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# MK IRISH FC

Official Match Day Programme

Saturday 29th October 2022

KO 3PM

Manor Fields

MK Irish FC vs Histon FC

UHLsport UCL Premier South Division

Entrance:

£8 Adults £4 Concessions £2 U12-16s

Under 12 Free



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## CLUB NOTICE

Please note that under F.A Regulations

**Alcohol and Glasses are not allowed around the pitch**

Alcohol and Glasses that are taken out of the club are only allowed to be consumed in the clubhouse area.

**This is also part of the drinks license so failure to adhere to these rules could result in the offender being asked to leave the premises.**

Also, please note we are a family club and will not tolerate foul and abusive language and as a club fully support the leagues Mind Your Language campaign and the Football Associations Respect and Give Racism the Red Card campaigns.

This is non standing stadium, please do not restrict other peoples viewing.

Many thanks and enjoy the game.

**The Committee MK Irish FC**



**CHARTER STANDARD CLUB**



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## MK Irish First Fixtures 2022-23

Date	Competition	Venue	Opposition	Result	Score
30.07.22	League	Home	Coventry Utd	L	0 - 1
02.08.22	League	Home	Easington Sports	W	2 - 0
06.08.22	FA Cup	Home	Tilbury	L	2 - 4
13.08.22	League	Away	Long Buckby	W	1 - 0
23.08.22	League	Away	Godmanchester Rovers	L	0 - 1
27.08.22	FA Vase	Home	Arlesley Town	W	1 - 0
30.08.22	B&B Cup	Home	Amersham Town	L	0 - 3
03.09.22	League	Home	Eynesbury Rovers	W	4 - 0
13.09.22	League	Home	Cogenhoe Utd	W	5 - 4
17.09.22	League	Home	Rothwell Corinthians	W	3 - 1
24.09.22	FA Vase	Away	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	L	0 - 0 Pens 4-5
27.09.22	League	Away	Bugbrooke St Michael	D	2 - 2
01.10.22	League	Away	Lutterworth Town	L	0 - 1
08.10.22	League Cup	Away	Quorn	L	1 - 4
15.10.22	League	Away	Desborough Town	W	2 - 0
22.10.22	League	Home	March Town Utd	D	3 - 3
29.10.22	League	Home	Histon		
05.11.22	League	Away	GNG Oadby Town		
12.11.22	League	Home	TBA		
19.11.22	League	Away	Coventry Sphinx		
26.11.22	League	Home	Bugbrooke St Michael		
03.12.22	League	Away	Rugby Town		
10.12.22	League	Away	Eynesbury Rovers		
17.12.22	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town		
26.12.22	League	Home	Newport Pagnell Town	<b>Ko 1pm</b>	
07.01.23	League	Away	Coventry Utd		
14.01.23	League	Home	Rugby Town		
21.01.23	League	Away	Histon		
28.01.23	League	Away	Easington Sports		

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## UHLSport United Counties League

### Premier Division South - 2022/2023 Table as at 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RUGBY TOWN	11	8	2	1	17	26
COVENTRY SPHINX	11	8	1	2	23	25
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN	11	7	3	1	14	24
MARCH TOWN UTD	11	7	2	2	19	23
<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH</b>	11	6	2	3	9	20
EASINGTON SPORTS	12	5	1	6	3	16
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN	10	5	1	4	0	16
HISTON	11	5	1	5	-3	16
COVENTRY UTD	9	5	0	4	-2	15
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS	12	4	2	6	-8	14
GNG OADBY TOWN	10	4	1	5	-6	13
LUTTERWORTH TOWN	11	3	3	5	-6	12
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS	9	2	4	3	-3	10
COGENHOE UTD	10	2	3	5	-4	9
DESBOROUGH TOWN	10	2	3	5	-6	9
EYNESBURY ROVERS	11	2	3	6	-16	9
LONG BUCKBY AFC	10	2	2	6	-12	8
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS	12	2	0	10	-19	6

