations have now broadened to include ladies' football, where I believe we can get them into the third tier of their pyramid.

On the pitch, after clinching a league and cup double in their debut season, our men's team currently sits second in the league, with four games in hand on the league leaders. Real Bedford Ladies have also had a great start to the season, having won every game and still in the FA Cup.

Crowd attendance, a vital aspect of our club's growth, continues to grow. I remember the days we averaged 40 fans a game after I first took over the club. This season, we set a record with 364 fans in attendance on a Tuesday night for our opening game. The ladies have also seen growth, with over 200 fans attending their first home game and setting record average crowds.

Internationally, our fanbase continues to grow. Real Bedford's reach, extending from Argentina to Australia, Lebanon to Canada, has



placed Bedford on the global map. Just last week, I was at Pubkey, Real Bedford's official supporters' bar in New York, where I watched us beat Biggleswade with a bunch of Pirates.

My recent trip to LA and New York was to meet with some of our American sponsors, where I went to update them on our progress. All of them are committed to supporting our long-term vision, which enables us to focus on excellence in men's, ladies' and youth football.

We are committed to nurturing young talent through Real Bedford girls and Bedford Park Rangers boys. We have over 60 teams in our group and have begun initial work on our plans for supporting disability football in Bedford. This season, we have increased funding for youth coaching and grown our hardship fund, ensuring no child is deprived of football due to economic constraints.

Our plans to grow our infrastructure, including constructing a new ground, training centre, academy, and sports excellence facility, are underway but our expansion plans transcend football. We are working on building Real Bedford netball and an eSports team, highlighting our commitment to fostering all sports in Bedford.

I want to congratulate our neighbours, Bedford Town, for their fantastic start to this sea-

son. It is a source of pride that all three teams, Bedford Town, Real Bedford, and Real Bedford Ladies, are challenging for their respective leagues.

The essence of rivalry and competition is intrinsic to driving excellence. It inspires investment, hard work, and growth. Sport is no different from business. Without competition, you can get lazy and stale. I want all Bedford teams to win, though I want us to play Bedford Town, too. Just imagine that day out.

Despite our early success, this project must be sustainable. While I can secure sponsors and drive merchandise sales, you, the fans, play an important role.

I love Bedford, and I love our underdog position. I can't wait for a big club to come here and play us, and lose.

Onto the game today where we face Stansted. I appreciate your support and you for coming down to McMullen Park. I hope you have a great day and we can secure three more points.

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Peter McCormack,
Chairman



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FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

I want to give a warm welcome to everyone joining us at McMullen Park today. We are delighted to host a broad range of people, from those making the long trip from Stansted to Bedford Park Rangers coaches, players and parents, from those here for our Bitcoin Meet-Up to the new Mayor of Bedford, Tom Wooton. We hope everyone enjoys their time with us at Real Bedford this afternoon.

We have a lot of exciting events around the football today. Our club sponsor, Gemini, is here giving out pizza from the truck next to the pitch and Real Bedford x Gemini beanies, just in time for winter.

We are also hosting our first big Bedford Park Rangers event. The youth teams will have the chance to train like the team this afternoon, with sessions before the game and a Q&A with some of our first team players before they take to the field. Coaches will also get the chance to speak to our first team manager, Rob Sinclair, after the game to help align the philosophies of both clubs, ensuring we prepare the players of tomorrow for the Real Bedford way.

Due to the expected crowd, we have opened an outside bar to grab cold drinks and snacks and hired additional

toilet facilities for the day. The clubhouse will be open throughout match day, serving draft beer and hot food.

We will be running a 50/50 raffle, and you can buy your tickets at the bar or around the ground, with the winner announced at half-time. We also have some fantastic Real Bedford beaded bracelets on sale from Soph, one of our young supporters. She will be next to the merch stand inside the clubhouse. You can also find her handcrafted bracelets on her Instagram page [@bracelets.by.soph_](https://www.instagram.com/bracelets.by.soph_). Also, keep your eyes peeled for a wandering Pirate around McMullen Park.

