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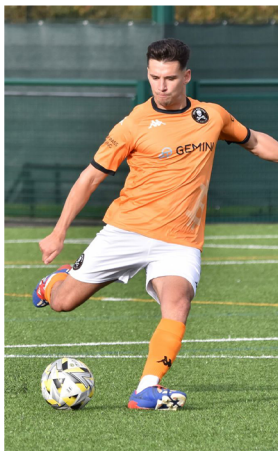
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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

Firstly I'd like to give a warm welcome to the Eaton Socon directors, management, players and supporters.

We've had a break since our last game against Raunds Town, where we put in a great performance, winning 9 - 0. A special mention must go to Tom Hitchcock, who scored four goals.

The boys have been working hard in training the last two weeks and are excited to have a game this afternoon against an in-form Eaton Socon side. We know the strengths of Eaton Socon and the challenges they will pose us, but as always, we are looking to put in a good performance and get a positive result.

With the World Cup starting tomorrow, I am hugely excited to see what this

young England team can do. I believe we have every chance of having a successful tournament. With no Premier League football and the EFL Championship also having to pause, I urge everyone to get out there and watch non-league football.

Although the attendance was down against Raunds, the atmosphere you fans created was fantastic. I touched on it in my last programme notes, and I will mention it again, but please bring a new face to a game over this busy period, as it makes a huge difference.

I hope you all enjoy the game today, and we can send you home smiling.

Rob Sinclair,
Manager

A man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark t-shirt and headphones, is seated at a desk in a recording studio. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking into a professional microphone on a boom arm. The studio features a large window with a view of the ocean and buildings. To the left, there is a white modular shelving unit with various decorative items. A large, soft, pinkish light source is visible in the upper left corner. The overall atmosphere is professional and modern.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

With the club intrinsically linked to Bitcoin, it is important that I discuss this from time to time. The industry has been in the news quite a bit this last two weeks as major companies have gone into liquidation, causing a contagion through the industry. This has also caused the bitcoin price to crash down to under \$17k (I always quote in dollars).

The stuff that has hit the news this week has caused a media storm and at tough times like this it is important to focus on the mission of what Bitcoin is and correct misunderstanding which is rife.

The contagion was caused in the wider “crypto” industry and for me it is important to separate Bitcoin from the other cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin is unique, its immaculate conception means it was the first, but it is also the most meaningfully decentralised. The mission of Bitcoin is to bring peer-to-peer censorship resistant money to the world.

Too often people focus on the negatives of Bitcoin or think it is a scam, attributing it to the actual scams which exist. Half the population of the world lives under authoritarian rule and Bitcoin represents an opportunity to hold a monetary asset outside of government influence. The right to protest is a fundamental pillar of democracy and we have seen how governments will freeze assets of protesters in Hong Kong and Canada.

Also, much of the world lives under high double digit or triple digit inflation, where the governments poor economic policy destroys wealth and business. Bitcoin is the first monetary asset that can't be debased. The Bitcoin prices is volatile, but this is the first attempt to remonetise the world with a decentralised currency, it was never going to be easy and we are very early in the life of Bitcoin.

I want to be very clear that what has happened this last few weeks in the crypto industry is criminal, those who committed



these crimes should be arrested and go to jail. Their crimes have lost companies and people billions of dollars in money and caused untold damage. These criminals make the work of people trying to expand the knowledge of Bitcoin harder, they bring suspicion on the technology and threats of increased regulation.

This is why I am so angry about what has happened. Not only have these criminal cost people and companies billions of dollars, they are making the work of spreading freedom through the world harder.

Understanding Bitcoin is hard, it takes time and requires many hours understanding the history and nature of money. Most people critical of Bitcoin have not done the work. I have. I have travelled the world working on this. I have been to Venezuela and seen how people use Bitcoin to avoid hyperinflation under Maduro's regime. I have interviewed activists protesting against authoritarian governments who need Bitcoin to finance their projects.

Trust me, when you attack Bitcoin, you are attacking freedom.

If you are thinking of investing in Bitcoin, I urge you to be cautious. It is very easy to lose money on Bitcoin as the asset is inelastic and experiences a lot of volatility. Many people have lost money investing in Bitcoin without understanding it. With crypto I urge even more caution. I personally do not invest in any crypto projects, it is bitcoin only for me. I do though urge you to research the technology, there are many great books, films and podcasts that can teach you about it.

