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SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST
SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS DIVISION ONE

VS LANGFORD

VIEW FROM THE PITCH



**JOSH GOING
CAPTAIN**

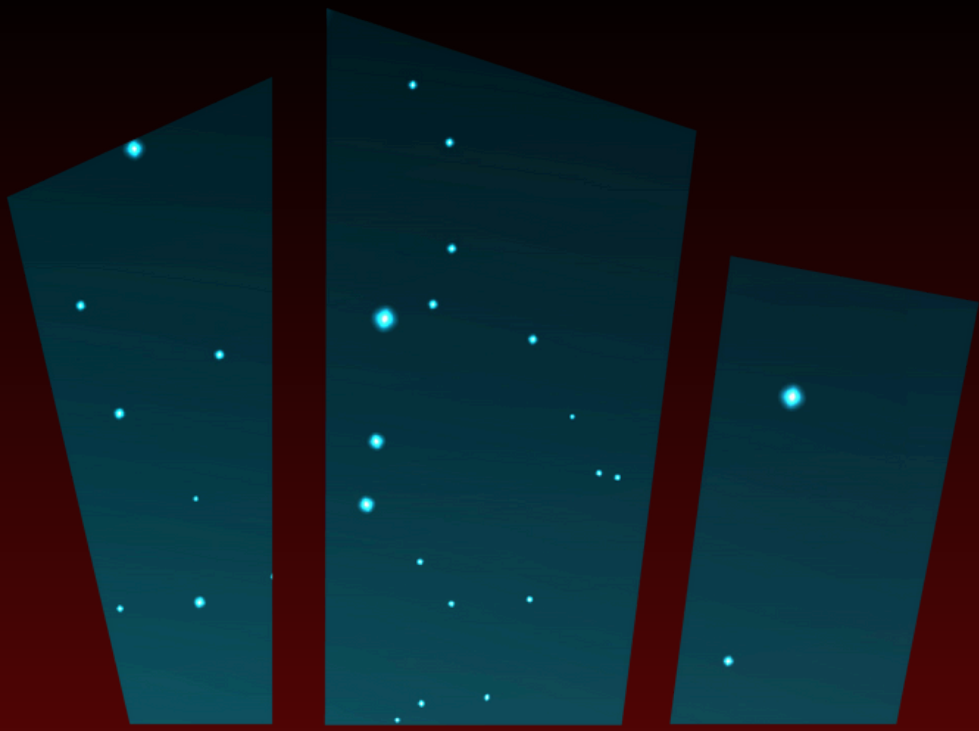
Hello everyone, welcome to Hunters Stadium for today's game. The changes during the off-season have been fantastic, with the new teams from the juniors to U23, we've started to create a really welcoming and supportive club environment that helps to foster confidence and development for players across various age groups. The new signage and dugout for the first team pitch, as well as developments on the grass training pitches, shows the club is becoming more and more professional every day.

It was really good to get that first win under our belts on Tuesday. I felt we had come close with a couple of good performances but hadn't been rewarded, so I thought we showed a real top defensive performance as a team, and thought, with a very positive performance against Moulton in the previous game, we've shown that if we can match our in possession play from Saturday, and the defensive performance from Tuesday, we'll be right up there!

Hopefully we can build on Tuesday and get another positive result today, to put a run together and gain some momentum, to build confidence and really start to move up the table to show how good we really are!

I think we've done really well with the additions we've made, and how quickly they've improved and blended into the squad. I feel like the last couple of performances have been closer to what we want to play like, and achieve from this season. We were a little bit off target with the first two games, but the last two have really been focussed on what we want to play like, and how we want to develop as a team during this season.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game!



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HUNTERS HISTORY

The club was formed in 1980 under the name Montagu FC by former secretary Russell Yezek, before being renamed to Sun FC. In 1995, the club was renamed to its current name, Huntingdon Town, following a move from the West Anglian League to the Cambridgeshire League, and entered the Cambs League Division 2B for the 1996-97 season. The club committee had decided it wanted to progress through local football, and chose to resurrect the then-defunct Huntingdon Town name, the name formerly used until the 1940's by a Huntingdon-based team that then merged with Huntingdon Wanderers to form Huntingdon United in 1948.

The club was promoted from Division 2B to 1B in 1997-98, before winning Division 1B in 1999-2000, as well as winning the Huntingdon Junior Cup.

The following year, the club retained the Hunts Junior Cup, but was defeated in the Hunts Scott Gatty Cup. The 2001-02 season saw more success, with the club going one step better to win the Scott Gatty Cup, and retaining the Hunts Junior Cup for the third year in a row. The club also finished runners up in the Cambs League Senior B Division and the Percy Oldham Cup in that season. In 2003, the club moved to its current-day home, Jubilee Park (presently known as Hunters Stadium), which allowed work to be undertaken on facility upgrades needed to continue the club's progression through the leagues.

