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Division One Central
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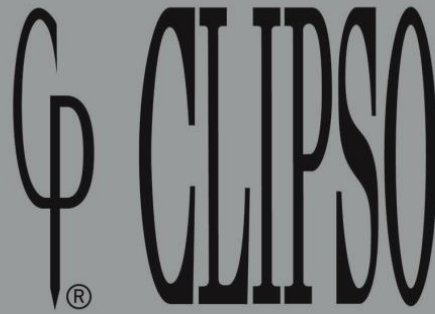
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Alan Lee Reporting

Kidlington 1 Vs Leverstock Green 3

Leverstock Green won their first ever away game since promotion to the Southern League, and it was a crucial three points against fellow strugglers Kidlington.

Since their last game, Fergus Moore has added to his squad with three players on loan from Boreham Wood's academy side, and all three featured tonight, along with John Gyabaah, signed on a dual registration from Colney Heath. Daniel Isaac started at centre back, while Keanu Fleming and Adam Morley came off the bench, the former scoring a superb goal to seal the win.

The home side had the game's first chance, with Felix Robertson heading over the bar from close range in the 5th minute. In the 12th minute Isaac showed some neat footwork outside the opposition penalty area before putting in a low cross. Guiseppe Delgaudio slid in at the near post but his effort was wide. Four minutes later Callum Neal headed over the bar from a corner.

In the 31st minute Alfie Bonfield pulled off the first of several important saves in a goalmouth scramble following a Kidlington free kick. In first half stoppage time Leverstock threatened on the break as Delgaudio carried the ball from the edge of his own penalty area to deep into opposition territory before laying off to Jamie Breen, whose shot was well saved by home keeper Henry Woodcock.

A tight game was goalless at the break, but five minutes into the second half Leverstock made a breakthrough. Breen went on a solo run from the halfway line before slotting a shot past Woodcock from the edge of the penalty area for a 1-0 lead.

The lead could have been doubled ten minutes later when a great pass from Breen put Nat Connolly through on goal, but Woodcock came off his line to save well. Another good chance was missed in the 64th minute when Breen had a clear shooting chance, but took an extra touch and had his effort blocked. It looked as though those misses might prove costly when Kidlington won a penalty in the 66th minute, a challenge from skipper Dan Pett bringing down Powfil Raposo, who had made a dangerous

s run into the box. Raposo sent Bonfield the wrong way from the spot to level the scores at 1-1.

Bonfield made another good save in the 70th minute to keep the scores level, before

Leverstock started using their substitutes. Isaiah Hilaire replaced Breen in the 70th minute, Fleming came on for Luke Beckwith in the 80th minute and Gyabaah replaced Ademide Baruwa in the 85th minute. Seconds after that last change Leverstock were back in front as Rio Beach capped off a spell of pressure around the Kidlington goal with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area past Woodcock for a 2-1 lead.

It got even better for Leverstock three minutes later as Fleming showed his quality with a mazy run into the box before cracking home a fierce shot off the underside of the bar to make it 3-1.

That proved to be enough for Leverstock to take the win, which moves them above Kidlington on goal difference and will be a great confidence booster for the forthcoming games against high-flying Flackwell Heath and Thame United.

Kidlington (0) 1 (Raposo 66 pen)

1. Henry Woodcock, 2. Samuel Jenkins, 3. Conor Taylor, 4. Zarius Edwards-Giraud, 5. Matthew Gunn, 6. Ben Richards, 7. Nathaniel Opoku (17. Fraser Allen 58 mins), 8. Felix Robertson (12. Latham Hawkins 63 mins), 15. Powfil Raposo, 10. Alex Costa, 11. Charlie Bacon. Subs not used: 14. Bogdan Stolboushkin, 16. Mason Muckelberg, 18. Buster Reed.

Leverstock Green (0) 3 (Breen 50, Beach 85, Fleming 88)

1. Alfie Bonfield, 2. Callum Neal, 3. Rio Beach, 4. Dan Pett, 5. Daniel Isaac (14. Oliwier Fusiek 90+4 mins), 6. Ryan Carruthers, 7. Jamie Breen (17. Isaish Hilaire 73 mins), 8. Ademide Baruwa (15. John Gyabaah 85 mins), 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio, 10. Nat Connolly (18. Adam Morley 90+1 mins), 11. Luke Beckwith (12. Keanu Fleming 80 mins).

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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green 1 VS Flackwell Heath 1

Leverstock Green were once again close to registering a crucial win in the Southern League Division One Central, but a late equaliser from Flackwell Heath meant they had to settle for their seventh draw of the season.

The starting lineup showed only two changes from Wednesday night's win at Kidlington, one of them being a first start for Oliwier Fusiek, recently signed from Haringey Borough. The first half saw few chances for either side. In the 9th minute a Flackwell Heath free kick went across the face of goal and just eluded two players who were sliding in to finish. Alfie Bonfield made the first of several crucial saves in the 29th minute, keeping out a shot from James Ayres. The closest that Leverstock came in the first half was from a misdirected defensive header that had to be turned over his bar by visiting keeper Carl Dennison.

Three minutes into the second half it was Leverstock that took the lead, from a free kick awarded near the corner flag. Ryan Carruthers aimed directly at goal and it went straight in at the near post as Dennison could only help it into his own net.

Flackwell should have equalised four minutes later when a shot from Matthew Ayres deflected into the path of James Ayres, who had the goal at his mercy but slipped his shot across goal and wide. Leverstock were still holding onto their lead as the game went into the final ten minutes, but Flackwell were now pushing strongly. Bonfield made a good save from Lewis Patrick in the 83rd minute, however three minutes later a ball into the box found Callum

Mapley, who hit a first time low shot that beat Bonfield and levelled the scores.

From there, Leverstock did well to hold out for the point under furious pressure from the visitors. Bonfield made some crucial saves, and his defence held firm with some important blocks and clearances.

Leverstock Green (0) 1 (Carruthers 48)

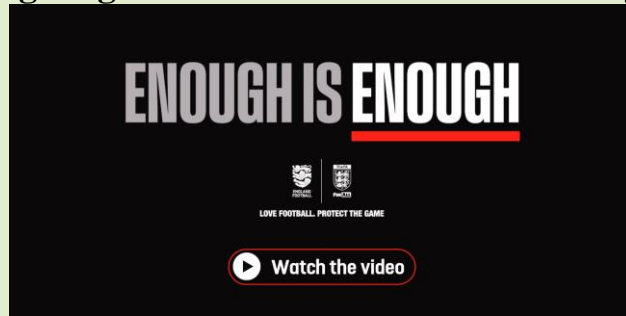
1. Alfie Bonfield, 2. Callum Neal (16. Adam Morley 75 mins), 3. Rio Beach, 4. Dan Pett, 5. Oliwier Fusiek, 6. Ryan Carruthers (14. Keanu Fleming 71 mins), 7. Jamie Breen (17. Marcus Warren 78 mins), 8. Ademide Baruwa, 9. Rawn Seale, 10. Nat Connolly, 11. Luke Beckwith (12. Lewis Collins 59 mins). Sub not used: 15. Daniel Isaac.

Flackwell Heath (0) 1 (Mapley 86)

1. Carl Dennison, 2. Kieran Jordan (16. Michael Harding 58 mins), 3. Lewis Patrick, 4. Lewis Pegg, 5. Callum Mapley, 6. Sean McGuinness, 7. Harrison Mephram, 8. Matthew Ayres (17. James Keeley 90 mins), 9. Jeffrey Fordjour (14. Abdellah El Jalaoui 75 mins), 10. James Mulley (15. Cory Hathaway 69 mins), 11. James Ayres (12. Philip Prior 70 mins).



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Alan Lee Reporting

Thame United 4 Vs Leverstock Green 0

Leverstock Green's three-game unbeaten run ended with a 4-0 defeat away to Thame United on Tuesday night. The damage was mostly done during a ten minute spell towards the end of the first half when three goals were scored.

Alfie Bonfield had to make a save within the opening 20 seconds of the game as Brayden Daniel burst through straight from the kick-off, and made another save in the 18th minute to turn a shot from Jefferson Louis round the post.

Leverstock were holding their own in the game until the 32nd minute when the ball was given away in their own half. Dan West picked up the ball and played a one-two with Daniel before firing home a low shot from the edge of the box for the opening goal.

There was almost an instant response from Leverstock. Jamie Breen got free down the left and crossed for Guiseppe Delgaudio. Thame keeper Matt Crowther got a hand to Delgaudio's shot, but it would still have gone in but for a goalline clearance from a defender. Instead of being level, Leverstock found themselves two goals down in the 36th minute as the ball was given away again and the mistake was swiftly punished as Daniel ran straight through the Green defence to slot home the second goal. Three minutes later West headed home at the far post from a corner to put the home side three goals up.

Leverstock needed an early goal in the second half to have a chance, but instead it was Thame who got the early goal as a ball over the top put Daniel clean through and onside to slot home the fourth goal in the 47th minute.

That ended the game as a contest, and the second half was largely a non-event as Thame made a triple substitution in the 63rd minute, withdrawing all their forwards. Leverstock brought on all their young substitutes during the second half, and it was an improved performance, but there were no further serious chances for either side.

Thame United (3) 4 (West 32, 39, Daniel 36, 47)

1. Matt Crowther, 2. Josh Stranks, 3. Leo Galpin (12. Oscar Lucey 76 mins), 4. Mark Riddick, 5. Finlay Murray, 6. Jack Tutton, 7. Greg Hackett, 8. Brayden Daniel (15. Curtis Brown 63 mins), 9. Jefferson Louis (14. Tom McElroy 63 mins), 10. Dan West (16. Hayden Beadle 63 mins), 11. Harry Alexander. Sub not used: 13. Archie Davis.

Leverstock Green (0) 0

1. Alfie Bonfield, 2. Callum Neal, 3. Rio Beach, 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Dan Pett, 6. Ademide Baruwa, 7. Jamie Breen (15. Oliwier Fusiek 74 mins), 8. Nat Connolly (12. Daniel Isaac 63 mins), 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio (14. Keanu Fleming H/T), 10. Rawn Seale (18. Adam Morley 52 mins), 11. Lewis Collins (17. Callum Moore 80 mins).

