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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

SEASON 2025/26

LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	-Pts	Pts
Leighton Town	23	16	5	2	59	24	35	-	53
Hertford Town	22	14	3	5	56	29	27	-	45
Hitchin Town	21	12	7	2	47	19	28	-	43
Barton Rovers	23	12	7	4	44	31	13	-	43
Biggleswade Town	23	12	6	5	58	35	23	-	42
Biggleswade FC	22	11	8	3	44	28	16	-	41
Ware	23	12	4	7	47	37	10	-	40
Welwyn Garden City	24	9	8	7	39	31	8	-	35
Thame United	21	11	2	8	44	39	5	-	35
Stotfold	22	11	1	10	44	40	4	-	34
Hadley	21	8	7	6	41	38	3	-	31
Beaconsfield Town	23	8	7	8	40	37	3	-	31
London Lions	23	9	2	12	40	49	-9	-	29
Marlow	23	9	2	12	40	49	-9	-	29
Milton Keynes Irish	23	9	2	12	40	52	-12	-	29
Flackwell Heath	22	7	6	9	34	30	4	-	27
Aylesbury United	22	7	5	10	31	38	-7	-	26
Leverstock Green	22	3	10	9	33	45	-12	-	19
Northwood	23	3	10	10	32	52	-20	-	19
Enfield	23	3	3	17	28	66	-38	-	12
Rayners Lane	23	3	3	17	21	63	-42	-	12
AFC Dunstable	22	2	4	16	21	51	-30	-	10

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SEASON 2025/26

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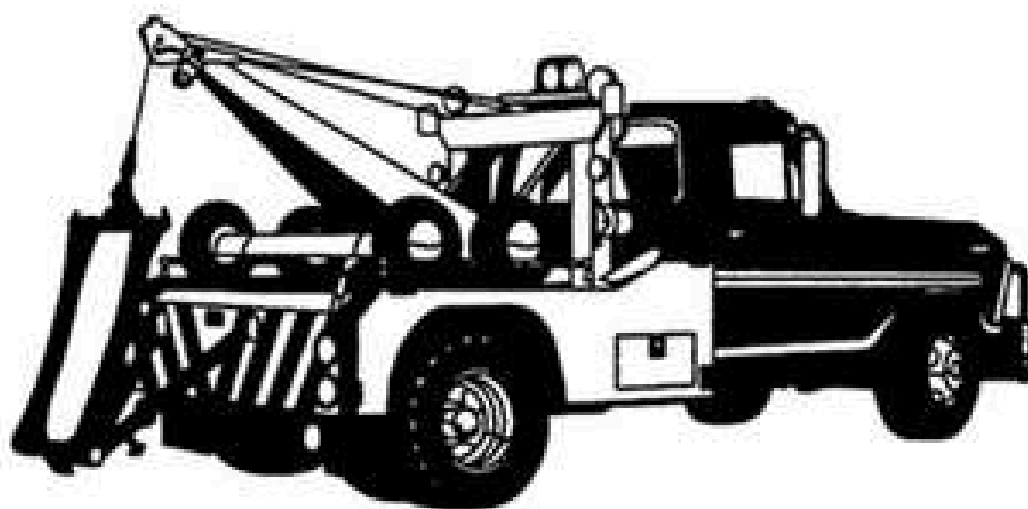
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SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

SEASON 2025/26

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Everett Rovers	21	19	1	1	75	18	57	58
Ampthill Town	21	14	3	4	48	22	26	45
Eaton Socon	20	15	0	5	47	26	21	45
Cranfield United	24	13	4	7	62	32	30	43
Belstone	22	14	1	7	52	26	26	43
Stotfold Reserves	24	13	2	9	38	31	7	41
Irchester United	25	12	3	10	59	43	16	39
Wellingborough Whitworth	22	11	4	7	46	30	16	37
New Bradwell St Peter	22	10	4	8	42	47	-5	34
Desborough Town	18	10	3	5	48	18	30	33
Rushden & Higham United	23	10	2	11	38	44	-6	32
Buckingham FC	20	9	3	8	34	32	2	30
Langford	23	8	6	9	31	37	-6	30
Long Buckby AFC	21	7	5	9	30	36	-6	26
Royston Town Reserves	22	7	2	13	35	41	-6	23
Leighton Town Reserves	21	6	3	12	22	40	-18	21
Letchworth Garden City Eagles	23	5	5	13	27	51	-24	20
London Colney	25	6	2	17	34	59	-25	20
Rothwell Corinthians	22	6	1	15	24	68	-44	19
Huntingdon Town	24	4	3	17	27	76	-49	15
Shefford Town & Campton	21	3	3	15	17	59	-42	12

RECENT FORM:





SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SEASON 2025/26

UPCOMING FIXTURES

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SEASON 2025/26

UPCOMING FIXTURES

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BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE WOMENS FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

SEASON 2025/26

LEAGUE TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ware United Football Club Ladies	10	6	1	3	14	19
2	AFC Welwyn AFC Welwyn Ladies	9	3	6	0	4	15
3	Berkhamsted FC Ladies	9	4	2	3	4	14
4	Oaklands Wolves Women	8	4	1	3	3	13
5	Garston Ladies FC First	7	4	1	2	-4	13
6	Stotfold Women	7	3	1	3	2	10
7	Wootton Blue Cross Lionesses Women	8	2	2	4	1	8
8	Amphill Town Ladies	6	2	1	3	-3	7
9	Langford Ladies	10	1	1	8	-21	4

