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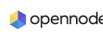
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FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

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

We had a good win on Saturday against a very strong Northampton Sileby side. Jordan Brown scored another two goals taking him to 22 for the season, and he is getting closer to leading the league goalscorer chart.

In the first 20 minutes, the boys played some really aggressive, attacking football which was pleasing to watch. Sileby then had a man sent off, which didn't help us or the game. They adjusted to a back five and defended well for the rest of the game, which was very frustrating for the boys.

Tonight will once again be a tough game. Although we beat Wellingborough 5-2 earlier in the season, they caused us problems, so we expect another challenge.

It was another good attendance on Saturday, which was nice to see, and everyone appreciated it. Seeing the club grow off the pitch is a huge credit to Pete, Emma, Tom and all the volunteers. The work they are doing behind the scenes that nobody gets to see is fabulous.

Thank you for the support this evening, and we hope we can send you home happy with another three points.

Rob Sinclair,
Manager



FROM THE BOARDROOM

Sadly I am not at the Wellingborough game tonight as I have had to fly out to the US to work. I'll be in New York for the week but will take the redeye back on Friday for our cup game against Leighton reserves on Saturday.

I will be watching the game at a pub in Manhattan with a bunch of bitcoiners. Thousands of people worldwide are getting behind our project, and with every city I travel to, many people will come out and watch the game with me.

With the podcast and films I make, Real Bedford will naturally be a rebel club. My work focuses on ideas which pursue and defend human freedom. In doing this, I will discuss subjects people aren't used to in football.

While I am a staunch defender of democracy, it is the idea of democracy which I support, the idea that the electorate can determine the future of their country. With democracy comes other freedoms, such as

freedom of speech and the right to protest. These are essential pillars of democracy that 50% of the world's population does not have because they live under tyranny. Where we can stand outside our parliament and criticise our politicians, this can lead to arrest, torture and death in many parts of the world.

It is, therefore, important we defend democracy. Many great democratic countries have slipped into tyranny. Turkey, Belarus and Venezuela are notable examples of previously free countries ruled by dictators. The pattern is always the same and leads to the same outcomes - attacks on press freedom, freedom of speech and economic collapse.

Money is one of the most important tools we have in the world. It allows us to trade and store value; therefore, we must have stable good money. Bitcoin represents a check and balance on government and, thus, freedom.

This year we have experienced high infla-



tion in the UK. While the CPI reports +10% inflation, inflation is a personal experience, and it is much higher for many. I'll be very clear about this - inflation is theft; it is a hidden tax caused by government economic incompetence.

When the government overspends, it finances this through debt. Often this debt is created by the central bank doing something called quantitative easing, whereby they print money to buy government bonds. This increase of money into the system goes towards buying goods and services, which drives up prices, hence inflation.

Our government has so much debt now that it spends £120bn a year just servicing the interest. To put this into perspective, the government spends just £71bn on education. Let's take that in for a second; they are spending £50bn more on servicing their debt interest than they spend on educating the children of this country; this is how stupid and incompetent they are.

What I am telling you is not a conspiracy theory. All this data is available on the Office for Budget Responsibility website. Please, go and take a look. This is not a party issue; it is a government issue. Successive governments, both Labour and Conservative, are responsible for this. They all make the same mistakes.

With Real Bedford, I want to use the club as a platform to educate people regarding money, and I welcome you all to come down to one of our pre-match meet-ups where we discuss these issues.

Anyway, back to football and hopefully, we will get another three points against Wellingborough tonight. If we successfully get promoted, it will give the club a bigger platform to educate people regarding money.

Peter McCormack,
Chairman

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

On Saturday, we recorded another win against rivals Northampton Sileby, a massive result in our pursuit of the league title. The winning mentality of this team has been incredible to be part of this season. Week in, week out, the boys give everything on the pitch.

We went 1 - 0 down early in the game, and the lads responded immediately. Brownny scored twice within 15 minutes to give us the lead in what proved to be the final goals of the game.

We have lost only twice in the league this season, firstly to Rugby Borough back in October and then to Langford at the start of the year. Each time, the team has responded, going on a new run of wins. Following Langford, we knew we were entering a string of tough and important games. Games which would decide our season.

Both Northampton sides, Chenecks and Sileby, are challenging for the

league and will likely finish in the top five. Both teams can give us problems, and both are games where we could have dropped points. Getting six points from these games was a massive achievement, and I am proud of every one of my teammates for their hard work.

Tonight we face another challenge against Wellingborough. They gave us a tough game in December, and we know that we can drop points in any game if we are not 100% focused.

With all the hard work that has gone on at the club this season to build Real Bedford, the lads and I know our role in all of this. Tonight we will give everything on the pitch to secure three more points and get us closer to our target.

Up The Pirates!

