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MK IRISH FC

Official Match Day Programme

Saturday 25th February 2023

KO 3PM

Manor Fields

MK Irish FC vs Wellingborough 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



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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 | 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 | | |
| 28.02.23 | League | Home | GNG Oadby Town | | |
| 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 24 February 2023

| Club | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
| RUGBY TOWN | 25 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 55 | 65 |
| WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN | 23 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 51 |
| COVENTRY SPHINX | 20 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 41 | 46 |
| NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN | 20 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 30 | 44 |
| MILTON KEYNES IRISH | 23 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 42 |
| HISTON | 23 | 13 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 41 |
| COVENTRY UTD | 24 | 12 | 2 | 10 | -1 | 38 |
| MARCH TOWN UTD | 22 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 35 |
| GNG OADBY TOWN | 22 | 8 | 2 | 12 | -19 | 26 |
| DESBOROUGH TOWN | 23 | 6 | 7 | 10 | -10 | 25 |
| EYNESBURY ROVERS | 23 | 7 | 3 | 13 | -12 | 24 |
| GODMANCHESTER ROVERS | 21 | 5 | 7 | 9 | -8 | 22 |
| BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS | 23 | 6 | 4 | 13 | -21 | 22 |
| COGENHOE UTD | 21 | 5 | 6 | 10 | -6 | 21 |
| EASINGTON SPORTS | 22 | 6 | 3 | 13 | -13 | 21 |
| LUTTERWORTH TOWN | 22 | 5 | 3 | 14 | -33 | 18 |
| ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS | 21 | 4 | 3 | 14 | -25 | 15 |
| LONG BUCKBY AFC | 22 | 2 | 4 | 16 | -43 | 10 |

MK IRISH FC - NEXT GAMES

Saturday 25th February ko 2pm

RESERVES away vs Daventry Town Res

Sunday 26th February ko 10.30am

VETERANS away vs Chesterton

SUNDAY home vs The Dolphin (Great Linford)

Tuesday 28th February ko 7.45pm

FIRST home vs GNG Oadby Town

Thursday 2nd March ko 7.45pm

U18s away vs Letchworth Garden City 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.



SOMETHING very special is unfolding right before our eyes in the National League – and it’s likely to raise the bar for many years to come. For the last few weeks at NLP Towers, we’ve cautiously held off talking about a “two-horse race” for the title but gripping late drama on Saturday felt like a decisive moment.

The first twist in the tale came at Huish Park where, held 1-1 by Yeovil Town, Notts County appeared to be struggling in pursuit of a sixth straight National League victory. But, with five minutes to go, the ruthless league leaders managed to find a way through, courtesy of Ruben Rodrigues, and then clicked through the gears in stoppage-time with top scorer Macaulay Langstaff adding two more to complete a rather comfortable – if not flattering - 4-1 victory.

It was the same also at Aldershot Town’s EBB Stadium where Notts’ title rivals Wrexham were similarly not having things their own way. Two-nil and 3-1 leads were quickly cancelled out by the stubborn Shots but the Hollywood finish was pure box office - a 96th-minute winner from substitute Sam Dalby helping the Red Dragons to a dramatic 4-3 victory. Defeat for Woking at Altrincham and Chesterfield’s failure to beat Solihull Moors meant that the gap between second and third was extended to a mind-boggling 17 points and, given the form of these two big guns, it would take a huge turnaround in order for that deficit to be clawed back. Saturday’s finale also put the National League statisticians on red alert.

As it stands, no fewer than FOUR long-lasting league records could potentially be broken this season – and maybe even by a team who could still be playing Non-League football next year! With only one automatic place up for grabs, it is still very much all to play for. Failure to finish on top of the summit will not only mean that the runners-up will have a psychological setback to recover from, but also a gruelling two-legged play-off semi-final and final to overcome if they are to, at long last, fulfil their promotion aspirations. The first major National League record in sight of the top two is for Most Points in a Season. Crawley Town’s best of 105, set in 2010-11, is in grave danger of being surpassed by both Notts and Wrexham, who are closing on three figures with a quarter of the season still left to play. As it stands, County led the way with 83 points from 34 matches, while Wrexham trail by five with two games more to play.

They are still a way off but on current points-per-game ratio both would end the season on 112 points. The last time the top two ended on the same points was way back in 1991-92, while no two teams have ever finished the season with 100+ points. History may well be beckoning.

