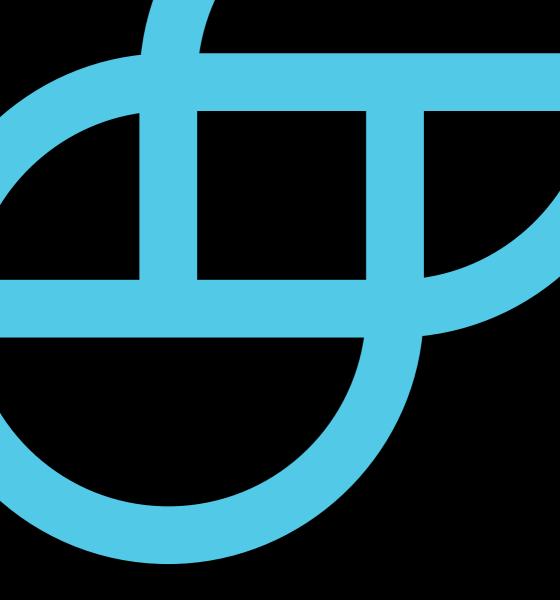
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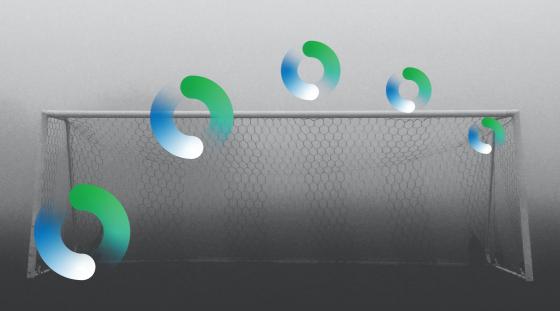
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I want to give a warm welcome to the manager, staff, players and directors of Leverstock Green.

We are more than aware of the challenges that today's visitors pose. After a great showing at Pancake Lane in the reverse fixture, we know how hard it will be to get 3 points out of this afternoon's game. Credit must go to Fergus Moore and his coaching staff and squad, who have had a strong campaign to date.

Reflecting on our last two league matches, the two points we have come out with were certainly not reflective of the performances shown by the players across both 90 minutes. However, the fine margins of football can prove crucial, and they got the better of us on both occasions, meaning we couldn't take away more. Nevertheless, I couldn't be prouder of the way the squad has gone about the last few weeks and will no doubt continue to do so across the remainder of the campaign.

In the week, it's been pleasing to see Ben Fitzjohn return to training a year after his leg break. He has been working hard behind the scenes alongside lead sports therapist Lottie Burton, who has done an excellent job preparing Ben for a return to football.

I want to congratulate Georgia Clarke and her team on progressing to the League Cup final after beating Luton Town last weekend. The team has been on an amazing run and is primed to take away some considerable silverware from this inaugural season. We wish them the best of luck for the final in May.

I was delighted to host a Sinclair Sports football camp for kids across the February halfterm at McMullen Park. I want to thank the club for their help throughout the week and all those who attended the camp over the three days. I am delighted to confirm that we will hold another football camp at McMullen Park across the Easter holidays. More information on this can be found around the ground over the coming weeks.

It was incredible to see such a strong number of away supporters at the Irish centre last weekend. The travelling support has been a key factor in our positive record on the road. As we look ahead to a good run of home fixtures, it has been great to see new and returning faces through the turnstiles at McMullen Park. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the team heading into the final leg of this campaign.

Thank you to everyone in attendance this afternoon, and enjoy the game.

Rob Sinclair, Manager



Hi there, and welcome back to Mc-Mullen Park!

Sadly, I won't be at the game today as I am in Los Angeles recording interviews for my podcast, What Bitcoin Did. It's an exciting time for our club, and the buzz about Real Bedford reaches far and wide, even here in LA. In every interview I do, people ask about The Pirates and how we are doing.

Bitcoin has been making headlines in the financial world after setting a record-high price of over \$73,000, driven by demand after the SEC's recent approval of multiple Bitcoin ETFs. For those unfamiliar with it, an ETF (Exchange-Traded Fund) is a type of investment fund traded on stock exchanges. ETFs traditionally hold assets such as stocks, commodities, or bonds. They generally operate with an arbitrage mechanism designed to keep them trading close to their net asset value, though deviations can occasionally occur.

These Bitcoin ETFs are a game changer, simplifying access to Bitcoin for

investors, thus making it easier for anyone to invest in what many consider the best form of money. With billions flowing into these ETFs, American investors have a new avenue to protect their wealth against dollar debasement.