**Luke Knight,
Captain**

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A BRACE FOR JORDAN BROWN - 1 WIN AGAINST NORTHAMPT

Real Bedford produced a hard-fought victory over play-off pushing Northampton Sileby Rangers in a scrappy affair at McMullen Park. The Pirates put the game to bed in the first half, where a brace from Jordan Brown completed the comeback from an early goal, before a sending-off changed the game's complexion for both sides.

It will be hard to find a more action-packed first five minutes across this weekend's football as both teams got on the scoresheet early on in the game. Northampton struck first when Sileby winger Taylor picked up the ball after some loose Real Bedford defending, before squaring it across the face of the goal for Burrows to tap into an empty net. A far from ideal start for the home side.

Real Bedford looked to strike back immediately and were level within a minute. Some good interplay between Eddie Corbit and Tom Hitchcock in the middle of the park set the young midfielder flying down the left wing. Corbit's low-driven cross into the box telegraphed towards Jordan Brown, giving the striker a perfect chance to smash

the ball into the roof of the net to level the game.

Hitchcock was at the heart of things again, creating the goal to give The Pirates all three points, picking up the ball from a poor Northampton clearance before putting a delectable through ball over the heads of Sileby defenders into the path of Jordan Brown. The prolific Bedford striker controlled the ball with his chest before pushing it past the keeper and into the back of the net.

Brown threatened to complete an early hat-trick moments later, but this time his shot was blocked, falling to the waiting Claston Gordon, who drove the ball back into the area before being dispossessed. While Northampton would have felt they could get back into the game, they were reduced to 10 men in the 25th minute. Brown lashed out a poor challenge on Sileby Rangers' Luke Stevens, who replied with a strike to Brown's face, forcing the referee to produce a red card. Bedford continued to push for a third goal, with Archie Culley coming closest but for a



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block, pushing the shot out for a corner.
SECOND HALF

Northampton came out for the second half looking to limit opportunities for Bedford while pushing for an equaliser on the break. With ten men, they defended deep, forcing Real Bedford to be creative to make chances.

Those chances did arrive, and Jordan Brown nearly made it three on the hour mark after James Duckett fed a ball over the top of the defence. Brown squared the ball to Hitchcock in the area, who rattled the bar with a thunderous strike leaving him with his head in his hands and inches away from putting the game to bed.

Ten minutes later, another ball from Duckett to Brown unlocked the Northampton backline. Brown put in a similar ball this time towards Corbit, but his attempt from the edge of the box whistled just wide of the post as Real Bedford continued to search for that all-important third goal.

Heading into the game's closing stages, the well-organised Northampton continued to look for opportunities on the break, but they were reduced to 9 men when ill-discipline

sent their defender to the sin bin.

Real Bedford pushed for the final goal, and a threaded ball from replacement Stuart Sinclair found Dan Walker on the right flank, who crossed the ball towards Tom Hitchcock at the front post, but his effort faded across the face of the goal and out for a goal kick.

It was Walker again down the right-hand side just before the final whistle that gave Real Bedford their last chance of the game. A break from The Pirates saw four attackers running at two in defence. Still, Northampton thwarted the attack, with Jordan Brown's chance blocked after Walker found the striker from out wide, denying him the opportunity to bag another hat-trick. Nevertheless, Bedford was rarely challenged in their box, allowing them to rest on their one-goal advantage and take all three points from this tough fixture.

A special mention to Northampton, who defended well with 10 men, showing real character to keep the game goalless after the sending off.



THE AWAY TEAM

The most recent and accurate history of Whitworth Football Club is that they were formed in 1973 as a result of the disbanding of Wellingborough Ideal Clothiers Football Club. Most of the Clothiers were also playing for the Victoria Millers Sunday Football Club and approached Mr. Dave Woodley about forming a new Saturday Club. The result was the forming of Whitworth FC, with, amongst others, Dave Woodley, Chris Beaver, Brian Higgins and Graham Edmunds as the founders.

The club began life in the Rushden and District League with limited success. However, in the season of 1975/76, their 3rd year, the Club were crowned League Champions. This feat was repeated the following year, when in that season (1976/77), the team dropped only 8 points from 30 games. As a result of their success, the Club were moved into the East Midlands Alliance Premier Division, where they played for 8 years. Whilst they never won the title, they did finish as high as 2nd and were winners of the "Munton Cup" on two occasions. On winning the "Munton Cup" for the second time, a piece of history was made, never to be repeated. At a time when Reserve teams were able to enter senior competitions, both our teams got to the final with the Reserves recording an incredible 6-1 victory. Reserve teams were never permitted to enter the cup again.

