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BIGGLESWADE UNITED



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On Saturday December 3 in the Doha Khalifa International Stadium, Al Rayyan in Qatar the Winners of Group A (Qatar, Ecuador, Senegal or Netherlands) take on the Runners-up of Group B (England, Iran, USA or Wales) in the first of the last 16 knock out games of the World Cup.

I won't be there.

I will instead have temporarily left the desert and be at the Keech Hospice Care Stadium to watch my beloved Biggleswade United's take

on Lakenheath FC in the third round of this season's FA Vase before returning to Qatar for the rest of the tournament.

Last Saturday's convincing 3-0 win over London Lions puts us at this stage of the competition for the first time in our history and we are all enjoying the run too much to want it to end any time soon.

Missing this game was never an option.

We are now just five rounds/six matches - the semi-final is a two legged affair - from a place in a showpiece Wembley final on May 21 next year. Someone's got to get there ; why shouldn't it be us?

Whether we make it all the way remains to be seen. What is certain is that we will enjoy the ride for as long as we can.

The money we are earning for passing each round while not life-changing is nonetheless very welcome indeed. Our victories in the four rounds of the competition that we have negotiated so far have brought £3000 into the club and a win against Lakenheath would add a further £1125 to our coffers.

The prize money obviously rises with every round and in addition to the money earned on the journey, the winners of the final will earn a further £30,000 with £15,000 going to the runners up getting.

But important as money is to help Biggleswade United to function on a daily basis it is a long way from being our main motivation for wanting to remain in this most wonderful of football competitions for as long as possible.

Our dream has always been to build a club in, and for, our community and there is nothing we would like more than to increase the number of fans roaring us on towards Wembley.

And if up until now you haven't decided to follow your local community club now is the perfect opportunity to get a taste of grassroots football because there are some out there that claim - erroneously - that club football has now stopped and all eyes are on the upcoming World Cup.

The truth of course is that while football and the top levels across the world may well have paused , the grassroots game all over the land is still very much alive and kicking including our men's first team who this Saturday will be looking to extending their unbeaten run to nine

games when they welcome London Colney to the Keech Hospice care Stadium tomorrow (Sat ko 3pm) before visiting Shefford Town & Camp-ton on Tuesday night (ko 7.45pm).

After two seasons with the Keech House Hos-pice as our named stadium sponsor we are now currently in negotiation with two potential backers for the naming rights to our ground. Our agreement with Keech was never commer-cially based and while we are now looking for partners that can help us financially, we fully in-tend to maintain our links with the hospice and continue to organise money raising activities on its behalf.

Guillem Balagué
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250 GAMES FOR CRISTIAN

I first spoke to Cristian Colás back in 2014 when he rang me to ask about the possibility of working as an assistant with whoever got the job that we are advertising at the time for a new coach at Biggleswade United.

I had received applications from coaches from such far flung places as Panama and South America, many of whom had coached at a higher level but there was something in Cristian's tone and manner that immediately told me that my search was over.

"What about you," I asked him. "Wouldn't you fancy doing the job yourself?"

"Why not," he said. The rest is history.

In Cristian, I saw someone that was brave, positive, single-minded, loyal and decent. I believed at the time what was needed was someone that knew and understood the Spanish methodology that I thought would help to take the club forward and he also had UEFA Pro Coaches licence to go with it.

He came to us after having coached in the fourth tier of Spanish football and also spent some time working in Finland. It was clear just from speaking to him that this was someone who was not afraid of a challenge.

My instincts would prove to be correct. Hiring him was one of the best days work I have ever done; tomorrow as we line up to face London

Colney he will be in the dugout for his 250th match as men's first team coach.

Along with him came Fran Constancio who would establish a youth section at the club before going on to bigger things and trophy winning success with Northampton Town Youth Academy as well as a number of Spanish coaches that joined us to gain experience as well as improve their English.

Many of the coaches lived together in a house in Stevenage and some of my happiest nights were those Saturdays spent after a game when we would all gather at my place in Hitchin drinking beer, eating tapas and talking and watching football.

Things did not always go to plan, especially at the start. We lost about 11 games in a row and for the first time I saw someone that was beginning to have self doubts. But gradually as Cristian began to familiarise himself more with the local game, its teams and players and the community that he was now a part of things gradually began to improve.

He left us briefly to join Staines before rejoining the club only to have to negotiate a tortuous season that saw him lose practically the whole of his first team squad when the FA took the arbitrary decision to move our club from the Spartan League into the more northerly based United Counties League.