None of this could be possible without the help of our amazing volunteers, who continue to go above and beyond for the club. If you would like to become a volunteer, please make yourself known to a staff member on the day who would be more than happy to help.

Enjoy your day at McMullen Park, and here's to another excellent Real Bedford performance.

Emma Firman,
CEO



THE BIG INTERVIEW

This week, we sat down with Tom Wood, the ever-present defender who has captained The Pirates on multiple occasions this season, having established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet since his arrival last year. We talk about his time at the club, his role in the dressing room, and the support from his family on and off the pitch.

The team are coming off the back of two solid wins in the league. What have you taken from these last two games?

The boys are full of confidence at the moment. We really feel like we are finding our flow. Relationships on the field have strengthened massively over the last few weeks as players settle into their roles. These last two performances have been some of our best yet, and we know we can build on them and achieve much more.

You and Tyler McGregor remain the only players to have played every minute of competitive football so far this campaign. What has been your overall assessment of the season so far?

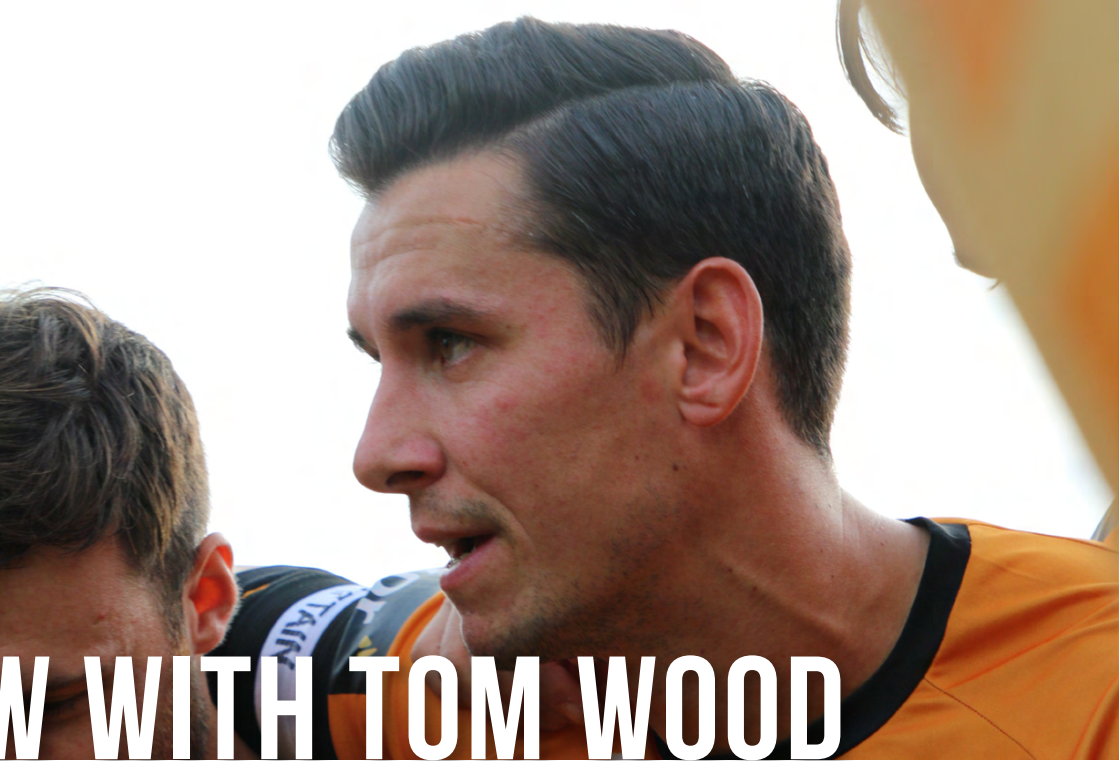
I don't think it could be going much better at the moment. We came into this season with

the same mindset as last: we want to win everything. Falling out of the FA Cup the way we did wasn't ideal, but other than that, I think we can be proud of the performances we have put on so far. The ideas the coaches are having us work on in training are paying off in the matches, and I feel it can only go up from here, which is exciting.

