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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

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

I am going to talk about a part of life that some people understandably find difficult, and I was once this person. We recently had World Mental Health Day, something I fully support. While this is a day to raise awareness of mental health issues, I believe this is something we should be talking about all the time.

When I started out as a footballer, I used to hear about mental health, and I was like, what is this? Why? I had numerous questions in my head about it but never understood it until I struggled with my mental health, and that's when I finally understood what people were talking about.

I finished my playing career aged 28, and I struggled with the fact I was no longer a footballer. I saw a counsellor weekly for two years to talk things through. During these two years, there were some tough, dark times, but

the fact I was speaking about it and talking it through was powerful and helped me immensely.

So I encourage anyone who is struggling to please talk to someone. You may think you don't require a counsellor, but talking to someone, even speaking to a friend or a family member, can help.

This brings me to this football club. Pete, Tom and Emma are creating a wonderful family community football club which I know will be helping many with their own mental health, so thank you.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the 172 that turned up to watch us last Saturday against Winslow. Your support was absolutely fantastic. It's wonderful to see so many people from different age groups and backgrounds coming together to support Real Bedford.

Rob Sinclair,
Manager



FROM THE BOARDROOM

I've just returned from another work trip, and these are becoming harder since taking over the club. I love my job, but watching the games on a live stream is no match for being at the ground.

With my job, I am fortunate to travel the world, talking to some of the brightest minds in money, macroeconomics and Bitcoin. I host a podcast called What Bitcoin Did, where we dive into societal issues through the lens of money. We talk about the nature of money, the economy and governance and how Bitcoin can be used to fix the inherent problems in the system. With each trip, we head to a specific location, build a studio, book 20 guests and knuckle down for two weeks of recording.

Owning Real Bedford has forced some changes on us. My producer, Danny, knows we can't book any recordings while the games are on. With the time difference, we then have to find a pub open in the morning that will let us stream the game and try and get a few local bitcoiners to come and watch it with us. On this last trip, we had 20 of us in a pub in Austin, and 10 came down for the early kick-off against Winslow in Miami.

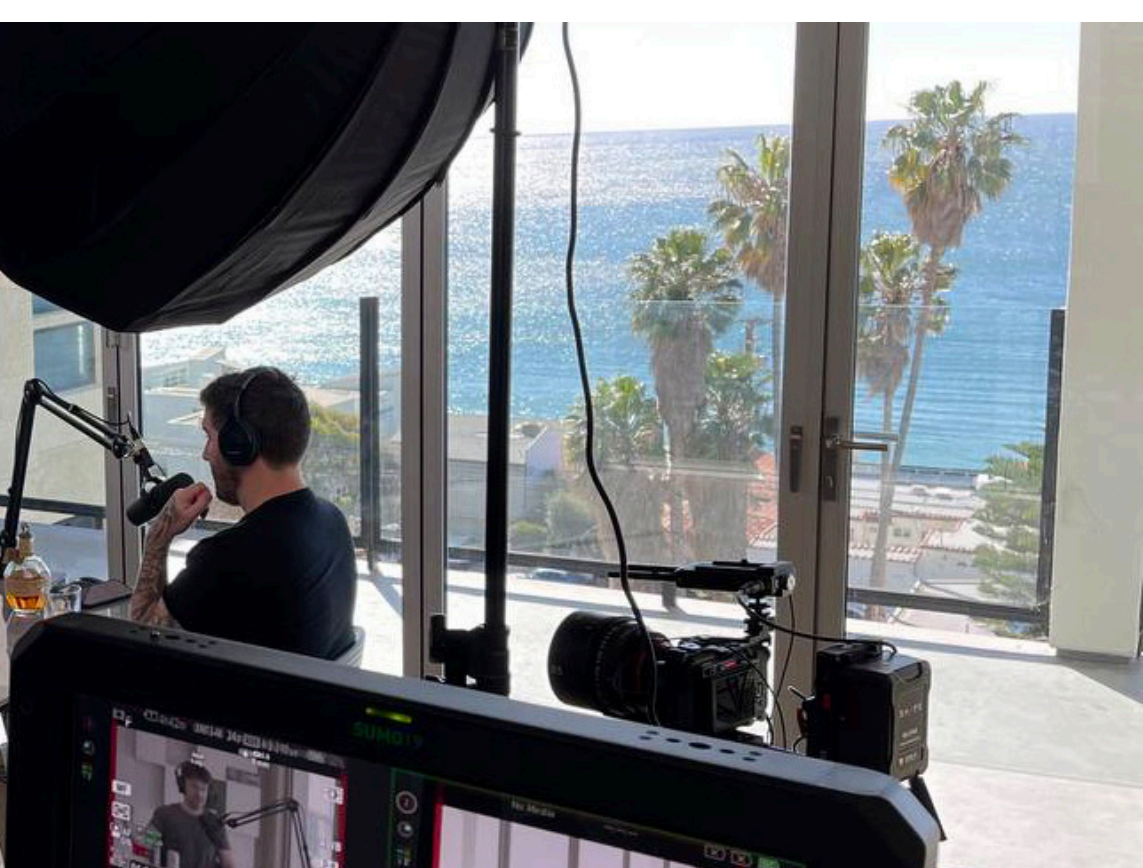
The Real Bedford story has captivated some of the Bitcoin community. While we watch the live stream, I spend my time explaining what promotion and relegation are, how we recruit players and the difference between the league and cups. So many community members have gotten behind this project, and I owe