If you ever have any questions about Bitcoin do feel free to reach out to me, I'll always be happy to discuss it with you.

Peter McCormack,
Chairman

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

This week I want to talk a little more about my role as captain and the responsibility this comes with it. To be captain of any club is a real honour, so I am grateful to Rob for trusting me with Real Bedford's captaincy in this crucial season.

The role of the captain is not just to turn up on match day, call the coin toss and yell at the other players on the pitch. The captain represents the club, sets the standards for the other players and provides leadership on and off the pitch.

I have always felt that a good captain must earn respect from everyone at the club, achieved by holding the highest standards for the team. Discipline is essential for success, starting at the top with me.

A captain must also be approachable. Lads can go through tough spots or have issues on and off the pitch. The captain needs to be someone they can approach and help them through any problems.

Lastly, when times are tough, the captain needs to be a calming influence, able to give the right instructions and advice to ensure we get three points.

I have enjoyed this season as captain for Real Bedford, and I hope I have done everyone at the club proud.

**Luke Knight,
Captain**

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FROM THE OFFICE

As the World Cup kicks off this weekend in Qatar amidst plenty of controversy about the country's poor human rights record - it has led to calls from many to boycott the tournament. Qatar's policies have rightly brought these issues to the front of many people's minds, but football still has many of its own problems regarding inclusion.

There is only one openly gay professional footballer, racist chants can still be heard on the terraces, and although we are seeing a massive rise in attendance for the ladies' game, an undertone of sexism still exists.

We believe that football should be an activity, a sport, a hobby - a lifestyle in which anyone should be able to participate. The partnerships we are building with the local ladies and youth teams aim to allow people - regardless of gender, race, age or income - the chance to play football. However, an often overlooked group within our community receive far fewer chances than most to play football. Those with physical or mental disabilities have limited opportunities to play football, so we are now working with the Beds FA to build a pan disabilities team to launch in January.

A good friend's autistic son tells me of the excitement and joy his son gets from playing football at our neighbouring club Shefford and Campton FC, and we hope we can add to the excellent offering that teams like Shefford and Campton provide so well in the county.

However, like all community projects, we can't do this without the local community. We are eagerly looking for some coaches who can help work with our new disability teams. The FA and local charities will provide some guidance and specialist training, but the coaches, players and parents will turn our next ambition into a reality.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in coaching or participating in our disabled team, please contact me at tom@realbedford.com, and we can make sure the new year sees the launch of a new team in Bedford.

Enjoy the game.

Tom Pattinson,
CEO



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PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Jordon Brown

Nickname: Brownny

Date of birth: 13th March 1998

Place of birth: Huntingdon

Previous clubs: Cambridge United, St Neots, Eynesbury, Peterborough Sports, Bedford Town, Leighton.

Favourite team: Tottenham Hotspur.

Favourite player: Lionel Messi.

Most memorable footballing moment: Meeting Tom Hitchcock.

Career highlight: Playing for Northern Ireland 19's as a youth player.

Occupation: Firefighter.

Hobby: My work, spending time with my mates and keeping active in the gym.





REAL BEDFORD HIT NINE LEAD AT THE TOP OF THE

Real Bedford played Raunds Town for the third time in two months on Saturday. The previous two matches resulted in a 9 - 1 for Bedford at McMullen Park in the cup and a tough 2 - 0 win away in the League.

Any hope that Raunds had of building on their 2 - 0 defeat last month, and taking points back to Kiln Park was put to bed in the first half, with Bedford scoring twice and Raunds harshly being reduced to ten men.

While Bedford dominated the opening 20 minutes, Raunds should have taken the lead. A slip in the wet conditions presented the away side with an opportunity to open the scoring, but with the goal glaring, Corey Beattie hit the post with the ball going out for a goal-kick.

It wasn't long until Bedford were rewarded for their dominance, with Tom Hitchcock scoring his first of four goals, hitting a sweet volley into the roof of the net.

Already facing an uphill battle, the afternoon was made all the more difficult when the referee harshly sent Cameron Harris off. While it was a tough challenge, a yellow felt fair, but after consulting with the linesman, the Raunds midfielder was given his marching orders.