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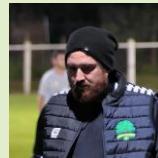
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Alan Lee Reporting

Allenbury Reserves 5 Vs Leverstock Green Reserves 1

It was a bad day at the office for league leaders Leverstock Green Reserves as they were beaten 5-1 at Allenburys Sports in Saturday's Herts Senior County League Premier Division game. After playing well during the first half they conceded a goal late on to trail 1-0 at the break. A poor start to the second half saw them concede further goals in the 47th, 49th and 55th minutes, and a red card for Jose Costa in the 58th minute reduced them to ten men.

Alex Vtornicov netted for the fourth game in a row to pull a goal back, but another goal for Allenburys late in the game made it 5-1.

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Barton Rovers Club History

Our home is in Barton-le-Clay, a village of some 5000 people just north of Luton. Formed in 1898, we played inter-village football for the first 50 years until 1946 when we reformed and joined the Luton & District League. Progress was such that in 1954 we were accepted into the South Midlands League. We enjoyed only limited success until 1964 when former Leicester City and Luton Town defender Barry Reed joined our club as manager. After winning promotion to the Premier Division in 1964/65 the club was never out of the top three until leaving the league in 1979, winning the title eight seasons out of nine and making a clean sweep in their final season the Premier Division title, the Senior Section Challenge Trophy, the Reserve Division title and the Reserve Section Challenge Trophy the only time this has been achieved to date.

In 1976 we entered the FA Vase for the first time and went to the quarterfinals before losing to Farnborough Town. The following year it was one step better with a semi-final appearance against Sheffield. 1978 saw the pinnacle reached with a crowd of 16,391 watching the Final at Wembley where we unfortunately lost 2-1 to Blue Star of Newcastle. In 1979 we gained election to the then Isthmian league. In our first season, we finished in a credible 8th position. In 1980/81 this was improved to fourth and the same position was repeated in 1981/82, when the club also enjoyed another good Vase run reaching the Rainworth MW 1-2 on aggregate. At the end of the 1982/83 season, Barry Reed retired having achieved the club's highest position of 3rd. He had also fulfilled his greatest wish to see Barton Rovers play in the first-round proper of the FA Cup, which was achieved in 1980 when we lost 2-0 to Torquay United at Plainmoor.

As a club, we had to settle for mid-table obscurity as three managers guided the Rovers through a transitional period in the mid-'80s. In season 1990/91, Rovers qualified for the new Division Two, for Manager Mick Huckle, his final game in charge after five years, as he retired to become General Manager. After an unspectacular 1991/92 season with firstly Ray Brandon and then Tony Dumigan in charge a new man was appointed in May 1992 - Brian Williams who had been one of the most successful non-league managers in the area. Unfortunately, his success was limited to cup competitions with the Rovers having their best FA Vase run for seven years, eventually failing to, Wembley finalists Tiverton Town from the Great Mills Western League in the 4th Round. The semi-final of the Bedfordshire Premier Cup was also reached but the most notable success came in the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy where the Rovers reached the final of an Isthmian League competition for the first time in our history.

Despite a 3-1 extra-time defeat against Northwood, it was an achievement that lit up the reins, retaining Gordon Brown as his coach. Together these two steered the Rovers clear of the relegation threat that had hung over the club all season, securing their Division Two status in the penultimate league match with a 2-2 draw at Withal Town. May 1993 saw the appointment of Gordon Taylor. His first season at Sharpenhoe Road saw him guide the Rovers to 4th spot, the club's highest position since 1983, behind runaway leaders and big spenders Newbury Town, Chertsey Town and Aldershot Town. This platform was built upon in season 1994-95, and Gordon Taylor successfully steered the Rovers into the Runners up position behind Champions Thame United. But to leave it there would hide the real success story of the season. It was realised at Christmas that the Club's financial position was precarious, to say the least, and drastic action was needed, initially to cut costs. With the team riding high in the table, and the very realistic chance of promotion, if not the Championship, lying ahead the decision to cut the playing budget to nil was not an easy one, but a necessary evil to ensure the Club's survival.

This body blow has destroyed many a club before but the loyalty shown by the manager Gordon Taylor, and the bulk of the playing squad, cannot be disputed. Their response had to be seen to be believed. Playing the best football of the season they subsequently swept to nine straight victories, eight in the league that put Barton back on top of the table, scoring 30 goals and conceding just 4. Only one victory in March allowed the chasing pack to make up ground, but a return to form in April culminated in promotion being gained in the penultimate match. No praise can be too high for the achievement of the management and players, who after all the adversity, took Barton Rovers into the First Division of the Isthmian League for the first time ever, after 16 seasons of membership of the League.

The elevation also saw the Rovers join the top 176 non-league clubs in the country in the FA Trophy. With subsequent cuts being made to the clubs running costs, and an increase in revenue from sponsorship, the club was once again heading in the right direction. Barton's first season in Division One was not an easy one as the club struggled to find its feet in the higher division, but lessons were learnt from the early setbacks, and by December the tide was turned and the Rovers hoisted themselves clear of the danger zone. Barton also reached the finals of both county cups, where we met Bedford Town twice. Bedford took the honours in the Senior Cup, winning 1-0. Barton then won the Premier Cup 1-0 on aggregate. Tony McNally scored the only goal 11 minutes from the end of the second leg at Sharpenhoe Road.

Season 1996/97 saw Barton top the Division One table twice in September. However, a run of seven matches without a win meant Manager Gordon Taylor resigned in

October 1996 after three and a quarter years in charge, despite the club still being in a healthy position in the top half of the table. Former Manager Mick Huckle took over the reins with former Coach Ben Harrison temporarily while interviews took place.

As a result of this, the Club selected Gordon Brown as their new Manager. The transitional period that followed saw a run of 13 games without a win until a vital 2-1 success at fellow strugglers Canvey Island in February 1997. With the "duck" broken and a settled side now back in place, results improved and the Rovers pulled themselves away from the danger zone. On the penultimate Saturday of the season with a 3 - 1 home win over doomed Tooting & Mitcham United, and a win at Molesey on the last day to be sure. As in the previous season, Barton lifted some silverware. This time it was in the form of the Anglia TV 5-a-side Championship. Manager Gordon Brown hoped his second season would see his team improve within their newfound level. This was achieved in season 1997 98 with a new record finish of 16th. The Rovers also had their best run in the FA Cup for 17 years, reaching the 3rd Qualifying Round with wins over Hassocks, Clapton and Windsor & Eton before Braintree Town ended the growing dreams of another 1st Round Proper appearance. We also reached the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for the 11th time, and Manager Gordon Brown departed to coach in the US for a year with the cup secured thanks to a 4- 0 victory over Potton United.

The Club appointed Gordon's successor in April 1998, on his recommendation, in former Arsenal and Luton Town player Ian Allinson, who was manager at United Counties League club Stotfold. Another record season was recorded, with 15th a new positional high. To cap a memorable season Barton reached three cup finals. The Bedfordshire Senior Cup was retained with a 3 - 0 win over Bedford Town, in a final played at Bedford Town FC and the South Midlands Floodlight Cup was won for the first time, with a 1 - 0 win over Hemel Hempstead Town, again on the opponent's ground. Barton missed out on a cup treble, losing the Hinchingsbrooke Cup Final, which they had reached in their first season, by 2 - 1 to Spalding United. 1999-2000 saw an excellent start by the club with Rovers in third spot on Christmas day. However, two defeats over the festive period by local rivals Bedford Town and bottom club Chertsey Town brought Ian Allinson's shock resignation to join Harlow Town. Ian Donnelly was promoted from assistant to take over the reins, and the club consolidated to record its highest-ever league finish with a final place of 12th. In addition to this Barton Rovers reached the semi-final of the League Cup losing over two legs to Farnborough Town.

With the club suffering a poor start to the next season Ian Donnelly was replaced by Noel Blackwell, who had been assistant Manager at Stevenage Borough. Noel was also a former Barton Player from the 1980s but his reign was brief lasting just 17 days in September. Barton's third manager in as many months was Alan Biley, the former Everton, Derby County and Cambridge player. Alan was appointed in October 2000 but resigned to take over Diss Town 4 months later. Dick Newman took over, steadied the ship, but had the job of rebuilding the Rovers following their relegation back to Division Two

With no relegation taking place due to the forthcoming league restructuring, the club took the opportunity to bring forward some of the younger players from its youth academy to give them invaluable first-team experience. Although the average age of the side was probably the youngest in the division, the team managed to finish in 14th place in the table. This young team also reached the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup and won the Hinchbrooke Cup for the first time with a 2-0 victory over Yaxley. Immediately after this final match of the season, Dick Newman informed the club of his decision to resign to take up a post with Pottton United. However, this shocking news was tempered by the fact that former manager, Ian Allinson, had left Harlow and agreed to return to Sharpenhoe Road for a second spell in charge, continuing the progress of the young players which had begun the previous season.

Season 2002/03 saw another period of consolidation with several young players making the grade. Notably, striker Drew Roberts, who came through from the youth side set the league "alight" with some great goals before moving on to Bedford Town. Ian continued to mould a side on a tight budget with yet more youth players to come through, hopes were high for this season. In January Ian decided to try his luck elsewhere and so he left to join Borehamwood on good terms after 18 months with us in his second spell. The club moved fast in finding a replacement and by the following Saturday it had appointed former players Gordon Guile and Graham Golds from Harpenden Town as joint player/managers. The club started the new season in the Southern League following the restructure, full of confidence as the rebuilding continued. Unfortunately, in early October Gordon found that work commitments meant that he could no longer give his full commitment to the club as manager, and he stepped down. The club moved quickly again and moved coach and former manager Gordon Taylor up into the management "hot seat". They also appointed long-term player and club captain Tony McNally as player-coach, and they continued to keep the club together and moving in the right direction.