We have seen you wear the captain's armband more frequently this season. What do you take from leading Real Bedford out on a match day?

I love it. Some see the captain's armband as a burden, but I have always loved the responsibility, and with this group, it's no different. We have a young core of players hungry to get better, so I feel honoured to be able to guide them on the field and be there for them off it. We have a good leadership team within the squad, led by Luke Knight, who continues to set high standards as club captain, but I revel in the opportunity to lead the side on a match day when possible.

In previous programmes, many players named you as having endless energy on and off the field. How do you see your role



W WITH TOM WOOD

within the club?

I do like to have a good balance between professionalism and keeping enjoyment levels high around the place. I feel that with this new generation of players, things can get pretty serious quite quickly, which means that the game's enjoyment can be coached out of them. It can make players robotic and limit their contributions within the squad's culture.

I come from a generation where we were encouraged to have fun with the game and express ourselves on and off the field, and I try to instil that in the younger players. Rob has always encouraged me to continue that, as he knows how important it is to build a good culture. But I also know when to be professional and switch on. I've always been quite competitive, so I will always give everything I can in training, warm-ups and on a match day. You name it, I want to win it. That's something I think is important to get across to the younger players, too.

Your family is always here to support you on match days. What role do they play in your footballing life?

Football is a massive part of my family. I am

lucky to have an amazing wife and three lovely children who have always supported my football career. My parents also continue to watch and support me, home and away, which I really value. My eldest son, Ronnie, has started playing now, too, which has led to some proud dad moments watching on from the sidelines. The club is family-oriented as well, which I love. It makes us all feel welcome and part of something more than just football, which, to me, is really special.

What are you expecting from Stansted, our visitors today?

Coming off the back of their result against MK Irish, Stansted will be looking to cause further upset this afternoon, but the boys trained well Thursday. With the momentum these last few results have given us, I feel confident that we will be able to play our game and get the desired result.



COLNEY HEATH MATCH

Real Bedford put eight goals past Colney Heath in a dominant performance at McMullen Park. A hat-trick for Joey Evans and Josh Setchell, alongside goals from Matt Clifford and Tom Hitchcock either side of half-time, was enough to dispatch the London side in front of a lively home crowd.

The Pirates had the majority of chances, especially in the first half, with the first opportunity coming moments after the whistle. A long throw-in from Lewis Burgess caused issues for the Colney Heath defence, and Tom Wood was able to get a free header; however, the captain couldn't get enough connection on the ball to steer it home.

Moments later, Bedford came even closer to finding the back of the net. A Colney Heath defender steered Charlie Smith's indirect free-kick towards the back post; however, Matt Clifford's deflection flashed across the face of the goal in agonising fashion.

The Pirates soon broke the deadlock. A looped pass from Eddie Corbit was well-weighted down the right flank

towards Josh Setchell. The winger then showed his skill by stopping and starting in front of the Colney defenders before slotting it past George Irons in the Colney Heath goal from a tight angle.

Two minutes later, Bedford doubled their lead. Quick thinking from Ben Stevens and Charlie Smith from the corner allowed Smith to whip in a tempting cross towards a huddle of Bedford and Colney Heath players, with Evans getting the lightest of touches to guide it over Irons and into the back of the net.

The Pirates continued to turn the screw scoring their third goal inside 10 minutes. With complete control of the midfield, Mo Ahmed found space to lay the ball off to Matt Clifford, who, from 30 yards out, released a powerful shot which deflected off Jamie Welling and into the back of the net.

Just before half-time, Real Bedford got their fourth. Eddie Corbit, working hard down the right flank again, drove towards the byline before making a direct pass to Joey Evans at the back post, who tapped it in for his brace just before half-time.



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Second Half

Real Bedford similarly started the second half and soon extended their lead. A cross from Matt Clifford was initially blocked by Welling in the Colney Heath defence, but Josh Setchell picked up the ball at the back post and smashed it past Irons on a tight angle to get his second goal of the game.