them a great debt of gratitude. It is another thing which makes me so determined to make this project a success. This little 10th-tier team in Bedford now has a global following, with global sponsors backing my vision, hundreds joining the live stream each week and thousands having bought merchandise. We even have people making their pilgrimage to Bedford to watch our boys play.

I want success for my town, success on the pitch for the men's and ladies' teams, and to support footballing opportunities for kids in the town. There is so much to do, and much of this requires money. Because we have managed to build an interest in this through the Bitcoin community, we have been able to invest in the ground, ladies and youth teams this season.

Equally, I want to spread financial education, and I'm increasingly talking about the subject to people in Bedford. When people ask me what Bitcoin is, I start by explaining what is wrong with the current economic system. I explain how the government prints money, how banks expand credit and why this can lead to inflation, financial instability and how it ultimately hurts you, a productive part of society.

Bitcoin is largely misunderstood. The rabbit hole of information requires you to learn about the history of money and how central banks function. You must understand some technical things and learn to manage



money in a sovereign way. You need to drop any preconceived ideas regarding Bitcoin perpetuated by lazy journalists. Lastly, you must separate Bitcoin from crypto; they are entirely different concepts, lumped together by those who do not understand ideas such as decentralisation, digital scarcity and security.

When people ask me, "Is now a good time to buy Bitcoin?" I only have one answer: now is a good time to learn about money. Buying Bitcoin is hard; it is a new financial system demonetising other parts of the world, but being new and launched as a decentralised currency, it has a challenging journey to becoming the world's money. This is why education is essential.

All emergent technologies have a volatile adoption journey. The Internet was the same, but Bitcoin has a price directly attached to it, often used to judge its success. But there are other indicators of success far more critical than price.

Bitcoiners often say, "I came for the gains but stayed for the revolution". Once you take the Bitcoin orange pill, it peels back the layers of incentives in the world, and you realise why the separation of money and state is so important. We live in reasonably stable global economies in developed countries. Still, I have seen up close the devastation the collapse of money can have in countries like Venezuela. Right now, other countries are suffering too. From Argentina to Turkey, people are

living through high double-digit or even triple-digit inflation, which is crushing economies and raising the cost of living.

I rarely look at the price these days, it is an unimportant factor for me, and if I do, there is only one price I care about, the lowest price Bitcoin has hit each year. For me, the high price is driven by market speculation, but the low price indicates whether the base value of Bitcoin is growing, and it is.

I want Bitcoin to succeed because of what a Bitcoin standard will bring to the world. I want a financial system that does not allow small groups to profit off financial engineering, harming billions of people worldwide.

