





MK IRISH FC

Official Match Day Programme

Saturday 4 February 2023 KO 3PM Manor Fields

MK Irish FC vs Long Buckby FC UHLSport UCL Premier South Division

Entrance:

£8 Adults £4 Concessions £2 U12-16s Under 12 Free







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







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
22.10.222	League	Home	March Town Utd	D	3 - 3
29.10.22	League	Home	Histon	W	3 – 2
05.11.22	League	Away	GNG Oadby Town	W	2 - 0
19.11.22	League	Away	Coventry Sphinx	L	1 - 4
26.11.22	League	Home	Bugbrooke St Michael	W	2 - 1
03.12.22	League	Away	Rugby Town	L	1 - 3
26.12.22	League	Home	Newport Pagnell Town	D	1 - 1
07.01.23	League	Away	Coventry Utd	W	4 - 1
28.01.23	League	Away	Easington Sports	W	2 - 0
04.02.23	League	Home	Long Buckby		
11.02.23	League	Home	Desborough Town	KO 2pm	
18.02.23	League	Away	Rothwell Corinthians		
21.02.23	League	Away	Histon		
25.02.23	League	Home	Wellingborough Town		
28.02.23	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town		
04.03.23	League	Home	Coventry Sphinx	KO 2pm	
11.03.23	League	Away	Eynesbury Rovers	Eynesbury Rovers	
18.03.23	League	Away	March Town		
25.03.23	League	Home	Lutterworth Town	KO 2pm	
01.04.23	League	Home	Rugby Town		
08.04.23	League	Away	Wellingborough Town		
10.04.23	League	Away	Newport Pagnell Town		
15.04.23	League	Away	Cogenhoe Utd		
22.04.23	League	Home	Godmanchester Rovers		

UHLSport United Counties League

Premier Division South - 2022/2023 Table as at 3 February 2023

Club	Р	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RUGBY TOWN	21	18	2	1	43	56
COVENTRY SPHINX	17	14	1	2	39	43
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN	19	12	3	4	12	39
MILTON KEYNES IRISH	19	11	3	5	13	36
COVENTRY UTD	21	12	0	9	2	36
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN	15	9	5	1	23	32
MARCH TOWN UTD	18	9	4	5	16	31
HISTON	18	9	1	8	3	28
GNG OADBY TOWN	18	7	2	9	-12	23
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS	20	6	4	10	-11	22
EASINGTON SPORTS	19	6	3	10	-6	21
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS	17	5	5	7	1	20
DESBOROUGH TOWN	19	4	6	9	-11	18
EYNESBURY ROVERS	19	5	3	11	-14	18
LUTTERWORTH TOWN	19	4	3	12	-23	15
COGENHOE UTD	18	3	5	10	-10	14
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS	17	3	1	13	-25	10
LONG BUCKBY AFC	18	2	3	13	-40	9

MK IRISH FC - NEXT GAMES

Saturday 4 February
RESERVES away vs Bourne Town Res

<u>Tuesday 7 February ko 7.45pm</u>
RESERVES home vs Kempston Rovers Res

Wednesday 8 February ko 7.45pm U18s away vs Baldock Town U18s



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.





DID YOU see the video of former Cardiff City manager Mark Hudson on social media recently? The first part shows him telling his sons he has been appointed assistant and their pride is clear to see. In the second part, he is telling them he is out of a job and they will be moving again, but not to worry: "That's football".

That is indeed and unfortunately we're probably all a bit guilty of forgetting the human side of it. Away from the pitch there is a reality we don't always see. Occasionally we get little glimpses into it, like with Hudson's video. As football fans on the outside, it's easy to see everything as black and white, winning and losing. If a player doesn't play very well, it's because he's not up to it. More often than not, we don't stop to consider what else might be going on. In this role I've come to learn there are often deeply personal reasons why a player might not be performing — or why a manager might not be able to get the results despite the fact they're putting in all the hours they can.