Setchell continued to cause mayhem at McMullen Park, and moments later, from a short corner, he managed to get a shot away outside the area, which fired inches right of the Colney Heath goal. However, The Pirates' winger was soon rewarded for his hard work. Joey Evans played a short pass to Setchell on the edge of the area, who took a touch before smashing the ball into the bottom right corner of the goal to complete his hat-trick.


Ten minutes later, Colney Heath managed to find a consolation goal. The Pirates initially dealt with a short free-kick routine; however, Jamie Luniss managed to pick the ball up on the right flank as he slipped a low driven cross past Clifford and Burgess before finding George Sippetts, who

toe-poked it home for Colney Heath's only goal of the game.

However, it didn't halt The Pirates' momentum, as they were soon back on the scoresheet. Luke Knight played a ball across midfield to Charlie Smith before Smith played a lobbed pass to Tom Hitchcock. The replacement smashed the ball into the back of the net on the half-volley for his first goal of the season.

Bedford wasn't done there, and with just over five minutes to go, Claston Gordon managed to dribble his way towards the byline before crossing the ball into Joey Evans; despite the striker being under pressure from Colney Heath's defenders, he still managed to smash the ball into the roof of the net to make it three goals for him on the day.

RBFC: McGregor, Corbit (J.Ducket 78'), Clifford, Wood (c), Burgess (Swain 78'), Smith, Setchell (Gordon 66'), Watkins (Knight 66'), Evans, Stevens, Ahmed (Hitchcock 61')



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LADIES CHAIR: JILL UPTON

Bedford Ladies and Girls Football Club was founded in 1996 as part of a boys club called Kempston West End. It soon became apparent that the objectives of the boys' and the girls' football were very different, and we wanted to focus on the needs of the girls, so Bedford Girls Football Club was born.

At this time, we had just four teams. When our Under 16s team had won everything in 2003, we registered our first adult team and became Bedford Ladies and Girls FC. Over the next few years, the Ladies' team steadily progressed through the County League divisions and was promoted to the Eastern Regional Women's League Division 1 in 2007.

It took the next seven years to win promotion to the National League, but sadly, we only retained our place for two seasons. In 2013, we were part of a lottery bid, and we received £126,000 from the Council to reno-

vate Allen Park, which has been our home ever since; this has allowed us to grow from six girls teams to the 18 we have today, from under 8s to under 18s.

In partnerships with several schools, we run after-school clubs for girls interested in the English National Women's team and excited to play with other girls.

We take players as young as six into our under 8s, and it's super to watch their enthusiasm and joy in playing the game, and the youngsters love being team mascots for the Ladies.

We train as a group twice a week, concentrating on having fun whilst developing skills, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and improving fitness and wellbeing. The older girls are encouraged to mentor the younger ones, take up coaching and refereeing, and run teams themselves. Parents are encouraged to get involved, giving the



Club a unique family atmosphere.

The Club is the longest-established, largest and most successful all-female girls' and ladies' Football Club in Bedfordshire, and we aim to develop girls to play at the highest levels within our Club. The Club is run by volunteer Club Officials, Coaches and Parent Helpers.

In 2013, the Women's National League expanded to include the four Combination Leagues, which became tier three and four of the pyramid; this was the same year our Ladies won promotion to the National League at tier four, the South East Division.

Since the 2016/17 season, we have played in Tier Five, the Premier Division in the Eastern Regional League. Still, we could not attract a manager with the passion and drive to get us into the one promotion spot available each season.

In 2021, we met Peter McCormack from Real Bedford, and he was very keen to embrace female football within Real Bedford Football Club. His enthusiasm to support the ladies and help us realise our ambitions was very appealing. So this season, we have changed our name to Real Bedford Ladies and Girls, with all 300 girls wearing the Pirates badge.

With Peter's help, we have recruited Dean Perrett to Manage the team, and he has built a great squad to start this new journey. So far, we have won 7 from 7 in the league and are through to the next round of the Women's FA Cup.

The future looks very bright.

**Jill Upton,
Chair
RBFC Ladies**

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LADIES MANAGER: DEAN PERRETT

Welcome to the supporters of Real Bedford.