### **MK IRISH FC - NEXT GAMES**

**Saturday 29 October ko 3pm**

**RESERVES away vs Harborough Town Res (Cup)**

**Sunday 30 October ko 10.30am**

**SUNDAY home vs Club Tropicana (Great Linford) (Cup)**

**VETERANS away vs Right Advice (MK Village)**

**Wednesday 2 November ko 7.45pm**

**U18s away vs Baldock Town U18s (Biggleswade Town)**



## Short History of MK Irish FC

On June 1st 2020 the club was formed when Milton Keynes Robins, Unite MK and Milton Keynes Irish Veterans joined together to operate as one club going into the 2020/21 season, Milton Keynes Irish FC! The first team playing at Step 6 in the Spartan South Midlands Division One, the newly formed reserve team playing in the UCL Reserve Division and the Veterans playing in the Veterans League Division One. There are also an adult team in the Milton Keynes Sunday League.

Our first season as a club was unfortunately brought to an early finish due to the effects of COVID-19. The 2020/21 season was looking to be very promising as we found the first team sitting second in the table after 9 games played with the best PPG in the league and went on an exciting run in the FA Vase which saw us get knocked out in the 3rd round on penalties after advancing through 4 rounds beating three higher league opposition.

The season was officially curtailed, however due to performances under Milton Keynes Robins, the club earned promotion to the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division (Step 5) based on PPG over the previous 2 seasons.

2021 also saw the addition of an U18 Floodlit team (run by MK College under the Adopt a Team Scheme) and another 5 youth teams who came over to join under the MK Irish banner from Scot FC, increasing the number of teams to 11, another 2 youth teams were added in 2022.



YOU NEVER forget your first time! Wembley had that same impact on me as it has, and does, for many others. Mine was an FA Vase final between Guisley and Gresley Rovers in 1991. My main memories are being slightly late and running up the steps inside as the national anthems were playing! Mainly it was seeing that famous patch of grass – and how green it looked. It wasn't an ordinary pitch. There was something about it. The goals were different too, the famous tunnel way behind the goal all capturing my imagination.

Of course, the game probably helped. A 4-4 thriller between the two sides – in those days the final went to a replay – but the six-year-old me was hooked in. Over the years I was lucky enough to see many more FA Vase finals at the famous ground. Diss Town winning in 1994, Tiverton Town's back-to-back success a few years later. Since working at the paper I've only missed one – Newport Pagnell Town's most recent win with a decent excuse of having a five-day old baby.

From the Northern League domination and the evolution to the fixture becoming part of Non-League Finals Day, the only real low point was watching Hebburn and Consett play their game out in front of an empty stadium because of Covid. It was right, however, the players got their chance to play on that pristine surface. For me, the FA Vase is a hidden gem in our footballing calendar. At the moment it's early days, but as the rounds tick on over the coming weeks and months, the dreams and aspiration will begin to grow. There's a rawness about the competition. In the latter stages teams from the other end of the country are drawn against each other – modern technology means scouting has become easier and there are always contacts for managers to draw on for information. But quite often it is football in its purest form, two teams who know very little about each other trying to win a game of football on a given day and aiming to take another step on the road to Wembley.

The FA deserve credit for how Non-League Day already has that feel of an important date in the annual fixture list. Attendances have been huge over the years – some big teams have made it there of course – and the next challenge will be to increase the neutral support on the day. So why not this year? The FA Vase final is usually an action-packed spectacle. Even if you're side aren't in the competition, try and get along. Especially if you haven't been before.

## UHLSport United Counties Football League

### Reserve Division - 2022/2023 Table as at 28th October 2022

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
HARBOROUGH TOWN RES	12	11	1	0	38	34
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS RES	13	7	3	3	13	24
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN RES	12	7	1	4	14	22
<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH RES</b>	11	7	0	4	29	21
NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS RES	13	5	6	2	16	21
KEMPSTON ROVERS RES	9	6	2	1	21	20
DESBOROUGH TOWN RES	11	5	3	3	5	18
WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH RES	12	5	2	5	-1	17
DAVENTRY TOWN RES	11	4	3	4	-2	15
GNG OADBY TOWN RES	13	4	3	6	-6	15
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN RES	10	4	1	5	-8	13
COGENHOE UTD RES	9	3	2	4	-1	11
BOURNE TOWN RES	13	2	3	8	-20	9
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS RES	14	2	2	10	-46	8
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS RES	10	3	0	7	-20	7*
RAUNDS TOWN RES	9	0	0	9	-35	-2*
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# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## GOALKEEPERS