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CLUB HISTORY

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THE HOME TEAM

STOTFOLD

STOTFOLD IS A SMALL COUNTRY TOWN WITH A POPULATION IN THE REGION OF 9,000. IT IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORDSHIRE BUT BEING NEAR THE NORTH HERTS BORDER. THE FIRST RECORDED FOOTBALL IN THE TOWN WAS 1904, HOWEVER IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE GAME WAS PLAYED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE THAT. IN THOSE EARLY 1900S, STOTFOLD SIDES PLAYED IN THE BIGGLESWADE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SPELL OF NEARLY 30 YEARS IN NORTH HERTS FOOTBALL. THE FIRST RECORD OF A TROPHY BEING WON WAS 1911 WHEN POTTON WERE BEATEN 1-0 IN THE BIGGLESWADE AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP. STOTFOLD FC WAS OFFICIALLY FOUNDED AFTER WW2 IN 1946. IN 1951 WE JOINED THE SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DIVISION 2 AND IN 1953 WERE PROMOTED TO DIVISION 1. UP UNTIL 1965 OUR HOME GROUND WAS LOCATED AT HITCHIN ROAD RECREATION GROUND AND THE CLUB THEN PURCHASED AND DEVELOPED A MEADOW NAMED ROKER AND THE GROUND WAS APTLY NAMED ROKER PARK WHICH WE OCCUPIED FOR 54 YEARS. THE CLUB REMAINED IN THE SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE FOR OVER 30 YEARS WINNING PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE IN 1955 AND WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1980. PHIL PATEMAN TOOK OVER FROM IAN ALLINSON STEPPING UP AFTER MANAGING THE RESERVES TO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND BEDS INTERMEDIATE SUCCESS. DURING 1998-2001 UNDER HIS CHARGE THE CLUB WON THE BEDS SENIOR AND PREMIER CUPS, UCL LEAGUE CUP, AND THE HINCHINGBROOKE CUP. THE CLUB ALSO REACHED THE LAST 32 OF THE FA VASE AND THE 3RD QUALIFYING RD OF THE FA CUP. PHIL STEPPED DOWN TO BECOME CHAIRMAN IN 2001.



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THE EARLY 2000S SAW CHALLENGING TIMES FOR STOTFOLD CLUB AFTER GAINING JUST 11 POINTS FROM 17 LEAGUE GAMES AND SOME HEAVY DEFEATS IN SEASON 2006/7. A PARTNERSHIP OF IAN ALLISON AND IAN DONNELLY TOOK OVER AND WITH THE CLUB STARING RELEGATION IN THE FACE, IAN RECRUITED SEVERAL SENIOR PLAYERS, AND THE CLUB HAULED THEMSELVES OUT OF THE BOTTOM TWO, WINNING 8 OF THE LAST 10 GAMES. DURING THE SUMMER OF 2007, THE SQUAD STRENGTHENED FURTHER, CULMINATING IN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY. BOTH FIRST AND SECOND TEAM SQUADS WON THEIR RESPECTIVE LEAGUE AND COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS, (THE FIRST CLUB AND TO DATE ONLY ONE TO DO SO), WITH THE SECOND TEAM UNDER JOHN PHILBIN REMAINING UNBEATEN IN THE LEAGUE.

THE 2010S SAW THE CLUB MOVE BACK FROM THE UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE TO THE SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE IN 2010/11. IN SEASON 2012/13 GORDON BICKERSTAFF STOOD DOWN AND STEVE YOUNG WAS APPOINTED AS MANAGER SUPPORTED BY ROY RYALL. AFTER ANOTHER POOR START THE FIRST TEAM SECURED A RESPECTABLE MID-TABLE POSITION. STEVE PROMOTED FROM WITHIN THE CLUB, MICHAEL PARKIN AND MATT ENDERSBY STEPPING UP. THE FIRST TEAM TURNED THEIR SEASON AROUND FROM BEING 3RD FROM BOTTOM OF THE SSML PREMIER DIVISION WITH JUST 18 POINTS AT XMAS, TO THREE CUP FINALS AND A SEMI-FINAL PLACE IN ANOTHER. THEY ALSO MOVED AWAY FROM THE FOOT OF THE TABLE WITH A FURTHER 29 POINTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON. THE MID-2010S PRESENTED A CHALLENGE AND FOLLOWING STEVE'S RESIGNATION IN JANUARY 2015, ROB BATES STEPPED UP AND HE MANAGED TO MOULD A TEAM TO STAVE OFF RELEGATION FROM THE PREMIER LEAGUE AND FINISH A CREDITABLE 16TH. REVISED PLANS WERE DRAWN UP WHEN AN OFFER TO BUILD 60 PROPERTIES ON ROKER PARK WAS ACCEPTED IN RETURN FOR A STADIUM BEING BUILT FOR US.