Hereford manager Josh Gowling saw Hudson's video and it resonated. In Sunday's NLP he took on the subject in his column to give us a unique insight into what it is like as a Non-League gaffer. He wrote: "When we lose a game, my missus will message me: Are you ok? I have a four-hour drive home after the majority of our games. That's a lot of time to go over things in my head. "When I get home I will get a nice cuddle from her and my kids, but she knows I won't be in a good place. "Look, I've chosen to do this so it's not an excuse, but it can take you away from your family in an emotional sense.

"When you're with your kids but your team is on a three-game losing streak, you're not fully present. "I'm sure many other managers will say the same. This is your life. When it's not working, your life doesn't work."

The majority of managers say the same. Football is a unique 24/7 world, where there is very little time to switch off. You certainly need to be a certain character to take on the job and deal with your week's work being played out in full view of the public. Even at Non-League level.

"Everything is out there to see," Gowling wrote. "It's on social media, in the news, if kids go to school in the area you manage, they might get some stick. There is no escape from the game." That's partly why they all do it. Football gets under all our skin. However you interact with the game, it's because we love it. Gowling also says being a manager is the best job in the world. And that is probably why so many come back to try again after they disappointments. That's football...

UHLSport United Counties Football League

Reserve Division - 2022/2023 Table as at 3 February 2023

Club	Р	W	D	L	GD	PTS
HARBOROUGH TOWN RES	17	15	1	1	62	46
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS RES	19	12	4	3	24	40
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN RES	17	12	1	4	29	37
MILTON KEYNES IRISH RES	17	11	0	6	46	33
DESBOROUGH TOWN RES	19	9	6	4	10	33
KEMPSTON ROVERS RES	14	9	2	3	28	29
NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS RES	20	7	8	5	19	29
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN RES	18	8	3	7	-14	27
DAVENTRY TOWN RES	18	7	3	8	-14	24
WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH RES	19	7	3	9	-20	24
GNG OADBY TOWN RES	21	6	3	12	-20	21
COGENHOE UTD RES	15	5	4	6	2	19
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS RES	20	3	3	14	-56	12
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS RES	15	4	1	10	-27	11*
BOURNE TOWN RES	17	2	4	11	-25	10
RAUNDS TOWN RES	16	0	2	14	-44	-1*
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MK Irish Reserves Fixtures 2022-23

Date	Competition	Venue	Opposition	Result	Score
09.08.22	League	Home	Newport Pagnell Town Res	L	2 - 3
13.08.22	League	Home	Desborough Town Res	L	1 - 4
20.08.22	League	Home	Huntingdon Town Res	W	2 - 0
26.08.22	League	Home	Wellingborough Whitworth Res	L	2 - 3
03.09.22	League	Away	Rothwell Corinthians Res	W	8 - 0
06.09.22	Cup	Away	Kempston Rovers Res	Α	2 - 0
17.09.22	League	Away	Harborough Town Res	L	0 - 3
20.09.22	League	Away	Cogenhoe Utd Res	W	2 - 1
24.09.22	League	Away	Wellingborough Town Res	W	5 - 2
01.10.22	League	Home	Bourne Town Res	W	8 - 0
04.10.22	Cup	Away	Kempston Rovers Res	W	4 - 1
08.10.22	League	Home	Raunds Town Res	W	13 - 0
15.10.22	League	Home	Northampton ON Chenecks Res	W	4 - 3
22.10.22	League	Away	Wellingborough Whitworth Res	W	3 - 0
29.10.22	Cup	Away	Harborough Town Res	L	1 - 2
05.11.22	League	Home	Bugbrooke St Michaels Res	L	0 - 2
12.11.22	League	Away	Desborough Town Res	L	0 - 1
19.11.22	League	Home	Godmanchester Rovers Res	W	5 - 0
26.11.22	League	Away	GNG Oadby Town Res	W	5 - 0
03.12.22	League	Home	Daventry Town Res	W	5 - 1
07.01.23	League	Home	Wellingborough Town Res	W	7 - 1
04.02.23	League	Away	Bourne Town Res		
07.02.23	League	Home	Kempston Rovers Res		
11.02.23	League	Away	Northampton ON Chenecks Res	KO 2pm	
18.02.23	League	Home	Rothwell Corinthians Res	KO 2pm	
25.02.23	League	Away	Daventry Town Res	KO 2pm	
04.03.23	League	Away	Kempston Rovers Res		
07.03.23	League	Away	Godmanchester Rovers Res		
11.03.23	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town Res KO 2pm		
25.03.23	League	Away	Newport Pagnell Town Res KO 2pm		
28.03.23	League	Home	Harborough Town Res	Harborough Town Res	
08.04.23	League	Away	Raunds Town Res	Res	
15.04.23	League	Away	Bugbrooke St Michaels Res		
29.04.23	League	Home	Cogenhoe Utd Res		

