



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

THE STAGZ

ISSUE 1



SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2023

3PM KICK OFF



BUNTINGFORD TOWN FC

THE COUNTY GROUND, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 2EN





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GAFFERS COMMENTS



The past few weeks at Hatfield Town FC have been a whirlwind to say the least. Coming in as the new Chairman has been eventful and is a challenge that my great support team and I are relishing in. Due to events at the club on arrival, I have also temporarily taken on the role of First Team Manager. We got off to a great start with a 2-1 victory over Sandridge Rovers in my first game in charge. We went 1-0 down and after equalising, fell victim to a dubious red card decision resulting in us being a man down. Even under such circumstances we persevered and scored a late and much deserved winner. Next, we took the trip to nearby Welwyn Garden City FC Development where although we didn't play our best, still could have gone home with all 3 points after a late header from a substitute hit the wrong side of the post and went wide. The game ended 0-0.

We then hosted league leaders Bush Hill Ranger's FC where after going 2-0 down early in the first half we brought it back to 2-2. Unfortunately, we conceded a third just before half time and although we dominated the ball and created enough chances to take all 3 points, we lost the game. With us being the better team in this match, it gave us the confidence to kick on, and kick on we have! A trip to Hoddesdon Town FC Reserves saw us go a goal behind early on but that didn't deter us, and the boys rallied together playing some exquisite football. We ended the first half 2-1 up and were rampant in the second half as we secured a 6-2 victory. This was followed by a Home Cup fixture against Sandridge Rovers FC.

This encounter caused quite the ruckus as we went 2-0 up and ended the first half in a seemingly comfortable position, whilst continuing to play lovely football. The second half saw the opposition get back into the game with a goal that shouldn't have counted, as the goal scorer clearly handled the ball before scoring but was followed by us scoring to make it 3-1. The ending of the game was nervy for us as we had a man sent off for what was deemed "denying a goalscoring opportunity" and they profited by scoring from the awarded penalty. We eventually held out which sees us through to the quarter final. Our most recent fixture was against high flying Hertford Heath FC where after going a goal down early in the second half we brought the 3 points home by responding with 3 goals and winning 3-1. We go again this Saturday with a match against Buntingford Town FC.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
L	25/02/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS  Buntingford Town First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	
L	04/03/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS  Hinton First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	
L	11/03/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS  Sandridge Rovers First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	
NAT	18/03/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS  Cuffley Seniors First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Aubrey Cup 2022 - 2023	
L	25/03/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS  Belstone First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	

The Stagz next 5 fixtures coming up between February and March all at The County Ground. After our clash against Buntingford we will be taking on 10th place Hinton at home.



ONE TO WATCH

Hatfield Town FC's player to watch is 17-year-old, Balu Makumbi.

Having started his career as a striker and becoming top goal scorer in his local team, Balu was moved to centre back position quite early in his career by a previous coach. Balu rose to the challenge and as he continued to excel in his new position, he became a valued, dependable and confident player in his team. Balu's versatility and football intelligence also allows him to be played in other positions, including center defensive midfield, where he is able to get on the ball and control the game. Born in The Democratic Republic of Congo, Kinshasa, Balu moved to England aged seven, and joined his first football team at the age of eight. As his love for the game flourished, Balu began training more and more, investing his time and energy and using every opportunity available to perfect his craft.

Balu would study the techniques of his idol, Ronaldinho and spend hours trying to recreate and master these to develop his own game. Some of Balu's greatest attributes are his communication, confidence, composure, and discipline both on and off the pitch. Overall, Balu is a talented and hardworking player who always strives for the best within himself and really is one to watch!



Written by Ronaldo Debruin



LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bush Hill Rangers FC First	16	13	1	2	28	40
2	Hertford Heath First	17	10	4	3	15	34
3	Chipperfield Corinthians First	15	11	1	3	6	34
4	Belstone First	16	9	2	5	15	29
5	Ware Sports FC First	15	8	4	3	15	28
6	Cuffley Seniors First	16	9	1	6	9	28
7	Hatfield Town First	19	7	4	8	3	25
8	Welwyn Garden City FC Development	20	6	6	8	-5	24
9	Royston Town FC U23	16	6	3	7	4	21
10	Hinton First	18	5	3	10	-13	18
11	Buntingford Town First	16	4	5	7	-12	17
12	Colney Heath FC Reserves	15	5	1	9	-17	16
13	Hoddesdon Town Reserves	18	5	1	12	-21	16
14	Oracle Components First	14	4	3	7	-6	15
15	Sandridge Rovers First	11	4	2	5	1	14
16	Cockfosters Reserves	14	3	5	6	-1	14
17	Harefield United Reserves	12	1	2	9	-21	5

The Stagz currently sit 7th in the league table on 25 points with a big 3-1 away victory mid week over 2nd place Hertford Heath. The boys 2nd half performance was enough to brush aside the opposition and secure the 3 points.



HATFIELD NEWS

We are excited to share some updates on behind the scenes at Hatfield Town FC.

Some of you may have heard that Hatfield town has a new chairman... well it's true, and his name is Marce Collington.

Marce came on board with great passion, extensive experience and knowledge of football and of running a football club and has some amazing goals and plans for Hatfield Town FC Youth and Senior teams.

Special mentions to Dan Watt, Dan Hedges, Kelly Vinall, Lewis Johnson, Elbert Carter and Noel Srithiran who have also supported the transition. As a team lead by Marce, we are committed to expanding on and improving our football provisions within the community and the work has already begun!

We want to also thank you as parents and guardians for your tireless support in getting the boys and girls to training and matches every week and for being on the side-lines supporting when you can. It does not go unnoticed and we appreciate your continued support.



The Opposition - Buntingford Town FC

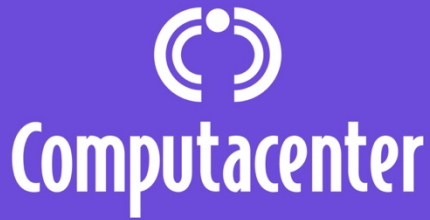
Buntingford Town FC has been the home of Adult Football in Buntingford since 1897 and are an accredited club, affiliated to the Football Association.

Their first team plays in the Herts Senior County League on Saturday afternoons and are currently sitting mid table with 17 points. The team are lead by manager Bruce Knapp, Assistant manager Dave Williamson and Coach Chris Odell.

BUNTINGFORD SQUAD

**Kairo Anthony
Daniel Apostolos
Matthew Cooper
Georgio Cozzi
Jake Davis
Hunter Diack
Frederick Dooling
Antonio Fusco
David McCann
Charlie Owen
Harry Watson
Liam George
Adam Illingworth
Reece Knapp**

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