But we never doubted him or his commitment to the club and we prevailed and after having saved ourselves from relegation at the end of the season received an added bonus when we were informed that we would be moved back into the Spartan League the following season.

Now with Cristian at the helm we can go from strength to strength. We are currently in league title contention near the top of the table in fifth place but with games in hand over most of our rivals and in the third round of the FA Vase for the first time in our history.

Much of our success has been brought about by Cristian who who has involved himself at all levels at the club including the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses that he has both attended and occasionally also run.

He is also always open to help other coaches at the club and many who have left the club have benefitted from his wisdom and advice.

And he has many attributes not least the fact

that he is impeccably behaved, hugely respected, a setter of very high standards and a fantastic representative of our club.

He also happens to be gay and he recently made headlines when he took the decision to finally come out after years of living a lie because he feared the revelation of his sexuality would impact onto his footballing career.

His fears were understandable but in reality, to the players - past and present -, directors or supporters it mattered not a jot and many of them have approached me since to say how proud they are to have a man of the integrity of Cristian at the helm.

We are truly blessed to have Cristian at our club but over and above everything else from a personal point of view, the best thing about it is that it allows me to enjoy his company as a truly good, loyal and lifelong friend.

- Guillem Balague



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STORY OF OUR CLUB

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a Biggleswade United side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts. League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

The appointment of Brian Swords as first team manager in 87/88 proved to be the turning point in the club's fortunes. During the next ten years the club achieved a tremendous amount of success on and off the football pitch. Our record of League and Cup honours speak for themselves but aligned to this a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to match the on-field success. The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club has also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

The 1995/96 season was the most successful in

the club's history - winning five major honours; the Beds Intermediate County Cup, Bedford and District League Championship, League Cup Championship and as the League's representatives the club won the Beds. FA Centenary Cup. Having won every major Bedford League honour the club felt it was time to move on and made the decision to make the step up once again and returned to Division One of the SML. In an exceptionally successful first season we celebrated a Division One "double" by winning the Championship and the Division One Cup. We also retained the Beds. FA Intermediate County Cup, only the second club in the competition's history to achieve this feat. To crown our success the club were awarded the SML Special Achievement Trophy in July 1997.

In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26th October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

The next eleven years saw the first team led by Steve "Snowy" Wright and under his management the club continued to enjoy a very high level of League and Cup success ultimately achieving promotion to the Molten Spartan South Midlands

League Premier Division and with it the opportunity to compete in the FA Cup. And under Snowy the club made three Beds FA Senior Challenge Cup final appearances, winning two of the three with victories over Stotfold (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0) but missed out in 2006/07 going down 2-0 to Dunstable Town. Snowy's other cup successes came in the form of the Hunts Premier Cup, North Beds Charity Cup, Hinchbrook Cup, the SML Division One Cup and the SML Special Achievement Award once again. The end of the 2006 2007 saw Snowy step down as manager with his assistant, Nick Burton taking over the first team reins. January 5th 2009 saw the club embark on further ambitious ground improvements. With financial backing from Biggleswade Town Council, Mid Beds District Council and the Football Foundation we installed a 260-seater stand, fully enclosed the ground with a double turnstile entrance and players' secure walkway which raised the ground to Grade E status. After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time.

At the start of the 2013 2014 season we appointed Mick Reardon and Mark Royal as first team managers both of whom had enjoyed success as coaches at the higher levels of football. Their disciplined approach was quickly adhered to and responded to by the players and under their stewardship we achieved the highest Premier Division position in nine years and first silverware in seven years winning the North Beds Charity Cup for the first time in the club's history.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. Following Mick and Mark's decision to step down at the end 2014 2015, Guillem was quick to act and recruited a new Head Coach in Cristian Colas Beccera. Cristian was assisted by former professional player, Stuart Bimson, and under their guidance the team finished in eighth spot in the Premier Division in 2017 2018 - the highest position in the club's history. Having built a strong reputation for their outstanding coaching ability and playing philosophy Cristian

and Stuart moved up to Step 3 level club, Staines Town, for the start of the 2018 2019 season. Guillem was again in search for a high quality coach and Jimmy Martin came highly recommended by his predecessor, Colas, who worked with Jimmy at Stevenage FC Academy. Jimmy was appointed Manager in May 2018 but he tendered his resignation in October 2018 having been offered a "hard to refuse" opportunity to take up a coaching role at Premier Division club Watford. Despite the setback the first team went on to record their highest ever League placing – a fourth spot in the Premier Division.

