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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and wish you all a happy new year.

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

We are now just over halfway through the season. It's been a great first half winning 19 out of the 20 league games played. The boys have been fantastic to work with, and their commitment and attitudes in every training session are a credit to them. The hard work is showing with the results we are getting on the pitch. It's now down to all of us to keep this momentum going and start 2023 in a positive manner. A special mention also goes to the staff. The support they have shown me has been tremendous, and I'm hugely grateful for it.

We had a good result against Ampthill town in front of a fantastic crowd of 401.

It was a touching moment to see over 100 of our fans come to support us so thank you very much. The performance levels of the boys were great. We dominated the game for large periods, and with the chances we created, the scoreline could've been more convincing. The pleasing aspect for me is how relentless the boys are becoming, which is down to how hard they train and how they keep themselves fit and healthy.

It is a busy January ahead with some exciting games. I urge all the fans to continue coming and showing us the support you have. It really does make a difference.

I hope everyone has a great 2023, and we continue to put smiles on your faces.

Rob Sinclair, Manager

As we enter 2023. I can only reflect massively contributed to the development

As we enter 2023, I can only reflect on the first half of the season with an immense sense of pride for what we are building in Bedford, and I want to take the opportunity in this issue to thank everyone involved.

Firstly I want to thank our manager Rob Sinclair. When we first met, I was unsure what he made of the project or me, but we have built a fantastic relationship over the last six months. We speak multiple times a day on various issues relating to the club, and our similar work ethic has created a bond driving the club forward. I set Rob the goal of winning promotion, and with 19 wins in our first 20 league matches, he has more than delivered.

I also need to thank Rob's backroom staff. Ducks has shown a similar work ethic and dedication to the team and is a reassuring voice for my inexperience in football. Our physio Lottie is the constant smile in the club and has done wonders in keeping the players fit and fresh. I also need to thank our new GK coach, Ian Brown, who joined during the season and has massively contributed to the development of Tyler McGregor.

I want to give a massive shout-out to our captain Luke Knight and the rest of the players. Luke has led from the front, game after game, throwing himself into every tackle and header like it is the most important game of his life. But it takes a team to win, and whoever is selected come match day, the team has turned up and shown a relentless winning mentality. You only need to look at our game against Wellingborough, 2 - 1 down and down to 10 men with 20 minutes to go; the team ran out 5 - 2 winners. Game after game, the boys have delivered whatever a match has thrown at them.

Next, I need to thank Tom and Emma. I am very demanding and probably don't thank them enough. They have worked diligently on club operations, helping ensure that every aspect of the club runs as smoothly as possible. The results are seen not only with the wins in the league but in our growing revenue and attendance.



I also need to thank our volunteers, who the club relies heavily on for home games. We have built up a solid group of locals who give up their free time to help ensure that the team and the fans have everything they need.

I need to thank you, the fans, whether it is our local fanbase who will come out on a rainy Tuesday night to support the lads or our foreign supporters who get up in the early hours to watch the live stream. All of you have contributed to what we are building. We have sold an incredible 2,000 shirts, and this money helps support the club.

I must also mention our sponsors. Without you, none of this would be possible. You bought into my vision, and the financial backing you have given us has allowed us to invest in the team and the ground.

Lastly, I need to thank my family, especially my kids. They put up with my matchday emotions but have also helped, whether it's Scarlett helping make bacon sandwiches or Conor working the gate. I am sure I have missed a bunch of people; sorry if I have. Anyone who has been involved with the project in any way, I am truly grateful.

So here we are, halfway through the season, but we haven't won anything yet. We have 18 games to go, 18 matches which will decide our destiny for this season. I know that Rob, his team, the players and the management team will give everything they have to ensure that when we come to the end of the season, we have done everything we can to secure promotion. We do require your continued support. The players tell us how much of a difference it makes when a big crowd cheers them on.

So let's give it everything we have, up The Pirates!

Peter McCormack, Chairman

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. It was nice to have some time off with the family, but the lads and I are now focused on the second half of the season and maintaining our winning mentality.

