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MK IRISH FC

Official Match Day Programme

Saturday 4th March 2023

KO 3PM

Manor Fields

MK Irish FC vs Coventry Sphinx 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



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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	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	W	2 - 1
11.02.23	League	Home	Desborough Town	D	1 - 1
18.02.23	League	Away	Rothwell Corinthians	D	1 - 1
21.02.23	League	Away	Histon	D	1 - 1
25.02.23	League	Home	Wellingborough Town	L	1 - 2
28.02.23	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town	W	3 - 0
04.03.23	League	Home	Coventry Sphinx	KO 2pm	
11.03.23	League	Away	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 March 2023

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RUGBY TOWN	26	22	2	2	59	68
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN	24	17	3	4	26	54
COVENTRY SPHINX	22	17	1	4	51	52
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN	22	14	6	2	35	48
MILTON KEYNES IRISH	25	13	6	6	16	45
HISTON	24	14	2	8	16	44
COVENTRY UTD	25	13	2	10	4	41
MARCH TOWN UTD	23	10	5	8	10	35
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS	25	8	4	13	-17	28
GNG OADBY TOWN	24	8	2	14	-23	26
EASINGTON SPORTS	24	7	4	14	-12	25
DESBOROUGH TOWN	24	6	7	11	-15	25
EYNESBURY ROVERS	24	7	3	14	-17	24
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS	23	5	7	11	-16	22
COGENHOE UTD	22	5	6	11	-8	21
LUTTERWORTH TOWN	24	6	3	15	-36	21
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS	22	4	3	15	-26	15
LONG BUCKBY AFC	23	2	4	17	-47	10

MK IRISH FC - NEXT GAMES

Saturday 4th March

RESERVES away vs Kempston Rovers Res ko 3pm

Sunday 5th March ko 10.30am

VETERANS home vs Stevington

SUNDAY away vs Old Bradwell

Saturday 11th March ko 3pm

FIRST away vs Eynesbury Rovers

RESERVES home vs GNG Oadby Town Res



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.



THE BEAUTY of Non-League football – and indeed this job at The NLP – is the vast array of characters it brings together.

Preston Edwards has long become one of my favourite players to interview. From his England C debut against Portugal in 2011, to later captaining the Three Lions and winning five promotions down the years, we've talked about the lot over the last decade – even his transition from the full-time game into becoming a maths teacher. Edwards won the Isthmian Premier play-offs with Cheshunt last season to add to his successes with Dover, Ebbsfleet (twice) and Dulwich Hamlet. Non-League footballers may not command the largest headlines – although Edwards was one famously sent off after just ten seconds playing for Ebbsfleet against Farnborough – but they stand on a unique platform where they can really make an impact.

Our most recent chat was hardly anything to do with the ups and downs of the beautiful game. Instead it was about Edwards' determination to raise awareness of autism. On April 23, he's running the London Marathon to raise money for the National Autistic Society, a charity close to his heart. Edwards' four-year-old son Rios has been diagnosed with autism and the Ambers stopper wants to help improve people's understanding and perceptions. "My son is autistic – the media portrays autism that they are either really smart or they can't operate properly and people don't really know what autism means where they are kind of in the middle," Edwards tells The NLP. "My son is not extremely bright and he doesn't have things like a speech delay. "It's just that he struggles to understand some things and socially he's awkward. I want to spread more awareness and create that inclusive environment.

"There is nothing worse than seeing people left out just for the way they are born rather than the person they actually are. "My son is obviously the best thing that's ever happened to me. I just want the best for him." He continues: "People don't understand the challenges parents have to go through with an autistic child. My son has to have a very set routine every single day. If something is not in his routine, it messes up his whole day. "People don't understand that change. It has humbled me in a sense. I've had to adapt as a parent. In my head when he was born I was like, 'Right, he's going to be a footballer'. "But you now realise that the most important thing for myself and my wife is he is independent in life. He's able to do things himself and be the best version for him." Edwards believes there are many misconceptions around autism. Since Rios' diagnoses, he has learnt as much as he can about the lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world and even become autism coordinator at the school where he is a maths teacher.

And it's why he wants to raise money by taking on one of the world's greatest marathons.