Since arriving as the ladies' first team manager in July this year, I have loved every minute of it. It's been a fantastic journey, and the club has made me feel so welcome, accommodating everything I have required to improve the squad and challenge for the league.

After a disappointing season last year, the team needed an overhaul, so getting the right players for how I like to play was essential. We recruited well during pre-season, with players joining us from higher divisions, immediately making us a stronger unit.

Pre-season was a good test for us all, and I could see a response from the old Bedford players as they trained and worked with the new ones I had brought in.

The coaching staff I added are very experienced and have been excellent additions to the team. Georgia, Kyle and John bring quality to the training session, which the players have bought into, working hard on both football and fitness.

The season started with an excellent 4-1 win against possibly the league's favourites Stevenage. We followed that with a 7-0 win against Dunstable and a 5-0 win against Barking.

Two tough away trips followed, but the team stepped up again, beating Wroxham 4-2 and Bowers and Pitsea 1-0. Back at home, we made it 6 wins from 6 games, beating St Albans 4-0.

It was then a break from league action, and we travelled to lower opposition Hackney Women in the FA Cup. It was a professional performance, with us winning 9-2.

It was back to the league last week, and we faced a tough match against Royston Town. Although we didn't play our best football, the determination to win the match came through, and in the end, we recorded a fantastic 4-1 win, which saw us maintain our perfect start with eight wins from eight games in all competitions.

Overall, we are playing very well. We have scored plenty of goals whilst only conceding four in the league.

It's been a great start to the season, and I recently added three more players, which will strengthen us as we have some challenging games coming up.

Enjoy the game, and thank you for your continued support.

Dean Perrett,
Manager
RBFC Ladies



ROYSTON TOWN LADIES

Royston Town Ladies arrived at McMullen Park looking to end The Pirates' perfect start to the season. The match had an added layer of spice, as Royston is the former team of Real Bedford's Gemma Croucher.

Erin Price was making her debut in Real's defence, looking to add some extra steel; however, Royston took control of the game early on. They had the edge in the first half, maintaining control in the midfield and proving dangerous on counter-attacks.

Royston could have had a penalty early on as Stacey Roper, clean through on goal, stumbled in the

box after jumping a tackle from the oncoming Hudson, but the referee waved play on, denying the shouts for a penalty.

Real Bedford had their chances, too, and in the 15th minute, they had an excellent opportunity to take the lead. However, Royston's goalkeeper, Ellie Starter, made two good saves on the line to keep the score level. Tasha Fensome also had an opportunity for Bedford just before the break but was tackled well as she raced towards goal.

Royston left the field at halftime, feeling they had the upper hand and unlucky not to be ahead.



ES MATCH REPORT

The second half painted a different picture. Bedford gained control, and Fensome broke the deadlock in the 49th minute after a long ball from Erin Price found her via a deflection. Fensome, in good scoring form, was clinical, sending the ball to the top corner.

The momentum stayed with the home side, and Fensome added another in the 57th minute following a defensive mixup in Royston's defence.

Royston pulled a goal back when substitute Jordanne Sillitoe scored with her first touch. However, Real Bedford's CJ soon stole the spotlight with a wonder goal. Tash

Fensome, with her back to goal, whipped a ball over the Royston defence. CJ raced onto the ball and let fly from the box's edge, finding the top corner.

The game was put beyond doubt when Fensome completed her hat-trick, receiving a through ball from Neve and rounding the goalkeeper to make it 4-1.

After a tough first half against a well-organised Royston, The Pirates did well to take all three points with a good second-half performance.

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TEAMMATES



CLASTON GORDON

Who is the fastest in the squad?

Luke Knight. He can't leave first gear.

Who is most likely to go on Love Island?

Alfie Bozward, just look at him.

Who is the biggest spender?

Lewis Burgess. I heard he bought Ronaldo a couple of drinks before.

Who has the best dress sense?

Mo Ahmed. His pregame flip-flops are unmatched.

Who is the most active in the

team group chat?