The first half of the season could not have gone better. Taking 19 wins from our 20 league games has been an incredible reward for the hard work we have put in. Rob has done an excellent job of keeping us focused and has reminded us that we have won nothing yet.

The chairman is very clear on his goal for the club, which is to bring league football to Bedford. This goal is six promotions away, and we are in an excellent position to tick the first one off. The dressing room is brimming with confidence, but we take nothing for granted. We have 18 league games to go, and we are treating them like 18 cup finals.

The support we have received from the fans backing the team makes a huge difference. Seeing over 100 Real Bedford supporters come to Ampthill shows the community the club is building, and as Captain, I want to do everything I can to deliver a promotion for you.

Up The Pirates!

Luke Knight, Captain

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NOT THAT KIND OF HASH...



FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

We are halfway through the season, and it has been some ride. It's been hard work, fun, challenging and rewarding, and learning on the job has also presented new challenges. Luckily I have had Rob on hand to help guide me, he has taught me so much this season, and I am grateful for his knowledge and experience in football.

So here we are; we have played 20 games and won 19. I go through so many emotions on match day, Wellingborough Whitworth being a great example of this, and probably my favourite game so far. The tension, the emotions, and how we turned the game around in the second half, this is the excitement I am here for.

Looking back to the beginning of the season, I take so much pleasure in how far we have come. Pete, Tom and I have grown as our own little team, putting up with each other's quirks and finding a winning formula for running the club.

Seeing us build a community around the club has been incredible; so many people are coming weekly to support the team, both home and away. I have loved getting to know our regular supporters, players, families and friends. Even on a wet and cold Tuesday night, the attendances we have been achieving are way ahead of last season. I have also loved watching the team grow, getting to know the players, the new additions, and how the team has come together, they're a great bunch of lads. The management team of Rob, Mark, lan and Lottie have been impeccable with their hard work, and It's been a joy getting to know them individually too.

I want to thank the pool of volunteers who give their time week after week. We can't thank you enough.

As we enter the second half of the season, I'm looking forward to seeing our community grow even bigger. So many more people are interested in what we are doing and achieving, and we're working hard to build even larger attendances.

I'm also looking forward to seeing the team grow even stronger, ready to fight their way through the second half and hopefully win the title. I'm sure there will be more challenges along the way, and we will be ready for any that comes our way.

Emma Firman, COO



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PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Tyler McGregor Nickname: Ty/T Date of birth: 17th October 2002 <u>Place of birth: Milton Keynes</u>

Previous clubs: Mk Dons, Newport, Hanslope, Mk College.

Favourite team: Manchester United.

Favourite player: David de Gea.

Most memorable footballing moment: Winning the league cup in the 21/22 season with MK College.

Career highlight: Playing for the Dons Academy

Occupation: Learning my coaching badges to further my development.

Hobby: Drawing and working out

REAL BEDFORD OPEN U TER 4 - O WIN OVER LO

Real Bedford welcomed London Tigers to McMullen Park for the third meeting of the teams this season. Real won a close contest in the league, coming back from one down to win 2 - 1 but lost their first game of the season to Tigers in the Division Cup.

Bedford took control of the game early on and were ahead within ten minutes. Harry Murray split the defence to put Dan Walker free inside the right-hand side of the box. Walker, returning to form, squared the ball to Jordan Brown, but the Tigers defender turned the ball into the back of the net.

Five minutes later, Tigers had the chance to level the game, but a double save from man of the match Tyler McGregor maintained the Bedford Lead. Clean through on goal, the Tigers striker attempted to lob McGregor, who parried the ball before diving forward to push the ball away from the oncoming striker.

Both teams had chances to score before Real scored again. Firstly, Harry Murray's long-range shot was heading towards goal but rebounded off the head of a Tigers defender. Dan Walker then saved Bedford with a goal-line clearance from the Tigers.

Bedford's second goal came at the half-hour mark. Following a foul on Jordan Brown, Luke Knight's 25-year free-kick was pushed onto the bar by the Tigers keeper. He missed the follow-up, only for Jordan Brown to smash the ball into the back of the net.