Another long-standing record under serious threat is most Wins in a Season. With the total of 31, first achieved by Aldershot Town in 2007-08, has stood for 15 years. Crawley, in 2010-11 and Fleetwood, in 2011-12, both took a share, but it has never been surpassed. County,

currently with 25, need just seven wins from 12 games to take the record outright, while Wrexham need eight from 14. With wins and points come goals – and that is another area which separates these two from the rest.

A hat-trick at Huish Park on Saturday and two more against Southend United on Tuesday night, took Langstaff's tally for the season to 32 – an incredible feat for a striker enjoying his first season in the top-flight since joining from Gateshead in National League North in the summer. Closest rival Paul Mullin followed up his brace for Wrexham at Aldershot on Saturday with two more against Scunthorpe United on Tuesday night, taking his league tally for the season to 26, although the 28-year-old former Cambridge United hitman has bagged eight more in the FA Cup. Both are in pursuit of Ricky Miller's incredible total of 40 for Dover Athletic back in 2016/17. Langstaff needs eight goals from 12 games, Mullin a goal a game from Wrexham's remaining 14. With these two hitman, and others, on fire, it's no surprise to see both Notts County and Wrexham chasing the team goal totals too.

This is the record which stands longest of all with no one able to topple the total of 103 set by Barnet in 1990-91 and equalled by Hereford in 2003-04. However, with Notts County currently on 88 and Wrexham on 83, this the one mark most likely to be toppled. It's been almost a decade since any side hit the 100-goal mark but, at the current goals-per-game ratio, both Notts and Wrexham would bag 119! It's fair to say both of these big guns have given the National League plenty in the way of entertainment this season – but their lasting legacy to the Non-League game may offer English football's fifth tier a whole new dimension for the future.

The EFL chief executive Rick Parry revealed this week they are finally considering introducing a third promotion spot for National League clubs. These ridiculous numbers can only help strengthen that argument.

UHLSport United Counties Football League

Reserve Division - 2022/2023 Table as at 24 February 2023

| Club | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
| HARBOROUGH TOWN RES | 19 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 63 | 50 |
| BUGBROOKE ST MICHAELS RES | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 28 | 49 |
| NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWN RES | 20 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 28 | 41 |
| MILTON KEYNES IRISH RES | 20 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 47 | 37 |
| DESBOROUGH TOWN RES | 22 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 37 |
| WELLINGBOROUGH WHITWORTH RES | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | -16 | 33 |
| NORTHAMPTON ON CHENECKS RES | 21 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 22 | 32 |
| WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN RES | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | -15 | 31 |
| KEMPSTON ROVERS RES | 16 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 30 |
| DAVENTRY TOWN RES | 21 | 9 | 3 | 9 | -9 | 30 |
| GNG OADBY TOWN RES | 23 | 6 | 4 | 13 | -22 | 22 |
| COGENHOE UTD RES | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | -1 | 20 |
| ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS RES | 22 | 4 | 3 | 15 | -55 | 15 |
| GODMANCHESTER ROVERS RES | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | -33 | 14* |
| BOURNE TOWN RES | 20 | 2 | 5 | 13 | -26 | 11 |
| RAUNDS TOWN RES | 19 | 0 | 3 | 16 | -50 | 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 | KO 2pm | |
| 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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**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,
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MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

GOALKEEPERS



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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MK IRISH FC 2022-23 SEASON

OUTFIELD PLAYERS



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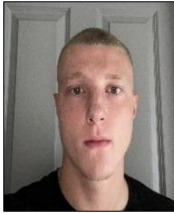
JESSE FORSON



LUKE GARDNER



JOSH HAWKINS



CALLUM HIRST



MICHAEL IJEH



LLOYD KPAMBER



GAVRILO KUVELJIC



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



CLINTON ZAWÉ

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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

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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



SPONSORED BY: SHRIEVES ROOFING

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: 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



WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN FC – CLUB HISTORY

The original club was formed in 1867 and is the sixth oldest football club in the country. The club was a founder member of the first professional football club in the country. Wellingborough Town are also the oldest club in the County of Northamptonshire. Upon formation in 1867 the club played under part Handling Code until 1869 when they became a true soccer club. At that time the club ground was in Broad Green, Wellingborough. The club colours were old gold and black. The first secretary was a gentleman by the name of Thomas Slinn.