After a season that saw the team consolidate its position in the league, and the departure of top goal scorer Paul Barnes to A.F.C. Wimbledon for a club record fee the season ended with a second Hinchingsbrooke Cup win and the final retirement of stalwart Tony McNally. The club then regretfully accepted the resignation of manager Gordon Taylor. With a view to the future, the club have appointed youth team manager Kevin Thoburn as General manager and the vastly experienced Neil Rodney as coach and the job of rebuilding the team goes on with the team looking very impressive in the pre-season period. The period after Kevin Thorburn's departure has somewhat been a transition of turning old ways into new. Manager Gary Fitzgerald took charge of his first full season in charge during the 2007/08 Season, Gary was the youngest manager to ever take charge of the Rovers team.

The 2007/08 season was a season looked at by many by trying to achieve stability after the previous regime. The season ended with the Rovers finishing in a comfortable position in the league, safe from any relegation battle.

The following season Gary Fitzgerald was still at the helm, his passion and knowledge of the non-league game guided Barton to safety once again. For a team that has such a small population, playing football in the Southern League is somewhat of an achievement in itself, Gary Fitzgerald was building a young and vibrant squad by the end 2008/09 Season. Former Luton Town player Ross Hanley had a superb season, winning the Player of the Season award. Fitzgerald believed in youth and the performances by Hanley were second to none.

The 2009/10 Season witnessed Gary Fitzgerald's third season in charge of the club. This season was to be a struggle, however, there were many highlights along the way. In the league, the club battled with relegation throughout the season and had to await news on a reprieve which gladly came in the summer of 2010. Barton Rovers played some fantastic football throughout the season and the lads battled till the end. Even in such a tough season, there were some outstanding individuals, Centre-back Paul Andrews developed into a no-nonsense defender and Tommy Hull a combative midfielder had a fine regime. The club enjoyed a great run in The FA Trophy, beating Ryman Premier side Horsham on the way and taking fellow Ryman Premier side to a replay.

The start of the 2010/11 season saw Barton Rovers in the Southern Football League, this time in the newly created Central Division. Gary Fitzgerald departed the club after four seasons in charge due to an unconvincing start to the season and was replaced with Dan Kenroy. Dan was recruited from neighbours Arlesey Town where he held a coaching position with their first team. At 30 years of age the former Rovers

player managed to assemble a vibrant squad that ended the season in a solid 12th position in the Southern League Central division. One of the plum results in his first season was the 2-1 away win at promoted Hitchin Town. The 2010/11 season also saw the introduction of a Reserve Team, some 15 years after Barton Rovers Reserves kicked their last ball. Darren Whiley was charged with the responsibility of filtering players through to the 1st team and competing in the Suburban Football League. A solid 13th-placed finish in the first season justified the decision to reintroduce a reserve team to the senior setup. Richard Wilmot was awarded the Players Player of the Year award; Sam Spencer was awarded Player of the Year and Andre Maltay picked up the Supporters Player of the Year.

The 2011/12 season saw Dan Kennoy retain a majority of the squad so the season started with an air of optimism. It's fair to say that it didn't quite go as planned. Just four points from the opening nine games and an FA Cup defeat to lowly Hatfield Town and the young manager was started to fill the pressure. Then just one defeat in the next nine league games saw the confidence rise as well as the Rovers league position. Some convincing results continued notably the 5-1 away win at Chertsey

Town and a 4-0 home win against Chalfont St Peter and the play-off places were starting to look achievable. The final quarter of the season unfortunately ended the same as the season started and with only 13 points from the last 30 available the season ended with a league position of 11th place which meant a top-half-of-the-table finish, something that hasn't happened since 2005. Ricky Case and Tommy Hull cleaned up with the first-team awards, Ricky taking the Players Player award and Top Goalscorer with 14 goals. Tommy took home the Player of the Year and the Supporters Player of the Year. Niran Vaughan was awarded the Young Player of the Year trophy. The Reserves finished the season in a remarkable 3rd place. Danny Charles was awarded the Reserve Team Players Player of the Year and Kevin Ashby received the Reserve Team Player of the Year.

Kennoy stayed on for another crack at the helm in 2012/13 guiding the side to a respectable mid-table finish. Some success in both the FA Cup and Trophy with the season ending with silverware in the shape of the North Beds Charity Cup. Arguably Rovers under the stewardship of Kennoy had its best season for many years in 2013/14. Flirting with the play-off places all season before finishing 6th with a last-day-of-the-season defeat which saw the side miss out on the playoffs by just 3 points. The club's highest league position in its history was coupled with back-to-back North Beds Charity Cup successes. Following Dan Kennoy's decision to stand down at the end of the season 2014/15 saw new managers at the helm in the shape of former

players Richard Wilmot and Wes Byrne. The season bettered the previous with Wilmot and Byrne achieving a club best of playoff finalist beaten by Bedworth Utd 2-0 but then going on to lift the Beds Senior cup with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Biggleswade Town at Kenilworth Rd. The 2015-16 season saw yet another new management team of Matt Endersby and Jon Reed taking the reigns to push the small village outfit to bigger things. Sadly the season was a right off with neither manager staying to the end of the campaign but the club did manage to retain the Beds FA senior cup with a 2-1 win over AFC Dunstable.

Former player Jimmy Gray took over in the Sharpenhoe Rd hot season for the promotion chase in 2016/17. Jimmy was assisted by Mark Boyce whilst Keith West stayed on as coach. Again, it's as close as it can be but no cigar as Rovers lose in the playoff final in an enthralling match v Farnborough. The two nil loss did not reflect the game but goals are all that matter. Barton regrouped for 2017-18, Mark Boyce moved up to the hot seat for the early part of the season but after a poor run of results was replaced after 16 games by ex-Dunstable Town manager and former Barton player Tony Fontanelle.

After a difficult start to the 2022/23 season, Tony Fontanelle and his team were relieved of their duties and shortly replaced by joint management force Leon Cashman and Jermaine Hall who managed to keep the club afloat after an inter-step playoff victory.

Although the club and Leon Cashman parted ways, Jermaine Hall remains in charge to this day.

Barton Rovers Pen Pics

Goalkeepers

Tyler Joseph

Previous clubs: Biggleswade FC, Potton United, Welwyn Garden City, Berkhamsted FC, Hemel Hempstead Town

Cameron Groom

Previous clubs: Berkhamsted FC, Berkhamsted
Defenders

Ryan Neufville

Previous clubs: Berkhamsted, Biggleswade United

Cameron Hyde

Previous clubs: Biggleswade United, Kempston Rovers

Tom Silford

Previous clubs: Berkhamsted, AFC Dunstable

Kai Phelan

Previous clubs: Bedford Town, Barton Rovers

Paul Andrews

Previous clubs: Barton Rovers

Robbie Goodman

Previous clubs: More than tiger woods

Mason Watkins Clark

Previous clubs: Bedford Town, Biggleswade United

Charlie Milton

Previous clubs: Shefford & Campton

Christian Swaby

Previous clubs: Watford, QPR

Midfielders

Martel Powell

Previous clubs: MK Dons, Maidenhead, Royston, AFC Dunstable etc, etc, etc

Alfie Warman

Previous clubs: Baldock Town, Godmanchester Rovers, Hitchin Town

Ashton Grant

Previous clubs: Biggleswade Utd. Bedford Town, AFC Dunstable, Berkhamsted

Saul Williams

Previous clubs: AFC Dunstable, Kings Langley, Berkhamsted

Kian Wilkes

Previous clubs: Crawley Green, Enfield Town

Lucas Kirkpatrick (Captain)

Previous clubs: Hitchin Town, Braintree Town, Bedford Town

Josiah Ramsay

Previous clubs: AFC Dunstable, Luton Town

Forwards

Matt Moloney

Previous clubs: Braintree Town, Bedford Town, Hitchin Town, Crawley Green, Luton Town

Taylor Rhiney

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Markel Cousins

Previous clubs: Biggleswade United, Langford, Shefford

John Shamolo

Previous clubs: AFC Dunstable

Tra Lucas

Previous clubs: AFC Dunstable, Leighton, Luton Town

Jamale McKenzie Lowe

Previous clubs: Bedford Town, S Club 7

Hadley Gleeson

Previous clubs: Colney Heath, Harpenden Town

Alan Lee Reporting

Hertford Heath 1VS Leverstock Green

Reserves 1

A controversial penalty deep into stoppage time allowed Leverstock Green Reserves to claim a deserved point from Saturday's trip to Hertford Heath. The pitch at St Margaretsbury survived the wet weather enough to play the game, but conditions were very difficult through.

The Green side was without both Freddie Newing and Jose Costa due to suspensions. There was a new partnership at the centre of defence with recent signings Antonio Edubatey and Oliwier Fusiek both starting, and first team regular Ryan Carruthers got some more game time after a recent injury.

The home side took an early lead as a defensive slip allowed the #19 a shooting chance, which he took with aplomb as a stunning strike from the edge of the box gave Harry Maloret no chance in the 5th minute. Maloret made two great saves within a matter of seconds in the 12th minute as Hertford Heath, with the wind behind them, continued to have the better of things. Maloret saved again with his legs in the 35th minute as the home side threatened on the break.

Two changes as the break saw Michael Adriano replace Joe Dalli and another new signing Daniel Kone made his debut, replacing Kaashan Darr, with Rodger Siluba dropping back into defence. Leverstock came close to an equaliser in the 68th minute, hitting the post in a goalmouth scramble. As Leverstock pushed forward for the equaliser, they left themselves vulnerable to a counter-attack, and in the 88th minute the Hertford Heath #2 was clean through on goal, but Maloret made another crucial save to keep his side in the game. In the first minute of stoppage time Leverstock had the ball in the net from another goalmouth scramble, but it was flagged offside and it

looked like their chance had gone. However, two minutes later in another goalmouth scramble, the linesman flagged for a handball. It was a controversial decision as it looked like it may have been a Leverstock player who handled, but after consulting his assistant, the referee awarded a penalty. Carruthers took the spot kick, which wasn't the best and was saved by the keeper, however Adriano was quickest to the rebound and put it away to earn a crucial point as Leverstock remained on top of the Herts Senior County League Premier Division.