Eddie Corbit. He's always dropping rubbish jokes.

You're stranded on a deserted island. Which teammate would you most like to be stuck with?

I'll say the gaffer so I can get in his good books.

Who is always in the ref's ear?

Luke Knight is always moaning about something.

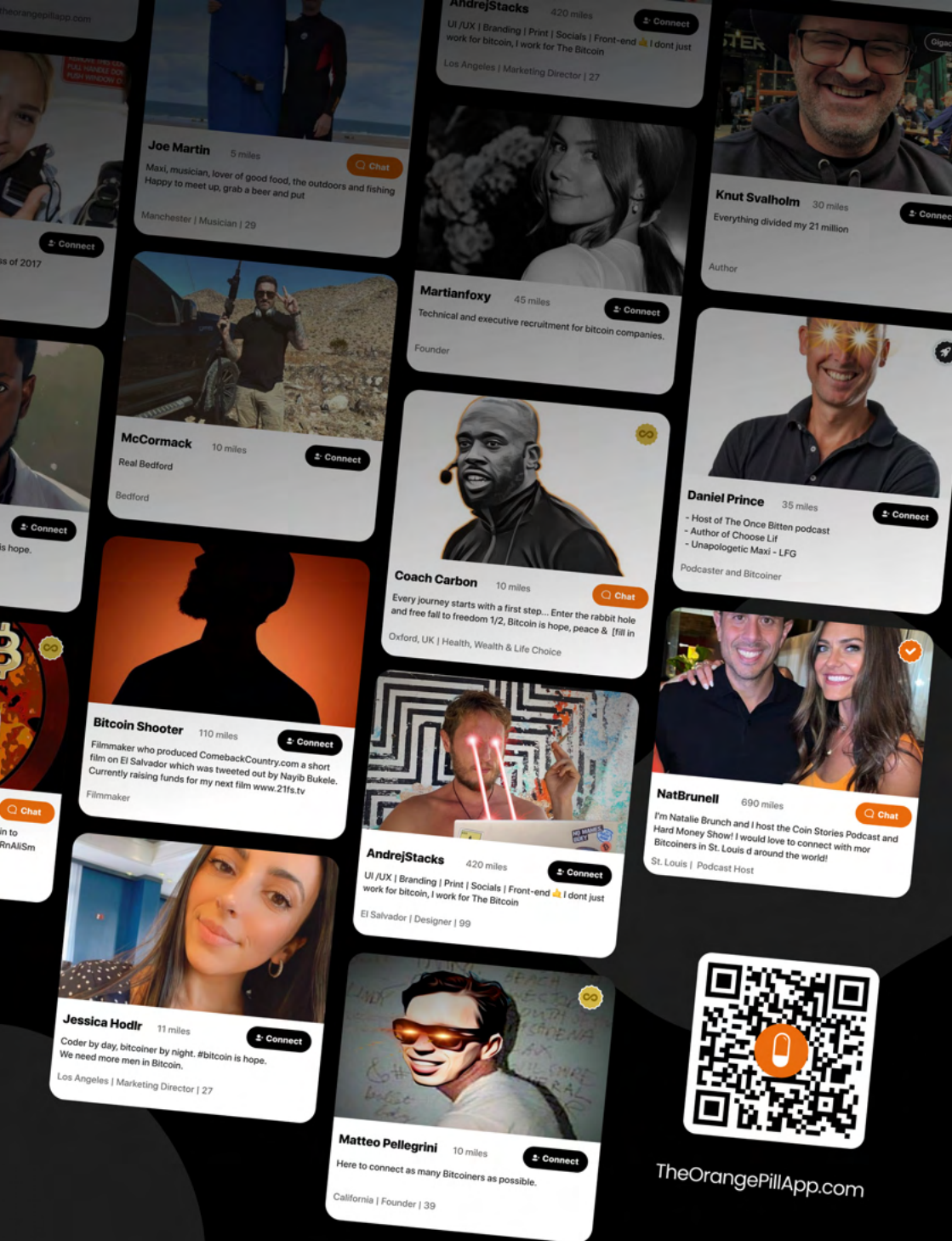
Who is your best mate in the squad?