In 1879 Wellingborough Town became the first club to play under floodlights when they entertained Bedford at the Bassett's Close, Wellingborough. The game was a close encounter with Bedford winning 1-2. The lights were powered by generators positioned at each end of the pitch. In the 1880's Wellingborough F.A was formed as was the East Midlands Association and in 1887 these two Associations merged to become the Northamptonshire F.A. In 1894 the Wellingborough Charity Cup Competition started and by this time the Club was playing on the Thomas Field, Union Lane, Wellingborough. In the same year the Club became founder members of the Leicestershire & Northants League and in the following season joined the Midland League. The first recorded winners of the now 1st Division of the United Counties League were Wellingborough Town Reserves. The following year, 1896-97, saw the Club become founder members of the United league. In 1899-00 the Club were runners-up in the Midland League before joining Division 1 of the Southern League in 1901-02. It was at this time they moved to their current ground at the Dog & Duck, London Road, Wellingborough. The Secretary at that time was a Mr S.J.Burns.

In 1905 the Club changed it's name to Wellingborough Redwell but resigned at the end of the season after finishing bottom of Division 1. The first recorded silverware was won when they became League Champions in 1910-11. The Club continued to be known as Wellingborough Redwell until 1919 when they reverted back to their former name of Wellingborough Town F.C. In 1922 the Club ground record of 7,169 was set when they entertained Kettering Town in the Maunsell Cup Final, winning 2-1. The Wellingborough goals were scored by Harry Loasby and Stevens. The Club records during the twenties, thirties and forties in the

Northants, East Midlands, United Counties and Central Alliance leagues are somewhat scant and it was not until the fifties that the league history of the Club was recorded in more detail. However, there were lean periods in the fifties before some success was recorded when Wellingborough became winners of Division 1 of the United Counties league in 1962-63. They repeated this success in 1964-65 during which time they only dropped six points. They successfully applied to join the Metropolitan League in 1968-69 and finished a creditable 7th. The following year however, they were League Champions and in 1970-71 they joined the West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division finishing a creditable 3rd. With their ambitions now on a 'high' the Club joined the Southern League Division One North in 1971-72. The Club was able to maintain mid-table positions throughout the seventies before a reorganisation of the league saw them entered into the Midland Division of the Southern League after the League was split into Southern and Midland Divisions with no Premier Division. They remained in what was known as the Southern league, Midland Division until 1988-89 when they were relegated to the United Counties League.

There then followed 13 years of struggle with the Club avoiding relegation from the Premier Division of the United Counties League on several occasions. Their worst dreams became a reality when in season 2001-02 they folded and resigned from the League. This was a black period in the history of a club that had formed the back-bone of the first professional league. Wellingborough Town has figured prominently in the annals of the F.A.Cup and many exciting encounters have been recorded against old opponents such as Peterborough United, Kettering Town, Corby Town and Cambridge City. The pinnacle of their Cup success was when they reached the First Round proper in 1965 being drawn against Aldershot, who at that time were in the Football League Third Division. Despite losing 2-1 Wellingborough were not disgraced. The Club has been traditionally known as 'The Doughboys' which derived from the traditional local dish of 'Hock & Dough'.

Wellingborough's most 'famous' son is Phil Neal who started his career at the Town before moving to Northampton and then to Liverpool. His glittering career with Liverpool and England was followed closely by his many local admirers who saw him progress from the Dog & Duck to such exalted venues as Wembley, the San Siro and numerous other international stages. The Town had been without a senior football team for a period of two years when a local retired Senior police Officer, Laurie Owen, formed group of sporting friends in an attempt to resurrect the 'Doughboys'. He was joined by a local businessman, Alan Warwick, whose father played for the 'Doughboys' in the twenties and the then Mayor of Wellingborough, David Smith. David's brother was formerly Manager of Aberdeen and St. Mirren in the Scottish League. Together these three persons recruited

other friends including Peter Ebdon the former World Snooker Champion who agreed to be President of the Group, Paul Joy a local Magistrate and Brian Hill, the former Premiership referee. Each member recruited additional friends until there were 24 people who were prepared to get the Club back on its feet. The Dog & Duck Football Ground was owned by Geoff Coles a local businessman who has since moved to Portugal. 10 years ago part of the ground was sold to Whitbread's who built a travel-lodge. This obviously reduced the overall size of the ground, the training ground and grandstand remained with the pitch being moved and a new clubhouse and dressing room block built.