Harry Maloret

Kaashan Darr ▾

Antonio Edubatey

Jack Evans

Bobby O'Flynn

Oliwier Fusiek ▾

Ryan Carruthers



Joe Dalli ▾

Alex Vtornicov

Callum Moore ▾

Rodger Siluba

Filip Kastrati  (for Moore 86)

Michael Adriano  (90+4)  (for Dalli H/T)

Raymond John  (for Fusiek 72)

Daniel Kone  (for Darr H/T)

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By Jon Couch

IN last Sunday's NLP, we spoke exclusively to National League CEO Mark Ives to look deeper into the national 3UP campaign, officially calling for a third promotion spot into the EFL.

Backed by all 72 member clubs at Step 1 and 2 after years of planning, the proposal officially calls for a change in regulations from the current two-up system and has received widespread support from the Non-League game.

But, as we've also heard this week, the campaign has also come up against some fierce opposition and there is a lot of convincing left needed to be done if EFL clubs are to vote in favour of the proposal at the EFL's AGM this June..

Ives spoke passionately the logistics behind the campaign but also warned that unless the matter is addressed now, it risks being kicked down the road for more years to come.

"Why now is a really important question," he told The NLP. "Everybody is aware we've been having conversations privately with the EFL. They've been very constructive, very amiable conversations.

"Then we have the Independent Football Regulator coming in. Whilst there are debates ongoing at the minute between the parliamentary houses and, potentially, up to 400 suggested amendments to the Bill that are being discussed, what is sure is the regulator is coming into play.

"That brings in another dynamic from an EFL point of view because the EFL are saying while they're supportive in principle of this issue, they cannot take this forward until the other footballing matters are dealt with – the current discussions between the PL and the EFL over the wider distribution of monies. That's a matter for the PL and the EFL, that's not a matter for us.

"We do not see them as being interdependent to the issue of three-up. If you think about them not being able to deal with anything until the matter is resolved between the PL and the EFL, which would potentially mean the regulator, the backstop and everything else kicking into play."

The National League's plea came after a wide-ranging BBC Sport interview with EFL chairman Rick Parry back in November when he accepted the need for change, commenting: "we have to acknowledge the need to look downwards as well as upwards".

But as columnist Chris Dunlavy warned in our sister paper, The Football League Paper, last Sunday, finding support from EFL clubs will be far from easy.

“It’s only natural to ask why turkeys would vote for Christmas, and in the short-term it’s a logical argument. Nobody wants to make themselves more vulnerable to relegation,” Dunlavy writes.

“So precarious are finances throughout the EFL, however, that all but the biggest clubs could become a basket case, practically overnight. Remember Bolton, or Derby?

“There’s also a lot of money in Non-League, meaning the clubs who come up - like Stockport and Wrexham - tend to push the incumbents down.

That makes relegation at least a reasonable possibility for the majority of EFL clubs and means three-up, three-down is very much in their long-term interest.

“Unfortunately, that’s not how people operate. Which is why, without legislative intervention or a financial sweetener, the National League’s 3UP campaign is a non-starter.”

Shrewsbury Town manager Gareth Ainsworth agrees.

Speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live Sport’s 72+ EFL podcast last week, the former Wycombe Wanderers gave a rather damning indictment of the proposal, while voicing his annoyance at being unable to compete financially with wealthy clubs coming from Non-League such as Wrexham, Notts County and Chesterfield.

Ainsworth said: “Obviously, we’re not going vote for it. Who in the right mind in the EFL will be the vote for, you know, three down, three up?”

“But that National League, believe me, very strong. And often the team that do come up. They compete well.

“And I think that’s a big argument point for them saying, look at your records, look at your Chesterfields of yours, look at your, you know, Stockports, you know.

“They’ve all kicked on, but it could kill some really, really big league teams. You know, you Oldhams and your Torquays. They’ve really found it difficult getting back in.

“Should we not look after our teams that you know, we keep going on about the teams that are struggling. We should look after our pyramid better.

“And the teams if a team just can’t keep up financially, but no other reason than the other teams have got billionaires coming in a million is that we it’s not fair that they just sink out the league and out of obscurity.

“So my argument would be, yes. These teams have done well, but have a look at the money that they’ve had invested in them as well.”

Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green Reserves 3 VS Apsley Argyle

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Leverstock Green Reserves went to the top of the Herts Senior County League Premier Division with a 3-0 home win over neighbours Apsley Argyle on Saturday. Goalscorers were Jack Evans, Alex Vtornicov and Callum Moore.

Harry Maloret

Bobby O'Flynn ▼

Alfie Herd ▼

Jack Evans 

Callum Neal

Freddie Newing

Jose Costa

Joe Dalli ▼

Alex Vtornicov 

Callum Moore  ▼

Rodger Siluba ▼

Luc Dischamps  (for Siluba)

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Kaashan Darr  (for O'Flynn)

Charlie Clarke  (for Moore)

Tyrone Kumi  (for Dalli)



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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green U18 4 VS Crawley Green U18 2

After two postponed games, the Under-18s returned to action on Thursday night. They continued their good form with a 4-2 win over Crawley Green, completing a league double. The goals were scored by Ryan Barry, Joe Sadler, Josh Weidner and Kuba Tinriover.

Thomas Morrell
Ryan Barry 
Alfie Hart
Shae Robinson
Archie Baker
Luca Crofts
Josh Weidner 
Neo Mitchell
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Jane Bateman, Head of International Relations, The Football Association

Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green 4 VS Stevenage 2

Leverstock Green progressed to the quarter-finals of the Herts Senior Cup where they will face a trip to neighbours Hemel Hempstead Town for an exciting local derby. They did it with an impressive 4-2 win over a young Stevenage F.C. side in an open game where both sides played some good football.

With both Reuben Rabstein and Liam Gauthier cup-tied, Leverstock had to use their fifth different goalkeeper in five games, giving a debut to Ryan North, signed earlier in the season from Northwood. There was also a debut off the bench for Lucas Georgiou, a former Leverstock EJA player transferred from Biggleswade Town to get more game time, a first appearance of his second spell at the club for Kyle Connolly, recently signed from Bedford Town, and a return from injury of his brother Gary Connolly.

Kyle Connolly tried his luck from a free kick in the 8th minute, but it was gathered by Stevenage keeper Sam Watkiss. In the 13th minute Ademide Baruwa broke away down the right and put over a cross which found Guiseppe Delgaudio, but his shot from close range was saved by Watkiss. The breakthrough for Leverstock came in the 21st minute when a pass from Zenon Stylianides put Lewis Collins through on goal, and Collins took the ball round Watkiss before slotting home the opening goal.

Stevenage were back level six minutes later, with a spectacular effort from Demi Oladiran, scoring with a shot from near the left touchline. However, Leverstock were soon back in front as Marcus Warren set up Collins to score his second with a low shot from inside the penalty area.

In the 36th minute Warren played a great ball down the left touchline to put Collins away, and he added to his two goals with an assist, squaring across goal for Stylianides to shoot home the third Leverstock goal. A minute before the break it was almost four as Delgaudio slipped a shot past Watkiss but it came back off the post.

The second half saw little in the way of chances for either side until the last 15 minutes. Collins had two attempts at completing his hat-trick, putting a free kick and a shot from open play over the bar. In the 77th minute Rawn Seale got on the end of a Kyle Connolly free kick but headed wide. Leverstock looked to be cruising to victory until a bizarre own goal in the 83rd minute put Stevenage back in the game. Having given the ball away in their own penalty area, Leverstock had a chance to clear off the line but two players in each other's way and the ball ricocheted into the net.

A minute later Seale had a chance to restore the two-goal advantage when he was clean through, but shot wide. However, in the 87th minute Ryan Carruthers chipped a pass into the box which found Seale, and a very composed first time finish made it 4-2 to Leverstock and confirmed their passage into the next round.

Leverstock Green (3) 4 (Collins 21, 29, Stylianides 36, Seale 87)

1. Ryan North, 2. Ademide Baruwa, 3. Kyle Connolly (12. Ryan Carruthers 80 mins), 4. Oliwier Fusiek, 5. Chad King (17. Rawn Seale 61 mins), 6. Zac Hawker (15. Lucas Georgiou 56 mins), 7. Lewis Collins, 8. Nat Connolly, 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio (14. Gary Connolly 63 mins), 10. Marcus Warren (16. Callum Neal 68 mins), 11. Zenon Stylianides.

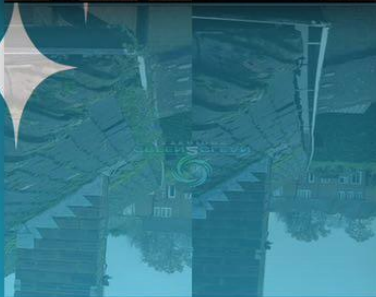
Stevenage (1) 2 (Oladiran 27, og 83)

1. Sam Watkiss, 2. Zack Howell (17. Archie Dougherty 57 mins), 3. Taye Cadman, 4. Myles Jackson, 5. Charlie Cane, 6. Frankie Impey (14. Jake Robinson 75 mins), 7. Demi Oladiran, 8. Tanil Sauk (12. Fenton Williams H/T), 9. Max Holland (19. Makise Evans H/T), 10. Kieran Godman, 11. Eniola Aminasahun. Sub not used: 12. Ashley Clare.



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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green Reserves 3 VS Hinton 5


It was a second straight league defeat for Leverstock Green Reserves, as they were beaten 5-3 at home by Hinton on Tuesday night. Callum Neal, Charlie Clarke and Michael Antonio scored the goals.