THE CLUB COMPLETELY RESTRUCTURED WITH A MERGER OF SENIOR & JUNIOR CLUBS WITH AN ONGOING PROGRAM OF INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL FOR A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB COMPRISING OF MORE THAN 60 TEAMS AND 700 PARTICIPANTS. SO, TO THE 2020S SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD BEING AS IMPORTANT AS ON IT. IN THIS REGARD WE WERE DELIGHTED THAT OUR FORMER PLAYER LUKE GREGSON AGREED TO BE OUR MANAGER AFTER A WONDERFUL SPELL AT BALDOCK. HE BOUGHT WITH HIM JIM STERLING AND REBUILT THE SIDE. AFTER A SLOW START THE EAGLES WENT ON A FANTASTIC RUN OF FORM WINNING 14 CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE GAMES AND SEEMINGLY NAILED ON FOR PROMOTION BEFORE COVID-19 NULL AND VOIDED THE SEASON. HOWEVER NOT BEFORE WE WON THE BEDS SENIOR TROPHY BEATING STEVINGTON 2-0 IN THE FINAL. DESPITE, THE DISAPPOINTMENT 2020 MARKED A LANDMARK FOR THE CLUB WHEN WE MOVED TO OUR NEW ROKER PARK JSJ STADIUM. THE £2M STEP 4 FACILITY OPENED ITS DOORS ON FEB 8TH WITH A HOME GAME AGAINST SHEFFORD & CAMPTON, AND A CROWD OF 644 WITNESSED A SUPER GAME WITH THE EAGLES WINNING 5-3.



AFTER 20 YEARS AS CLUB CHAIRMAN PHIL PATEMAN STEPPED DOWN AT THE END OF SEASON 2020/21 WITH HIS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SOME 4 YEARS ROB PARKIN AGREEING TO TAKE ON THE ROLE OF CHAIRMAN. WE STARTED THE NEW 2021/22 SEASON FULL OF OPTIMISM HAVING BEEN RE-STRUCTURED OFF THE FIELD AND IN THE RE-STRUCTURED DIVISION 1 UNDER FORMER PLAYERS BRETT AND PAUL DONNELLY. JOINING BRETT'S MANAGEMENT TEAM IS UEFA B LICENCE AND FA COACH MENTOR EDDIE MCLOUGHLIN. THE MANAGEMENT TEAM ARE COMPLETED BY MICHAEL PARKIN (GOALKEEPING COACH), RYAN JEFFERIES (PHYSIO) AND ROY RYALL WITH JON LITTLE, SEAN LYNESS AND DARREN CLARKE LOOKING AFTER THE DEVELOPMENT/U18 SIDES. THE SEASON SAW UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS WITH THE FIRST TEAM WINNING DIVISION 1 AND PROMOTION BACK TO THE SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION, THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM WINNING DIVISION 1 OF THE BEDS COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND PROMOTION TO PREMIER DIVISION AND THE U18S WINNING THE NEMEAN DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES SOUTHERN FLOODLIT LEAGUE.



WE STARTED SEASON 2022/23 WITH THE SAME MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR THE FIRST AND DEVELOPMENT TEAMS AND THE CLUB HAD THEIR FIRST EVER WOMEN'S TEAM UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF TOM OLNEY AND BECCA LIGHTFOOT PLAYING IN THE BEDS AND HERTS WOMAN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE. A NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM OF STUART LOPEZ AND SCOTT CRETTON TOOK OVER THE U18 TEAM. UNBELIEVABLY THE FIRST TEAM SECURED BACK-TO-BACK PROMOTIONS FINISHING RUNNERS UP IN THE SSMFL PREMIER DIVISION AND WINNING THE PLAY OFF AT DEREHAM TOWN 2-0. THE WOMEN'S TEAM SECURED PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER DIVISION OF THEIR LEAGUE IN THEIR FIRST SEASON.

SEASON 2023/24 SAW THE 1ST TEAM PLAY AT STEP 4 IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE CENTRAL DIVISION 1 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY. IN A TOUGH LEAGUE WE WERE DELIGHTED TO FINISH A VERY CREDITABLE 7TH. THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM FINISHED RUNNERS-UP IN THE BEDS COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, GAINING PROMOTION TO SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS DIVISION 1 A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR A CLUB TO HAVE TEAMS AT STEP 4 AND STEP 6. THE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHED THIRD IN THEIR FIRST SEASON IN THE PREMIER DIVISION AND THE U18S FINISHED THIRD IN THE DELPHIAN DIVISION. SADLY, WE SAW BRETT AND EDDIE MOVE ON TO TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT ROLES AT HITCHIN TOWN TOWARDS THE END OF THE SEASON. WE THANK THEM FOR ALL THE SUCCESS THEY BROUGHT TO THE CLUB.