Bedford made it three just before the half-time whistle, with Dan Walker getting on the scoresheet. Jordan Brown found Andy Sinclair inside the

Real Bedford 4 - 0 London Tigers 26th November 2022 McMullen Park

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box, who unleashed an attempt with his left foot. The shot didn't appear to threaten the goal but was fumbled by the Tigers goalkeeper, and the oncoming Walker couldn't miss.

SECOND HALF

n Real Bedford came out for the second half looking to add more goals but struggled to find a fourth. Efforts from Knight and Walker both missed the target, and it looked like the home side might have to settle for 3 - 0 until Kevin Owusu scored in the 63rd minute.

Claston Gordon, putting in another solid performance for his new team, skipped past the Tigers' defence and found Clifford in space on the left. He, in turn, found Andy Sinclair. The midfielder, playing in the 10, let fly with another shot that the Tigers keeper saved well, but he could only push the shot into the path of Owusu, who finished with ease.

Both sides had more chances. Tigers struggled to find the target with clear opportunities in front of the goal, and Kevin Owusu had a second goal for him disallowed for a foul by Jim Burnside on the Tigers' defence.

The game's final action was a sending-off for Tigers as one of their players saw a straight red for something said to the referee. The game finished 4 - 0 and another three points for the Real title campaign.

RBFC: McGregor, Gordon, Clifford, Knight © (McGrath, 68'), Wood, Uttridge, Owusu (Ayre, 88'), Murray (Corbit, 55'), Walker (Burnside, 55'), Sinclair (R. Ducket, 84'), Brown.





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Real Bedford arrived at The ASM Stadium in cold conditions looking to maintain their gap at the top of the league with title rivals Northampton Sileby also playing.

It was a dominant opening from the away team with Real putting Thame under pressure from the opening whistle. Under the floodlights, Real Bedford looked hungry for goals and kept Thame's keeper Micky Thompson busy early on.

The first good chance fell to Dan Walker 15 minutes into the game when a tempting ball on the edge of the area landed at the striker's feet. Walker produced a sweet shot that forced an acrobatic save from Thompson to deny him a spectacular opening goal. Walker was then the provider, feeding the ball towards Tom Hitchcock moments later, who shot from point-blank range, but the reflexes of Thompson once again kept the game scoreless.

Real Bedford continued to pile on the pressure, with Thame struggling to get out of their half, and it wasn't long before the away side was ahead. Hitchcock was fouled just outside the Thame United box, and Luke Knight stepped up to punish the home side. Bending his shot around the Thame Wall, the Real captain squeezed his shot into the bottom corner. It was another great goal from Knight to break the deadlock and give The Pirates a slender lead.

Real nearly doubled their lead shortly after as Claston Gordon picked up the ball on the edge of the box and forced a goal-line clearance from Thame's Max West to deny the Bedford wing-back his first goal for the club. It felt like the floodgates were ready to open, but it would be Thame who would take control of the game at the end of the half.

Complacent defending from Real Bedford gave Thame two opportunities before the break to give them the lead heading into halftime. An ambitious run from their young striker James Carr caught Bedford napping as he slotted the ball past McGregor to level up proceedings.

Thame United then doubled down, Harry Alexander picking up on a loose pass from James Ducket and putting McGregor in nomans-land, careering past the keeper and placing the ball in a vacant net; Thame head-



ing into the break with an unexpected lead.

SECOND HALF

A stern team talk from Rob Sinclair at halftime was evident as The Pirates came out for the second half looking far more threatening. Ten minutes of sustained pressure was too much for the home team, who conceded after a well-weighted lobbed pass from Luke Knight found Jordan Brown in space and he calmly tucked it away in the box to bring the score level.

Five minutes later and Real were back ahead, and it was Knight who was the creator once again. Another lobbed ball, this time from a free-kick, found the head of Tom Wood in the box, who nodded it down for Dan Walker on the 6-yard line, who was never going to miss.

The floodaates now opened, and it only took a few more minutes before Real Bedford bagged another. Eddie Corbit pulling the strings in a MOTM display, managing to find room on the wing and pulled it back to Dan Walker in the box. His initial shot was parried away by Thompson but only as far as Jordan Brown, who tapped the ball over the line, a

stereotypical poacher's goal for the prolific striker.