Harry Maloret

Kaashan Darr

Rodger Siluba


Alfie Herd

Callum Neal 



Freddie Newing

Antonio Edubatey


Joe Dalli


Charlie Clarke 

Callum Moore


Michael Antonio  

Bobby O'Flynn

Aryan Bashashdoust  (for Siluba)

Ronnie Brennan  (for Dalli)

Zak Mishcon

Richard van Crugten  (for Edubatey)



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Alan Lee Reporting

Oxhey Jets 2 VS Leverstock Green U18 0

The Under-18s were beaten 2-0 away to Oxhey Jets in Wednesday night's SCFYL Delphian Division game, both goals coming early in the game.

Thomas Morrell

Matthew Brett

Alfie Hart

Oscar Martin

Archie Baker

Shae Robinson

Ryan Barry

Luca Crofts

Kuba Tinriover

Joe Sadler

George Eldridge

Freddie Turner

Luke Dunton

Neo Mitchell

Taylor Wilkinson-Ousby

Alan Lee Reporting

Stotfold 1 VS Leverstock Green 0

Leverstock Green suffered a late defeat at Stotfold in a Boxing Day clash between two sides threatened with relegation from Southern League Division One Central.

It was a scrappy game of few chances played on a soft pitch. The Leverstock side showed a number of changes from their last game, including in goal where there was a debut for Frankie Beckles, signed on a dual registration from Bedfont Sports and Wealdstone.

Leverstock made a promising start, with Jamie Breen making some threatening runs down the left, but there was little end product. Stotfold had a couple of near-misses, with Haroon Merial shooting wide from a good position on 18 minutes, and a header from Mitchell Gooch landing on the top of the bar in the 25th minute.

But the game was goalless at half time, with the second half continuing in a similarly scrappy fashion. Stotfold had more of the pressure but the Leverstock side battled well to keep them from having any clear shots at Beckles' goal. The game looked like it would fizzle out into a goalless draw until three minutes from time when the ball dropped for Stotfold substitute Alex Coppin on the edge of the box, and Coppin made a good connection with a volley that beat Beckles and went in off the post to clinch the points.

Leverstock had to pick themselves up quickly with another game to come in two days at home to Aylesbury United.

Stotfold (0) 1 (Coppin 87)

1. Liam Gooch, 2. Tommy Reynolds, 3. Callum Kane, 4. Lewis Lynn (15. Ernest Njoroge 82 mins), 5. Dan Sears, 6. Luke Abraham (14. Matthew Ball 76 mins), 7. Codi-Lee Spavins (16. Robbie Buchanan 76 mins), 8. Mitchell Gooch, 9. Remell Sterling (17. Joziah Barnett 87 mins), 10. Haroon Merial, 11. Joe Sellers-West (12. Alex Coppin 82 mins)

Leverstock Green (0) 0

1. Frankie Beckles, 2. Adam Morley, 3. Rio Beach, 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Daniel Isaac, 6. Ryan Carruthers (17. John Gyabaah 89 mins), 7. Jamie Breen, 8. Dan Pett, 9. Rawn Seale, 10. Marcus Warren (14. Nat Connolly 75 mins), 11. Keanu Fleming (12. Ademide Baruwa 72 mins). Subs not used: 15. Callum Moore, 16. Oliwier Fusiek.

Alan Lee Reporting

London Lions Development 2 VS Leverstock Green Reserves 0

Leverstock Green Reserves suffered their third league defeat of the season in Saturday's visit to London Lions Development in the Herts Senior County League Premier Division. Two goals in the second half by Franklin Hyman won the game for the home side.

Harry Maloret

Kaashan Darr

Freddie Newing

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First Team Fixture/Results - 2024

Date	Venue	Opponents	Comp	Result	Goalscorer
Sat 4th Jan	Away	Beaconsfield Town	SL1C	D 2-2	Seale, Stylianides
Tue 7th Jan	Home	STEVENAGE	HSC-2	W 4-2	Collins 2, Stylianides, Seale
Tue 14th Jan	Home	HERTFORD TOWN	SL1C	D 0-0	
Sat 18th Jan	Away	Real Bedford	SL1C	L 1-3	Carruthers
Tue 21st Jan	Away	Kings Langley	SL1C	L 0-4	
Sat 25th Jan	Home	BIGGLESWADE FC	SL1C	D 1-1	Beckwith
Sat 1st Feb	Away	Leighton Town	SL1C	D 0-0	
Sat 15th Feb	Away	Ware	SL1C	1-1	Delgaudio
Sat 1st Mar	Home	BERKHAMSTED	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 8th Mar	Home	KIDLINGTON	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 15th Mar	Away	Enfield	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 22nd Mar	Home	KINGS LANGLEY	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 29th Mar	Away	Flackwell Heath	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 5th Apr	Home	NORTH LEIGH	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 12th Apr	Home	THAME UNITED	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 19th Apr	Away	Hertford Town	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Mon 21st Apr	Home	STOTFOLD	SL1C	3.00 pm	
Sat 26th Apr	Away	AFC Dunstable	SL1C	3.00 pm	

First Team Statistics

Player	Appearances	Goals	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
Nat Connolly	32	0	0	2	0
Lewis Collins	29	5	4	1	0
Ryan Carruthers	29	2	2	5	0
Ademide Baruwa	28	2	1	3	0
Rio Beach	27	2	2	3	0
Callum Neal	26	3	2	6	0
Luke Beckwith	26	6	3	2	0
Dan Pett	26	0	1	2	0
Alfie Bonfield	25	0	0	1	0
Dan Weeks	25	0	0	1	0
Rawn Seale	24	3	3	0	1
Guiseppe Delgaudio	24	9	1	4	0
Jamie Breen	23	1	1	1	1
Radu-Mihai Stefanoaica	16	5	2	4	0
Ethan Mooney	15	2	2	2	0
Eyituoyo Akinbulumo	15	0	0	2	0
Josh Dooley	15	0	0	3	0
Gary Connolly	15	0	0	5	0
Oliwier Fusiek	9	0	0	1	0
Marcus Warren	9	0	1	0	0
Cem Poyraz	8	0	0	2	0
Isaiah Hilaire	8	0	0	0	0
Keanu Fleming	8	1	0	0	0
Kyle Connolly	7	0	1	3	0
Lucas Georgiou	6	0	0	0	0
Alie Bangura	5	0	1	1	0
Adam Morley	5	0	0	1	0
Tyrone Kumi	4	0	0	0	0
Callum Moore	4	0	0	0	0

Daniel Isaac	4	0	0	0	0
Zac Hawker	4	0	1	1	0
Ryan North	4	0	0	0	0
Jaden Newman	3	0	0	0	0
Curtis Dibley	3	0	0	0	0
Scott McGleish	3	0	0	0	0
Lewis Croucher	3	0	0	0	0
Reuben Rabstein	3	0	0	1	0
Connor McGinty	2	0	0	0	0
Ronnie Brennan	2	0	0	0	0
John Gyabaah	2	0	0	0	0
Chad King	2	0	0	0	0
Zenon Stylianides	2	2	1	0	0
Frankie Beckles	2	0	0	0	0
Alex Desmond	1	0	0	0	0
Sam Doolan	1	0	0	0	0
Schilo Mateta					
Kanda	1	0	0	0	0
Shay Kelly	1	0	0	0	0
Liam Gauthier	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Adriano	1	0	0	0	0
Mayar					
Hajousman	1	0	0	0	0
Jose Costa	1	0	0	0	0

Southern League Div One Central - 2024/2025 League Table

Pos	Club	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Real Bedford	21	4	2	85	26	59	67
2	Berkhamsted	20	4	4	71	38	33	64
3	Hadley	16	7	4	59	30	29	55
4	Flackwell Heath	16	5	5	55	30	25	53
5	Barton Rovers	16	5	7	56	41	15	53
6	Thame United	16	2	9	54	41	13	50
7	Biggleswade F.C.	12	8	8	49	44	5	44
8	Welwyn Garden City	12	7	9	45	38	7	43
9	Aylesbury United	13	2	11	38	35	3	41
10	Beaconsfield Town	9	9	11	42	44	-2	36
11	Leighton Town	9	8	10	43	38	5	35
12	Ware	8	11	10	45	44	1	35
13	Hertford Town	8	10	10	39	46	-7	34
14	Enfield F.C.	8	9	11	40	46	-6	33
15	Kings Langley	8	7	13	43	43	0	31
16	AFC Dunstable	9	4	13	33	50	-17	31
17	Stotfold	6	6	14	30	55	-25	24
18	Northwood	6	2	15	24	48	-24	20
19	Leverstock Green	2	12	13	28	50	-22	18
20	Kidlington	4	4	19	27	61	-34	16
21	North Leigh	1	4	22	17	75	-58	7

Alan Lee Reporting

Ware 1 Vs Leverstock Green 1

It was yet another draw for Leverstock Green as they continue to try to find the points to keep themselves in the Southern League. The 1-1 result at Ware was their third straight draw and their 12th in 27 league games.

Both sides had plenty of chances during the game. Jamie Breen hit a shot just over the angle for Leverstock in the 4th minute, while at the other end a minute later Jon Clements hit a shot across goal and wide. A Leverstock mistake in the 15th minute saw the ball given away to Joe Dearman, who ran through on goal but fortunately shot wide. A minute later it was Leverstock who took the lead. Breen made an excellent run down the left wing, beating three players before sending over a cross. Ademide Baruwa laid the ball back to Guiseppe Delgaudio, who struck a shot from the edge of the box which went in off the post for the opening goal.

There were chances for Leverstock to increase their lead. In the 22nd minute a shot from Breen was kept out by the keeper's legs, while a minute later Baruwa put in a powerful challenge in the box to win the ball before hitting a sweet strike that curled just over the bar. Instead it was Ware that equalised in the 24th minute. Samuel Mayuma was allowed too much room to run at goal and hit a shot which Ryan North parried away, but George Ironton followed up and netted the rebound to level the scores.

The game was still level at the break, and early in the second half Leverstock had another couple of good chances. In the 48th minute Luke Beckwith broke away down the left. His shot was saved by

keeper Fred Burbidge, and the rebound fell for Delgaudio, but Burbidge kept out his effort too. A minute later there was another chance for Delgaudio, who got on the end of a great cross from Kyle Connolly, but his header landed on top of the net.