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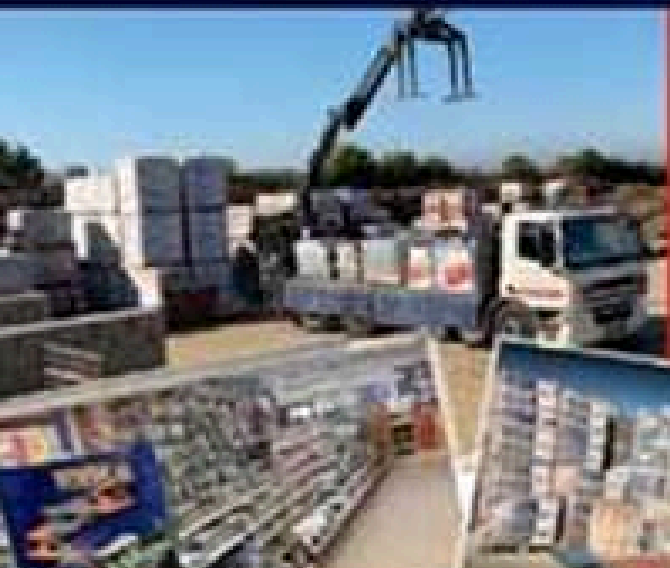
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Hadley Football Club were founded in the 1882/83 season. A notable achievement during the early years was a 1-0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur, although Tottenham then was not of the calibre that it is now. The 1880's and 1890's were glamour times for Hadley when the club used to attract crowds of several hundred to Hadley common. With regret however, the progressive Barnet FC etc. drew players away from Hadley. This was at about the turn of the century. Club activities became low key around 1912 with Barnet FC becoming more prominent. Between these years and 1922 the club was up and down like a yo yo. Club fortunes again changed close to World War II and thereafter, with the emergence from the Hadley ranks of the famous Lester Finch who went on to play for Barnet FC and become a full amateur international. Records show an upturn in Hadley FC activities after World War II. The club became a member of the Barnet and District League and, from about 1947, played at Wrotham Park at the Barnet end of Kitts End Road. Hadley played there until about 1955 when it then moved to Barnet Playing Fields in order to "have some better facilities". The club played in the North Suburban Intermediate League at this time.

Still playing at Barnet Playing Fields, the club then joined the Mid Herts League and with Peter Gray as 1st team manager, we were Premier Division Winners in 1975/76 and 1976/77. We also won the Mid Herts Premier Division Shield in 1976/77. Having won the Mid Herts Premier Division twice, the club wanted to progress to the Herts Senior County League so therefore moved to a pitch with better facilities in St. Albans Road, Barnet (current home of The Shire London Golf Club). We had one season at this pitch before being told that it was no longer available to hire. We won the Herts Senior County League Division Three at our first attempt during this season. However, we had to find a new home and played at a sports ground in Chandos Avenue, Whetstone (a training base for the England National team at the time), until 1985. The club left the Herts Senior County League to join the Southern Olympian League and moved grounds again to play at the Woodside Park Club, Southover, Totteridge.

In 1992 the club moved to a ground in Brickfield Lane, Arkley, Barnet and re-joined the Herts Senior County League in the 1999/00 season. Under the management of Ian Gray, the 1st team won the Division One championship in 2001/02 to move up to the Premier Division in 2002/03, where we finished mid-table. Mick Hore was appointed manager in 2003/04 and we enjoyed a very successful season with the 1st team winning the Herts Senior County League Premier Division and the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy. 2004/05 was also very successful with the 1st team retaining the Premier Division title. Success continued into 2005/06 with the 1st team winning the prestigious Aubrey Cup.

In 2006-07 the 1st team finished Runners Up in the Herts Senior County League Premier Division. An application to join the Spartan South Midlands league was blocked by the Herts County League, so the following season (2007-08) the club played all of its football in the West Herts Saturday League. During this season, all Hadley teams (3 teams) won their respective leagues for the first time in the clubs history. This included the 1st team winning the Premier Division of the West Herts League with Guy Slee in charge, having taken over from Mick Hore at the start of the season. We again applied to join the Spartan South Midlands League and our place in Division Two was accepted for the start of the 2008-09 season.



THE VISITORS

HADLEY FC

The move to the Spartan South Midlands League saw the 1st team begin groundsharing at Potters Bar Town FC, and the reserves and 3rd team continued to use the ground in Brickfield Lane. Ian Gray replaced Guy Slee as manager at the start of the season, with Guy having stepped up into the role of Chairman, joined on the committee with the arrival of Bob Henderson as Secretary. Our first season in the Spartan South Midlands League turned out to be a very successful one with the 1st team gaining promotion to Division One at the first attempt after finishing one point behind The 61 FC (Luton). We also won the Division Two Cup after beating Totternhoe in the final.

Our second season in the Spartan South Midlands League (2009-10) surpassed everyone's expectations when we achieved another promotion after finishing in second place behind Holmer Green. We also won two matches in our first attempt at the FA Vase, beating Harpenden Town and then Leverstock Green, eventually being knocked out in a tight 1-0 defeat at Stanway Rovers. The 2010-11 season saw us again playing at the highest level in the club's long history (Step 5 of the National League System), and we also enjoyed our first ever outing in the FA Cup, drawing 0-0 with Barking before losing 1-0 in the replay. Another highlight of the season was playing against Barnet in the 2nd round of the Herts Senior Cup, drawing 1-1 after 90 minutes before losing 4-1 in Extra Time.

In January 2012, long-serving manager Ian Gray stepped down from the role of 1st team manager after 3½ successful years in charge, having guided the team from Division Two to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League with back-to-back promotions. A new management team was appointed who were previously with St Albans City reserves. An influx of new players and the guidance of player-manager Alexis Nicholas saw us achieve our pre-season aim of staying in the Premier Division, as we ended in 15th position out of 22 teams. The start of the 2012-13 season saw Franco Sidoli join as 1st team manager having also left St Albans City during the summer. Franco was supported by a coaching team of Alexis Nicholas, Lewis Dommett and Hector Varela as we enjoyed a successful season with a comfortable mid-table finish and our first ever win in the FA Cup following a 2-0 victory over Hertford Town. We also reached the final of the Premier Division Cup when we were unlucky to lose 3-2 against Aylesbury United (After Extra Time), having taken the lead twice in the match.