Joey Evans or Josh Setchell

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THE AWAY TEAM

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 52nd 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.

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 a great strain is placed on all the volunteers associated with the club.

Records show that the club goes back as far as 1892 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.

Further evidence of that was the introduction of Over 45's Veterans Football which has introduced an avenue for those ex-players who thought their playing days were over and in season 2021/22 competed in the Premier Division of the Greene King Essex Veterans League after gaining promotion the previous season.

In 2020 - 21 season the club embarked on a new adventure with 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 in to Senior football but at the same time bringing junior football to Stansted.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Ben Walsh

Nickname: Walshy

Date of Birth: 26th January 1994

Place of Birth: Bedford

Previous Clubs: Eynesbury Rovers, Bedford FC

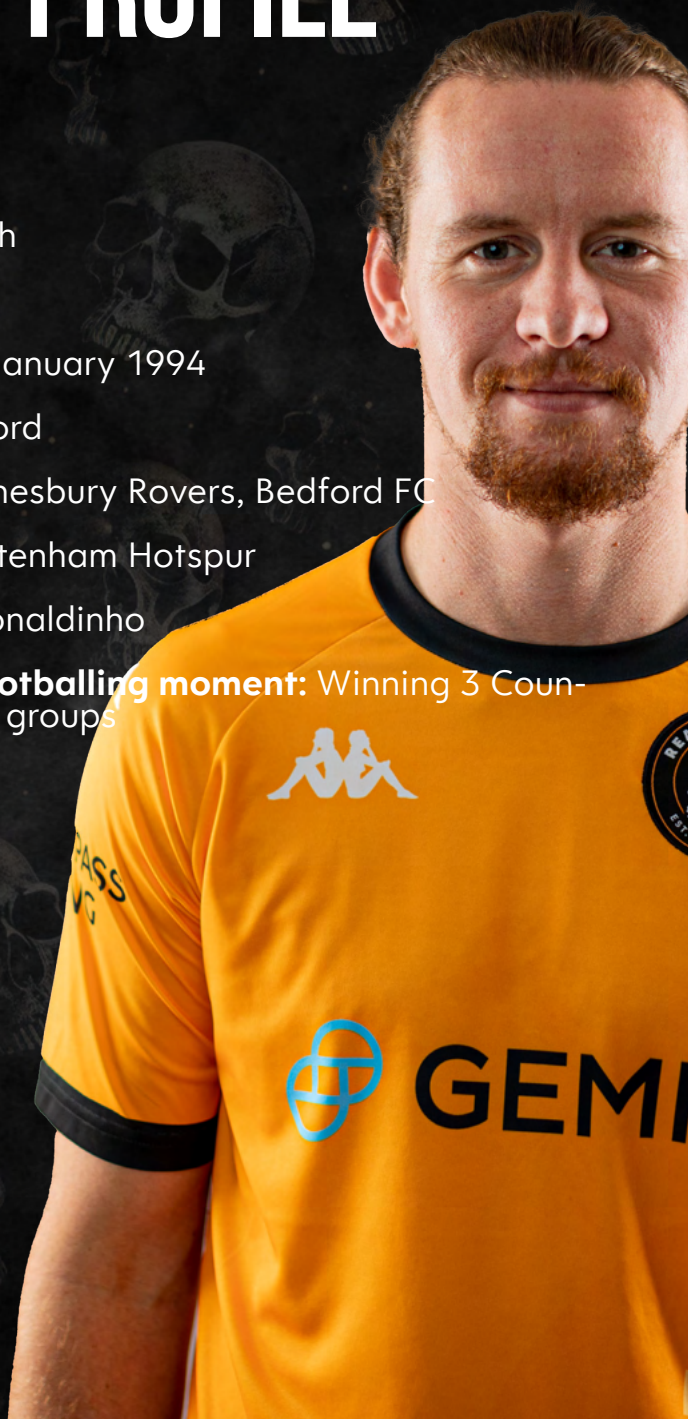
Favourite Team: Tottenham Hotspur

Favourite Player: Ronaldinho

Most memorable footballing moment: Winning 3 County Cups at three age groups

Occupation: Roofer

Hobby: Golf





BEDFORD PARK RANGERS

It's a pleasure to write in the programme this afternoon on an incredibly exciting occasion for Bedford Park Rangers. We have brought over half of our club to McMullen Park ahead of today's game for some skills sessions and a Q&A with Real Bedford First Team players, which the boys have been looking forward to all week.