It was then the turn of North to keep Leverstock in the game with a series of great saves, firstly in the 50th minute to deny Stefanos Georgiou from point blank range. North saved again from Dearman in the 53rd minute, and denied Georgiou again two minute later, saving with his legs.

Beckwith went very close with a superb long-range strike in the 62nd minute that flew just over the bar, and North produced his best save of the game in the 75th minute to turn away a fierce strike from Ironton. Neither side was able to break the deadlock over the remaining minutes, and both sides are still looking for their first wins of 2025.

Ware (1) 1 (Ironton 24)

1. Fred Burbidge, 2. Stefanos Georgiou (12. Johnny Allotey 63 mins), 3. Joe Dearman, 4. Chukuma Okotcha, 5. Jay Rolfe, 6. Mackye Townsend-West, 7. George Ironton (16. Gucci Soulya-Osekanongo), 8. Max Granville, 9. Jon Clements, 10. Samuel Mayuma, 11. Gabriel Chapps (15. Thomas Kay 9 mins). Subs not used: 14. David Sota, 19. Lewis Thomas.

Leverstock Green (1) 1 (Delgaudio 16)

1. Ryan North, 2. Lucas Georgiou (12. Lewis Collins 72 mins), 3. Jamie Breen (18. Marcus Warren 79 mins), 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Oliwier Fusiek, 6. Ryan Carruthers (14. Nat Connolly 63 mins), 7. Kyle Connolly, 8. Dan Pett, 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio (15. Keanu Fleming 72 mins), 10. Luke Beckwith, 11. Ademide Baruwa (17. Rawn Seale 52 mins).



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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green U18s 5 Vs Baldock Town U18s 3

The win takes them back to the top of the SCFYL Delphian Division with four games to play, all at home.

Thomas Morrell

Freddie Turner

Alfie Hart

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Joe Sadler

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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green 1 VS Biggleswade FC 1

Leverstock Green were within sight of another precious win, but again they were unable to hold onto the lead they had held for much of the game against Biggleswade F.C., having to settle for their tenth draw of the season in the Southern League Division One Central.

There were a number of changes from the midweek defeat at Kings Langley, with starts in the back four for youngsters Lucas Georgiou and Oliwier Fusiek, and Ryan North playing his second game of the season in place of the injured Reuben Rabstein. After a quiet start to the game, Leverstock went close in the 22nd minute when Georgiou delivered a great cross which found the head of Guiseppe Delgaudio, but his glancing touch wasn't enough to divert the ball inside the post.

Five minutes later a superb pass from Dan Pett allowed Luke Beckwith to run through the middle of the Biggleswade defence, and go clean through. Visiting keeper Jasper Briggs slipped as Beckwith approached, allowing Beckwith to go round him and slot into the empty net to put Leverstock into a 1-0 lead. The visitors had a chance to equalise in the 38th minute with Luke Oswick having a clear shooting chance, but North did very well to keep out Oswick's shot with his legs and Leverstock held their slender lead until the break. Leverstock had a chance to extend their lead in the 50th minute when a pass from Pett gave Ademide Baruwa a run at goal, but Baruwa's attempted square ball to Delgaudio was cut out by a defender. Three minutes later there was a golden opportunity for Biggleswade to equalise when Fusiek was adjudged to have brought down an opponent inside the box and a penalty was awarded. Dan Bond stepped up to take it, but it wasn't the best penalty and North pulled off the save to keep Leverstock in front.

North saved again in the 61st minute, turning a header from Lawrie Marsh round the post. The pressure from the visitors was building up, though, and in the 78th minute Biggleswade won two corners in quick succession. From the second of those Dan Carey-Evans got up highest to head the ball past North for the equaliser. The best chance Leverstock had to go back in front came in the 84th minute when Rawn Seale set up a clear shooting opportunity for Kyle Connolly, but his effort went wide. The win wasn't to be, but Leverstock held out to claim another point.

Leverstock Green (1) 1 (Beckwith 27)

1. Ryan North, 2. Callum Neal, 3. Lucas Georgiou (15. Marcus Warren 85 mins), 4. Oliwier Fusiek (16. Dan Weeks 89 mins), 5. Gary Connolly, 6. Ryan Carruthers, 7. Kyle Connolly, 8. Dan Pett, 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio (12. Lewis Collins 70 mins), 10. Luke Beckwith (14. Rawn Seale 70 mins), 11. Ademide Baruwa. Sub not used: 18. Scott McGleish.

Biggleswade F.C. (0) 1 (Carey-Evans 78)

1. Jasper Briggs, 2. Adam Hunt, 3. Luke Oswick, 4. Dan Carey-Evans, 5. Adam Wedd, 6. Charlie Hayford, 7. Lawrie Marsh, 8. Rio Martucci, 9. Dan Bond, 10. Lee Northfield (16. Alex Penn 89 mins), 11. Temi Akinbusoye. Subs not used: 12. Ethan Kessel, 14. Laim Chadwick, 15. Michael Simpson, 17. Prince Nzinga.

Alan Lee Reporting

Dunstable Town U18 4 VS Leverstock Green U18 1

Leverstock Green's under-18s were beaten 4-1 at Dunstable Town on Thursday night in the SCFYL Delphian Division. After the hosts had taken a two goal lead, George Eldridge pulled a goal back, but it was 3-1 at half time and Dunstable added a further goal in the second half.

Thomas Morrell

George Eldridge 

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Herts Senior County League Premier Division Table - Reserves

Pos	Club	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	London Cheetahs	15	3	3	63	22	41	48
2	Chipperfield Corinthians	15	2	3	65	27	38	47
3	Cuffley	14	4	1	57	22	35	46
4	Leverstock Green Reserves	11	6	4	44	37	7	39
5	Everett Rovers	12	1	5	79	42	37	37
6	Allenburys Sports	10	6	5	58	36	22	36
7	Owens FC	11	3	8	49	51	-2	36
8	Cockfosters Reserves	9	1	10	39	49	-10	28
9	Hinton	8	1	9	46	46	0	25
10	Hertford Heath	6	6	9	45	42	3	24
11	London Lions Development	7	1	11	33	55	-22	22
12	Cheshunt FC Development	5	4	13	27	46	-19	19
13	Buntingford Town	5	3	12	37	56	-19	18
14	OIR FC	4	3	11	31	49	-18	15
15	Elneny FC	2	5	16	44	87	-43	11
16	Apsley Argyle	3	1	17	21	71	-50	10

Reserves Fixtures and Results 2024

Date	Venue	Opponents	Comp	Result
Sat 25th Jan	Away	Elneny FC	HSCL	D 3-3 Dalli 2, Bashashdoust
Sat 1st Feb	Away	London Lions Development	HSCL	L 0-2
Tue 4th Feb	Home	HINTON	HSCL	L 3-5
Sat 15th Feb	Home	CHIPPERFIELD CORINTHIANS	HSCL	D 1-1 Moore
Tue 4th Mar	Home	EVERETT ROVERS	HSCL	7.45 pm
Sat 15th Mar	Home	CUFFLEY	HSCL	3.00 pm
Tue 18th Mar	Away	Everett Rovers	HSCL	7.45 pm
Tue 25th Mar	Home	OIR FC	HSCL	7.45 pm
Sat 29th Mar	Home	BUNTINGFORD TOWN	HSCL	3.00 pm
Sat 5th Apr	Away	Cockfosters Reserves	HSCL	3.00 pm
Sat 12th Apr	Away	London Cheetahs	HSCL	3.00 pm
Sat 19th Apr	Home	OWENS FC	HSCL	3.00 pm
Sat 26th Apr	Home	LONDON LIONS DEVELOPMENT	HSCL	3.00 pm

Reserves Player Stats 2024

Player	Appearances	Goals	Yellow cards	Red cards
Joe Dalli	23	3	3	0
Rodger Siluba	22	3	3	1
Callum Moore	22	13	4	0
Harry Maloret	22	0	0	0
Freddie Newing	21	0	6	0
Jack Evans	19	2	1	0
Bobby O'Flynn	19	0	0	0
Alex Vtornicov	19	7	1	0
Michael Adriano	18	6	2	0
Jose Costa	17	0	0	1
Alfie Herd	17	0	5	0
Connor McGinty	14	5	4	0
Ronnie Brennan	14	1	0	0
Kaashan Darr	13	0	0	0
Schilo Mateta-Kanda	12	0	4	0
Filip Kastrati	8	0	0	0
Raymond John	7	0	0	0
Luc Dischamps	7	0	0	0
Charlie Clarke	6	1	0	0
Jack Child	5	0	0	0
Antonio Edubatey	5	0	0	0
Aryan Bashashdoust	5	1	1	0
Finley Sykes	4	0	0	0
Reece Marchant	4	1	0	0
Mikey Havill-Tierney	3	0	1	0
Max Drayton	3	0	0	0
George McCluskey	3	0	0	0
Josh Weidner	2	0	0	0
Matthew Brett	2	0	0	0
Callum Neal	2	1	0	0
Ethan Horwood	1	0	1	0
Oscar Martin	1	0	1	0
Cole Riley-Snow	1	0	0	0
Curtis Dibley	1	0	0	0
Thomas Morrell	1	0	0	0
Tyrone Kumi	1	0	1	0
Oliwier Fusiek	1	0	0	0
Daniel Kone	1	0	0	0
Ryan Carruthers	1	0	0	0
Ben Martin	1	0	0	0
Joe Dymock	1	0	0	0
Richard van Crugten	1	0	0	0

Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green 0 VS Hertford Town 0

Leverstock Green are in need of some wins to get themselves out of the relegation zone in the Southern League Division One Central, but they got another hard-earned point in a goalless draw with Hertford Town on Tuesday night.

Leverstock had some near-misses during the first half. In the 13th minute a nicely-worked move set up a chance for Lewis Collins, but his shot from a narrow angle was blocked by visiting keeper James Callan. Two minutes later Zac Hawker hit a shot from the edge of the box which was parried away by Callan. Closer still was a screamer from distance from Guiseppe Delgaudio in the 18th minute which looked from some angles as though it had flown into the top corner but in fact had gone just over the bar and hit the top of the net.