At the end of the 2012-13 season, Franco Sidoli stepped down as 1st team manager due to a change in work circumstances for 3 out of 4 people in the management team, including himself, which would not have allowed them to give 100% commitment to the job during the forthcoming season. The club appointed Geoff O'Vell as the new 1st team manager, who had previously been 1st team manager at Colney Heath, Hoddesdon Town and Broxbourne Borough. Geoff was joined by Assistant Manager Paul Surridge and coach Mark Mezen. A highlight during this season was drawing Watford FC in the 1st Round of the Herts Senior Cup. We lost 2-0 with goals from Luke O'Nien and Bernard Mensah securing the win for Gianfranco Zola's Championship side. We had mixed fortunes during the 2013-14 league campaign and although an improved end to the season saw us make a late climb up the league table to finish just below mid table, the club decided that a restructuring of the team management was required at the end of the season. This saw Geoff O'Vell and his management team leave the club.



THE VISITORS

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At the start of the next season (2014-15) Micky Hazard was appointed as the new 1st team manager. As a player, Micky was a member of the Tottenham team that won the 1982 FA Cup and UEFA Cup in 1984. He also went on to play for Chelsea, Portsmouth, Swindon Town and then Tottenham for a second spell. Since the end of his playing career, Hazard was Youth Academy Coach at Crystal Palace and was also involved on the management team of Sevenoaks Town and Hoddesdon Town. Micky was joined by the return of Franco Sidoli, Lewis Dommett and Hector Varela who were all well-known to the club as, along with Alexis Nicolas, they formed our 1st team management team during a successful 2012-13 season. The first season in charge for our new management team was very successful as we ended in 9th position in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division - our highest ever finish. We surpassed this in the following season (2015-16) as we ended in 6th position in the league and we also won the Herts Charity Shield for the first time following a 3-1 victory over Tring Athletic in the final at the County Headquarters, Letchworth.

The 2016-17 season saw the return of our 1st team to Brickfield Lane in Barnet following over £500,000 worth of facilities improvements and eight years of groundsharing with Potters Bar Town. Ground improvements included the installation of floodlights, a spectator stand, new fencing and pathways, pitch drainage installation, a new car park and the refurbishment of the pavilion clubhouse and changing rooms. This was made possible thanks to grants and donations from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, Sport England, the Peter Harrison Foundation, the Happy Charitable Trust, Village Healthcare and the Back2Barnet campaign.

A highlight of our first season back in Barnet was an outstanding FA Cup run, eventually being knocked out in a Third qualifying round replay against Eastbourne Borough who went on to beat Aldershot Town in the next round.

The 2017-18 season saw a change of first team management with Anthony Clark being appointed in October 2017. As a player, Anthony appeared for Southend United before playing at a high standard of non-league football with teams including Hendon and Wealdstone. A very strong end to the season saw us finish in sixth place, our joint highest ever finish. The 2018-19 league campaign was our most successful in the Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division, finishing in 3rd place, missing out on the Runners Up spot by goal difference.

In the summer of 2019, following correspondence with the Football Association, a lateral movement saw Hadley FC moved to the Essex Senior League for the 2019-20 season after 10 seasons in the Spartan South Midlands League. This move was part of the Football Association's ongoing restructuring of the National League System and their move towards a 'pure pyramid'. A highlight of the 2019-20 season was reaching the Third qualifying round of

the FA Cup, equalling our best ever run from the 2016-17 season. We eventually lost at Havant & Waterlooville, but getting that far in such a prestigious competition was an excellent achievement by Anthony Clark's team. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the season then ended early and was declared null and void. Similarly, the 2020-21 Essex Senior League season was also curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic but we had a fantastic run in the FA Vase, reaching the Fifth Round for the first time in the club's history. We were unfortunate to lose on penalties to Binfield who went on to reach the final at Wembley.



THE VISITORS

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In the summer of 2021, the Football Association again carried out some restructuring of the National League System and we were moved from the Essex Senior League back into the Spartan South Midlands League. It was a shame that we could not complete a full season in the Essex Senior League, and we enjoyed our time in that league.