**JAMIE ADIM**



**AARON HALAI**



**OWUSU KYEREMATENG**



**JACK TAYLOR**

## OUTFIELD PLAYERS



**'NIMMY' AJIGBOLAMU**



**BENJI ANSAH**



**ELTON ANNING**



**FELIX ATTA**



**NAT BEECHER**



**GEORGE BOLAND**



**STEPHEN BROOKS**



**CAMERON BROOKS**



**HARVEY BURROWS**



**JACK CLARKSON**



**OLIVER COLEMAN**



**MATTHEW COOKE**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

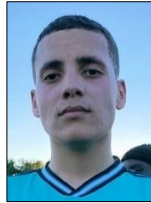
## OUTFIELD PLAYERS



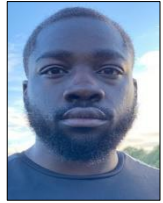
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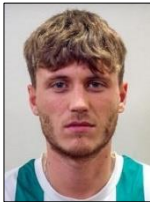
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**JESSE FORSON**



**LUKE GARDNER**



**JUSTICE GLOVER**



**CAMERON HARDIE**



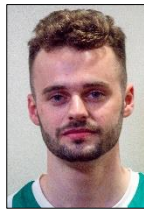
**JOSH HAWKINS**



**LLOYD KPAMBER**



**WESLEY IREGBU**



**CAMERON JOHNSON**



**TOMMY JONES**



**DOMINIC LAWLESS**



**LIAM MURPHY**



**SAMUEL OLAWALE**



**ANDRE OLUKANMI**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## OUTFIELD PLAYERS



**NATHAN OLUKANMI POWFIL RAOSO HARRY ROBERTSON KEELAN SHAND**



**GEORGE SHRIEVES**

**NATHAN SMITH**

**RYAN SMITH**

**LIAM SMYTH**



**SHAHEIM WARD**

**TYRIQ WARD**

**CLINTON ZAWE**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## MANAGEMENT



**TERRY SHRIEVES**



**GLYN CREASER**



**LEE BROWN**



**LEA COULTER**



**VINNIE SHRIEVES**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## Pen Pictures

NAME: OWUSU KYEREMATENG  
AGE: 33  
POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK IRISH, WINSLOW UTD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: GHANA JOLLOF RICE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP:  
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NAME: JACK TAYLOR  
AGE: 28  
POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: OLNEY TOWN, NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS,  
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: INDIAN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: CRAIG DAVID

NAME: AARON HALAI  
AGE: 26  
POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK IRISH ATHLETIC, UNITE MK, WOLVERTON TOWN,  
LEIGHTON TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: LIVERPOOL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: NANDOS CHICKEN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: JACKSON 5



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NAME: JAMIE ADIM  
AGE: 34  
POSITION: GOALKEEPER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: HARROW BOROUGH, LONDON TIGERS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: LIVERPOOL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CALAMARI  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: HIP-HOP

NAME: STEPHEN BROOKS  
AGE: 30  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN, BEDFORD, LANGFORD,  
BALDOCK TOWN, STOTFOLD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: MUMS SPAG BOL  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: FOALS

NAME: NATHANIEL BEECHER  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: WEST HAM  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CURRY GOAT  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: BOBBY VALENTINO  
SPONSORED BY: M O'HANLON

NAME: MATT COOKE  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC, WHETSTONE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: LEICESTER CITY  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CARBONARA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: WHAM!