If any of this interests you, and you want to learn more about Bitcoin, then learn about the global financial system first. Google "The Dollar Milkshake Theory". It will open your eyes to how crazy the system is. If you want to learn about Bitcoin directly, I recommend reading *The Bullish Case for Bitcoin* by my friend Vijay Boyapati. If you want to see what I do, please check out *What Bitcoin Did*, where I have hundreds of interviews that will help you understand Bitcoin and the financial system.

Peter McCormack,
Chairman

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It is vital that the senior players keep the dressing room motivated and focused. When the team is playing well, the dressing room needs to ensure that complacency does not settle in, and when games aren't going our way, it needs to raise the level of expectation.

There is always a range of characters that make up a dressing room, from jokers to motivators, experienced senior players to younger lads breaking in. Some lads might be a little quieter, especially on the younger side, and the more experienced players will ensure they understand the standard expected of them while keeping their confidence up.

It is also a place of isolation for the team, away from fans and the opposition, where real talk can happen, and players will not shy away from telling another player if he isn't playing well. It is a place to celebrate success but can be a place to ponder defeat. It is the best place in the world after a win but the worst when you lose.

The Real Bedford dressing room is one of the best I have been involved in. It has a bit of everything, but what unites it is the relentless desire to win. The atmosphere is electric, and there is loads of banter amongst the lads, but when game time comes, everyone is in the zone, focused on getting three more points.

Our squad is full of experienced players and serial winners, players who know what is required to be successful, and it is never short of a voice when things aren't going our way.

I love match day. I love getting to the ground and seeing the lads. The dressing room is always ready, so I need to thank kit man Jon for his diligent work and the entire management team who ensure we have everything we need.

**Luke Knight,
Captain**

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FROM THE OFFICE

In the early months of my first season as Club Secretary here at Real Bedford, I have had to learn on the job. Yes, there are handbooks and websites to look up rules and regulations, but much of my learning has come from Louise and the Beds FA team, whom I need to thank for patiently answering the myriad of questions I fire at them on an almost daily basis.

But in my other role as club CEO, there is much more to do than fill in match reports and liaise with the league. We are trying to build a community club that is inclusive and open to all. We want to develop not just a winning team on the pitch but a winning club off it. And to do that, we need a strong business model that can support our mission to reach the Football League whilst supporting other local businesses.

For this, we need to continue improving our infrastructure, our partnerships, and our relationships with governing bodies and the local council – which I expect will take time. Understanding the intricacies of how to build a club from the ground up, isn't found in any rule book.

I have spent 25 years working in international entertainment media, where people

trample over each other to get to the top and would happily stab a mate in the back for a chance of an exclusive. So I have been humbled to find so much support and welcome advice from our opposition team committees that we have played against in recent weeks and months. The insights and expertise so openly and generously offered have been informative, helpful and heart-warming.

I know that change doesn't necessarily happen overnight, but I'm more excited every day as our vision becomes clearer and the steps we need to get there become nearer.

When Pete and I talked about taking over a football club some years ago, we knew the end goal we wanted, but we never realised just how much fun the journey would be. As always, we couldn't do this without Rob and his team's consistently excellent performances on the pitch, which enables me to focus my time on taking those next steps on our collective journey towards league football.

Tom Pattinson,
CEO



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PLAYER PROFILE

Full name: Eddie Corbit

Nickname: Corbit

Date of birth: 21st November 2003

Place of birth: Stevenage

Previous clubs: Luton Town Football Club.

Favourite team: Tottenham.