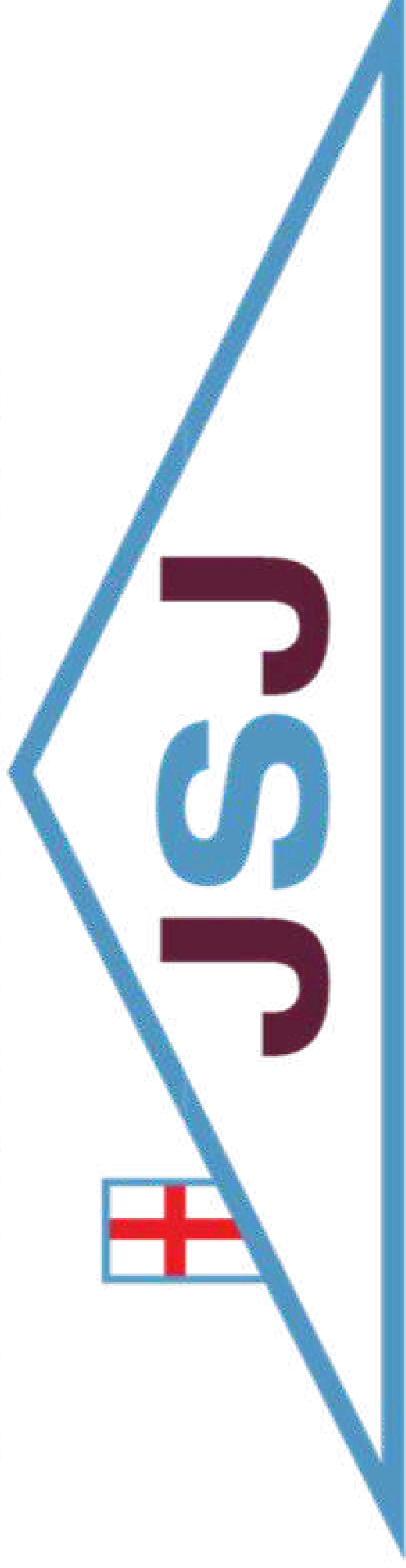
The 2021-22 season turned out to be the most successful in the club's history. An excellent FA Cup run saw us narrowly lose 2-1 at home against Enfield Town in a replay having drawn 1-1 away against the Isthmian League Premier Division side. We then went on to reach the final of the prestigious Herts Senior Cup having beaten higher opposition Royston Town and Ware in the semi final and quarter final. We faced Cheshunt in the final (who went on to gain promotion from the Isthmian League Premier Division into the Vanarama National League South at the end of the season) and two late goals gave our opponents the win. We finished our league campaign in third position and due to Risborough Rangers (who finished second) not meeting the relevant FA ground grading criteria, we were promoted to Step 4 of the National League System for the first time, an outstanding achievement from Anthony Clark, his management team and players. The 2021-22 season was topped off by us winning the Gladwish Challenge Trophy following a 3-1 win against Stotfold in the final.

Our first season in the Southern Football League Division One Central saw us finish in 9th position - another excellent achievement. We went one step better in our second season at Step 4 with an 8th placed finish, again in the Southern League Division One Central. We also recorded our first ever win in the FA Trophy with a 4-1 victory against Ware FC at Brickfield Lane.

The 2024-25 campaign, saw us finish a record high 5th position in Southern Football League Division One Central and reach the play-offs, losing to eventual play-off winners Berkhamsted in the semi-final. A historic run to the 3rd Round proper of the FA Trophy was made, with fantastic victories over Step 3 opponents Carshalton, Hastings United and AFC Telford during the competition and eventually being narrowly defeated by Step 2 Oxford City. An historic season was completed, by winning the Herts Charity Cup 4-2 against Welwyn Garden City. We look forward to season 2025-26 with great optimism.



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A TRAVELLERS TALE

BY BRIAN BUCK

(14,448) TUESDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2025. POTTON UNITED 0
DEEPING RANGERS 3
(HINCHINGBROOKE CUP 1 ST ROUND) ATT 85.

ONCE UPON A TIME BOTH OF THESE SIDES PLAYED
IN THE SAME DIVISION OF THE UCL FOR MANY YEARS. BUT THESE DAYS POTTON PLAY IN THE
SSML WHERE THEY HAD THEIR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON ON THE PREVIOUS SATURDAY, WHILST
DEEPING CONTINUE TO PLAY AT THE SAME LEVEL IN THE UCL BUT THESE DAYS IN THE NORTHERN
SECTION OF THAT LEAGUE, WHERE THEY ARE IN A MID-TABLE POSITION. TONIGHT IT WAS LIKE OLD
FRIENDS MEETING UP AND THIS WAS LARGELY A FRICTION FREE EVENING, BOTH ON AND OFF THE
PITCH.

THE FIRST HALF SAW BOTH SIDES GET FORWARD A LOT AND VERY EARLY ON POTTON TEMPORARILY
LAID

SIEGE ON THE RANGERS GOAL WHEN THEY COULDN'T CONVERT EITHER OF THE TWO CHANCES THEY
CREATED IN THE SAME MOVE. FAILURE TO CONVERT CHANCES CREATED WAS TO BE A FEATURE OF
THEIR PLAY TONIGHT. DESPITE THIS IN THE FIRST HALF I RECKON THAT THEY EDGED IT, BUT PERHAPS
IN

TERMS OF POSSESSION ONLY AND MY LESS BIASED FRIEND SITTING NEXT TO ME THOUGHT THAT
DEEPING HAD EDGED IT. THINGS WERE A BIT DIFFERENT AFTER THE BREAK THOUGH AS DEEPING NOT
ONLY PUSHED UP MORE THEY ALSO CLOSED DOWN POTTON MORE EFFECTIVELY. POSSESSION
SEEMED TO REMAIN ROUGHLY EVEN THOUGH. BUT THE OUTCOME OF THE MATCH WAS SUDDENLY
DECIDED IN A MATTER OF ABOUT THREE MAD MINUTES, COMMENCING IN THE 60 TH MINUTE, WHEN
DEEPING SCORED THREE TIMES. FIRSTLY, AN UNMARKED PLAYER STABBED HOME A LOOSE BALL