NAME: LIAM SMYTH  
AGE: 34  
POSITION: DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: AYLESBURY UTD, NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: DERBY COUNTY  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PASTA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: WESTLIFE

NAME: LUKE GARDNER  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NORTHAMPTON TOWN, AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: BURGER  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: OASIS

NAME: HARRY ROBERTSON  
AGE: 22  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: WILLEN  
FAVOURITE CLUB:  
FAVOURITE FOOD: KEBAB  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: ARTIC MONKEYS

NAME: LIAM MURPHY  
AGE: 25  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: AFC SANTANDER, NEW BRADWELL ST PETER  
FAVOURITE CLUB: EVERTON  
FAVOURITE FOOD: STEAK  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: OASIS

NAME: KEELAN SHAND  
AGE: 25  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: WAVENEY  
FAVOURITE CLUB: NORWICH  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PIZZA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: EARTH, WIND & FIRE

NAME: HARRY PHILLIPS  
AGE: 16  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: WALTON, ASPLEY GUISE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: MAN UTD  
FAVOURITE FOOD: STEAK  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: IMAGINE DRAGONS

NAME: EMMANUEL APPIAH  
AGE: 22  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BLETCHLEY SCOT, AFC SANTANDER,  
FUTURE ELITE ACADEMY  
FAVOURITE CLUB: CHELSEA  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CHICKEN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: WSTRN



NAME: FARHAN UDDIN  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: UNITE MK, MK IRISH ATHLETIC  
FAVOURITE CLUB: MAN UTD  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CHICKEN BURGER  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: COLDPLAY

NAME: CHRISTIAAN BEAUPIERRE  
AGE: 37  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: FRENFORD, LONDON APSA, ENFIELD, CHESHUNT  
FAVOURITE CLUB:  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CURRY GOAT/MUTTON  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: THE DIPLOMATS

NAME: BENJAMIN ANSAH  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: CHELSEA  
FAVOURITE FOOD: JOLLOF RICE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: THE WAILERS

NAME: CLINTON ZAWA  
AGE: 19  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK COLLEGE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: MAN UTD  
FAVOURITE FOOD: SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP:

NAME: SHAHEIM WARD  
AGE: 21  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK COLLEGE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CHICKEN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: CHRIS BROWN

NAME: JESSE FORSON  
AGE: 25  
POSITION: DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MURSLEY UTD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: CHELSEA  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CHICKEN & RICE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: JACKSON 5

NAME: SCOTT DUMMETT  
AGE: 29  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK ROBINS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: WEST HAM  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PIZZA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: DRAKE

NAME: JOSH HAWKINS  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: DEFENDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MURSLEY UTD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: MEXICAN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: OASIS

NAME: GEORGE SHRIEVES  
AGE: 25  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN, WINSLOW UTD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: LASAGNE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: CHRIS BROWN



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NAME: WELSEY IROGBU  
AGE: 26  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: CRAWLEY GREEN, TRING ATHLETIC, AYLESBURY UTD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: LIVERPOOL  
FAVOURITE FOOD:  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP:

NAME: OLIVER COLEMAN  
AGE: 19  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: SCOT FC, NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: INDIAN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: AC/DC

NAME: CAMERON JOHNSON  
AGE: 21  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NONE  
FAVOURITE CLUB: SOUTHAMPTON  
FAVOURITE FOOD: ROAST CHICKEN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: GEORGE EZRA

NAME: NAWFAL ECHCHARKI  
AGE: 21  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL ATHLETIC  
FAVOURITE CLUB: CHELSEA  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PIZZA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: NWA

NAME: NATHAN SMITH  
AGE: 19  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: MAC & CHEESE  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: MIGOS

NAME: RYAN SMITH  
AGE: 20  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: HITCHIN TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: CURRY GOAT  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: MIGOS

NAME: SAMUEL OLAWALE  
AGE: 22  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC, NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN,  
LEIGHTON TOWN, EYNESBURY ROVERS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: STEAK  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: WIZKID

NAME: TYRIQ WARD  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: ST IVES TOWN, BARTON ROVERS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: ANYTHING & EVERYTHING  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: JODECI



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NAME: GEORGE BOLAND  
AGE: 25  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: BEDFORD TOWN, KEMPSTON ROVERS,  
LEIGHTON TOWN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD:  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: LIL BABY