Congratulations to our Reserve team for winning Team of The Month for December 22/January 23

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At the United Counties Football League, we believe in making football everyone's game

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JACK TAYLOR



'NIMMY' AJIGBOLAMU



BENJI ANSAH



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NAT BEECHER



GEORGE BOLAND





STEPHEN BROOKS CAMERON BROOKS



HARVEY BURROWS



JACK CLARKSON



OLIVER COLEMAN MATTHEW COOKE



OUTFIELD PLAYERS



SCOTT DUMMETT



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JESSE FORSON



LUKE GARDNER



JUSTICE GLOVER



CAMERON HARDIE



JOSH HAWKINS



CALLUM HIRST



LLOYD KPAMBER



WESLEY IREGBU CAMERON JOHNSON





TOMMY JONES



LIAM MURPHY



SAMUEL OLAWALE ANDRE OLUKANMI



OUTFIELD PLAYERS









NATHAN OLUKANMI POWFIL RAPOSO HARRY ROBERTSON FINN ROLFE







GEORGE SHRIEVES



NATHAN SMITH



RYAN SMITH



LIAM SMYTH



SHAHEIM WARD



TYRIQ WARD



CLINTON ZAWE

MANAGEMENT







GLYN CREASER



LEE BROWN







VINNIE SHRIEVES

We are supporting strong measures across football to tackle antisocial and criminal behaviours within football grounds – including entering the pitch without permission and carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros. These are illegal, dangerous and have serious consequences. They have no place in our game. Anyone involved in these activities will be banned by the club and reported to the police.

Love Football, Protect the Game.

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NAME: OWUSU KYEREMATENG

AGE: 33

POSITION: GOALKEEPER

PREVIOUS CLUBS: MK IRISH, WINSLOW UTD

FAVOURITE CLUB: ARSENAL

FAVOURITE FOOD: GHANA JOLLOF RICE

FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: SPONSORED BY: T ELIE

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





SPONSORED BY:

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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: MICHAEL 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



SPONSOR:

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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: CLINTON ZAWE

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



SPONSORED BY:

SHRIEVES ROOFING

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 SPONSORED BY: SEAN HOMER NAME: RYAN SMITH

AGE: 20

POSITION: MIDFIELDER PREVIOUS CLUBS: HITCHIN TOWN

FAVOURITE CLUB: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

FAVOURITE FOOD: CURRY GOAT FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: MIGOS SPONSORED BY: SEAN HOMER

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



SPONSORED BY: SHRIEVES ROOFING

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: ANDRE OLUKANMI

AGE: 26

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / STRIKER

PREVIOUS CLUBS: LEICESTER CITY, MICKLEOEVER SPORTS,

AYLESBURY VALE

FAVOURITE CLUB:

FAVOURITE FOOD: SPRING ROLLS

FAVOURITE BAND/GROUP: CHRIS BROWN

SPONSORED BY: SEAN HOMER

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-SOUARE

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



LONG BUCKBY FC - CLUB HISTORY

Formally known as Long Buckby Nomads, the current club was re-formed after the war in 1945 due to the efforts of local hairdresser Bill Ward and others. There followed many successful seasons in the Rugby and District League and the Northants Football Combination. Notable players during the fifties and sixties were Jack Osbourne, Pete Dexter, Dave Rainsford, Ray Worthington, Derrick Worthington, Cyril Worthington, Bill Dicks, Ray Timbs, Aubrey (flapper) Wilkes, Cracker Wilson, Roy Muscott, Bill Tolley and many others. The club was ably led at the time by the likes of Alistair Bruce, John Partridge and Jack Osbourne. It was also supported by probably the best supporters club at our level in the county, led by Doreen Timbs, Joyce Worthington and Barbara Dicks, laying the sound financial foundation for the club to progress in later years. With numerous ground improvements on the Sports Field and the beginnings of a fledgling Sports and Social Club, the bucks gathered a strong enough squad during the 1968/69 seasons to apply and be accepted into the United Counties Football League in 1969. Manager at the time was Alan Rose who would lead the club to more honours in future years. Soon after entering the UCL he brought in Pete Smith to replace himself as manager. Under Pete Smith the club won Division 3 in 1969-70 and then won Division 2 in 1970-71 but were refused promotion due to the facilities. But they won again in 1971-72 and this time were promoted, not into Division 1 but into the newly renamed Premier Division. Club President at the time was local businessman George Taylor of Taylor and KW Coaches. Club Secretary was Jock Morton and during that time the club extended their Sports and Social Club by building a large concert room which was opened by the President's wife Marie Taylor. During their promotion season to the Premier Division the club also won the UCL Division 2 KO Cup, the Northants Junior Cup and the Daventry Charity Cup. Following Pete Smith was former player Dave Conlon and then Alan Rose again followed by former Northampton Town player Roly Mills. Alan then became manager of the Junior Teams, building a side which won many competitions including the Umbro Cup. (a cup sponsored by Umbro which included teams for all over the country ay U16's level). Some of their games were played at Nottingham Forest where one of his players Gary Mills

went on to win a European Cup Medal. Others were Mick Kurilla who went onto Birmingham City and Vince Overson who also Captained Birmingham City and Daryl White who went to Southampton. After Roly Mills, Chris Beckett took over assisted by Mick Worthington and in the 1983-4 season the club were runners up to Kettering Town in the Northants Senior Cup. The following season the Bucks were runners up in the League by one point to Arlesey Town but won the UCL KO Cup beating Baldock Town 7-3 on aggregate. When Chris left Glenn Burdett was manager for two years. Glenn was followed by our longest serving manager Mike Emms. In his nine years the Bucks only finished in the bottom half of the table once. During this time the club moved to a new pitch after the Sportsfield obtained more land financed by the club and the Rugby Club as well as help from the school and the District Council. Also, under Mike Emms leadership a new 200 seat stand was built as well as the playing area fenced and the floodlights refurbished and moved. After Mike Emms left, the Bucks struggled at times to be a force in the UCL Prem and narrowly avoided relegation on several occasions. But managers since Emms, Ashley Alexander, Steve Renshaw, Kev Simmonds, Geoff Green and Aidy Mann kept the club at its present status and claimed some notable victories. In January 2007 with a new Chairman Guy Loveland on board, Glenn Botterill was appointed manager who brought in former Rushden and Diamonds player Andy Peaks as his number 2. New players were brought in and the Bucks again finished runners up in the UCL Premier Division in 2007-08. Botterill left in January 2009 and was replaced by former Northampton Town player Adam Sandy who was assisted by Matt Murphy. The Bucks then won the Northants Senior Cup beating Brackley Town 2-0. They then beat Northampton Town 3-2 in the NFA Premier Maunsell Cup in July 2009. Glenn third in the league and reaching the last sixteen of the FA Vase. In 2010-11 another last sixteen in the FA Vase was achieved and also a fourth-place finish in the league. Season 2011-12 saw the bucks reach the third qualifying round of the FA Cup losing to Kidsgrove Athletic and then beating the well supported King's Lynn Town twice to finally win the UCL Premier Division Title. The club also Botterill returned as manager in January 2010 this time assisted by senior player Matt Green, finishing won the Baker Perkins FC UCL highest aggregate of goals trophy and Glenn Botterill won the UCL Manager of the season. After winning the league the Chairman and Management team left the club. The next two seasons saw Scott Goodwin and then Phil Mason keep us in the Premier League. Phil Mason then left and his assistant Dan Stewart was appointed first team manager. Unfortunately, he was unable to maintain our Premier League Status and was replaced as Manager by Richard Kay. Richard was replaced by Darren Foster in November 2017. Unfortunately, due to work commitments Darren was unable to continue

and Dan Carter was appointed manager in July. 2018.





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