In the season 2019 2020 the club were sitting in a highly commendable third position in the Premier Division and under the management of Chris Devane and Trishnan Patel were hoping for a promotion play off opportunity. However, in March 2020 the season was declared Null and Void by the FA after the devastating outbreak of the Coronavirus. The club were also to learn that Chris and Trishnan had accepted the offer to work at Step 4 and departed the club at short notice. Fortunately the club were able to call upon the services of former Head Coach Cristian Colas. Cristian took the club to its highest ever position in the club's history at the curtailment of the 20/21 season leaving us second in the table on PPG. The club applied for promotion to Step 4 but were unsuccessful. A double whammy came when the club were subjected to a lateral move to the UHlsport United Counties League. After ten years of steady progress at Step 5 the club now face a challenging period that will require steadfastness and perseverance as we work to rebuild a squad that will once again be challenging for promotion. The club has certainly come a long way in relatively few years but we could not have done it without the help of a very supportive Town and District Council who clearly understand the benefits of having a community based club in Biggleswade. Our success is also very much down to a very hard working committee who throughout the year - not just the football season - continue to volunteer their time and commitment to the club, to help it continue to thrive and be a source of enjoyment for our supporters and the Biggleswade community.

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London Colney Football Club was formed in 1907, playing at Whitehorse Lane until moving to its present ground at Cotlandswick, London Colney in 1976.

The Club played in the Mid Herts League until the mid-fifties, when it joined the Herts County League. The Club has enjoyed many successes over the years with the 1st team winning the Premier Division League 3 times between 1986 and 1990, and the reserves winning the Reserve Division 4 times between 1987 and 1992.

Season 2017/18 saw a new consortium headed up by Chairman Gareth Davies along with former Peterborough, Watford and Birmingham center forward Ken Charlery agreeing to become the new custodians of the club which was perilously close to folding.

The season started brightly with the Blueboys top of the league after the first 6 games which were a remarkable achievement considering the club had no players with less than 4 weeks to go until the season started. With a very young inexperienced squad (no less than nine under 19s) the early pace could not be maintained and the club finished the season in 13th place while also reaching the semi-final of the League cup before going out to Rissborough



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COACH CHAT

Cristian Colas – Men's coach

Cristian Colas, Head Coach of the Men's First Team celebrates today his 250th match with the club and he gave a special interview to commemorate this landmark.

Congratulations Cristian, 250, Did you even think about reaching this number of matches?

No, never, I arrived in 2015 just thinking that was an adventure, an experience but never that I could reach seven years and 250 games at this club neither so quite special for me too.

Have you seen any changes since you started until now?

Massively, a lot of changes, we tried to implement ideas that no other clubs at our level were doing. When we arrived, we changed a lot in terms of introducing a methodology, training twice per week, designing an effective pre-season build up and the way to approach a game. This was special and unique at this level in the country. There's also been a lot of changes off the pitch. We wanted to increase the level of professionalism to non-league football. This is despite having a limited budget while also being mindful of our difficulties in recruiting the right kind of player that understands what is required of them. All these changes were about developing the club as a whole and the people within it. I can honestly say that we have grown as a club.

How do you feel now about the current situation?

The club has grown organically. Things have been in the right place for a long time now so that develops the club. We are always introducing new people who come with new and exciting approaches, new ideas, new targets but have been built on a strong

base. I think the structure of this club is quite solid and that helps the club and its people to be quite stable and then to grow naturally from that strong place. I believe that the club is in a really good situation with the men's sides, the women's sides, the academy. The facilities have been improved however we all recognise that we need massively new facilities mainly to help with training but all in all I would say I think the club is a really good position.

Do you see the team at Wembley?

At Wembley...not yet. Where I see the team is next 3rd December at home against Lakenheath and that's our target, Wembley is extremely soon to think about and could probably distract our targets. I would say that Wembley is not in my thoughts at the moment

Some questions received on social media

Guillem Balague - What do you remember of the first chat we had?

The first chat with the chairman was by phone, I offered myself as an assistant coach not as a head coach but his question was like do you think you would be able to take it, would it be an interesting option for you? I didn't express it at the time but I was think what? That can not be possible but I said yeah of course and maybe that was the question on the first chat that I was not expecting.

