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Official Matchday Programme of Clanfield 85 FC



**CLANFIELD 85**  
**v**  
**ABINGDON UTD**



**THURSDAY 17TH**  
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**7:45pm KO**



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# Welcome to Radcot Road



Good evening and welcome to Radcot Road for this evenings Hellenic League Division One play-off semi-final.

Last weeks win at Redditch Borough saw us complete our league campaign, securing a third-place finish. It's been a season of change, with its fair share of ups and a few downs, but to finish in the top 5 once again and reach the play-offs was always our target.

This evening, we welcome Abingdon United - familiar opponents who have had the better of us this season, claiming wins both home and away in the league, as well as in the Floodlit Cup. Matches against Abingdon are always difficult, and with so much on the line tonight, we're expecting no different today and know its going to take a huge team effort to turn the tide.

Thanks for all of your support this season. Lets hope there is one more big game to come after tonight....

Enjoy the game..



# The FA Respect Code of Conduct

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### I WILL:

- Remember that Under 18's and vulnerable adults maybe at the game
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
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- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

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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



**Luke Haley**  
Goalkeeper

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



**Reuben Pratley**  
Goalkeeper

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



**Kian Burrows**  
Defender

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



**Jordan Cavender**  
Defender

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



**Ben Weller**  
Defender

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



**Woody Casciaro**  
Defender

Young central defender who joined us from neighbours Carterton and made an instant impact.



**Charlie Trinder-Sage**  
Defender

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



**Theo Tyson**  
Defender

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



**Dylan Kay**  
Midfield

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



**Tom Taylor**  
Midfield

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



# MEET THE PLAYERS



**Jamie Wyatt**  
Midfield

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



**Endri Stathi**  
Midfield

Young midfield player who has joined us on loan from Oxford City. Technically excellent with an eye for goal.



**Finn Baker**  
Midfield

Returned to the club this season after a spell with North Leigh. Brings energy and quality to the midfield area.



**Jorfan Okwesa**  
Midfield

Young midfield player who joined the club this season. Making a really big impact in his first season in senior football.



**Rhys King**  
Midfield

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



**Reuben 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.



**Jozef Fullerton**  
Forward

Long standing member of the squad with over 200 appearances and choose to 100 goals.



# MEET THE MANAGEMENT



**Jamie Butt**  
Manager

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.



**Craig Connor**  
Assistant

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



**Ryan Pratley**  
Coach

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



**Ben Nicholls**  
Physio

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



**Jamie Zoldan**  
Coach

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

# Who will you be today?



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# Respect



The club was formed in 1946 when a group of ex-service men decided that the town could support two football clubs. The first meeting to form the club was held in the local Anchor Public House on the bank of the River Thames, as there were no club facilities. They joined the North Berks League and within two seasons had won its Charity Shield. The following year 1953/54 they won the league and cup finalists. The club had its sights on higher things and five years later entered the Hellenic League. Since then it has remained in this league and during this time had success in the lower divisions. In 1965/66 they won the Division One Challenge Cup and the following season were the cup finalists.

No further honours came the club's way until winning promotion in 1976/77 to the Premier Division. After a struggle at this level, relegation back to Division One came after four seasons. With a more ambitious approach, the club bounced back into the Premier League where it has remained ever since. It also won the Division One Cup in the same promotion year. Senior status was achieved in 1985 allowing it to be eligible for the F.A. Vase, County Senior Cup and in 1989 entered the F.A. Cup for the first time.

A Members Room, Function Room, Covered Stand and Floodlighting have been completed in recent years to improve the off pitch facilities. 1996/97 has seen the club complete its 50th season and it's most successful. United won the final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy and also winning the League's Floodlit Cup. The highest ever league position was attained when finishing as Runners Up in the Hellenic Premier Division. The following season again saw success come to Northcourt Road with retaining the County Senior Trophy, Hellenic League Reserve Championship and Allied Counties Youth League winners.

2001 saw the construction of new changing rooms, together with turnstiles, to the Northcourt Road Ground and 2005 saw the construction of a new 150-seater stand and a covered stand. The club clinched promotion to the Southern League in season 2005/06. The club returned to the Hellenic League in 2013/14. United gained runners-up in Division 1 in season 2016/17 to clinch promotion back to the Hellenic Premier League. The 2017/18 saw the young Development team clinch runners up in the Hellenic Div 2 and also winning the League Challenge cup. The 2017/18 season also saw the introduction of United's first women's team who obtained League promotion in its first season together with the County Cup and League Cup.

Season 2018/19 saw the women team progress into the Southern Region League, while the First Team were dropped down to the Hellenic Division 1.

