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BIGGLESWADE UNITED
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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME
BIGGLESWADE UNITED



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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN



With four points out of a possible six from our first two league games, we will be looking to extend our unbeaten run when tonight we welcome Dunstable Town to our newly named Verdant Stadium.

We are already beginning to see on the pitch on matchdays what we work so hard on in training namely a useful exuberance, a positive mentality, a togetherness and a desire to dominate from the first whistle. A young side that has started well and can only get better

as the season progresses.

What impresses most is the way our two joint coaches, Jordan Wright and Gaz Hunt have knuckled down to the task in their first appointments as head coaches with Jordan making a smooth transition from playing to coaching while Gaz takes on the role of player-coach. Their leadership is being respected and followed.

The men's first team assistants also play a

vital part with Josh Thomas as goalkeeper coach, Lily Hyde as physio and Del Digweed providing a great link between the players and the coaches.

Bringing Martin Russell in not just as a coach with the reserves but also as a vital link between reserves and first team has been a crucially important decision. Martin played more than 700 games for the club and he is someone that enjoys the respect of absolutely everyone at every level at the club.

We still have along way to go however and against Aylesbury an inability to finish the four or five chances we created in the first half could have cost us dear when we lost control in the second period and let our opponents back into the game.

It's certainly something we need to improve on for the future although last Saturday a late penalty was enough to earn us the three points.

It was also refreshing to see players coming off the bench and playing their part in a hard fought victory that demonstrated the unity we have amongst our first team.

Our women's Red team did not have the start they might have hoped for going down 5-0 against Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers F.C. Women, a harsh lesson and one that showed us that we will undoubtedly be looking to a rebuilding process this season after having lost a number of players in the close season.

We have an excellent group of young players coming through for both our Red and Blue women's sides although the chances are that a lack of experience could see them exposed on occasions this season.

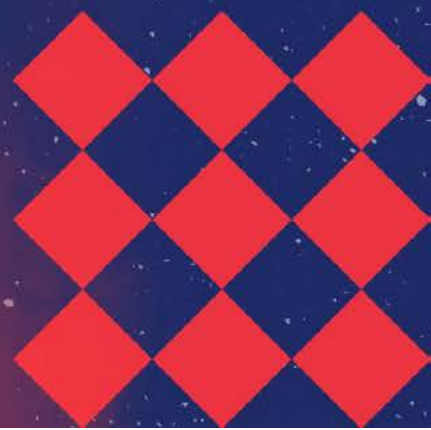
But they will learn and improve and our main aim must now be to stay in this division that we were promoted to last season and gradually lay the foundations that can take us forward in the rapidly changing and increasingly

demanding world that is women's football.

Enjoy the match.

Onwards and upwards!

Guillem Balagué
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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 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, Hinchingsbrooke 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. The FA's actions had a devastating effect on the club and we spent most of the 2021 2022 season at the foot of the table. But we rallied and secured Step 5 football on the final day of the season. The club have now been re-instated in to the SML and with a strong squad will be looking to put that season's nightmare in to a distant memory and push on to return as a top of the table club.

With the nightmare season confined to the history books we kicked on and finished a very creditable 8th in the Premier Division but the highlight of the season was achieving the best ever run in the FA Vase. Starting at the qualifying round stages we came through five rounds reaching the fourth round proper but fell to Coventry Sphinx. At the end of a great season Cristian Colas made the difficult decision to step down after 7 (-2) seasons as head coach. Two United players came forward with the right experience, credentials and knowledge of the football world at this level and the next and the decision was felt to be the right one. Gareth Hunt, who had captained the side and had been instrumental in helping us through the difficult season, will be partnered with Jordan Wright who captained the FA Vase winning Newport Pagnell Town team. Highly respected by their peers we are confident that Gaz and Jordan will see us enjoy further success in the years to come.

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.