There was another chance in the 36th minute as Delgaudio's pass put Collins in on goal, but his shot went across the face of goal, as did a cross from Kyle Connolly in the 44th minute that no-one could get on the end of.

Leverstock keeper Reuben Rabstein pulled off the save of the match in the opening minute of the second half, tipping a shot from Adeniyi Gbolahan over the bar. The loss of Rawn Seale to injury robbed Leverstock of one of their attacking threats in the 55th minute.

In the 57th minute Sudayisi Sendege worked a chance inside the Leverstock box but shot across the face of goal. Rabstein had to pull off another couple of saves later in the game, and a great tackle inside his own box from Collins in the 79th minute prevented a Hertford player from running clean through on goal.

Two minutes from time Ademide Baruwa had a shot from distance, but it was saved by Callan, and deep into stoppage time Leverstock thought they had a shout for a penalty when Nat Connolly appeared to be fouled inside the box, but the referee waved away any appeals, even though Connolly was clearly injured and had to limp off the field at the end of the game. In the end a draw was a fair result, and not an unexpected one as these two sides have drawn more games than any other teams in the division. Leverstock now face a tough visit to top of the league Real Bedford on Saturday.

Leverstock Green 0

1. Reuben Rabstein, 2. Ademide Baruwa, 3. Kyle Connolly, 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Gary Connolly, 6. Zac Hawker (12. Ryan Carruthers 72 mins), 7. Lewis Collins, 8. Dan Pett (17. Marcus Warren 84 mins), 9. Rawn Seale (14. Callum Neal 55 mins), 10. Nat Connolly, 11. Guiseppe Delgaudio. Subs not used: 15. Oliwier Fusiek, 16. Lucas Georgiou.

Hertford Town 0

1. James Callan, 2. Ryan Bernal, 3. Liam Crutchett, 4. Albert McGregor (15. James Doherty 66 mins), 5. Roman Chapps, 6. Ben Herd, 7. Riley Carr (17. Marcus Painter 72 mins), 8. Billy Mardell-Smith, 9. Adeniyi Gbolahan, 10. Archie O'Brien (14. Brian Garzon 83 mins), 11. Sudayisi Sendege. Subs not used: 12. George Devine, 16. Jedediah Brown-Johnson.

Alan Lee Reporting

Leighton Town 0 VS Leverstock Green 0

Leverstock Green continue to make progress a point at a time in the Southern League Division One Central. Saturday's goalless draw at Leighton Town was their fourth draw in the last six games, and their 11th overall in 26 league games. This was a well-earned point, with a determined and disciplined team performance throughout, and for the second game running goalkeeper Ryan North earned the MOM award for a series of superb saves that kept his side in the game.

Leverstock are still suffering an injury crisis, with several key players missing, but there was a return to the side today for Jamie Breen, who gave an impressive display down the left and caused a lot of problems for the Leighton defence before being withdrawn after an hour.

North had to make his first save just ten seconds into the game, going down low to block a shot on the goalline. There was a good chance for Leighton in the 19th minute when Godlove Oppong was put through, but hit his shot across goal and wide. There was a flurry of chances towards the end of the first half. In the 35th minute Ademide Baruwa got on the end of a cross from Luke Beckwith but couldn't keep his header on target. Two minutes later Leighton had a corner, and Tolu Ikuyinminu hit the near post direct from the corner. There was another chance for Baruwa in the 38th minute was a pass from Kyle Connolly put him through, but his shot went into the side netting.

In the 42nd minute there was another good chance for Leighton when a cross found Charlie Pattison at the far post, but he headed wide. Leverstock had their best chance of the game in the last minute of the half. Neither Lucas Georgiou nor Kyle Connolly were able to get a shot away from a good

position inside the box, but the ball went back to Dan Pett, whose shot towards the top corner veered away at the last moment and skimmed the outside of the post.

Leighton were on top for most of the second half, but again the Leverstock side showed great resilience to keep them out. North made a brilliant save to turn away a header from Kyal Williams in the 51st minute, and kept out a shot from Williams a minute later. In the 70th minute a poor kick from North went straight to Samuel King, who had a run at goal but North redeemed himself by keeping out King's shot. Two minutes later North saved again to turn away a free kick from Williams. In the 79th minute Marcus Warren headed off the line from a Leighton corner.

Leighton piled on the pressure over the closing minutes with a series of corners, even hitting the bar at one point, but they could not put the ball in the net and the Leverstock side held out to claim a point.

Leighton Town 0

1. George Rose, 2. Anthony Ball, 3. Tolu Ikuyinminu, 4. Luke Pyman, 5. Lewis Thorpe (14. Luke Tingey 28 mins), 6. Sam McClelland, 7. Kyal Williams, 8. Charlie Pattison, 9. Lynton Goss, 10. Godlove Oppong, 11. Samuel King. Subs not used: 12. Ben Farrell, 15. Finley Jaggard, 16. Emmanuel Dahle.

Leverstock Green 0

1. Ryan North, 2. Lucas Georgiou, 3. Jamie Breen (16. Marcus Warren 61 mins), 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Gary Connolly, 6. Ryan Carruthers, 7. Kyle Connolly, 8. Dan Pett, 9. Guiseppe Delgaudio, 10. Luke Beckwith (14. Keanu Fleming 79 mins), 11. Ademide Baruwa. Subs not used: 12. Jose Costa, 15. Oliwier Fusiek, 19. Scott McGleish.

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Alan Lee Reporting

Real Bedford 3 VS Leverstock Green 1

Leverstock Green put up a spirited display against league leaders Real Bedford, but eventually fell to a 3-1 defeat. Fergus Moore's side is still plagued by injuries, with Nat Connolly having joined the injured list at the end of Tuesday's game against Hertford. Mayar Hajousman was drafted into the side on a dual registration with Colney Heath, and Jose Costa stepped up from the reserves to a place on the bench, while Luke Beckwith returned to the bench after a long injury lay-off.

The first half saw very little in the way of notable action, with Leverstock's disciplined shape keeping the prolific Real Bedford forward line in check, while also getting little change out of the home defence. However, in the 32nd minute a neat passing move put Joey Evans clean through to score the goal for Real Bedford which separated the sides at half time.

The second half was similarly tight, but on the hour mark Leverstock finally made a breakthrough. After a Kyle Connolly corner had been headed away, the ball went back to Connolly, and this time his cross was met by Ryan Carruthers with a glancing header that levelled the scores at 1-1.

However, the scores were only level for three minutes, as Isaac Galliford was allowed too much space in the Leverstock box to turn and lash home a shot to put Real Bedford back in front at 2-1.

There were further injury problems for Leverstock in the 75th minute as keeper Reuben Rabstein came out of his area to make a challenge. Rabstein was injured in the challenge and received a yellow card.

Despite being in obvious discomfort Rabstein completed the game, and indeed pulled off a superb save in the 82nd minute to prevent a third goal.

Leverstock were still in the game until the 85th minute, when they were swiftly punished for giving the ball away on the halfway line, as Real Bedford broke quickly and Josh Setchell shot home to make it 3-1 to the home side and seal the points.

Fortunately for Leverstock, all the other teams in the bottom five were beaten as well, so they haven't lost any ground, but they still need to start picking up points very soon. On Tuesday night they travel to Kings Langley for a local derby, with the injured Rabstein unlikely to feature.

Real Bedford (1) 3 (Evans 32, Galliford 63, Setchell 85)

1. Tyler McGregor, 2. Drew Richardson, 4. Jack Morrell, 5. Brett Longden, 6. Lee Watkins, 7. Josh Setchell (16. Harrison Knight 90+5 mins), 8. Callum Nicolson, 9. Joey Evans (12. Tom Hitchcock 90+2 mins), 10. Ben Stevens, 11. Isaac Galliford (3. Anthony Agemoh-Davies 66 mins), 17. Shaheim Ward. Sub not used: 18. Malachi Soile.

Leverstock Green (0) 1 (Carruthers 60)

1. Reuben Rabstein, 2. Ademide Baruwa, 3. Kyle Connolly, 4. Dan Weeks, 5. Gary Connolly (16. Oliwier Fusiek 87 mins), 6. Ryan Carruthers (17. Lucas Georgiou 90+2 mins), 7. Lewis Collins (15. Keanu Fleming 81 mins), 8. Dan Pett, 9. Rawn Seale, 10. Marcus Warren (14. Jose Costa 87 mins), 11. Mayar Hajousman (12. Luke Beckwith 71 mins).



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Alan Lee Reporting

Colney Heath U18 2 VS Leverstock Green U18 0

Leverstock Green's under-18 defender Ryan Barry suffered a horror injury to his knee in Monday night's game at Colney Heath which will require surgery. Everyone at the club sends their best wishes to Ryan for a speedy recovery.

The result saw Colney Heath win the game 2-0.

Thomas Morrell

Ryan Barry

Alfie Hart

Archie Baker

Shae Robinson

Luca Crofts

Freddie Turner

Joe Sadler

Kuba Tinriover

Neo Mitchell

George Eldridge

Matthew Brett

Taylor Wilkinson-Ousby

Sonny Latham-Gough

Luke Dunton

Alan Lee Reporting

Kings Langley 4 VS Leverstock Green 0

Leverstock Green's relegation worries deepened as they crashed to a 4-0 defeat in a local derby at Kings Langley, the first time the two sides had met in a decade. Two goals either side of half time killed off Leverstock's hopes in a game where they struggled to create any meaningful efforts at goal.

The home side took the lead in the 15th minute with a goal that had an element of controversy. Leverstock keeper Frankie Beckles went up to claim the ball but lost it under a challenge from Jonathan Lawson that on another day could have been given as a foul against the keeper, but the referee played on and Bentley Assiedu slotted home the loose ball.

Leverstock had some promising moments around the Langley box, but too often there was a reluctance to shoot. Their best chance fell to Lewis Collins, who headed straight at the keeper from a good position.