“The National Autistic Society are the biggest autism awareness group in the country,” he says. “They do lots of things, they come to my school and make our children really aware of it. They are very good with the students. It’s trying to place that in other educational groups and adults as well, because adults are not really aware. “For example, if I go to a park, my son sometimes doesn’t have the understanding where the sense of danger is. They feel they need to move their child away because he’s dangerous. But he’s not. He’s just loud. “Listen I understand. It’s your son or daughter. But they’re not dangerous. They are human beings.”

UHLSport United Counties Football League

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

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
HARBOROUGH TOWN RES	20	17	2	1	67	53
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS RES	23	16	4	3	35	52
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN RES	21	14	2	5	31	44
MILTON KEYNES IRISH RES	21	13	1	7	55	40
DESBOROUGH TOWN RES	22	10	7	5	12	37
NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS RES	22	9	8	5	24	35
WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH RES	23	10	4	9	-16	34
KEMPSTON ROVERS RES	17	10	3	4	29	33
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN RES	22	9	4	9	-18	31
DAVENTRY TOWN RES	22	9	3	10	-17	30
COGENHOE UTD RES	19	6	5	8	1	23
GNG OADBY TOWN RES	24	6	4	14	-29	22
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS RES	23	4	3	16	-57	15
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS RES	19	5	1	13	-35	14*
BOURNE TOWN RES	21	2	6	13	-26	12
RAUNDS TOWN RES	21	0	3	18	-56	0*
HUNTINGDON TOWN RES WITHDRAWN						



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	A	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	D	2 - 2
07.02.23	League	Home	Kempston Rovers Res	P	
11.02.23	League	Away	Northampton ON Chenecks Res	L	1 - 4
18.02.23	League	Home	Rothwell Corinthians Res	W	5 - 1
25.02.23	League	Away	Daventry Town Res	W	9 - 1
04.03.23	League	Away	Kempston Rovers Res		
11.03.23	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town Res	KO 2pm	
28.03.23	League	Home	Cogenhoe Utd Res		
25.03.23	League	Away	Newport Pagnell Town Res	KO 2pm	
01.04.23	League	Away	Godmanchester Rovers Res		
08.04.23	League	Home	Harborough Town Res		
15.04.23	League	Away	Bugbrooke St Michaels Res		
25.04.23	League	Away	Raunds Town Res		

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MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

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JAMIE ADIM



AARON HALAI



OWUSU KYEREMATENG



JACK TAYLOR

OUTFIELD PLAYERS



NATHAN AMANING



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NAT BEECHER



GEORGE BOLAND



STEPHEN BROOKS



JACK CLARKSON



OLIVER COLEMAN



SCOTT DUMMETT



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OUTFIELD PLAYERS



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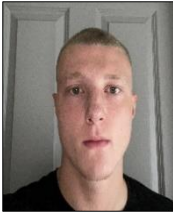
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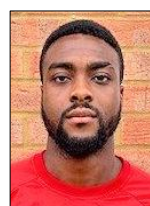
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CAMERON JOHNSON



LIAM MURPHY



SAMUEL OLAWALE



ANDRE OLUKANMI



POWFIL RAPOSO



HARRY ROBERTSON

MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

OUTFIELD PLAYERS



FINN ROLFE



KEELAN SHAND



GEORGE SHRIEVES



NATHAN SMITH



RYAN SMITH



LIAM SMYTH



SHAHEIM WARD



TYRIQ WARD



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MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

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Love Football. Protect the Game.

MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

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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:
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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: MICHAEL O'HANLON

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



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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 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: 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



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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: 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: 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



COVENTRY SPHINX FC – CLUB HISTORY

The proud history of Coventry Sphinx began in 1946 when the name was changed to Sphinx FC from Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft, who had been highly successful in Coventry before and during the Second World War. In the 1950s and 1960s the club continued that success by winning a number of league and cup competitions.

Sphinx played a major part in the formation of the Coventry Alliance and continued to win trophies throughout the following decades. The 1990s recession led to the closure of factories in the city and surrounding areas, which in turn meant the disbandment of many of Coventry's football clubs. Sphinx, in need of a new challenge, joined the Midland Combination Football League in 1993.