TEAMSHEETS

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CALEB CHANDLER
MARKEL COUSINS
AARON DADA
CALLUM ELLIOTT
SAM GIBSON
GARETH HUNT
CONOR INSKIP
JAIDEN IRISH
JORDAN JARROLD
MILO KEANE
ANTHONY LESLIE
JESUS MENDOZA
JACK SHERWOOD
CADE STEPHENS-ABBEY
JAKE STRONGE
JOSH STURNIOLO
MASON WATKINS-CLARK
COREE WILSON**

**JOINT TEAM MANAGERS:
GAZ HUNT & JORDAN WRIGHT
COACH: DEL DIGWEED &
MARTIN RUSSELL
GK COACH: JOSH THOMAS
PHYSIO: LILY HYDE**

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BENJI CRILLEY
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OUR OPPONENTS

Dunstable Town Football Club was formed in October 1883 and is currently managed by Joe Deeney and assisted by Kyle Durcan.

The club in its history has won the Colwyn Cup, The Beds County Floodlit Cup, The Bedfordshire Senior Cup, The Bedfordshire Premier Cup and The Eastern Junior Cup, as well as numerous non-league titles.

Nicknamed 'The Blues', the football club play at Creasey Park, although it was redeveloped in 2011 and is one of three teams in English football to have gone an entire season unbeaten, in which they won 36 of their 42 games and drew the other six, winning the SSMFL Premier League in the 2012/13 season.

This was followed by a second promotion in as many seasons from the Southern League Central Division to the Southern Premier Division. The club now competes in the Spartan South Midlands Football League Premier Division.

The club has been home to a number of high-profile footballers in its history, with the likes of Manchester United great, George Best, who played in 3 friendlies in the 70s to raise vital funds, as well as spending £25 of his own money on new nets for the goals.

Alongside Best, Jeff Astle also played for the club in the 1974/75 season, scoring 34 goals. Although this may seem like a large tally, it doesn't compare to the 54 Lee Roache scored in the 'Invincibles' season. The striker and now Dunstable legend left at the end of the 15/16 season.

In 2021 Dunstable Town Football Club relaunched as a Community Benefit Society (CBS), which is a recognised legal entity structure, supported by the

FSA (Football Supporters Association) and regulated by the FCA (Financial Conduct Authority). This means that the club is owned equally by its shareholders and anyone can become a shareholder with equal voting rights. All shareholders are equal and no person has overall control.



SUMMER OF SMILES

It's summertime, so let's unwind!

This summer, create some fun filled memories with your family, friends or colleagues! Take part in your very own summer themed festivities in aid of Keech Hospice Care and donate the proceeds to support your local charity.

A few hot ideas to get you started:

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Anything is 'Popsicle' this summer so if you have your own ideas, just get in touch and tell us 'Water you doing' so that we can register your activity and give you any support that you might need!

Please email letmehelp@keech.org.uk and the team will be happy to help!

BUFC MEN'S 1ST TEAM PEN PICTURES

Tracey James - Club Secretary

Ollie Leslie (29) (Goalkeeper) Long serving player who has been at United since 2018 and has been the club's number 1 in over 100 appearances. Great shot stopper and uses his aerial prowess to great effect. Previous clubs Colney Heath and Leighton Town.

Tom Wyant (25) (Goalkeeper) First joined United in 2015 as a 17 year old who went on to make 14 appearances in his first season and the following season became the club's youngest player to achieve over 40 appearances in the number one shirt. Returned to United last season after successful spells at Leighton Town and Newport Pagnell. Suffered a fractured leg in our cup tie against Luton Town last season but is back training and looking to return soon.

Caleb Chandler (18) (Goalkeeper) New signing, young goalkeeper who is making a great impression with the United supporters for his maturity and confidence around his defenders. One for the future who will no doubt follow in Wyant's footsteps.

Jordan Jarrold (30) (Defender) Highly experienced player who is starting his third season at United. Wonderful left peg that sends long crosses to the right side with Exocet accuracy. Loveable character who is great to have around in the changing room and clubhouse.

Milo Keane (23) (Right wing back) Another long serving United player who is getting better season on season. Started out as a striker but his energy allows him to go box to box and scores his fair share of goals. His work rate and enthusiasm earned him the votes of the supporters last season as their player of the year.

Anthony Leslie (27) (Right wing back) Another new signing who has already made his mark in pre-season impressing the coaches and supporters with his energy and skill when going forward. Previous club Totternhoe.