Real Bedford were now in the driving seat, allowing Sinclair to make changes and see out the game. Burnside's came on for Owusu and his impact was almost immediate, but while his shot beat the keeper, the goal was ruled offside. The striker wasn't going to be left out of the scoring, and shortly after, with a toe poke finish past the keeper after some superb interplay from the majority of the Real Bedford team in a well-worked team aoal.

Real was still not done and inflicted a final blow while the clock was in the red. Claston Gordon gained control of the ball on the edge of the box, flicking the ball back to Andy Sinclair, who struck the ball first time, rifling the ball into the bottom right corner. His second goal is as many games rounding off what finished a confident victory for Real Bedford.

RBFC: McGregor, Gordon, Owusu (Burnside 59'), Wood, Uttridge, J.Ducket, Corbit (McGrath 64), Knight ©, Walker, Hitchcock (Sinclair 78'). Brown. Unused Subs: McLeod-Bentley.



With most games in non-league football postponed due to frozen pitches, Real Bedford arrived at Wellingborough Whitworth looking to extend their lead at the top of the league heading into the season's halfway point.

Real immediately put the home side under pressure and should have been in front within five minutes. A long through ball from James Ducket bounced off the head of Wellingborough defender Nathan Heycock into the path of Burnside, but with only the keeper to beat, Burnside put the ball just wide.

While Wellingborough are sat at the bottom of the Spartan Division One, they were not going to give the league leaders an easy time and scored the game's first goal in the 7th minute. Remy Britian broke free down the right-hand side and cut the ball to Cairo Taylor just inside the box, who shot under Tyler McGregor from a tight angle.

Real were back level just after the half-hour mark. Luke Knight whipped a free-kick into the box for Jack Uttridge to score his first goal for Bedford. The defender was first to the ball and headed it against the underside of the bar, the ball bouncing behind the line and back out. While the home side disputed the goal, the linesman confirmed that the ball had crossed the line and Real was level.

With Real now looking to take the lead, the chance of winning the game was made more difficult as Tom Hitcock was sent off five minutes before the break. Jumping for a header against Whitworth's captain Jack Daldy, Hitchcock fell over the player, jumped to his feet, and pushed him back to the ground. The referee consulted with the linesman and sent Hitchcock for an early shower.

SECOND HALF

Despite being down to ten men, Real took the game to Wellingborough, and Sinclair made two changes at halftime, switching to a 4-4-1. Matt Clifford came on for James Ducket, and Owusu replaced Burnside, strengthening the midfield.

The game established a pattern in the second half with Real dominating possession, looking to pick holes in the Wellingborough defence with the home side creating chances on the break.

While Bedford pushed for a winner, Wellingborough nearly took the lead on the hour mark, but for an excellent save from Bedford No.1 Tyler McGregor. Freddie King met a deep

Wellingborough Whitworth 2 - 5 Real Bedford

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cross into the Bedford box, which McGregor saved with his feet.

Next up, it was Bedford to come close. This time Jordan Brown made space down the left, cutting the ball back to Dan Walker, whose shot took a deflection and went wide.

The deadlock was broken in the 71st minute. A free-kick into the Bedford box was deflected out of the box but chasing the loose ball, Andy Sinclair tripped Jacob Thompson in the box, and the ref pointed to the spot. Kobi Bivens stepped up and slotted the penalty home to give the league's bottom side the lead.

With Bedford facing defeat, the team clicked into another gear and were immediately level. Dan Walker headed on a long ball from Tom Wood deep inside the Bedford half to Jordan Brown. The prolific Bedford striker hit the ball past the oncoming Barthoz Wiciek, the ball rebounding off the inside of the left-hand post back to Jordan Brown, who couldn't miss.

Real smelled blood and pushed for a winner, and took the lead with five minutes to go. A cross ball from Real Captain Luke Knight found Claston Gordon on the right-hand side. His cross was tipped into the path of Jordan Brown, who volleyed into the bottom left-hand corner to the delight of the travelling Bedford faithful.