2003 also saw the club debut in the UCL Division 1, having transferred from the Cambs League at the end of 2002-03. The club's first four years in the UCL were more challenging, with the club finishing 17th, 14th, 12th and 14th respectively. However, the club's fifth season in the UCL was much more fruitful, the 2007-08 season seeing the club finish 4th, only missing out on promotion by goal difference. The reserve team won the Reserve Division 2 title and won the Hunts Benevolent Cup. In July 2004 the new floodlighting system was opened with a friendly against League 1 side Peterborough United, which attracted a crowd of nearly 1000 spectators.

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HUNTERS HISTORY

The new clubhouse was opened for the 2009-10 season, at a cost of £1.1 million. The only on-field success this season was the U18 side, who won the treble, the league, the League Cup and the County Cup. 2010-11 was an up-and-down year, with the team starting the season slowly until Ricky Marheineke & Paul Swannell took charge in February 2011, with the team sitting third bottom, and eventually guided the club to 5th by the end of the season. The pair built on this success in their first full season, 2011-12, storming to the United Counties League Division 1 title, scoring over 100 goals along the way, with Marheineke winning two Manager of the Month awards. Town also reached the semi-finals of the Hinchingsbrooke Cup but lost 3-0 to St Neots Town. 2011-12 also saw a 50-seater stand erected. 2012-13 saw Town finish a lofty 4th in their first season in the Premier Division, scoring over 100 goals, and reaching the final of the Hunts Senior Cup, however the club were beaten on penalties after a 0-0 draw, once again to St Neots Town. The second 50-seater stand was erected. In 2013-14 Town finished 2nd in the league, but won the league KO cup and the Hinchingsbrooke Cup for the first time.

2014-15 and 2015-16 were far more difficult campaigns, with the club staving off relegation in 2014-15, before finishing rock bottom in 2015-16, however Town were reprieved from relegation by circumstance. 2015-16 also saw the loss of the Reserve and U18 teams by the end of the season. Town finished bottom of the league again in 2016-17, and this time were relegated to Division 1, however the U18 team was restarted during the season.

Town finished 12th in Division 1 in its first season back (2017-18), but reached the final of the Hinchingsbrooke Cup.

2018-19 was another tough campaign for the club, finishing 3rd bottom. 2019-20 looked like more of the same, although investments were made to improve the pitch and other facilities at Jubilee Park. The club was 2nd bottom, however, when lockdown hit, and the season was suspended. 2020-21 was another curtailed season, with the club 10th when the season was suspended again. The club transferred to the Eastern Counties League Division 1 for 2021-22.

The club finished 7th in the ECL Division 1 in both 2021-22 and 2022-23, before being transferred again, to the Spartan South Midlands League Division One for 2023-24.

Under the new ownership of Richard Maxwell, and with a new coaching staff, ethos and new players, the club finished 14th in the league in the first season of the new era, and with more upgrades and facility improvements during the off-season, are optimistic for a strong 2024-25 campaign.



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TODAY'S OPPONENTS



LANGFORD

Between 1897 and 1908 friendly matches were played by a team from Langford against other local villages. Home games were at Boot Meadow, a couple of hundred yards from "The Boot", a former public house which still stands at the south end of the village.

Langford Football Club was formed in 1908 and competitive football began with entry into The Biggleswade and District Junior League for the 1908-1909 season. On Saturday the 12th September the club played its first match, beating Shefford Town 6-2. They finished 10th of 11 teams, with only Shefford below them. Two years later, Shefford were top and Langford runners-up. They finished second for four years out of five and won their first ever trophy, The Beds Junior Cup, in April 1914 with a 4-1 victory over Luton Rosedale. Sadly three of that cup winning team, and one of the reserves, died during the First World War. From 1919-1925, and again from 1935-1949, Langford's home ground was at Vicarage End, next to the River Ivel, at the far north end of the village. In between from 1925-1935, they played at The Leys, which was much more central. The building of a new housing estate at The Leys forced their return to Vicarage End.

The inter-war years were not very successful, despite the team having some good players, several of whom served for more than ten years. The club won the Bedford and District League for the first time in 1931-1932, and after three defeats in the final of The North Beds Charity Cup, collected that trophy in 1928, and in 1931.

In 1949 the team moved grounds again to the new King George V Memorial Playing Field in the centre of Langford, and gained instant success on the improved surface. A wonderful season bought them the 'double' of The Bedford League Championship and The League Cup. This was also a record breaking year for the players with Johnny Gabitas and 'Dud' Dudley each scoring six goals in a game, setting the standing club record.