Cade Stephens-Abby (26) (Defender) A highly versatile player who joined United at the back end of 2021. Adept as either central defender or wing back and confident in going forward creating chances for the front men. Previous clubs Bedford Town, Bedford.

Mason Watkins-Clark (28) (Defender / Midfield) Joined United in 2021 and starting his third season. Outstanding defender who commands the back line superbly well. Leads by example and will always put his body on the line. A real asset and presence in the lineup and the coaches will want to ensure he stays injury free.

Joe Babbage (22) (Defender) Joined United from Baldock Town towards the end of last season and immediately secured his place in the United back line with his courage and determination to win every ball. Strong player who turned defender from striker so will always look to score when given the opportunity.

Aaron Dada (25) (Left wing back) New signing who has proved a strong full back in pre-season. Looks to break down the flank and has impressed with his crosses into the danger areas. Another who will be working hard to secure himself a regular place in the starting lineup.

Jaiden Irish (32) (Midfield and Captain) Longest serving player in the current squad who joined United in 2015 and has made over 200 appear-

ances for the club. Always at the forefront of the action and a key player in United's engine room. Not known for his goalscoring prowess but his assists are legendary.

Gareth Hunt (29) (Midfield and Head Coach) Also joined in 2015 with a few stints away. Re-joined the club from Newport Pagnell at the back end of 21/22 and was instrumental in rallying former United players to help the club fight off relegation. Has now taken over the reins with Jordan Wright as United's joint head coaches. Known for scoring the odd worldy here and there.

Conor Inskip (26) (Midfield) No nonsense player who wears his passion and desire to win on his sleeve. Great motivator on the pitch with stamina to burn. Third season with United and previously with Biggleswade FC.

Josh Sturniolo (29) (Midfield) First played for United in 2015 and returned in 2021. Tenacious terrier in the heart of the midfield who will make an impact in every game. Never one to shy away from a tackle but will be the first to admit he sometimes sees a red mist. Great goal poacher.

Markel Cousins (22) (Midfield / Striker) Third season with United, "Kel" has already shown in pre-season that this could be the season that he rises to the top. Pacy, skilful player who has an eye for wonder goals. Previous club Langford.

Sam Gibson (23) (Midfield) New signing who will be looking to cement a place in the United midfield this season. Previous clubs Shefford Town and Biggleswade Town.

Jack Sherwood (22) (Midfield) New signing who sadly suffered an ankle injury in one of our early pre-season matches. Will hopefully make full recovery in time to feature in our early season fixtures. Made 29 appearances for Step 6 side Langford last season.

Jesús Mendoza (21) (Midfield/Striker) Joined United midway through last season having impressed fellow latin, Cristian Colas, when playing for Arlesey Town. Made 22 appearance and scored 5 including 4 in one game. Quickly became a supporters' favourite with his tantalising skill and non- stop running.

Jake Stronge (22) (Striker) Another new signing who has always impressed when playing for the opposition and so good to have him in the club now. Strong, highly skilful player who will be looking to score goals from around the penalty area. Helped his previous club ON Chenecks to a runners up spot last term. Jake was amongst the substitutes in Newport Pagnell's FA Vase winning team in May 2022.

Coree Wilson (20) (Striker) What an absolutely brilliant pre-season for the young striker who has already notched a hattrick and some more. Has been with the Luton Town academy and now looks to be making the number 9 shirt his own. My prediction for the club's leading goalscorer with his quick feet and eye for goal and the new penalty taker.

Melhi Angol (19) Striker) New signing who has come to United from Biggleswade FC. The youngster's tricky, fast pace will have defenders on the back foot and he will be looking to add to his pre-season goal tally and make the number 7 shirt his own.



COACH CHAT

Tracey James - Club Secretary

We've had some challenging times, but overall I feel optimistic about the future. In June, we were prepared for the departure of 3 key players to university. The county league then announced the Blues had been relegated in the new league structure.

The tide started to turn as players returned from holidays. We now have a total of 32 players signed across both teams, including 14 new players.

