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CLANFIELD 85
v
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Welcome to Radcot Road



Good Afternoon. Today we extend a warm welcome to Cheltenham Saracens. We come in to today on the back of a disappointing exit to a strong Tadley Calleva side in the FA Vase.

Back to league action today against Cheltenham Saracens who are always extremely difficult opponents. They enjoyed an impressive FA Vase victory last week and have made a good start to their league season and we expect a very difficult test today.

The Jaden Mole stand finally gets opened this Sunday at 1:15pm. A lot of extremely hard work by a small group of volunteers have managed to create a wonderful memorial for Jaden and his family and friends. Hopefully we can expect a good turn out to mark this occasion.

Enjoy todays game.



The FA Respect Code of Conduct

SPECTATORS

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

I WILL:

- Remember that Under 18's and vulnerable adults maybe at the game
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- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
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- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
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- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
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Club History

Clanfield Football Club was founded in 1890 and for many years played in the Witney & District League. Two years were spent in the North Berks League in the 1960's and for 1967-68 season the club joined the Hellenic League.

Clanfield's first game in the Hellenic League was on the 19th August 1967 against Hungerford Town in front of an attendance of 146. In 1969-70 the club won the Hellenic Division One Championship and were promoted to the Premier Division for the first time.

In 1971-72 they missed out on the Runners-Up position only on goal average but went on to secure the Runner-Up spot for the next two seasons also winning the Premier Division Challenge Cup in 1973-74. In 1974-75 the Club reached the Final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup. The first game ended in a draw after extra time, but Pressed Steel won the replay. 1975-76 saw a repeat of the Cup run to the Final but again Clanfield ended up losing Finalists. After a great period through the 60s and 70s they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1979-80 Season. However, the Club soon bounced back finishing in second place the following season. At the end of the 1984-85 Season they were once again relegated to Division One where they have remained ever since.

The Club re-entered the FA Vase in 2006 when Buckingham Athletic were visitors to Radcot Road, in a game Clanfield won 1-0. The club won the Jim Newman Memorial Cup in 1978 & 2018 and have been finalists in recent staging of the same event and won the Faringdon Memorial Cup in 1996-97 and 2016-17. Season 2010-11 saw the club finish in fourth place in Division One West and narrowly miss out on promotion to the Premier Division.

The Club have recently adopted a positive youth policy. The Under 18 Team have won the Allied Counties Youth League Central Division and last season their County Cup Competition. The previous season, 2016-17 the Under 17 Team won the Oxfordshire Invitation Youth League Division B whilst the Under 16 Team won their County Cup Competition.


For the 2020-21 season former player Jamie Butt alongside Chris Blakley and Martin Staddon continued as the first team management, with Gary Brown joining them. The season was looking very positive but again was curtailed by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

There was a management restructure for the 2021-22 season with Andy Lyne joining the club as the first Director of Football. Chris Blakely and Martin Staddon stood down from their First Team commitment and the club thanks them both for all their effort over their time with Jamie. Following a nasty injury whilst playing elsewhere, Jordi Mulvany returned to the club as First Team Coach. The season was a success for the club as Clanfield finished third in Division One, losing out in the semi final to Hereford Pegasus who went on to secure promotion in the final against Worcester Raiders. They were also losing semi-finalists in the Challenge Cup as they went out 1-0 to the eventual winners Cribbs FC.

For the 2022-23 season Craig Connor stepped into the First Team Assistant role after deciding to step away from the rigours of playing. The club enjoyed success in the pre-season retaining the Jim Newman Trophy and winning it for the third time in recent years beating Cropredy 8-1 in the final. Clanfield finished the season in fourth place, securing a Play-Off berth for the second season running this time against Milton United. This time the Robins lost out on penalties, with Milton going on to secure promotion on penalties over Hartpury University.

The coming season sees Shaun Morgan joining the coaching staff as Jamie and Craig continue at the helm. Pre-season has been promising with the club winning the Jim Newman Trophy for the third year running. The club wishes the players and managers all the best for the season.



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MEET THE PLAYERS



Joined the club as a 16 year old, part of the clubs FA YOUTH CUP side that got to the first round. Excellent shot stopper. A Clanfield lad

Luke Haley
Goalkeeper



Young goalkeeper, product of Clanfield U16's side. Great technique

Reuben Pratley
Goalkeeper



New signing from Cheltenham Saracens. Exciting attacking fullback or wingback. Previous club Moreton Rangers.

Kian Burrows
Defender



New signing from Long Crendon. Aggressive, forward thinking fullback or wingback. Caught the eye when playing against us last season.

Jordan Cavender
Defender



Can play anywhere along the back four, most consistent player at the club. Came through the youth team, captain this season.