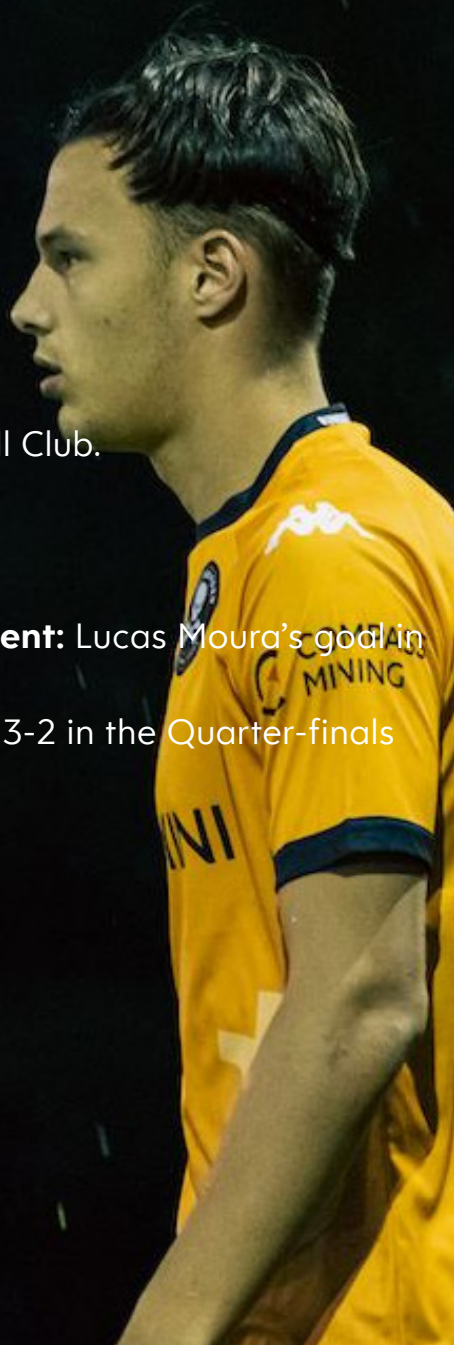
Favourite player: Kevin De Bruyne.

Most memorable footballing moment: Lucas Moura's goal in the Champions League Semi-final.

Career highlight: Beating Juventus 3-2 in the Quarter-finals on tour in Germany.

Occupation: Decorator.

Hobby: Playing PlayStation.





CLUB HISTORY

Real Bedford Football Club is a football club based in Bedford, England.

They were established in April 2022 via a friendly takeover of Bedford F.C by bitcoin podcaster Peter McCormack, the original team formed from the merger of Bedford United and US Valerio in 2002. The club is a Spartan South Midlands League Division One member and plays at McMullen Park and is affiliated with the Bedfordshire County Football Association.

History

Bedford United were established in 1957 the works team of the printing firm Diemer & Reynolds. In 1971 the club joined Division Three of the United Counties League, renamed Division Two the following season. They remained in Division Two until leaving the league in 1979, dropping into the Bedfordshire County League and winning Division One in 1979–80. In 1989 they joined Division One of the South Midlands League, becoming a member of the Senior Division following league reorganization in 1993. In 1995–96 they finished third in the division, earning a promotion to the Premier Division.

In 1997 the South Midlands League merged with the Spartan League to form the Spartan South Midlands League, with Bedford United in the Premier Division North. After finishing fourteenth

in the division in the league's first season, they were placed in the Senior Division the following season. A third-place finish in 1999-2000 saw them promoted to the Premier Division.

US Valerio Union Sportive Valerio was formed as a Sunday club in 1985, named after its founder Nicola Valerio. They started in the Michael Peters Sunday League achieving relative success over the years and won the Harrison & Rowley Cup in season 2005-06.

The Merger

The two clubs merged in 2002 to form Bedford United & Valerio, taking Bedford United's place in the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They finished second from bottom Premiership in 2004-2005 and were relegated to Division One.

In 2006 the club was renamed Bedford Valerio United before being renamed Bedford F.C. in 2007. In 2014-2015 they finished third in Division One, earning promotion to the Premier Division; however, they finished bottom of the Premier Division the following season and were relegated back to Division One.

Ground

Bedford United initially played on a pitch at the printers' firm before moving to the nearby village



of Cople and then returning to Bedford to play at Allen Park. They subsequently played at Fairhill on Clapham Road, where the club's record attendance of 1,500 was set for a South Midlands League match against Bedford Town. Sainsbury's later bought the land, and the team temporarily played on a pitch next to Kempston Rovers at Hillgrounds in Kempston before moving to McMullen Park in 1996. The ground was named after Jim McMullen, one of the club's founder members.