Speaking of debasement, the US is currently experiencing record borrowing, nearing \$1 trillion every three months. This reckless and unsustainable borrowing will continue the trend of higher inflation, which erodes the purchasing power of workers and savers alike. The UK faces similar challenges, but the FCA imposes stringent regulations limiting investors' access to Bitcoin, further entrenching the wealth gap and restricting financial freedom.

My friend Freddie New is working to educate regulators as we find ourselves in a position where access to Bitcoin is now limited to accredited investors. These rules limit access to certain financial products to those in higher income brackets. It is financial discrimination designed to keep the rich wealthy and the poor poor.



Turning our focus to the pitch, I want to congratulate our ladies' team and manager, Georgia Clarke, for their outstanding League Cup semi-final victory against Luton Town. With another semi-final on the horizon against Wootton Blue Cross in the County Cup, our ladies are on the cusp of winning multiple trophies this season.

It has been an incredible first season for Real Bedford Ladies, which has seen them win every game apart from their FA Cup defeat to Billericay Town, a team two divisions higher.

I also want to congratulate our men's team on their performance against MK Irish last week. Despite the game ending 0-0, they dominated the first half and were unlucky not to win all three points.

The support from our travelling fans has been phenomenal this season. It was great to see so many Real Bedford fans in Milton Keynes last week, highlighting the hard work done to grow this football club.

Back in Bedford, I'm excited to continue supporting our town's economy by launching new businesses, including a hybrid coffee and cocktail bar that will serve as a gathering place for our club. Additionally, I am hosting Cheat-Code, a conference that will bring some of the most influential minds in Bitcoin, economics, and human rights to Bedford. With tickets flying and hotels booked solid, it's clear that Bedford is becoming a global destination for this financial revolution.

I am committed to nurturing this growth, supporting our community, and ensuring Bedford shines on the world stage. Though I'm miles away, I'll be cheering us on via the livestream.

Enjoy the game, and I will see you all in Bedford soon.
Peter McCormack
Chairman

Peter McCormack, Chairman



# Real Bedford held to goalless draw with MK Irish

Real Bedford were held to a goalless draw in a top of the table clash with MK Irish on Saturday. An injury-time winner was ruled offside, meaning the points were shared in Milton Keynes.

As first played second, the fixture marked their fourth meeting of the sides this season. With The Pirates recently dropping points, the stage was set for another important meeting between the sides in front of a large, expectant crowd.

The previous meetings between the sides had set this up as an intriguing game for the spectators. Real Bedford claimed victory in the opening league game of the season, in a match in which MK Irish would have felt they were the better side. MK Irish responded with a win in their FA Cup at

McMullen Park, only for Real Bedford to take the spoils in the FA Vase. As both sides have put in impressive runs this season and Irish remained unbeaten in the league since the opening day, all eyes were on this fixture.

Real Bedford dominated the first half, creating numerous chances to take the lead but frustratingly failing to convert any, largely thanks to some great saves from Tom Ladyman in the Irish goal. He made three excellent saves, keeping his team in the game against a relentless Real Bedford attack. Ben Stevens and Joey Evans were both denied by Ladyman's quick reflexes, and Archie Jones saw his effort saved at the post, with the ball getting trapped dead between the post and the goalkeeper's leg.

Despite their attacking efforts, MK Irish were confined to long-range attempts in the opening spells, with



George Shrieves causing trouble down the right but unable to break through the Real Bedford defence.

The score remained goalless as the teams headed into halftime.

# **Second Half**

The second half saw a shift in momentum as the game became more balanced. Both teams were limited in their chances, turning the match into a midfield battle, with both defences effectively closing down opportunities.

Bedford thought they had clinched victory in the dying moments when a ball headed onto Archie Jones in the box was finished neatly, only for the celebrations to be cut short by an offside call.

Ultimately, the game ended goalless,

but it was another excellent game between the sides battling for the top spot.

The result leaves Real Bedford still at the top of the league, but the pressure mounts as MK Irish now have three games in hand, promising an exciting final stretch to the season.

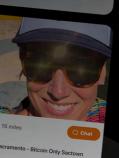
The Pirates now host another important clash with 4th placed Leverstock Green at McMullen Park. Tickets are available here.

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Unused Subs: Bozward, Knight, Gordon





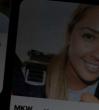














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# Pirates held level at Creasey Park.

A late goal from Dunstable Town saw Real Bedford settle for a draw under the Tuesday Night Lights. Despite first-half efforts from Joey Evans and Eddie Corbit, Dunstable did enough to secure a point out of the league fixture heading into a crucial few weeks for Rob Sinclair's men.