With over 20 teams ranging from U7s to U18s, Bedford Park Rangers have been a crucial part of Bedfordshire youth football for nearly 50 years. With training sessions held for each age group in the week and regular matches for all ages and abilities on the weekend, we look to promote youth football within Bedford and help players develop to the levels they want to reach.

We are fortunate to be affiliated with Real Bedford, who have supplied us with kits, equipment and facilities for our sessions and match days for all ages, as well as days like today, which should aim to inspire the next generation of football players within Bedford. We take pride in our club work, so having Real Bedford's help to further our aspirations is exciting, and we can't wait to see how this part-

nership will develop in the future.

We don't just look to develop players; our coaches' development is also important. Many of our coaches dedicate their time to helping the players succeed and become better footballers and people. This club relies on the generosity of others, so we are always appreciative of the work done by those behind the scenes to make sure the kids can play football on a match day.

This is hopefully just the beginning of an exciting relationship with Real Bedford as we look to host more days like this across the season and beyond. If you have any questions about our work, please speak to one of the coaches around the ground today or find us on social media.

Good luck to The Pirates today, and I hope everyone enjoys their time at McMullen Park this afternoon.

**Jay Allison,
Chairman
Bedford Park Rangers**

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AUGUST '23

1	MK IRISH	1 - 0 (W)
5	FC CLACTON *	2 - 2 (D)
12	COCKFOSTERS	1 - 1 (D)
15	FC CLACTON *	4 - 1 (W)
19	MK IRISH *	3 - 4 (L)
26	ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS **	9 - 1 (W)
29	ARLESEY TOWN	0 - 3 (W)

DECEMBER '23

2	HARPENDEN TOWN	A
9	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	A
16	FC ROMANIA	A
23	CRAWLEY GREEN	H
27	SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON	A
30	COCKFOSTERS	H

SEPTEMBER '23

2	TRING ATHLETIC	0 - 4 (W)
9	SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN	7 - 0 (W)
12	AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS	1 - 4 (W)
16	ST PANTELEIMON	1 - 4 (L)
23	FLACKWELL HEATH **	2 - 0 (W)
30	LONDON LIONS	0 - 3 (W)

JANUARY '24

6	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	H
13	ST PANTELEIMON	A
20	DUNSTABLE TOWN	H

OCTOBER '23

7	COLNEY HEATH	8 - 1 (W)
10	BIGGLESWADE UNITED	1 - 5 (W)
14	STANSTED	H
21	MK IRISH **	A
24	LEIGHTON TOWN FIRST ***	H
28	CRAWLEY GREEN	A
31	STANSTED	A

FEBRUARY '24

10	HARPENDEN TOWN	H
17	BIGGLESWADE UNITED	H
20	DUNSTABLE TOWN	A
24	FC ROMANIA	H

NOVEMBER '23

4	ARLESEY TOWN	H
14	WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH	H
18	AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS	H
25	BALDOCK TOWN	A
28	POTTON UNITED	H

MARCH '24

2	LONDON LIONS	H
9	MK IRISH	A
23	COLNEY HEATH	A
30	SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON	H

APRIL '24

2	POTTON UNITED	A
6	TRING ATHLETIC	H
13	BALDOCK TOWN	H
20	SAWBRIDGEWORTH TOWN	A

* FA CUP MATCH

** FA VASE MATCH

*** BEDS SENIOR COUNTY CUP

**** GLADWISH CHALLENGE CUP



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Lewis Burgess



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What To Do by Tough Break
Sub Focus by Trip
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COACH - DAVE LIMBER
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