NAME: JUSTICE GLOVER  
AGE: 37  
POSITION: MIDFIELDER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NETHERTON UTD, WHITTLESEY ATHLETIC  
FAVOURITE CLUB:  
FAVOURITE FOOD: STEAK & CHIPS  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: MUMFORD & SONS

NAME: 'NIMMY' AJOGBOLAMU  
AGE: 22  
POSITION: STRIKER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: DUNSTABLE TOWN, CRAWLEY GREEN  
FAVOURITE CLUB: MK IRISH  
FAVOURITE FOOD: JOLLOF RICE WITH CHICKEN AND PLANTAIN  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: P-SQUARE

NAME: DANIEL ADETOYE  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: STRIKER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEW BRADWELL ST PETER, RADFORD  
FAVOURITE CLUB: MAN UTD  
FAVOURITE FOOD: THAI  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: 4PF

NAME: MOHAMMED ECHCHARKI  
AGE: 23  
POSITION: STRIKER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL ATHLETIC  
FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PIZZA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: 21 PILOTS

NAME: POWFIL RAPOSO  
AGE: 24  
POSITION: STRIKER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK IRISH ATHLETIC  
FAVOURITE CLUB: CHELSEA  
FAVOURITE FOOD: PASTA  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: GIVEON

NAME: DOMINIC LAWLESS  
AGE: 35  
POSITION: STRIKER  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN, ST IVES TOWN, BEDFORD  
TOWN, BANBURY UTD, KEMPSTON ROVERS, AFC  
RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS, EYNESBURY ROVERS  
FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
FAVOURITE FOOD: ROAST  
FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: BOYZ 2 MEN



## HISTON FC – CLUB HISTORY

The club was formed in 1904 as Histon Institute FC, and played for 44 years in the Cambridgeshire Football League. John Chivers, chairman of major Histon employer Chivers & Sons, helped to found the football club. The company donated a field then covered in roses for the club to play on, which is commemorated in the rose on Histon's crest. From 1926 the club moved to its current location, where a grandstand was erected in 1934. In 1948 the club became champions of the Cambs League and joined the Spartan League, winning promotion to its Premier Division in 1951. The "Institute" was dropped from the club's name that season. The top forward in those days was Mo Thurston, who scored 63 goals in season 1949-50. In 1960 Histon entered the Delphian League, which became part of the Athenian League structure in 1963, but struggled at that level. The pitch was re-sited at right angles to the old one in 1960-61, and a replacement stand opened in 1964-65. In 1965 Histon switched to the Eastern Counties League, where they were to play for the next 35 years. When the ECL adopted a two-division format in 1988, Histon were placed in the Premier Division. In the 1989–90 season, with Alan Doyle as manager, Histon won the ECL League Cup and sold players Lance Key and Shaun Sowden to Sheffield Wednesday and Giuliano Maiorana to Manchester United. The transfer fee rescued the club financially, and a Manchester United team played Histon on 19 May 1989. Following administrative and financial difficulties in 1993, the club was relegated to ECL Division One in 1995 but were promoted back to the Premier Division two years later. The 1997–98 season saw Neil Kennedy establish a club record by scoring 46 senior goals in the season, and Histon finished 3rd. Finally in the 1999–2000 season Histon won the ECL Premier Division title under the management of former Cambridge United player Steve Fallon, appointed on 27 July 1999, and were promoted to the Southern League Eastern Division. In the first three Southern League seasons Histon managed 4th spot twice and then a disappointing 10th, which momentarily halted the rise in fortunes experienced under Steve Fallon, but the 2003–04 season saw the club finish 2nd in the Eastern Division to claim promotion to the Premier Division. The following year Histon took on League Two side Shrewsbury Town in the FA Cup 1st Round Proper, setting up a 2nd Round tie at home to Yeovil Town with a 2–0 victory. They lost to Yeovil, but clinched the Southern League Premier Division title on the last day of the 2004-05 season and were promoted to the Conference South. In their first Conference South season Histon finished 5th, enough to secure a place in the play-offs for promotion to the Conference National. They won their first play-off game away at Farnborough Town 3–0, but lost 2–0 in the final against St. Albans City. In the FA Cup they reached the second round proper. The team managed a draw away at Nuneaton Borough but were defeated in the replay at Bridge Road 2–1 before a crowd of 3,077. The season