Raunds continued to put up a tough resistance, and it wasn't until first-half injury time when the home side doubled their lead, again, Hitchcock the scorer. Knight played a ball out to Owusu on the wing, who cut back in and took a shot. While the effort appeared to be going wide, an outstretched foot from the Raunds left-back put the ball into the path of Claston Gordon; he squared to Hitchcock, who controlled the ball and let it fly into the left-hand corner of the goal.

SECOND HALF

While Raunds kept the score down in the first half, it was a challenging second period for the away team, conceding seven more goals, and Bedford were 3 - 0 up within six minutes of the restart. Dan Walker demonstrated his return to form, causing problems for the Raunds defence all afternoon and made the third goal with some great work down the right. His ball found Brown, who squared the ball to Hitchcock, but rather than attempt to complete his hat-trick, he dummed the ball for Kevin Owusu to slide the ball beyond the Raunds Keeper.

The fourth goal was all about Dan Walker. Picking the ball up from Owusu, just inside the



Real Bedford 9 - 0 Raunds Town
5th October 2022
McMullen Park

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Raunds half, he skipped past two defenders and coolly slotted the ball into the net. After missing several games through injury, the goal is a welcome return to scoring for the Bedford talisman.

While Raunds were out of the game, they did have chances to score, and Tyler McGregor continued his impressive form this season, keeping another clean sheet, including a great save in the 58th minute blocking a 30-yard shot which appeared destined for the back of the net.

Bedford made it five in the 72nd minute, with Andy Sinclair scoring his first of the season. The substitute returning to the team put in his best performance of the season, capped with a classy finish from just inside the box.

Sinclair went from scorer to maker for Tom Hitchcock to grab his first hat-trick for Real. Picking the ball up on the right-hand side, Sinclair hit a low cross into the box for Hitchcock to place beyond the keeper.

Hitchcock wasn't done there and scored a fourth in the 83rd minute. Tom Wood, playing on the right of the back three, passed to Hitchy, who, at the edge of the box, dinked a first-time ball over the Raunds' defence to Dan

Walker, who returned the ball to Hitchcock to finish similarly to his last goal.

The rout continued in the 84th minute, with Jordan Brown getting on the score sheet and Gordon getting his second assist of the afternoon. Dan Walker again caused problems on the right, and his cross was headed away only to the feet of Gordon, who squared the ball for Brown to finish into the empty net.

Bedford scored their final goal in the 90th minute, with Matty Clifford scoring his third goal of the season. A corner from Knight was met on the volley at the front post by the defender.

The home side continued to push for a 10th but could not find the net again and settled for a 9-goal winning margin, maintaining their 12-point lead at the top of the table and extending their goal difference to +41.

RBFC: McGregor, Gordon, Clifford, Knight ©, Uttridge, Wood, Owusu (Sinclair, 62'), Corbit (Baker-Bond, 75'), Walker, Hitchcock (McLeod-Bentley, 83'), Brown.

Unused Subs: Murray, Ayre.



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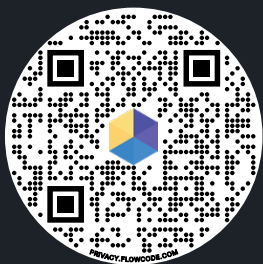
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DIV 1 - FIXTURES 2022/23

