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# MK IRISH FC

Official Match Day Programme

Saturday 11th February 2023

KO 2PM

Manor Fields

MK Irish FC vs Desborough Town 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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UNITED COUNTIES  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## 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	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
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	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
11.03.23	League	Away	Eynesbury Rovers		
18.03.23	League	Away	March Town		
25.03.23	League	Home	Lutterworth Town	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
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 10 February 2023

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
RUGBY TOWN	22	19	2	1	49	59
COVENTRY SPHINX	18	14	1	3	38	43
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN	20	13	3	4	13	42
<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH</b>	20	12	3	5	14	39
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN	17	11	5	1	27	38
COVENTRY UTD	22	12	0	10	-1	36
MARCH TOWN UTD	20	10	4	6	16	34
HISTON	19	10	1	8	6	31
GNG OADBY TOWN	19	8	2	9	-11	26
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS	21	6	4	11	-14	22
EASINGTON SPORTS	20	6	3	11	-8	21
EYNESBURY ROVERS	21	6	3	12	-13	21
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS	19	5	5	9	-8	20
DESBOROUGH TOWN	20	4	6	10	-12	18
LUTTERWORTH TOWN	20	5	3	12	-22	18
COGENHOE UTD	19	4	5	10	-7	17
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS	18	3	1	14	-26	10
LONG BUCKBY AFC	19	2	3	14	-41	9

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February ko 2pm**

**RESERVES away vs Northampton ON Chenecks Res**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February ko 10.30am**

**VETERANS away vs Right Advice**

**SUNDAY home vs Stacey Bushes (Cup)**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February ko 7.45pm**

**U18s away vs Winslow Utd 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.



THERE'S an old wives' tale at NLP Towers which continually succeeds in amusing and bemusing us in equal measure. It's a theory which has haunted us for as long as we can remember, it just won't go away and it regularly returns to make fools out of anyone who has dared edit, report for or contribute towards our news pages over the years. It's called *The Curse of The NLP*.

These days, 'The Curse' comes with an acceptance from us all in the office, but in recent weeks it's returned to bite us on the backside more often than usual. Take our edition of January 29 for example. On page 33 we ran an interview with Ramsgate manager Steve Lovell after he had led the Rams into title contention in Isthmian League South East.

Lovell spoke at length about how much he was enjoying life at the Southwood Stadium and how there was so much more to come from the Kent side for the rest of the campaign. That weekend they were surprisingly beaten at Three Bridges which is ironic enough in itself, but two days later Lovell was unceremoniously sacked and later replaced by the defender he brought to the club, Jamie Coyle. Sorry Steve.

In that same edition, we also ran a piece on Altrincham following their recent upturn in form. In it, assistant manager Neil Sorvel told how the club's new full-time model had contributed to a 10-match unbeaten run which had propelled the Robins into play-off contention. Granted, that unbeaten run ended with a narrow defeat at Chesterfield in the midweek prior to publication but Alty have lost their last two games since and have slipped back down into the bottom half of the table. Sorry Robins.

This week 'The Curse' struck again – and just when we least expected it. In that same edition of January 29, Hereford boss Josh Gowling, a regular columnist at The NLP, explained about the highs and lows of football management after having watched the heart-warming video of Mark Hudson telling his children that he has lost his job at Cardiff City.

"Management is the best job in the world, but also it can feel the most lonely," Gowling said. "We went through a period in November and December where we didn't win. I'd just won manager of the month in October. I was miserable. I was in my office every day, away from my family, trying to find ways to fix it. You have to keep working to try and get it right – plus I put the manager of the month award away in my desk under a load of books! We've been winning again since I did that so maybe I will keep it out of sight."

## UHLSport United Counties Football League

### Reserve Division - 2022/2023 Table as at 10 February 2023

Club	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
HARBOROUGH TOWN RES	17	15	1	1	62	46
BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS RES	21	14	4	3	26	46
NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN RES	18	12	1	5	27	37
<b>MILTON KEYNES IRISH RES</b>	18	11	1	6	46	34
DESBOROUGH TOWN RES	20	9	6	5	9	33
WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN RES	19	9	3	7	-13	30
KEMPSTON ROVERS RES	14	9	2	3	28	29
NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS RES	20	7	8	5	19	29
DAVENTRY TOWN RES	19	8	3	8	-13	27
WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH RES	20	8	3	9	-19	27
GNG OADBY TOWN RES	22	6	3	13	-22	21
COGENHOE UTD RES	16	5	4	7	1	19
GODMANCHESTER ROVERS RES	16	5	1	10	-25	14*
ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS RES	20	3	3	14	-56	12
BOURNE TOWN RES	19	2	5	11	-25	11
RAUNDS TOWN RES	17	0	2	15	-45	-1*
<b>HUNTINGDON TOWN RES WITHDRAWN</b>						



## 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	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
18.02.23	League	Home	Rothwell Corinthians Res	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
25.02.23	League	Away	Daventry Town Res	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
04.03.23	League	Away	Kempston Rovers Res		
11.03.23	League	Home	GNG Oadby Town Res	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
25.03.23	League	Away	Newport Pagnell Town Res	<b>KO 2pm</b>	
28.03.23	League	Home	Cogenhoe Utd Res		
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		
29.04.23	League	Away	Raunds Town 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