COVENTRY AND PROUD

In our first season in the Midland Combination we were promoted from Division 2 and reached the semi-finals of the Birmingham Sunday Vase. A second consecutive promotion followed thanks to a second-placed finish in Division 1 the next season. After rising to the top division of the Combination it was decided that the club should be linked more closely to the name of our city; Coventry Sphinx was born. The ground was named Sphinx Drive, a stand built at pitchside, and a Coventry City XI invited for the renamed club's opening match.

WILLIE KNIBBS

Over the years Coventry Sphinx has been served by countless loyal and hard-working local people who've contributed greatly to the club both on and off the field. Their dedication has brought the club some unbeatable highs. Inevitably, there have also been times of tragedy. In November 2001 the Sphinx manager, Willie Knibbs, was killed in a car accident on the way home from a cup game at Meir KA. Willie was a former Sphinx player in his second spell as the club's manager –his death was a terrible loss to our club and to local football in Coventry. Our main stand is named in Willie's honour.

Willie was loved by us all. He cared passionately for Sphinx, inspiring everybody to continue on with his legacy. We won the Midland Combination Challenge Cup after a painful season. It was renamed the Willie Knibbs Cup.

MORE CUP TRIUMPHS

After promotion to the Midland Combination Premier League we became one of the leading teams in the division. We finished as runners-up in our first season, an achievement repeated in both 2005 and 2006. We also reached the final of the Endsleigh Challenge Cup on three occasions, losing to Alveston at Villa Park in 1999 but beating

Coventry Marconi in 2003 and Feckenham in 2005. Sphinx also won the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup in successive seasons, making us the last winners at Highfield Road and the first at the Ricoh Arena.

BUILDING THE JUNIOR SECTION

In 1997 the junior section of the club was formed, starting with just three teams, and Sphinx became the first club in Coventry to achieve the FA Charter. The junior section has grown considerably and there are now hundreds of players representing the club. In 2003 our juniors started competing in the Midland Floodlit Youth League. One of their biggest successes came in the 2014/15 season when they won a league and cup double. They suffered only one league defeat all season and beat Stourbridge 3-0 in the final of the BCFA Midweek Floodlit Youth Cup. Many of the youth team took a major step forward to play first team football.

PROMOTION, A CUP WIN AND A RUN IN THE FA VASE

Coventry Sphinx completed a remarkable treble achievement in May 2007. In addition to finally becoming champions of the Midland Football Combination –achieving promotion to the Midland Football Alliance in the process –we won the Coventry Charity Cup and the BCFA Midland Floodlit Cup. The 2007/08 season saw the Sphinx enjoy our best ever run in the FA Vase. We reached the quarter-finals for the very first time, losing to the eventual Wembley winners, Kirkham & Wesham (now AFC Fylde), in a replay at Sphinx Drive. We made it to the semi-finals of the League Cup in the same season, and went on to win the Midland Alliance Polymac League Cup by beating Westfields in the final in 2009/10. It's our biggest honour to date.

MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

In 2014/15 the club was honoured to become a founder member of the Midland Football League Premier Division. We continue to play at the highest level in our history and to develop the club in a sustainable way in order to provide a healthy future for the club and achieve our ambitions. In the summer of 2016 Stuart Dutton took on the manager's position and set about rebuilding the squad. He achieved a top ten finish and stabilised the club before being replaced by Lee Knibbs in the autumn of 2017. Lee is the son of Willie Knibbs and returned to the club after a successful earlier spell as assistant manager to Danny McSheffrey. Lee guided Sphinx to some of our most memorable results of the decade before deciding to step aside in November 2019. He was succeeded by his assistants, John Woodward and Shaun Thomas, who became the club's joint managers and ended the truncated 2019/20 season on a long unbeaten run.

MOVE TO THE UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE

Ahead of the 2021/22 season, the Sphinx first team made a sideways move as part of FA restructuring at Step 5, competing in a newly formed Premier Division South in the United Counties League. Football never stands still. Local football in Coventry has declined over the years, so to be playing on after more than seventy years is an achievement of which the players, officials and supporters of our club can be proud. The structure in place at senior, youth and junior levels promises a bright future for Coventry Sphinx as we work towards the progress Willie Knibbs' memory deserves.

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