Ben Weller
Defender



New signing from Faringdon Town, having made the switch over the bridges. Strong centre half who will chip in with a few goals.

Liam Hares
Defender



New signing from Shrivenham, comfortable on the ball and bags a page. Has impressed in pre-season.

Charlie Trinder-Sage
Defender



First season of men's football, has impressed in pre season. Played for the Under 16's side last season.

Theo Tyson
Defender



Rolls-Royce of a player, neat and tidy on the ball. Has great energy, third season with the club.

Dylan Kay
Midfield



Heartbeat of the midfield with his relentless work rate. Chips in with a few goals, fashion icon of the club.

Tom Taylor
Midfield



MEET THE PLAYERS



Jay Cant
Midfield

Young player returning to the club. Bags of energy, looking to break into the side.



Zac Rice
Midfield

New signing from Long Crendon, has a great passing range in midfield.



Connor Tinsley
Midfield

Versatile midfield player, always has kind words for the opposition. His season gets going once cricket has finished.



Jack Fletcher
Midfield

Returning to the club this season after a season away at uni. Can play anywhere across the back line and midfield.



Rhys King
Midfield

Tough, tackling midfielder with a good eye for a pass. Second season with the club.



Reuban Harry
Forward

The Radcot Road's faithful, favourite player. Skill, pace, has the lot - big season ahead.



Tyger Hall
Forward

Brilliant first season at the club, top goalscorer. Creates goals and links up the play.



Nathan Kimber
Forward

Has a left foot like Roy Race of Melchester Rovers. On his day unplayable, could play any position on the pitch.



George Seacole
Forward

Out and out goal scorer, has scored goals at all his previous clubs - Carterton, North Leigh and Evesham.



Tete Brewster
Forward

Exciting new signing, a great character. Can play across all the front positions.



Jamie Wyatt
Forward

Now in the twilight of his career, you wouldn't notice. Great pace and brilliant crosser of the ball.



MEET THE MANAGEMENT



Jamie has established himself as a strong manager who gives youth a chance when the time is right. He has built a strong squad and will be looking to build on last two seasons achievements.

Jamie Butt
Manager



Craig joined the management team from the playing squad. He brings a wealth of experience that will prove valuable to the management setup.

Craig Connor
Assistant



Ryan joins the management team this season. Experienced player at this level in his playing days and also played for the club

Ryan Pratley
Coach



Ben joins the management team as matchday physio. First season as a physio, good addition to the team.

Ben Nicholls
Physio



Former goalkeeper for Clanfield. Has returned to the club this season as a coach.

Jamie Zoldan
Coach

Who will you be today?



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Cheltenham Saracens • Club History Formed in 1964 as part of a multi-sport club, they joined the Cheltenham League Division 5. Gradually the football section grew in strength and was soon running two sides in the Cheltenham League, two in the Stroud & District, two Sunday teams and several youth teams. In 1986 the club were elected to the Hellenic League and stayed in Division 1 until they were promoted to the Premier Division in 1999/2000 with the second team also winning the Reserve Section that same year. After two years in the Premier the team were relegated back to Division 1 in 2001/2002. In 2015/2016 the club narrowly missed out on winning the Division 1 title but secured promotion to the Premier Division by finishing second, however the club decided to remain in Division 1. The club has now a strong base to move forward with three senior teams on Saturdays and junior teams aged between 6-14. Honours GFA Primary Challenge Cup Winner 1971/1972 Minor Charity Cup Winner 1990/1991 Cheltenham League Division 5 Winner 1990/1991 GFA Senior Amateur Cup Winner 1991/1992 Hellenic League Division 1 Winner 1999/2000 Hellenic League Reserve Section Winner 1999/2000 Cheltenham League Division 4 Winners 2009/2010 Cheltenham Minor Charity Cup Winners 2009/2010 Hellenic League Division 1 Runners up 2015/2016

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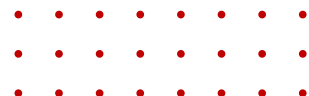


We welcome Cheltenham Saracens to Clanfield for today's league game, In last season's correspondin match we won 7-0 with Nate Robinson scoring a hat-trick, Jozef Fullerton scoring twice, and Finley James Baker and Jack Gaul also getting on the scoresheet. However Cheltenham Saracens avenged that defeat later in the season with a 2-1 victory in which Jamie Goodwin and Ben Tunnicliff scored their goals with Nathan Kimber scoring for Clanfield. It is not often in our history where we have beaten a team 7-0 in a league game, but have lost the return league fixture, This season Cheltenham Saracens at the time of writing had 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses from 5 league games.