Bedford did manage to secure an early lead, after an Eddie Corbit shot from range was parried by Sean Locks-Hart but only as far as Joey Evans who tapped in a poachers effort for the first goal of the evening.

The Pirates without being able to take many, whilst at the other end of the field, a quick passing triangle allowed Josh Hatton to shoot. The youngster took the opportunity well burying it past McGregor to level proceedings.

Then just before halftime, Real Bedford regained the lead. After Josh Setchell produced a floated ball into the box towards Joey Evans, both the Dunstable keeper and defender came together causing Locks-Hart to spill the ball into the path of Corbit who smashed it into the roof of the net at the back post for his first goal in 9 months.

Chances then continued to fall for



# **Second Half**

The chances continued to rain down for The Pirates as they looked to close out their lead in the second 45. However, shots from Ben Stevens and Joey Evans, as well as a missed chance for Archie Jones late on, were all unable to find the back of the net.

Instead of finding a winner, it was Dunstable who managed to score late on to get a point out of the fixture. A long floated ball off a free-kick inside Bedford's half found the back post. The Pirates cleared the chance but only as far as Joe Reynolds who struck the ball clean rifling it into the bottom left.

With a point in the bag and minutes left on the clock, Dunstable shut up shop as Real Bedford threw everything towards finding a winning goal, however, it seemed too little too late keeping the scores level at the final whistle.

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Leverstock Green Football Club was formed around 1895. The Club ground in Pancake Lane originally formed part of the Gorhambury Estate, Lord Verulam making the ground available for the youth of the area and his estate workers to enjoy a game of ball. Clearly Lord Verulam was an early enthusiast, providing timber-built changing rooms, which have been progressively replaced since the 1960's by the existing brick built clubhouse and changing rooms.

On the death of the Lord, certain parcels of land, including that on which the Football Club stood, fell to the Crown in lieu of death duties and is administered on its behalf by the Commission for New Towns, who have remained the Club's landlords since that time, despite two unsuccessful attempts by the Club to buy the freehold.

In 1991 the Club were accepted into the South Midlands League and had two highly successful seasons in the Premier Division before being forced to drop into the Senior Division, as floodlights were then not available. In

1996 the club finished in runners-up position and the following season were the divisional champions but could not be promoted because floodlights had still not received approval from the Council.

Premier Division status was eventually regained in 2003, and the club is now the longest-standing current member of the division. The club's highest finish in the Premier Division has been 4 th , in season 2010/11, with top six finishes also being recorded in 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2008/09.

Season 2010/11 also saw the club's best ever run in the FA Vase, with wins over Welwyn Garden City, Enfield, Hullbridge Sports, Tunbridge Wells and Bemerton Heath Harlequins before defeat in the Fifth Round against Rye United. The club has twice reached the Third Round of the FA Vase, in seasons 2006/07 and 2018/19.

Leverstock Green entered the FA Cup for the first time in 2004, and the club's best performance has been reaching the Second Round



Qualifying, which was achieved in 2014/15, where we were beaten by Staines Town, and in 2018/19 where we were beaten by Dorking Wanderers.

Between 2005 and 2015 the club ran a successful Ladies' Team, which rose from the Beds and Herts League into the Eastern Region Womens League, reaching the Premier Division in 2013

The Pancake Lane ground has seen many improvements due to ever more stringent ground grading requirements. In 2007 the Peter Metcalfe changing rooms were built at a cost of £90,000. 2008 saw the refurbishment of the clubhouse to include new toilets and a new hospitality suite. In 2009 the concrete walkway was completed to cover three sides of the ground and a seated stand accommodating 113 spectators was installed.

Season 2018/19 was one of turmoil and sadness, as long-serving fixture secretary Graham Smart passed away suddenly only weeks after taking on the role of interim chairman. A

season which promised so much at the start ended with the club only securing Premier Division safety on the final day.

Emma Smart took over as chairman for season 2019/20, and with a new management team and a new spirit of optimism the club was on course for a safe mid-table finish before the season was brought to a premature end by Covid-19. The management team of Matt Harding and Mick Vipond continued into the 2020/21 season, which again came to a premature end. For season 2021/22, a new management team of Fergus Moore, Scott McGleish and Paul Marks was appointed. Fergus and Scott continued through season 2022/23 and won their first silverware for the club with a 1-0 win over Tring Athletic in the final of the West Herts St Mary's Cup.

Fergus and Scott are joined by former Under-18 manager Ross Bargent for season 2023/24, and the club has also started a Development Team this season, which will be playing in the Herts Senior County League Premier Division.



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