Club Records and Achievements

The most notable Cup Final Win was in 1966/67 when the team beat Amphill Town in the final of the Bedford Charity Cup 2-1 on Bedford Town's old ground. They had disposed of Wootton Blue Cross and Shefford on the way, all these clubs competing in higher leagues.

The most notable Friendly was on July 16th 1997 against an Arsenal XI, which drew a crowd of about 500 spectators, with highlights shown on Anglia TV. The match was held to mark Jim McMullen's 40 years with the club.

The most notable cup game was in the FA Cup at home to Kingstonian, a powerful team at that time, beating Bedford 5 - 1 on September 14th 1997. The game was played on Bedford Town's ground.

Previous Leagues: Bedford & District League 1957-1969; United Counties League 1969-1979 (name changed to Bedford United); Bedford & District League 1979-1989; South Midlands League 1989-1997; Spartan South Midlands League from 1997.

Record Gate: 1,500 in December 1991, v Bedford Town.

Top Scorer: Neil Tysoe 220 goals in 270 appearances.

Top Scorer in a season: Tony McGovern 45, Neil Tysoe 45, and Brian Ebbs 45 goals.

Record Appearances: Simon Fordham 418 in 16 seasons, 1974-1990.

Club Honours include: Bedford & District Premier League 1967-1968; Bedford & District Division 1 1979-1980; Bedfordshire Junior Cup 1979-1980; Bedford Charity Cup 1966-1967; Britannia Cup 1967-1968; Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup 1967-1968, Runners-Up 1965-1966, 1968-1969; Butcher Cup 1979-1980, 1985-1986, Runners-Up 1992-1993; Aubrey Tingey Cup Runner-Up 1984-1985; South Midlands Senior League Cup 1995-1996;

Bedfordshire Senior Trophy Winners 2012-13 & 2013-14.



BEDFORD WIN AGAIN W UNABLE TO SLOW THE P

Real Bedford extend their winning streak to 11 at McMullen Park, beating last seasons title contenders Winslow United.


Real Bedford welcomed back Luke Knight and Tom Hitchcock as they sought to continue their 100% start to the season. Winslow pushed hard for promotion last season, only losing out to Shefford in the playoffs, and while they have had a tough start to the season, they still represent an attacking threat.

The away team came out of the blocks fast and dominated the opening 15 minutes of the game, with captain Aaron King causing problems for the Bedford midfield. Despite the early pressure, Winslow could not create any clear-cut opportunities, and Bedford took the lead against the run of play. Tom Hitchcock collected the ball in midfield and floated a ball to Jordan Brown over the Winslow defence,

who took the ball down and unleashed a powerful shot past the oncoming Charlie Barnett and off the inside of the post.

Bedford nearly doubled their lead in the 23rd minute through Archie Culley. This time the provider, Brown, beat the Winslow defence and cut the ball square. Culley's shot ricocheted off Jamie Robinson in the Winslow defence towards goal, but Barnett palmed the ball away to safety.

With Bedford taking control of the game, Winslow would score next, levelling the game, and all made by captain Aaron King. A long ball from inside the Winslow half was brought down well by King under the challenge of Uttridge; clean through on goal, the Winslow captain, showed composure to glide past the oncoming Matt Clifford and slot the ball past Bedford keeper Tyler McGregor.



Real Bedford 4 - 1 Winslow United
8th October 2022
McMullen Park

WITH WINSLOW UNITED REAL MOMENTUM

SECOND HALF

Bedford came out for the second half with more determination and dominated the half, not before a change to the officiating. One of the linesmen pulled up with an injury which led to a 15-minute delay as a replacement was found.

Once the game continued, Bedford quickly took the lead. Tom Hitchcock threaded the ball through to Jordan Brown, who broke free of the Winslow defence. Barnett saved his shot well, and it could have led to a Bedford corner, but Eddie Corbit kept the ball in play, cutting back to Kevin Owusu, who added to his collection of great goals by looping the ball into the right-hand corner of the goal.

Bedford were 3 - 1 up within six minutes, with Jordan Brown scoring his second of the

game. Hitchcock collected the ball outside the Winslow defence, passing the ball to Corbit, whose first-time pass put Jordan Brown through, who slotted the ball under the onrushing keeper.

