



OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

# THE STAGZ

ISSUE 2



SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 2023

3PM KICK OFF



**SANDRIDGE ROVERS FC**



THE COUNTY GROUND, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 2EN



# Hatfield Town Football Club

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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	VS	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
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	 Cockfosters Reserves	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	
L	01/04/23 15:00	Royston Town FC U23 	VS	 Hatfield Town First	ROYSTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB	Premier Division	
L	10/04/23 15:00	Hatfield Town First 	VS	 Ware Sports FC First	HERTFORDSHIRE FA - THE COUNTY GROUND	Premier Division	

The Stagz next 5 fixtures coming up between March and April. After our highly anticipated clash against Sandridge we will be taking on 7th place Cuffley Seniors at home.



# ONE TO WATCH

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## **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

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# LEAGUE TABLE

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bush Hill Rangers FC First	18	15	1	2	30	46
2	Belstone First	19	12	2	5	23	38
3	Chipperfield Corinthians First	17	12	1	4	10	37
4	Hertford Heath First	20	10	4	6	6	34
5	Hatfield Town First	21	9	4	8	14	31
6	Ware Sports FC First	18	9	4	5	13	31
7	Cuffley Seniors First	18	9	1	8	4	28
8	Royston Town FC U23	17	7	3	7	10	24
9	Welwyn Garden City FC Development	22	6	6	10	-8	24
10	Sandridge Rovers First	14	7	2	5	8	23
11	Oracle Components First	17	5	4	8	-7	19
12	Colney Heath FC Reserves	17	6	1	10	-16	19
13	Hoddesdon Town Reserves	21	6	1	14	-26	19
14	Cockfosters Reserves	17	4	6	7	-1	18
15	Hinton First	19	5	3	11	-18	18
16	Buntingford Town First	19	4	5	10	-23	17
17	Harefield United Reserves	14	3	2	9	-19	11

The Stagz have moved up to 5th in the league table on 31 points with our recent winning form and significant goal difference increase. With 5 wins on the bounce, The Stagz are looking to keep pushing up the table.



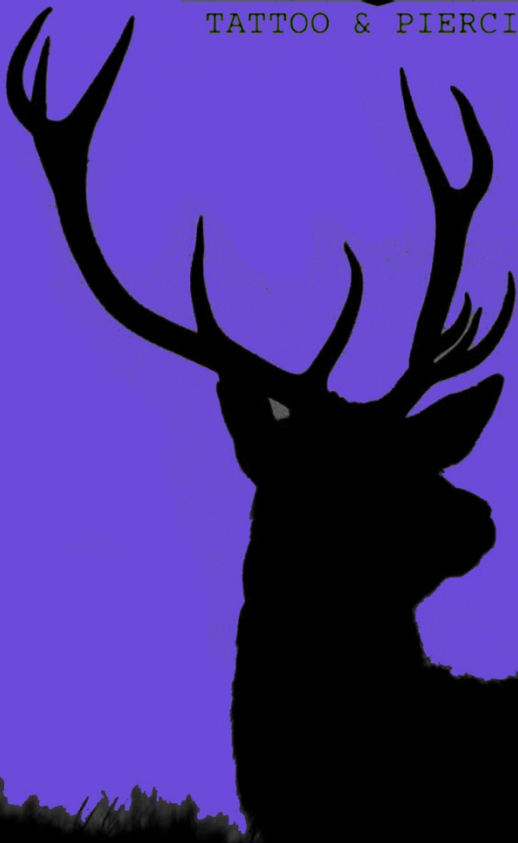
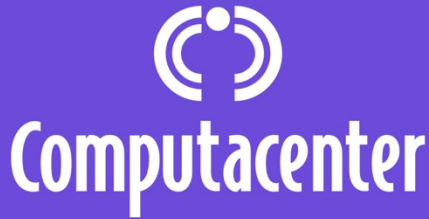
## **The Opposition - Sandridge Rovers FC**

**Sandridge Rovers Football Club is an English football club based in Sandridge, Hertfordshire. They currently compete in the Herts County League Premier Division and play their home matches at the Spencer Recreation Ground. The club is affiliated to the Hertfordshire Football Association.**

**Sandridge Rovers Football Club was formed in 1896 and were members of the Mid Herts League for several decades. Changing facilities were spartan with the club sharing the old pavilion with the cricket club.**

**Joshua Cross  
Jack Faulder  
Declan Jackson  
Dominic Knaggs  
Niall Lysaght  
Max O'Shea  
Jack Percy  
Daniel Rossiter  
Harry Seeby  
Michael Williams  
Jamie Willing  
Cieran Yapp  
Hugh Gaffney  
Jack McShane**

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