With Real Bedford looking to hold onto the lead, Wellingborough gifted the game to the away side. A nothing shot from Owusu deflected into the arms of the Wellingborough keeper, who shoved Brown to the ground, conceding a penalty. Knight stepped up a cooly slotted the ball into the bottom left-hand corner.

Bedford was still not done, and Jordan Brown completed his hat-trick in injury time, taking him to 19 goals for the season. With Wellingborough looking to get back in the game, Real broke free with Dan Walker clean through on goal, but the striker squared the ball to Brown unselfishly.

We are now at the halfway point of the season, with Real having played 19, won 18 and lost 1. We may come back to look at this game as one of the most important of the season come April.

RBFC: McGregor, Gordon, J. Ducket (Clifford, 45'), Knight ©, Uttridge, Wood, Burnside (Owusu, 45'), Sinclair, Walker, Hitchcock, Brown.

Unused Subs: McGrath, R. Ducket.

REAL BEDFORD WIN 3 AMPTHILL TOWNIN FR

Real rewarded the travelling Bedford faithful with a 3 - 1 win away at local rivals Ampthill Town. The traditional post-Christmas derby saw around 100 away fans make the trip to Ampthill for what promised to be a great game of football. With Real topping the table and Ampthill chasing the playoffs, there was a lot to play for, as seen with Ampthill drawing in a record crowd this season of over 400.

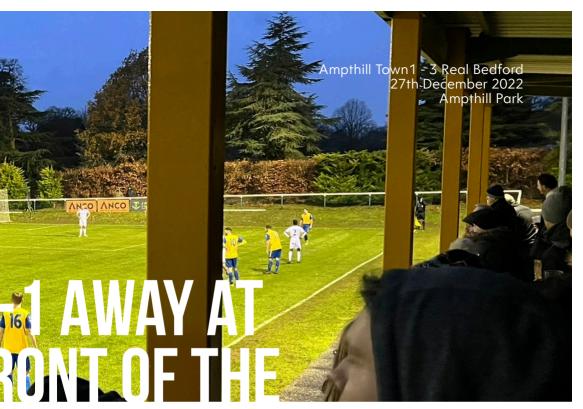
The referee blew the whistle as the rain started to fall, and Bedford immediately took control of the game. Within five minutes, the away side nearly took the lead but for a great save from Ross Tompkins in the Ampthill goal, tipping a long-range shot from Luke Knight over the bar. Knight, hungry for a goal, made sure Bedford had the lead in the 10th minute. Another long-range shot from the Real Captain hit the underside of the bar to put the league leaders ahead. Bedford continued to push for a second, and Tompkins again pulled off a great save to push Eddie Corbit's 20-yard drive over.

Half an hour into the game, Ampthill started to get control of the midfield, with ex-Bedford player Draycott causing problems down the left. Ampthill pushed for an equaliser but struggled to create any clear cut chances.

With the first half coming to an end, Jim Burnside had two chances to increase the Bedford lead. Firstly, a cross from the impressive Jordan Brown was put wide, and two minutes later, Tompkins pulled off another great save to deny the Bedford striker.

SECOND HALF

The second half followed the same pattern as the first, with Bedford dominating the opening 20 minutes. There were chances for Jim Burnside and Jordan



 Brown, with Burnside saved when clean through on goal and Brown hitting the post.

Looking to capitalise on possession, Rob Sinclair brought Kevin Owusu on for Andy Sinclair, with the young winger immediately causing problems down the left. Within five minutes, Owusu

- added his name to the score sheet.
 Claston Gordon skipped past two tackles on the wing and delivered a pinpoint
- cross for Owusu, who buried the ball in the back of the net to double Bedford's lead.

Ampthill nearly got back into the game after a mistake at the back for Real. A loose pass from Tyler McGregor in the Bedford goal gave Ampthill a chance to get a goal back, but McGregor made amends by pushing the shot onto the bar and out for a corner.

The game boiled over in the 70th minute after a bad tackle on Jordan

Brown. Both teams reacted, and after some pushing and shoving, the referee showed four yellow cards.