Arya Yuyutsu - How has your vision of the game evolved through your time and experiences at Biggleswade Utd? Also, congrats gaffer! So lucky we have you at this amazing club

I have my own identity and my own philosophy as a coach but I had to adapt myself to non-league

level, to the situation, to the area where we are, to the players recruitment that we can approach so it's been like adaptative both ways. I think that thankfully myself and the coaches that we've been working together we've been introducing new ideas, introducing new ways of playing football understanding the game better but then in the same way I think I took a lot onboard from players itself, other coaches, English people, fans, people that have been in the game at this level longer than me... so it's massive, 50/50 I'd say.

Grace Lesley - Worst/best player you've coached. CONGRATULATIONS

We've got players that probably didn't raise to the level that we were expecting and we have players also that have surpassed the level that we expect at some point. We've been working with, I don't know the number, but a lot of players from a hugely different age range. The youngest I would say 15-16 years old and then the oldest 36 at the time I think (sorry Marvs). I cannot pick one of them, I've enjoyed my time with a lot of them in a lot of games, I felt also quite disappointed with some of them in a lot of games or at training but I would not like to give any names because would be really unfair.

Lee Cosgrove - How do you keep that inner drive going after so many games?

I don't know if I've got that inner drive. I would say passion is the main ingredient. Passion for the game, passion for the football itself. When things are not going well, when things are difficult it's just about passion, if you've got passion for the game I think that you can just find this inner drive within yourself even in the worst or the most difficult situations.

Anything else that you want to add, Cristian?

Just to say thanks to everyone. It has been an enjoyable journey. We are still on that journey and we've got plenty of challenges ahead. It's still great to be here and my aim is to finish the season at our best, giving our best performances and try to make it happen, why not? So thanks to everyone for the massive support at every game, every moment, whenever they see me or interact on social media, just thank you.



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WHO IS AT THE CLUB

CHAIRMAN - GUILLEM BALAGUE
SECRETARY AND FIXTURE SECRETARY - TRACEY JAMES
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BOARD MEMBERS - GUILLEM BALAGUE, WILLIAM GLASSWELL, KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, GIACOMO MALLAMACI, DAN WATKINS, JORDAN BARROW

MEN'S FIRST TEAM HEAD COACH - CRISTIAN COLÁS BECERRA
MEN'S FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS - BERNAT PUIG-VALLS, DEL DIGWEED, DAN WATKINS, JOSH THOMAS

RESERVE TEAM COACHES - CAMERON OMAR, MARTIN RUSSELL, DARREN HUNT

WOMEN'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY - GIACOMO MALLAMACI
WOMEN'S COACHES - LUKE MOLLOY, ASHLEY PEAD, LIAM CLIFTON, BRAD JONES, PEARSE HAMILTON, RORY MCMULLAN, RYAN UPTON

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GETTING TO KNOW KAYLEIGH THOMAS

This week we have a special interview with Kayleigh Thomas. Kayleigh is an active member of the Biggleswade Utd family as secretary of both the under 8's and Vets' team as well as a coach for the under 6's. She is married to Josh, another active member of the family with two sons Zac and Blake who you may remember saved my last interview with Jaiden Irish.

Kayleigh recently started on a coaching programme which aims to encourage more women to take up this role. Below she explains her interest in the beautiful game, how she got involved with Biggleswade Utd and why she started her coaching journey

I have always been a fan of the game. My family are big Arsenal fans, but I decided to support the other side of North London!! My Brother and Sister both played for Sandy FC so I always followed them to support during matches.

Around 2012, I took on the role of club Secretary at Clifton FC, who played in the Bedfordshire County Football League, whilst my husband Josh was 1st team Manager and we took on the role of Chairperson between us. It was a real eye opener into how a grassroots club was run, especially having to deal with everything from finances, to player

registration. In 2014 our Son Zac was born at which point we decided to take a step back from our roles.

I would attend Tottenham matches when I could and also started visiting Biggleswade United to watch a few matches when we could.

Zac always enjoyed kicking a ball around so when he turned 6 we got in touch with BUFC about any opportunities for him to join a team and that is where the journey really started. After we came along to the first session, I decided that I wanted to take an active role in Zacs team. I also liked the youth set up at BUFC and wanted to become part of something bigger, so took on the role of Secretary for the team. At the end of the first year, we then set up two separate teams over two age groups. The first being Zacs U7 team and secondly an U8 team for some of the older children in the group. I took on the role of Secretary for this team too.