FROM ABOUT 10 YARDS OUT. THEN WHILE I WAS STILL NOTING THE DETAILS OF THAT GOAL DOWN, THEY
SCORED AGAIN. I DIDN'T SEE THE GOAL BUT I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS SCORED FROM ABOUT SIX YARDS
OUT, FOLLOWING A SHORT SQUARE PASS TO THE SCORER. THEN MOMENTS LATER THE VISITORS
SCORED

THEIR THIRD GOAL WHEN THE SCORER NODDED A BOUNCING BALL OVER THE ADVANCING KEEPER.
AFTER THIS 'BLIP' IN PROCEEDINGS THE GAME CONTINUED AS BEFORE AND APART FROM THIS THERE
WAS NEVER THAT MUCH BETWEEN THE SIDES. BY THE END, APART FROM AN OWN GOAL, I STILL
HADN'T SEEN POTTON SCORE THIS SEASON! WHEN I PUT THIS TO THE CLUB PRESIDENT AT THE END
OF THE MATCH, HE JOKINGLY SUGGESTED THAT I STAY AWAY FROM THEIR GAMES. AT LEAST I
ASSUME HE WAS JOKING!

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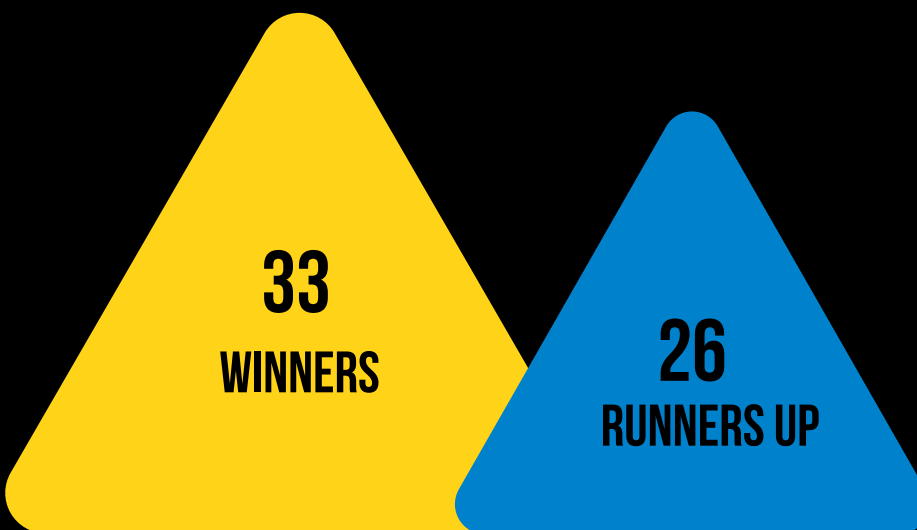


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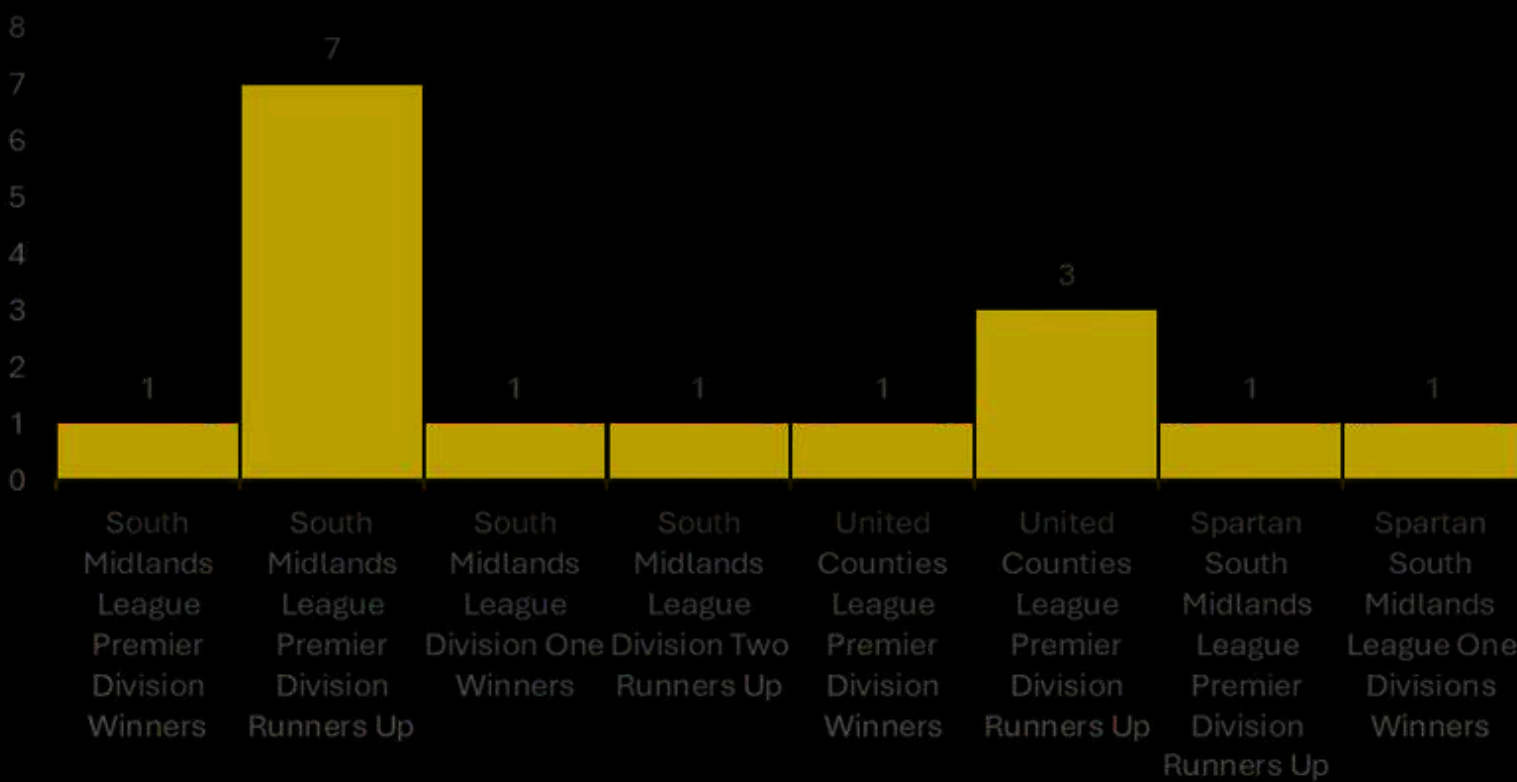
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Club Honours