As the game moved towards half time Leverstock were still in it, but in stoppage time a cross from Assiedu found Lawson in front of goal with a free header to make it 2-0.

That gave Leverstock a mountain to climb in the second half, and little over a minute into the second half it became an even bigger mountain when a ball down the middle put Henry Burt clean through to score the third goal.

Again Leverstock had plenty of the ball around the opposition box, but failed to trouble former Green keeper Adi Connolly in the Langley goal. Assiedu scored a fourth goal from a narrow angle in the 76th minute to put the icing on a big win for the home side.

Kings Langley (2) 4 (Assiedu 15, 76, Lawson 45+1, Burt 47)

1. Adi Connolly, 2. James Towell, 3. Judd Farrant, 4. Darnell-Joe Luke (16. Flinn Filler 78 mins), 5. Alistair Gould, 6. Kobe Sinclair-Linton, 7. Henry Dudley, 8. Henry Burt (12. Charne Lemba 83 mins), 18. Jonathan Lawson (14. Lance Williams 83 mins), 10. Bradley Smith (15. Mo Kamara 58 mins), 11. Bentley Assiedu.

Sub not used: 17. Jordan Parkes.

Leverstock Green (0) 0

1. Frankie Beckles, 2. Ademide Baruwa, 3. Kyle Connolly, 4. Dan Weeks (15. Oliwier Fusiek 50 mins), 5. Gary Connolly, 6. Ryan Carruthers, 7. Lewis Collins (12. Luke Beckwith 62 mins), 8. Dan Pett (16. Lucas Georgiou 75 mins), 9. Rawn Seale, 10. Marcus Warren (14. Guiseppe Delgaudio 50 mins), 11. Zac Hawker (17. Callum Neal 75 mins).



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Alan Lee Reporting

Baldock Town U18 1 VS Leverstock Green U18

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The Under-18s returned to winning ways with a 5-1 win away to Baldock Town in the SCFYL Delphian Division. Joe Sadler opened the scoring in first half stoppage time and Oscar Martin added a second in the 56th minute. Josh Weidner made it 3-0 on 61 minutes and Alfie Hart scored the fourth five minutes later. Baldock pulled a goal back late on, but Archie Baker restored the four-goal advantage in stoppage time.

Thomas Morrell

Matthew Brett

Alfie Hart 

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Pos	Club	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Leverstock Green U18	7	1	4	29	23	6	22
2	Codicote U18	6	1	4	37	29	8	19
3	Oxhey Jets U18	5	3	2	31	18	13	18
4	Crawley Green U18	5	0	6	29	28	1	15
5	Colney Heath U18	4	2	0	21	10	11	14
6	Dunstable Town U18	3	3	1	20	19	1	12
7	Welwyn Garden City U18	2	1	4	21	22	-1	7
8	Letchworth Garden City Eagles U18	2	1	5	18	24	-6	7
9	Baldock Town U18	1	0	9	19	52	-33	3

Under 18s

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Fixtures/ Results

Date	Venue	Opponents	Comp	Result	Goalscorers
Thu 5th Sept	Home	BEACONSFIELD TOWN	FAYC-P	L 1-5	Eldridge
Tue 10th Sept	Away	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	SCYL	W 1-0	Robinson
Thu 10th Oct	Home	ENFIELD BOROUGH	BHC-2	L 2-2 (4-5)	Eldridge, Robinson
Thu 17th Oct	Away	Codicote	SCYL	L 3-5	Robinson, Eldridge, Mitchell
Thu 24th Oct	Home	LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY EAGLES	SCYL	W 4-2	Eldridge 3, Martin
Tue 29th Oct	Away	Crawley Green	SCYL	W 3-1	Tinriover 2, Weidner
Wed 6th Nov	Away	Oxhey Jets	SCYL	L 0-2	-
Thu 14th Nov	Away	Welwyn Garden City	SCYL	W 2-0	Hart, Sadler
Thu 12th Dec	Home	CRAWLEY GREEN	SCYL	W 4-2	Barry, Sadler, Weidner, Tinriover
Mon 13th Jan	Away	Colney Heath	SCYL	L 0-2	-
Thu 23rd Jan	Away	Baldock Town	SCYL	W 5-1	Sadler, Martin, Weidner, Hart, Baker
Thu 30th Jan	Away	Dunstable Town	SCYL	L 1-4	Eldridge
Thu 6th Feb	Home	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	SCYL	D 1-1	Eldridge
Thu 13th Feb	Home	BALDOCK TOWN	SCYL	W 5-3	Latham-Gough 3, Brett, Evans
Thu 27th Feb	Home	DUNSTABLE TOWN	SCYL	7.45 pm	
Thu 13th Mar	Home	CODICOTE	SCYL	7.45 pm	
TBA	Home	COLNEY HEATH	SCYL	7.45 pm	
TBA	Home	OXHEY JETS	SCYL	7.45 pm	

Under 18s

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Player Stats

Player	Appearances	Goals
Shae Robinson	14	3
Alfie Hart	14	2
Archie Baker	14	2
Luca Crofts	13	0
George Eldridge	13	8
Matthew Brett	12	1
Freddie Turner	12	0
Thomas Morrell	12	0
Kuba Tinriover	12	3
Josh Weidner	11	3
Joe Sadler	11	3
Luke Dunton	10	0
Sonny Latham-Gough	10	3
Neo Mitchell	10	1
Oscar Martin	8	2
Taylor Wilkinson-Ousby	8	0
Ryan Barry	7	1
Lewis Evans	2	0
Alfie Welham	1	0
Max Pepper	1	0
Chris McNamee	1	0
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Charlie Bradshaw	1	0

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Alan Lee Reporting

Leverstock Green U18 1 Vs Welwyn Garden City U18 1

The Under-18s drew 1-1 with Welwyn Garden City in Thursday night's SCFYL Delphian Division game, with a second half equaliser from George Eldridge securing a point.

Thomas Morrell

Freddie Turner

Alfie Hart

Archie Baker

Shae Robinson

Luca Crofts

Charlie Bradshaw

Neo Mitchell

Kuba Tinriover

Joe Sadler

George Eldridge 

Lewis Evans 

Taylor Wilkinson-Ousby 

Leverstock Green FC Honours

Honours

1954-55	Joined Herts County League Division Two Herts County League Division Two runner-up
1955-56	Placed in Division One "B" for transitional season
1962-63	Normal league programme cancelled, emergency competition run instead
1967	Relegated to Division Two
1973-74	Herts County League Division Two runner-up (lost title on goal average) Promoted to Division One
1978-79	Herts County League Division One Champions Promoted to Premier Division
1984	Relegated to Division One
1984-85	Herts County League Division One runner-up Promoted to Premier Division
1985-86	League renamed Herts Senior County League
1987	Relegated to Division One
1988-89	Herts Senior County League Division One runner-up (lost title on goal difference) Promoted to Premier Division
1990-91	Herts Senior County League runner-up
1991-92	Joined South Midlands League
1993-94	Joined newly formed Senior Division on league re-organisation
1995-96	South Midlands League Senior Division runner-up
1996-97	South Midlands League Senior Division Champions
1997-98	Founder members of Spartan South Midlands League Senior Division
2001	Senior Division renamed Division One
2002-03	Promoted to Premier Division
2024-25	Promoted to Pitching In Southern League Division One Gladwish Charity Cup Winners,

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1991-92	Herts Charity Shield Runners-up Herts Centenary Trophy R-up
2002-03	Herts Intermediate Cup R-up
2006-07 2010-11	Herts Charity Shield Winners
2011-12	Herts Charity Cup R-up

Herts Senior County League

1965-66	Reserve Division Three R-up
1973-74	Division Two Runners-up
1978-79	Division One Champions
1981-82	Reserve Division Two R-up
1984-85 1988-89	Division One Runners-up
1990-91	Premier Division Runners-up

Spartan South Midlands League

1991-92	Reserve Division Two R-up
1993-94	Senior Cup Runners-up
1995-96	Senior Division Runners-up Senior Div Best Playing Surface 1st Equal Best Programme
1996-97	Senior Division Champions Senior Div Best Playing Surface Sportsmanship Cup Winner Fred Crain Award Winner
1999-2000	Senior Div Best Playing Surface Res Div 1 Top Sportsmanship Pts
2000-01	Sportsmanship Cup Winner Senior Div Best Programme Reserve Division One R-up
2001-02	Sportsmanship Cup Winner
2002-03	Division One Best Playing Surface Promoted to Premier Division
2003-04	Reserve Division One R-up
2004-05	Reserve Division One Champions
2005-06	Premier Division Cup Runners-up
2006-07	Reserve Division One Champions
2008-09	Reserve Division One R-up
2010-11	Premier Division Cup Runners-up
2011-12	Fred Crain Award Winner
2012-13	Sportsmanship Cup Winner
2015-16	Napier English Electric Sportsmanship Cup Winner

Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League

2010-11	Delphian Division Runners-up
2014-15	Corinthian Division Runners-up
2015-16	Brian Hitchings Cup Runners-up Colwyn Cup Runners-up

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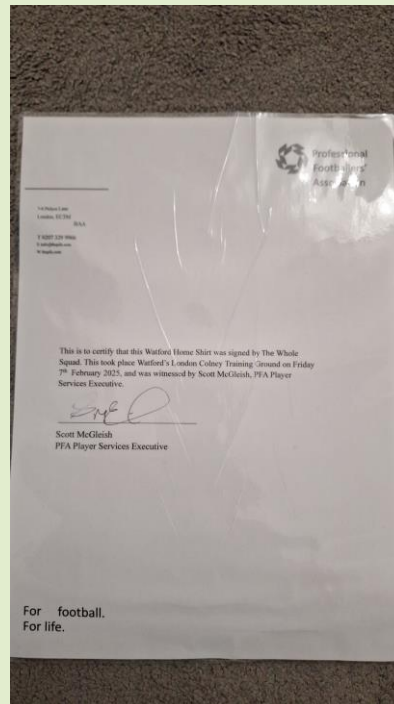
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