It was half way through the first year that Guillem started to discuss the possibility of starting a BUFC Vets team. Josh would be playing, so with my previous experience of being a Secretary in Senior football, I decided to volunteer to take on a Secretary role for a 3rd team. As I became more and more

involved, I began to take a real interest in the tactical and coaching part of the game. As our second Son Blake turned 5 we started to discuss setting up a new U6 team to give him an opportunity to play. I saw this as the perfect opportunity to challenge myself and begin my coaching badges, in order to coach his team. I'm now at the point where I have started my level 1 coaching badge, which I should complete by the end of the month. Thanks to the support from BUFC, as a female coach I have been able to utilise the offer to have my course fully funded and would really encourage any other women thinking of getting into coaching, to take the step and do it. Take a step out of your comfort zone and you really won't regret it. I'm now excited to carry on with my coaching journey with BUFC and really get as much experience as possible.

Thanks Kayleigh for sharing your story and good luck with the coaching. If you are interested in becoming a coach or even getting involved with the Biggleswade United family why not get in touch. We are always looking for new volunteers.



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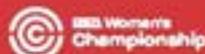


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Biggleswade United is lending its full support to Play Safe – a national FA-led campaign to raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding in football.

Play Safe is being run in partnership with the NSPCC and has the full backing of the Premier League, EFL, Barclays FA Women's Super League and the FA Women's Championship. It's also supported and being run across every other level of the game.

The main element of Play Safe is a series of short films which emphasise the importance of clubs such as ours having safeguarding as an everyday reality. The films also explain to parents/carers and children themselves know what to do if they feel unsafe or worried, because nothing matters more than making sure football is safe for everyone, especially children and young people. You can see these films on our club website and we've also broadcast them on our social media channels.

"As a youth team coach, I will be working with my club to ensure we support the Play Safe messaging," says FA Chief Executive Mark Bullingham. "I am also pleased that the campaign has the support of the former footballers with lived experience of abuse in football, who are on our Survivor Support and Safeguarding Advisory Group. The Group has collectively said:

"Learning from the past is crucial, so that we can prevent the horrific experiences that happened to us and so many others in football, from happening again.

"As a group of survivors, we fully support the ethos and important messages that Play Safe conveys – whether to club officials, parents/carers and or vitally, children and young people themselves. Equally important is that Play Safe is not a one-off campaign – it will be used at key points in the football calendar to remind everyone in football, that children's welfare and keeping them safe, should be at the heart of all that we do."

As the Survivor Group points out, you'll see Play Safe appearing at various points throughout the season to keep safeguarding front of mind in football. Together, we want to do everything we can so everyone – particularly children and young people – has a consistently positive experience of our great game.

Biggleswade United have appointed Tracey James as the club's Child Welfare Officer. Tracey's contact details are tracey.james58@btinternet.com or telephone 07714 661827.



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A photograph of a bar area. In the background, several beer taps are mounted on a wall, illuminated by blue light. To the right, the word 'BAR' is displayed in large, illuminated letters. The bar counter is wooden, and there are various bottles and items on it. The foreground shows a white panel with a decorative border.

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2 NEWMARKET TOWN	6	12
3 AFC DUNSTABLE	5	12
4 ST IVES TOWN	5	9
5 HAVERHILL ROVERS	5	7
6 YAXLEY	7	7
7 WOOTTON BLUE CROSS	6	3
8 FAKENHAM TOWN	5	0

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WOMEN'S SENIOR REDS

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The logo for 'veo' is written in a bold, lowercase, rounded sans-serif font. The letters are a vibrant green color and are set against a solid yellow rectangular background.

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The logo for 'JMB MOTORSPORT' features a stylized graphic of a car's roofline above the text. The graphic consists of two curved lines, one in a dark grey color and one in a maroon color. Below the graphic, the text 'JMB MOTORSPORT' is written in a bold, uppercase, sans-serif font. 'JMB' is in black, and 'MOTORSPORT' is in maroon. The entire logo is set against a solid yellow rectangular background.

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The logo for 'Keech hospice care' features two overlapping hearts on the left: a larger purple one and a smaller blue one. To the right of the hearts, the text 'In aid of' is written in a small, purple, sans-serif font. Below that, 'Keech' is written in a large, bold, purple, sans-serif font, and 'hospice care' is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is set against a solid yellow rectangular background.

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