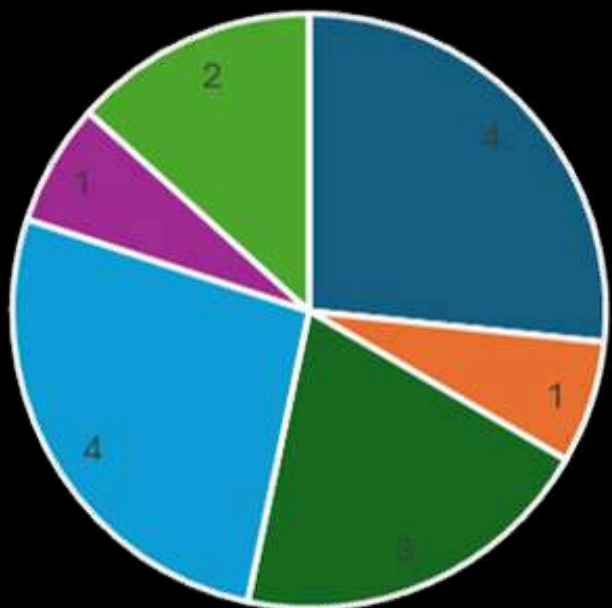
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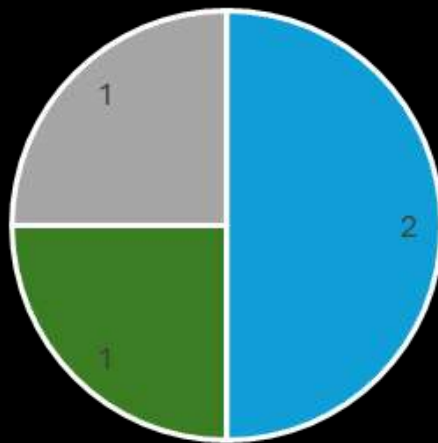
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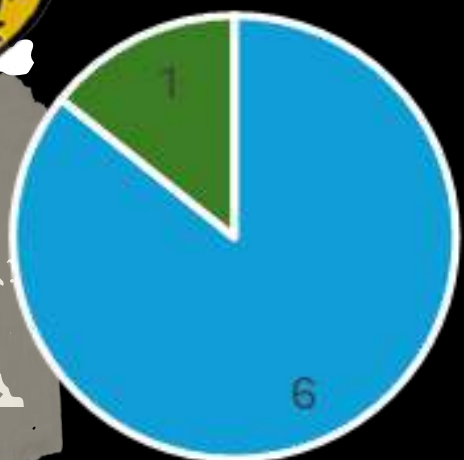


- Bedfordshire County Football Association Senior Cup Winners
- Bedfordshire County Football Association Senior Cup Runners Up
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- Bedfordshire County Football Association Intermediate Cup Winners
- Bedfordshire County Football Association Intermediate Cup Runners Up
- Bedfordshire County Football Association Senior Trophy Winners



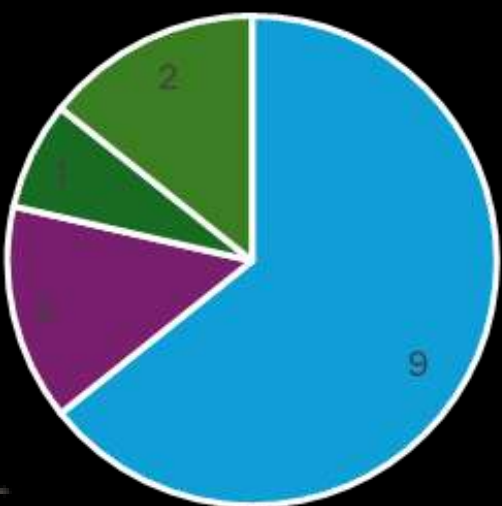
- Spartan South Midlands League Challenge Trophy Runners Up
- Spartan South Midlands League Senior Floodlit Cup Runners Up

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■ Biggleswade Knock-Out Cup Winners

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■ North Bedfordshire Charity Cup Winners

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