# 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**



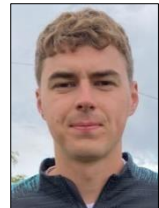
**HARVEY BURROWS**



**JACK CLARKSON**



**OLIVER COLEMAN**



**MATTHEW COOKE**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

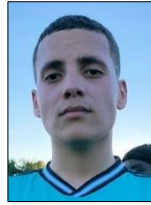
## OUTFIELD PLAYERS



**SCOTT DUMMETT**



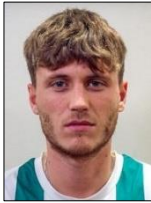
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**JESSE FORSON**



**LUKE GARDNER**



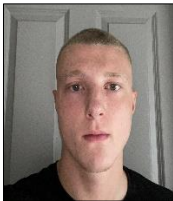
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**CAMERON HARDIE**



**JOSH HAWKINS**



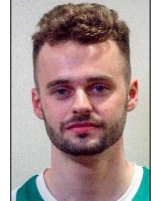
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**LLOYD KPAMBER**



**WESLEY IREGBU**



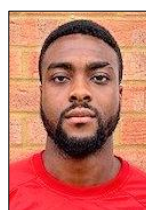
**CAMERON JOHNSON**



**TOMMY JONES**



**LIAM MURPHY**



**SAMUEL OLAWALE**



**ANDRE OLUKANMI**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## OUTFIELD PLAYERS



**NATHAN OLUKANMI POWFIL RAPOSO HARRY ROBERTSON FINN ROLFE**



**KEELAN SHAND GEORGE SHRIEVES NATHAN SMITH RYAN SMITH**



**LIAM SMYTH SHAHEIM WARD TYRIQ WARD CLINTON ZAWÉ**

# MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

## MANAGEMENT



**TERRY SHRIEVES**



**GLYN CREASER**



**LEE BROWN**



**LEA COULTER**



**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.**

# 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:  
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



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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



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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 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



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, MICKLEOVER 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-SQUARE

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



## DESBOROUGH TOWN FC – CLUB HISTORY

Desborough Town have a remarkable history since it was formed in 1896 and joined the Northants League which is now known as the United Counties League. It has been a continual member of that combination apart from Season 1945/46 when the club had not been reformed following the break for the second world war.

The club was first affiliated to the Northants Football Association in 1896 with the Secretary being Mr A.L Mobbs the landlord of the Swan Inn which used to stand in Lower Street. The club has always played its home matches at the Waterworks Field and in the early days used to change in the outbuildings at the back of the Swan Inn before marching up the Braybrooke Road to the ground. The second season saw the Formation of Northampton Town and the Cobblers first ever League game was played at the Waterworks Field on 25th September 1897 with Ar Tarn triumphing by two clear goals.

It was at this period that Desborough inherited the nicknames that are not forgotten with the passing of time. 'Ar Tarn' the local dialect meaning our town has probable survived the longest 'The Buckets' is a reference to the adjacent waterworks and was used by the local newspaper's licensed crank in his reports on the Desborough matches at the time. The most infamous of them all was 'Dirty Desborough' which had no reference to the team at all and were remarks made by a visiting medical officer referring to the town's poor sanitation.

Success on the field came quickly to the Desborough Town team and in season 1900/01 they captured the Northants League title for the very first time. There was a double celebration in the town as the club also captured the Northants Junior Cup beating Northampton Town Reserves in the Final Desborough's first glory in the F.A Cup came in season 1910/11 when they reached the Fourth Qualifying Round of the competition before losing to Midland League Champions Chesterfield at the Waterworks Field before a

crowd of over 2000 spectators. Chesterfield went on to beat Rotherham and Bolton before eventually losing to Chelsea. Desborough's best run in the competition was reserved for season 1926/27 when they reached the first-round proper of the competition and were drawn at home to Doncaster Rovers.

The joy which swept the town was short lived however when the committee decided that the gate would be severely reduced by the fact that Kettering were playing Coventry City in another tie just six miles away and the game was switched to Doncaster's Belle Vue ground. This proved to be a disastrous decision as many of the town's spectators claimed they had been robbed of the greatest game ever to be staged at the Waterworks Field and deserted the club. As a result, the club soon found itself with financial problems and the glory years of the twenties were not to be repeated. As for the game itself Desborough were drawing with just eight minutes remaining when the match was abandoned through fog and in the midweek replay, they went down by three clear goals.

The twenties were certainly the glory years for Desborough Town as they captured trophy after trophy and on only two occasions in 1949 and 1967 have, they been able to top the league chart since. However, whilst they may not have had so much success on the field the progress behind the scenes has certainly been tremendous. They have purchased the freehold of the ground allowing them a secure future, they have erected the best floodlighting system in the league and more recently have erected a first-class social club following the destruction of their original premises through fire in 2009 and in 2014 the club rebuilt the changing facilities. The transfer of the cricket club to a new ground has now seen the club in total control of their premises with full training facilities next to the main pitch.

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