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# MALCOLM'S MEMORIES

MALCOLM CLARKE



We welcome Abingdon United to Clanfield for today's playoff semi final.. Our Hellenic League record against Abingdon United reads 1977/78 H2-0 A0-3, 199/80 H0-3 A4-1, 1982/83 H3-1 A0-2, 1983/84 H3-2 A1-0 and 1984/85 H0-2 A1-5. 016/17 H0-1 A0-3, 2021/22 H4-0 A3-0. 2022/23 H2-0 A1-0. 2023/24 H0-2 A4-3, 2024/25 H1-2 A1-4 making it 10 wins for Clanfield and 10 wins for Abingdon in these games, although I do not have the results from either 1967/68,1968/69, 1969/70 or 1978/79 when the teams played each other. Abingdon though clinched their playoff place with a dramatic 96<sup>th</sup> minute winner in a 2-1 victory at Bewdley, while on the same day we achieved an excellent 3-1 win at Redditch on the same day in a match I actually witnessed, with a couple of people I was at school with also in attendance In the other playoff semi final Redditch are at home to Wantage. We are appearing in the playoffs for the fourth successive year,

In the regular season Abingdon won 2-1 on this ground with Nathan Kimber scoring our goal and Josh Jones and Joe Green scoring for Abingdon, In the return fixture Abingdon came from behind to win 4-1 in the return fixture after being 1-0 behind at the interval thanks to a Charlie Trinder-Sage goal with Joe Woolley (2), Joe Green and Leo Cole the Abingdon scorers. Goals by Joe Green and Harry Walters helped Abingdon beat us 2-1 in a league cup tie on this ground with Tyger Hall being our scorer.

In 2023/24 we won a thrilling game 4-3 on their ground with Ben Weller and Reuben Harry scoring second half injury time goals after Abingdon had fallen 2-0 behind thanks to two goals from Tyger Hall but had fought back to lead 3-2 in a match in which both players had a player sent off. However in the return fixture Abingdon won 2-0 thanks to one goal in each half with their scorers being Joel Akrill and John Mills with the match being played at Fairford. That season Abingdon finished 10<sup>th</sup> with a better away record than home record, but won 18, lost 17 and drew only 1 of their 36 league games,

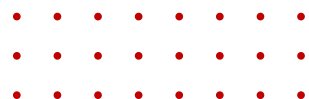


When I first started following Hellenic League football in the mid 1970's Abingdon United who first joined the League in 1958 were languishing in the lower reaches of Division 1 and finished the 1973/74 season with an unimpressive record of P40 W5 D3 L32 F46 A134 Pts 13 and they were fortunate that Princes Risborough and Buckingham Athletic performed worse in that season. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom the following season, but in 1976/77 which was my first ever season of being a recipient of the Hellenic League Bulletin they performed much better finishing in third place and earning promotion. I still remember the names of some of the goalscorers from that the team who included Bob Pratley later to become a manager in local football.

Although they finished bottom of the Premier Division in 1978/79 and 1980/81 they established themselves as a Hellenic League Premier Division outfit in the 1980's and in both 1983/84 and 1984/85 finished above local rivals Abingdon Town, the first time they had achieved this feat.

I in fact saw them play Clanfield in the 1988/89 F A Vase, a tie that Abingdon won 4-1 at their Northcourt Road ground with I believe the victory being achieved due to three extra time goals. Things that stick in my mind after that game were talking to the parents of Darren Teggart after the game, and a couple of reserve team Clanfield players who came to watch turning up at Abingdon Town's ground by mistake, but not being given directions to Abingdon United, although they did eventually find the ground.

I was at the game between the clubs at Abingdon's ground in the 2021/22 season when Clanfield won 3-0 thanks to goals from Zak Oliver, Josh Gibbens and Declan Shepperd, with the one downside being the red card given to Rory Linford-Pill late in the game Abingdon made a poor start to that season losing their first 11 league games, but recovered to eventually finish above both Moreton Rangers and Bourton Rovers, with five of their seven victories coming away from home including an away victory against eventual runners up Worcester Raiders





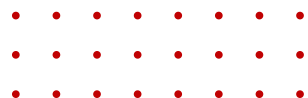
In 2021/22 our 4-0 victory against them was special as in front a crowd of 80 we clinched a playoff place with Connor Duggan scoring two second half goals after Elliot Heritage and George Seacole gave us a 2-0 interval lead. Kyle Chester scored our goal in our 1-0 victory against them in the league cup.

John Blackmore who has served Abingdon United as Manager, Chairman and Secretary in a long career with the club played for Clanfield in the 1970's as a defender/midfielder and played in both the teams that secured runners up position. Ten years ago John broke his back in a freak accident when he fell off a ladder.

Abingdon United spent seven seasons in the Southern League and finished 11<sup>th</sup> in their first season before quitting with the travelling being one of their reasons for leaving. After three seasons in the Hellenic League Premier Division where they finished in the bottom six they returned to Hellenic League Division 1 at the start of the 2016/17 season.

2016/17 saw Abingdon United earn promotion back to the Premier Division after finishing runners up to Fairford, but in 2018/19 they finished bottom of the table and returned to Hellenic League Division 1. They then spent two seasons in Hellenic League Division 1 East neither of which was completed, In 2020/21 they won the end of season league cup beating Wokingham and Emmbrook in the final.

*Malcolm*



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