Winslow pushed hard to get back in the game, but Bedford put the result beyond doubt in the 78th minute, with Hitchcock scoring the goal of the game and Brown sealing his man-of-the-match performance by providing the cross. Again pivotal in the move, Corbit put brown clear on the right-hand side. Pushed wide, Brown looked out of space by the corner flag but managed to whip the ball into the box for Hitchcock to head past the Winslow keeper, wrapping up the game for the home team.

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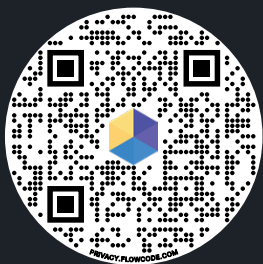
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SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

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	
TUE 18	7:45PM	A	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	
SAT 22	3:00PM	A	Moulton FC	
SAT 29	3:00PM	A	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos (Gladwish Challenge Trophy)	
NOVEMBER				
SAT 5	3:00PM	H	Raunds Town	
SAT 12	3:00PM	A	Thame United Reserve	
SAT 19	3:00PM	H	Eaton Socon	
SAT 26	3:00PM	H	London Tigers	
DECEMBER				
SAT 3	3:00PM	H	Northampton ON Chenecks	
SAT 10	3:00PM	A	Wellingborough Whitworth	
SAT 17	3:00PM	H	Amersham Town	
TUE 27	7:45PM	A	Ampthill Town	
JANUARY				
MON 2	3:00PM	H	Langford	
SAT 7	3:00PM	A	Northampton Sileby Rangers	
SAT 14	3:00PM	H	Northampton Sileby Rangers	
WED 21	7:45PM	A	Eaton Socon	
SAT 28	3:00PM	H	Wellingborough Whitworth	
FEBRUARY				
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	Ampthill Town	
SAT 15	3:00PM	H	Thame United Reserves	
SAT 22	3:00PM	A	Winslow United	

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THE AWAY TEAM

Rugby Borough FC as it is now, began life in 1994 under the name of Rugby Town Junior Football Club, and it was the Junior club who masterminded the development of our home ground facilities at Kilsby Lane.

The site, which is 35 acres, contains 2 full size 3G Astro pitches, 2 medium Astro pitches, and 17 grass pitches. For season 2022/23 over 70 teams will train and play at the site.

The forward vision of the club enabled Rugby Borough FC senior section to be set up in 2017/18 with the management team of Darran Tank, Ady Fuller and Danny Finlay, who between them had many years of non-league experience. After being accepted into the Leicestershire Senior League Division 1 we became champions in our very first season, and were promoted to the Premier Division for 2018/19

The new season saw Borough win the Premier Division title, but promotion was denied because of a local planning decision delay, preventing us from meeting the ground standards required in the allocated timeframe.

Although the 2019/20 and 20/21 seasons were curtailed by the pandemic there were some major changes going on behind the scenes, culminat-

ing in the Junior Boys and Girls, and Senior Men and Women's sections unifying, and taking the name Rugby Borough Football Club.

In 2022 Liam O'Neill was welcomed to the club to as Head of the Rugby Borough Academy of Football, with students aged from 16 to 19 playing, training and being educated at Kilsby Lane. This move has allowed the club to enter the U19 National Conference League, two U18 Midland Floodlit teams, an U19 MJPL Education team as well as an U21 team playing in the Midland Football League.

Borough fully focussed and ready for the 2021/22 season won the Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division under the leadership of Dan Carter and Kiel Mullen, with the ground now up to standard, promotion to the Spartan South Midlands Division 1 and step 6 of the non-league pyramid was finally achieved. This also allowed entries into the FA Vase and FA Youth Cups.

We look forward to visiting and meeting other clubs for the 2022/23 campaign.

MATCHDAY SQUAD



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JORDAN **BROWN**
STANLEY **AYRE**
TYRELLE **MCLEOD BENTLEY**
JAMIE **SYLVESTER**
JIM **BURNSIDE**
HARRY **MURRAY**
EDDIE **CORBIT**
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FLYNN **BAKER-BOND**
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ASH **PIPER**
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