In 1985, with extensive ground improvements

completed, Whitworth FC were accepted into the United Counties League Division One. In the season of 2002/03, when facing extreme financial difficulties, the Football Club committee was reorganised with several new faces brought in. That season and the following one, 2003/04, the club spent time defining a new direction as well as creating financial stability. In 2004/05, with a mixture of experience and youth, the Reserves finished Runners-up in Division Two as well as reaching the final of the Lower Junior Cup. The first team finished Runners-up in Division One, beaten only on goal difference by Sileby Rangers, equalling our previous highest finish in this league in the 1996/97 season.

The Club enjoyed other success having won the Junior Cup in 1995/96 and have reached the Semi-Final on 3 other separate occasions, the most recent being the 2002/03 season. Our Reserve Team won Division Two in 1986/87 and again in 1995/96. They have also reached the final of The League Cup in 1986/87 and the Lower Junior Cup in 2004/05 and were semi-finalists in 1986/87 and 1995/96. Whitworth Football Club also won the "Fair Play" Award in 1991/92.

2009/10 saw Wellingborough Whitworth Football Club take significant strides in attempting to move the club to another level. The Club had floodlights installed, a 100-seater stand, a walkway around the whole of the pitch, and called it



The Victoria Mill Ground, we have ensured that the ground grading will be up to scratch when success next comes our way. The 2011/ 12 season was a bittersweet one as on October 18th 2011, our clubhouse was destroyed by arsonists but the reserves ended the Season as Northants Lower Junior Cup winners as well as UCL Reserve League Cup winners.

Prior to the 2016/17 season, club stalwart Dave Woodley passed away but in a fitting memory to him the first team under James Mallows leadership, finished the season in the Runners up position and gained promotion to the UCL Premier division for the first time. The Reserves ended the season in fourth place but once again won the Northants Lower Junior Cup.

Season 2017/18 saw the first team secure their Premier Division status on goal difference and the Reserves ended the season in 11th place.

The First Team struggled in 2018/19 and were relegated back into Division One, with Simon Anderson taking on the Managers role and the 2019/20 Season sees the return of James Mallows to the fold, taking on the role of first team manager and Cavan Wardell as the reserve team manager, who continue to run the sides with Clark Morrow as A Team Manager, all supported by Michael Garside, Liam Leonard, Joe Judge and Scott Whitney.

The 2021/22 season saw many of the young players that have come through the U16 and U18 Teams over the last couple of seasons playing across the 1st/Reserves and A Teams, as well as Two U18's teams. The first team finished the season in 5th place and in the play offs, unfortunately they lost the final and remain in the Spartan South Midlands League Division 1 next season. The Reserves ended their season in 8th position whilst the A team finished in 6th place.

The U18's Black finished runners up in their division whilst the U18's Red finished fourth in theirs. With additional Youth Sides joining this Year's U16's managed by Elliott Hanney, plus U15's managed by Damien Browne and Scott Whitney, with two U12 Teams (Black Pumas and Reds) managed by Nick Stuart/Pete Hatch and Harry Greenbank respectively, U11's, managed by James Dryden, U9's also managed by Nick and Pete, with two U8 Teams (Black Hawks and Red Kites) managed by Luke Baker, with the youngsters at U7's managed by Cavell Jarvis and Jonny Hazell – bringing through the future of the club with the next generation of players. The U12 Reds have won the Weetabix U12 Division 2 and the Northampton County U12 Cup, with the U15 in the County Cup at Sixfields and the U11 Plate Semi Final.

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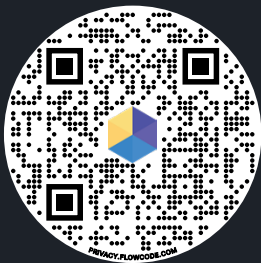
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AUGUST				
SAT 6	3:00PM	H	Rushden & Higham United	(W) 3-0
SAT 13	3:00PM	A	Buckingham Athletic	(W) 1-7
SAT 20	3:00PM	A	Burton Park Wanderers	(W) 1-2
TUE 23	7:45PM	H	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	(W) 3-0
SEPTEMBER				
SAT 3	3:00PM	A	London Tigers	(W) 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	(W) 2-1
SAT 26	3:00PM	H	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	Amphill Town	(W) 1-3
JANUARY				
MON 2	3:00PM	H	Langford	(L) 1-3
TUE 10	7:45PM	H	Northampton ON Chenecks	(W) 3-1
SAT 21	2:00PM	A	AFC Caddington S&S First (Bedfordshire County Cup)	(W) 0-13
TUE 31	7:45PM	A	Eaton Socon	(W) 0-3
FEBRUARY				
SAT 11	3:00PM	H	Northampton Sileby Rangers	(W) 2-1
TUE 14	7:45PM	H	Wellingborough Whitworth	
SAT 18	2:30PM	A	Leighton Town Reserves	
TUE 21	7:45PM	H	Amersham Town	
SAT 25	3:00PM	A	Rugby Borough	
TUE 28	3:00PM	H	Buckingham Athletic	
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	
SAT 22	3:00PM	A	Winslow United	



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