AUGUST				
SAT 6	3:00PM	H	Rushden & Higham United	(W) 3-0
SAT 13	3:00PM	A	Buckingham Athletic	(W) 1-7
SAT 20	3:00PM	A	Burton Park Wanderers	(W) 1-2
TUE 23	7:45PM	H	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	(W) 3-0
SEPTEMBER				
SAT 3	3:00PM	A	London Tigers	(W) 1-2
TUE 6	7:45PM	H	Raunds Town (Gladwish Challenge Trophy)	(W) 9-1
SAT 17	3:00PM	A	Holmer Green	(W) 1-4
TUE 20	7:45PM	H	Moulton FC	(W) 5-0
SAT 24	3:00PM	A	Amersham Town	(W) 1-3
TUE 27	7:30PM	A	London Tigers (Division One Cup)	(L) 1-2
OCTOBER				
SAT 1	3:00PM	H	Lutterworth Athletic	(W) 1-0
TUE 4	7:45PM	A	Raunds Town	(W) 0-2
SAT 8	3:00PM	H	Winslow United	(W) 4-1
SAT 15	3:00PM	H	Rugby Borough	(L) 2-1
TUE 18	7:45PM	A	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	(W) 0-2
SAT 22	3:00PM	A	Moulton FC	(W) 1-2
SAT 29	3:00PM	A	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos (Gladwish Challenge Trophy)	(W) 0-1
NOVEMBER				
SAT 5	3:00PM	H	Raunds Town	(W) 9-0
SAT 19	3:00PM	H	Eaton Socon	
SAT 26	3:00PM	H	London Tigers	
DECEMBER				
SAT 3	2:00PM	A	Flitwick Town First (Bedfordshire County Cup, Senior Trophy)	
TUE 6	7:45PM	A	Thame Reserves	
SAT 10	3:00PM	A	Wellingborough Whitworth	
SAT 17	3:00PM	H	Amersham Town	
TUE 27	7:45PM	A	Amphill Town	
JANUARY				
MON 2	3:00PM	H	Langford	
SAT 7	3:00PM	A	Northampton Sileby Rangers	
SAT 14	3:00PM	H	Northampton Sileby Rangers	
SAT 28	3:00PM	H	Wellingborough Whitworth	
FEBRUARY				
WED 1	7:45PM	A	Eaton Socon	
SAT 18	3:00PM	H	Buckingham Athletic	
SAT 25	3:00PM	A	Rugby Borough	
MARCH				
SAT 4	3:00PM	H	Holmer Green	
SAT 11	3:00PM	H	Burton Park Wanderers	
SAT 18	3:00PM	A	Rushden & Higham United	
SAT 25	3:00PM	H	Lutterworth Athletic	
APRIL				
SAT 1	3:00PM	A	Northampton ON Chenecks	
SAT 8	3:00PM	A	Langford	
MON 10	3:00PM	H	Amphill Town	
SAT 15	3:00PM	H	Thame United Reserves	

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THE AWAY TEAM

Library records indicate that Eaton Socon were playing football as early as 1867. Since that time the club have played at various locations within the Eaton Socon area.

In 1961 club captain, Peter Chamberlain, along with local landowner Spencer Thomas, appealed to the local council to find Eaton Socon FC a permanent new home. A ground was developed and from 1963 to the present day the club has resided at River Road ground in Eaton Socon.

Up until 1997 the club has always played its football within the Bedfordshire league however in 1997, the club decided that it would attract more players and a better press coverage by moving from Bedfordshire to

Cambridgeshire league football.

The club has now three senior sides, first team in Spartan League, reserves in Cambs Senior A, a team in Division 2b. There are also a ladies team in the Cambridgeshire Div 1, a veterans team who play in a Bedfordshire Monday night league and a pan disability team who play in the Hertfordshire league.

The club has come a long way and to have reached Step 6 football is great testament to all the hard work it has put in.

MATCHDAY SQUAD



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TYLER **MCGREGOR**
ROB **DUCKET**
JAMES **DUCKET**
ANDY **SINCLAIR**
JACK **UTTRIDGE**
TOM **WOOD**
BEN **WALSH**
LUKE **KNIGHT (C)**
BEN **MCGRATH**
JORDAN **BROWN**
STANLEY **AYRE**
TYRELLE **MCLEOD BENTLEY**
JAMIE **SYLVESTER**
JIM **BURNSIDE**
ARCHIE **CULLEY**
HARRY **MURRAY**
EDDIE **CORBIT**
MATT **CLIFFORD**
FLYNN **BAKER-BOND**
DAN **WALKER**
TOM **HITCHCOCK**
KEVIN **OWUSU**
CLASTON **GORDON**

MANAGER: ROB **SINCLAIR**
ASSISTANT MANAGER: MARK **DUCKET**
GOALKEEPING COACH: IAN **BROWN**
HEAD SPORTS THERAPIST: LOTTIE **BURTON**
KITMAN: JON **D'ARCY**

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THOMAS **BAXTER**
OWEN **DIXON**
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SCOTT **JOSEPH**
JOSH **KANE**
DOMINIC **MASON**
ANDRE **REECE-BROWN**
THOMAS **ROBERTS**
RHYS **THORPE**
SHAUN **FLACK**
STEVE **SHAW**
SHANE **FOX**
RYAN **BAXTER**
CALLAN **IRVINE**
DEAN **PARRATT**

MANAGERS: C **SMITH** / M **GARWOOD**
PHYSIO: C **SMITH**