was also notable for a 5–0 win against local rivals Cambridge United in the FA Trophy. On 14 April 2007 Histon, now popularly known as the Stutes, beat Welling United 1–0 at Bridge Road to go 19 points clear at the top of the Conference South in the final table. Two days previously, officials from the Conference had passed Bridge Road as fit for Conference National football, paving the way for promotion (the club's fourth in 7 years) to the highest point in the non league pyramid. In the same season striker Neil Kennedy scored his 300th goal for the club with a hat-trick against Havant & Waterlooville. Histon's 2007-08 season in the Conference National saw the Stutes play their first televised game, Setanta broadcasting the 1–0 home win against Oxford United. Later that season the club broke their record home attendance when a crowd of 3,721 saw Histon beat Cambridge United 1–0 on 1 January 2008. Histon finished the season 7th. The club's record goal scorer, Neil Kennedy, played his last competitive game against Forest Green Rovers on the last day of the season in a substitute appearance. The second season of Conference National football saw the Stutes finish third, qualifying for the play-offs, where they were defeated 2–1 on aggregate by Torquay United in the semi-final. In the FA Cup Histon reached the third round, losing 2-1 at home to Championship side Swansea City, after beating League One opposition in Swindon Town 1–0 at home in the first round, and Leeds United 1–0 at home in the second round, the first time Leeds had lost to a non-league side. The Leeds United match was on national television, the attendance was 4,103, and the winning goal was scored by Matt Langston. Histon's fortunes declined after the high spots of the 2008-09 season, as the money ran out. In November 2009 Gareth Baldwin ended his 17-year tenure as chairman of the club, and in January 2010 Steve Fallon's highly successful ten years as Histon manager came to an end. The club finished 18th in the Conference National in season 2009/10 and bottom in 2010/11. Alan Lewer, John Beck, and David Livermore served successively as managers. Histon finished their first Conference North season in 16th place and David Livermore left the club at the end of that season. Dennis Greene took over but left the Club in December 2012, to be replaced by former player Nacer Relizani assisted by the club's youth team coach Brian Page. The duo led the team to Conference North safety on the last day of the 2012/13 season before Relizani stepped down and Page took over the top job. Histon were now playing with a very young side largely drawn from the club's youth structure. The 2013/14 season saw them relegated from the Conference North to the Southern Premier League. Brian Page kept them at that level in season 2014/15, securing an 18th place finish, but even the return of Steve Fallon in October 2015 could not prevent further relegation to the Southern League Division 1 Central at the end of season 2015-16. In October 2016 Fallon became Director of Football, with Lance Key returning to the club (again) this time as manager. Season 2016/17 however saw yet another relegation, back to the Eastern Counties League where it all started in the 1990's. After a season of adjustment in 2017-18 at the end of which the team finished 6th in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division, 2018-19 saw the club heading in the right direction again as Key lead the side to promotion claiming the league title with an impressive 14 point margin. On returning to Step 4, the club was unexpectedly allocated a place in the Isthmian League for the first time in its' 115-year history. After spending much of the 2019/20 season in the top half of the league's North division, a mid-table finish looked to be on the cards before the season was curtailed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The end of the season also saw the club Chairman John Hall step down after four years in which the focus had been upon restoring community links, simplifying the ownership structure, repaying debts, cutting costs and introducing ladies teams. Under

John's leadership, youth development continued to feature high on the club's priorities list with a clear pathway from Academy through Scholarship and into the First Team for our young players. Existing Board member Richard Barlow succeeded John Hall as Chairman in the summer of 2020 and is looking to continue the progress made in recent years with a view to re-positioning the club within the local community and bringing the highest level of football the club can successfully sustain to Bridge Road





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