With Bedford looking comfortable for the win, Ampthill found themselves back in the game in the 80th minute. Great work down the left from Sam Holmes who skipped passed the tackle of James Ducket and cut the ball across the Bedford goal where ex-Real defender Mark Bunker slotted comfortably into the back of the net.

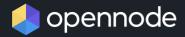
Game on.

With Ampthill smelling blood, Bedford immediately restored their lead. This time Jim Burnside was never going to miss as a through ball found him 6 yards out, and he smashed the ball past Tompkins, securing three more points for Bedford.





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





BPR academy player Jaxon Carter turns seven this week. In his first full season playing football, he joined the pre-academies of MK Dons, Luton Town & Peterborough United and attended training sessions for Spurs & Chelsea. Jaxon likes to play as a Right Winger or a Striker and has an eye for goal. His favourite player is Kylian Mbappe, and outside of football, he loves to play Fortnite. Jaxon is part of the academy u7 Hurricanes team that plays in the u8 league and has only lost one game this season.

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Between 1897 and 1908 friendly matches were played by a team from Langford against other local villages. Home games were at Boot Meadow, a couple of hundred yards from "The Boot" a former public house which still stands at the south end of the village.

Langford Football Club was formed in 1908 and competitive football began with entry into The Biggleswade and District Junior League for the 1908-1909 season. On Saturday the 12th September we played our first match, beating Shefford Town 6-2. We finished 10th of 11 teams, with only Shefford below us. Two years later Shefford were top and Langford Runners-Up.

We finished second for four years out of five and won our first ever trophy, The Beds Junior Cup, in April 1914 with a 4-1 victory over Luton Rosedale. Sadly three of that cup winning team, and one of the reserves, died during the First World War.

From 1919-1925, and again from 1935-1949, our home ground was at Vicarage End, next to the River Ivel, at the far north end of the village. In between from 1925-1935, we played at The Leys, which was much more central. The building of a new housing estate at The Leys forced our return to Vicarage End.

The inter-war years were not very successful, despite the team having some good players, several of whom served us for more than ten years. We won the Bedford and District League for the first time in 1931-1932, and after three defeats in the final of The North Beds Charity Cup collected that trophy in 1928, and in 1931.

In 1949 we moved grounds again to the new King George V Memorial Playing Field in the centre of Langford, and gained instant success on the improved surface. A wonderful season bought us the 'double' of The Bedford League Championship and The League Cup. This was also a record breaking year for the players with Johnny Gabitas and 'Dud' Dudley each scoring six goals in a game, setting the standing club record. We then won nothing until 1969 when a defeat of Brache Sparta secured us the Beds Intermediate Cup. The managerial skills of two former Luton Town winners, Billy Waugh and Roland Legate, bought us a succession of trophies between 1969 and 1976, and only Steve Norris has surpassed them.

Steve's 1988-89 team repeated the 'double' success of forty years prior albeit at a much stronger level of the South Midlands League Premier Division. As of today that is the highest league in which we have competed. Over the last 20+ years we have suffered a few relegations, enjoyed our promotions and many cup successes (see Club Honours page). Thanks to the vision and hard work of our former Chairman and President Mr Ted Rutt, assisted by his hard working committee, we were able to move to our ground at Forde Park in 1984. This is at the south end of the village just over the parish boundary with Henlow, and where we still play today. We purchased the Freehold from Mid-Beds District council in 1991. A new 106 seater stand was opened in December 2007, and standing accommodating for another 100 spectators a year later.

The pitch was levelled and resown in the summer of 2006, and is now one of the best in the league, thanks to the continuing efforts of a number committee members. We are pleased to have also won the Leagues Sportsmanship Cup, which covers hospitality as well as conduct throughout the Club, on five occasions between 2000 and 2011.

Ahead of the 2021-2022 Season Langford Football Club restructured the Committee. We started the season with a New Management Team, halfway through the season the Managers have moved on and have been replaced by Graham Reynolds and Stuart Robertson, with the knowledge and experience they bring we are sure they will do well the whole Committee wish them all the best for the second half of the season.

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