In their first season back in senior football the team finished second in the United Counties League Division One and were promoted to the Premier Division after losing just one game. The NFA Junior Cup was also won after beating Peterborough Northern Star 2-0 after extra-time at Northampton Town's Sixfields stadium. A third-place finish under new player-manager Nick Ashby was a very creditable effort and very nearly culminated in promotion back to the Southern League. During 2007-08, Nick Ashby resigned and was replaced by Jason Burnham. Jason himself stood down a year later with the 1st team seeing the season out with Joe Smythe and just avoiding relegation. With Joe standing down at the end of 2008-09, Rob Gould was appointed manager, having been a player at the club 12 months earlier and had just spent a season as manager at Northampton Spencer. We finished the season in a creditable mid-table position.

Season 2010-11, after a hesitant start we finished 5th in the League table, with most of the players signing on for 2011-12. Season 2011-12 saw the Club finishing in a mid-table position. For Season 2012-13 we have a ground share agreement with the newly formed AFC Rushden & Diamonds making their inaugural appearance as a senior club, taking part in the UCL Division 1. After a poor start to 2012-13, Rob Gould stood down as Manager. Craig Adams, U-18's Manager stood in temporary before the appointment of Phil Mason. Phil had previously managed Woodford Utd. for 10 years during which time he took them from the UCL to the Southern League. Due to private commitments, Phil stood down at the end of November with Craig taking over again as Manager. A couple of months prior to the end of Season 2013/14, Craig resigned from the Club to take over at Bedford Town. After a short spell of senior players looking after affairs, Ben Watts was appointed Manager ably supported by Ash Civil.

After a poor start to Season 2014/15, Ben Watts was replaced by joint managers Steve Herring and Joe Smyth. At the end of season 2014/15, Steve Herring and Joe Smyth stood down with Jamie Wright being appointed manager assisted by Colin Cooper. Jamie had recently been assistant manager at Bedford Town but was well known at Wellingborough, having had a number of spells as a player

originally starting as a 16 year old in the U-18 team. Colin Cooper had been manager at Bugbrooke. Following an unsuccessful start to season 2015-16, Jamie Wright and Colin Cooper resigned from the Club, mid September. Craig Adams having recently departed from Rugby Town was appointed Manager. Craig after a few weeks stood down, to seek pastures at a more senior level, following which Dave Williams was appointed Manager, with Jon Mitchell his assistant. Stuart Goosey being a coach. Dave has been involved with the UCL for a number of years and also managed Rothwell Town when they were in the Southern League. Dave himself stood down early November, due to distance living from Club, this left Jon Mitchell as Manager and Stuart Goosey as his assistant. Jon Mitchell stood down at Christmas, 2016 leaving Stuart Goosey as manager who was ably assisted by Mark Starmer, as a coach. Stuart stood down as Manager, early January, 2018 and his assistant Nathan Marsh, who had only been appointed a few weeks earlier, was asked to take on as Caretaker Manager. He then appointed Gary Petts as his assistant. At the close of Season 2017/18 Nathan was replaced by Gary Petts who in turn appointed long standing player Joe Rich, as his assistant. Again at the end of season 2018/19 we had a change of Managers and players when we appear to have made a complete swap with Cogenhoe. Jake Stone joined us as Manager with his brother as assistant, and we saw the return of Rob Gould as coach. Seasons 2019/20 and 2020/21 were badly affected with the Covid-19 pandemic, and League fixtures being suspended due to Government legislation restricting activities. In 20/21 the Club proceeded to their furthest stage ever in the FA Vase when they played Anstey Nomads to lose 4-2.

At the end of Season 2021-21, the Management Team of Jake Stone and Ben Stone, decided to retire due to other commitments. The Club was pleased to appoint Paul Lamb as Manager and Andrew Batty as his Assistant, both experienced and well qualified coaches. During the Covid pandemic of 2021-22, Paul Lamb unfortunately became badly affected by Covid and had to stand down as Manager. Jake Stone returned and appointed Jake Cayton as his Assistant.

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