On Sunday, the Reds faced their first league opponent, Dussindale, with the Blues kicking off in a month's time. Despite the new division, the blend of returning veterans and promising youngsters makes them title contenders in my view.

There is much work ahead, but the enthusiasm and potential of our young squad fills me with optimism about the club's future. The foundations have been laid, and I'm excited to see what we can achieve together.



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TREASURER - BRENT WILKS**

**HEAD OF COMMS - PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ
HEAD OF MEDIA - ARITRA BOSE
MEDIA OFFICER - ARYA YUYUTSU**

HEAD OF YOUTH - DAN WATKINS

PHYSIOTHERAPY - OLLIE TOWNSEND

**SPONSORSHIP RELATIONS MANAGER - KAY MANSHIP
FUNDRAISING TEAM - KAY MANSHIP, WILLIAM GLASSWELL**

**KIT MANAGER - WILLIAM GLASSWELL
CLUB WELFARE OFFICER - TRACEY JAMES**

BOARD MEMBERS - GUILLEM BALAGUE, WILLIAM GLASSWELL, KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, GIACOMO MALLAMACI, DAN WATKINS, JORDAN BARROW, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ, KAY MANSHIP

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM JOINT MANAGERS - GAZ HUNT, JORDAN WRIGHT
MEN'S FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS - DEL DIGWEED, JOSH THOMAS, MARTIN RUSSELL**

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

**WOMEN'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY - GIACOMO MALLAMACI
WOMEN'S TEAM SUPERVISOR - DEAN FOSTER
WOMEN'S CONFLICTS RESOLUTION OFFICER - SUE GRIFFIN
WOMEN'S HEAD COACH - ASHLEY PEAD
WOMEN'S COACHES - BRADLEY JONES, PEARSE HAMILTON, MATTHAIOS SIDIROPOULOS
WOMEN'S GOALKEEPER COACH - AMY BUTLER**

MEDIA TEAM - PETE LOCKYER, ARITRA BOSE, RYAN MADDEN, ELLE THORNE, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ, MICHAEL GRIMES, ARYA YUYUTSU, NICK WITCOMBE, JOSH RUSSELL, ALBERTO MORELL LÓPEZ, BARTOSZ ROMANEK

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HOSPITALITY TEAM - KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, HEATHER RENNIE, DEL DIGWEED, DARREN HUNT

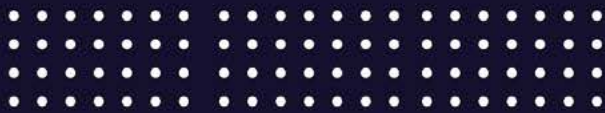
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WE ARE BACKING PLAY SAFE

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.

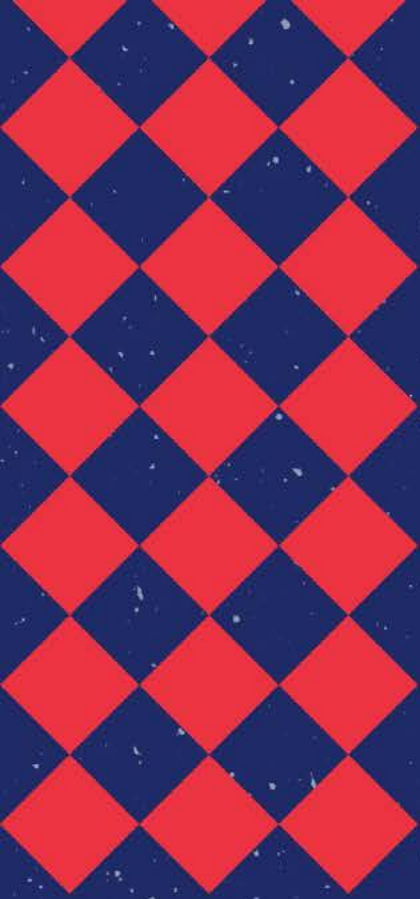
"As a group of survivors, we fully support the ethos and important messages that Play Safe conveys – whether to club officials, parents/carers and or vitally, children and young people themselves. Equally important is that Play Safe is not a one-off campaign – it will be used at key points in the football 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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