Cheltenham Saracens had a fairly unusual season last year. They eventually finished 12th, but only picked up 4 points from their first 10 league games, but their home victory over us was part of a four game sequence in which they picked up eight points including away draws against Hartpury University and Malmesbury Victoria the teams who finished first and second. Their form slipped again, but they won all five league games in February and 10 points from their last six league games made it 25 points from their last 11 games. awchil will be our second home league game of the season. . In 2022/23 we completed the double over Cheltenham Saracens for the first time in six seasons and for only the third time in all with us winning 3-1 at Clanfield and 3-2 at Cheltenham. In the game at Cheltenham after a goalless first half we went 2-0 down thanks to goals from Lewis Hitchman and Stuart Midwinter, but we recovered to win 3-2 thanks to goals by Karl Dickinson, Declan Shepperd and Jamie Wyatt after the home team were reduced to 10 men. This result started Cheltenham Saracens on a run of 8 losses in 9 games to finish the season which meant they eventually finished 13th after at one stage looking promotion contenders.

In the match at Clanfield in 2022/23 Declan Shepperd and Tom Allen put Clanfield 2-0 up before James Barnes-Wills reduced the deficit before half time. However Nate Robinson scored a third goal for Clanfield in the second half to make the game safe.. The previous season both games between the clubs were won by the away team, with Cheltenham Saracens for the first time in 6 years abnds winning 2-1 at Clanfield in August, and ourselves winning 3-1 at Cheltenham in February. Our 3-1 victory at Cheltenham in which our goals were scored by Craig Connor, Jozef Fullerton and substitute Rory Linford-Pill with Jordan Bryan scoring for the home team, was the first of Cheltenham's final 10 matches of the season for which they only obtained 13 points cost them a place in the playoffs as Pershore Town finished the season strongly to clinch the final playoff spot, ending up 3 points and 1 place ahead of Cheltenham Saracens with a superior goal difference. At Clanfield an own goal following a ball into the box from Jamie Wyatt gave Clanfield a half time lead, but second half goals by Harry Daubney and Toby Soule gave the visitors the three points.

The corresponding match of 2020/21 was drawn 2-2 and in that match we recovered well after being two goals down with Cheltenham Saracens scoring their first from the penalty spot and their scorers being Jordan Bryan and Joshua Goodhall. However Kyle Chester with his first senior goal and Zak Oliver who headed home a corner from Alfie Saunders earned us a share of the spoils. In 2019/20 when play ceased Cheltenham Saracens were one place below us with four fewer points having played one fewer match.





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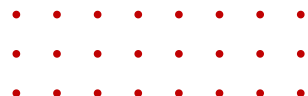
In 2019/20 the two clubs met twice with Clanfield winning 3-0 in the Banbury Litho Cup thanks to two goals by Zak Oliver and one from Michael Duerden. However Cheltenham Saracens got their revenge beating us 7-2 in the league thanks to 2 goals apiece from Jordan Bryan and Harlie Price and one each from Ben Tunnicliff, Adam Loveridge and substitute Paul Holmes, with Rory Linford-Pill and Nathaniel Robinson scoring first half goals for Clanfield in a game that was 3-2 at the interval. Before lockdown Cheltenham Saracens were in the 5th place with 13 wins from 18 league games, and able to catch three of the teams above them if they won their games in hand. This will be the 32nd season that the two clubs have been in the same division, even if the 2019/20 and 2020/21 campaigns have not been completed.

In 2018/19 both league games between the clubs were won by the away team with Cheltenham winning 3-1 at Clanfield in October and losing 2-1 at Petersfield Park in January. The match in October saw Ian Sercombe put the visitors 1-0 ahead at the interval, Kai Mahon and Josh Coakley add further goals in the second half to put the visitors 3-0 up before Jozef Fullerton scored a late consolation goal for Clanfield. In the return fixture saw the scores level at 1-1 when the half time whistle blew with Adam Pendall's scoring Clanfield's goal in the 34th minute and Harlie Price scoring for Cheltenham Saracens. However it was Nathan Kimber who scored the winning goal for Clanfield in the second half, with the victory earning favourable comments from Dave Hunt on twitter. That season they finished runners up to Easington Sports having scored 78 goals from 22 league games,

Cheltenham Saracens have normally performed well at Division 1 and more often finish in the top half of the table. Even in their disastrous 2016/17 season despite having a goal difference of -105 from 30 games they managed to win 7 league games (24% of the total) and had two clubs below them in the final table. However they made a respectable start and finish to that campaign with 6 points from their first 3 games and 10 points from their final 7, although they suffered some heavy defeats in between.

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I saw them play at Clanfield in the 2015/16 season and they had a good front two, one of whom Jack Sklenar particularly stuck in the memory. However although that season they finished in a promotion position, they lost a lot of players and were unable to take their place in the Premier Division.



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