Langford then won nothing until 1969 when a defeat of Brache Sparta secured them the Beds Intermediate Cup. The managerial skills of two former Luton Town winners, Billy Waugh and Roland Legate, bought a succession of trophies between 1969 and 1976, and only Steve Norris has surpassed them. Steve's 1988-89 team repeated the 'double' success of forty years prior albeit at a much stronger level of the South Midlands League Premier Division. As of today that is the highest league in which the club have competed. Over the last 20+ years they have suffered a few relegations, enjoyed promotions and many cup successes.

Thanks to the vision and hard work of former Chairman and President Mr Ted Rutt, assisted by his hard working committee, Langford were able to move to our ground at Forde Park in 1984. This is at the south end of the village just over the parish boundary with Henlow, and where they still play today. The club purchased the Freehold from Mid-Beds District council in 1991. A new 106 seater stand was opened in December 2007, and standing accommodating for another 100 spectators a year later. The pitch was levelled and resown in the summer of 2006, and is now one of the best in the league, thanks to the continuing efforts of a number of committee members. Langford have also won the Leagues Sportsmanship Cup, which covers hospitality as well as conduct throughout the Club, on five occasions between 2000 and 2011.

They start the 2024- 2025 Season with the Management Team of Graham Reynolds, Stuart Robertson and Matt, this will be their third complete season in the posts, each year they have improved their final league position, narrowly missing out on the play offs last season.

TODAY'S OPPONENTS



LANGFORD

Table

Langford's 2024/25 Results

27 July	Irchester United 2-1 Langford
3 August	Raunds Town 0-0 Langford
10 August	Langford 1-5 Wellingborough Whitworth
13 August	London Colney 1-4 Langford

Last Season's Meetings

22 August	Hunters 2-1 Langford	League
6 April	Langford 2-0 Hunters	League

1	Desborough Town
2	Moulton
3	AFC Welwyn
4	Amphill Town
5	Leighton Town Reserves
6	Irchester United
7	Cranfield United
8	Long Buckby AFC
9	Wellingborough Whitworth
10	Eaton Socon
11	Stotfold Reserves
12	LANGFORD
13	Letchworth Garden City Eagles
14	Buckingham
15	Rothwell Corinthians
16	HUNTINGDON TOWN
17	Royston Town Reserves
18	Rushden & Higham United
19	Raunds Town
20	London Colney

NEW MANAGERS UNDER 23'S SQUAD



**Tom
STEEPLES**



**Paul
REDFERN**

WELCOME TO THE HUNTERS!

OFF-SEASON IMPROVEMENTS



2024-25 Fixture List

1st
Team

July

27th **Wellingborough Whitworth**

August

3rd **Rushden & Higham United**
10th Moulton
13th **Rothwell Corinthians (19:45)**
17th Langford
20th Raunds Town (19:45)
24th **Stowmarket Town***
31st **Totternhoe****

September

7th **Buckingham**
10th **Desborough Town*** (19:45)**
14th Cranfield United
28th Ampthill Town

October

5th **Irchester United**
19th **Long Buckby AFC**
22nd **Royston Town Reserves (19:45)**
26th Desborough Town

November

2nd **London Colney**
9th Letchworth GC Eagles
23rd AFC Welwyn
30th **Royston Town Reserves**

December

7th **Langford**
14th Long Buckby AFC
21st Rushden & Higham United
28th **Eaton Socon**

January

4th **Letchworth GC Eagles**
11th Rothwell Corinthians
18th **Raunds Town**
25th Stotfold Reserves

February

1st Leighton Town Reserves
8th **Desborough Town**
15th **AFC Welwyn**
22nd London Colney

March

1st Buckingham
8th **Cranfield United**
15th Wellingborough Whitworth
22nd **Moulton**
29th **Stotfold Reserves**

April

1st Irchester United (19:45)
5th **Ampthill Town**
12th **Leighton Town Reserves**
19th Eaton Socon

* FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round

** League Challenge Trophy

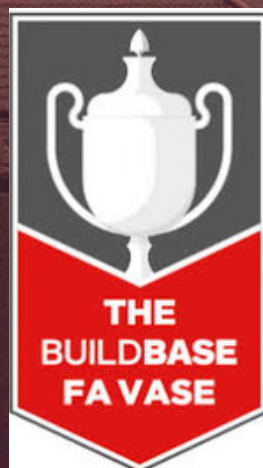
*** Division One Cup

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ALL FIXTURES 3PM KICK OFF
UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

■ Home Fixture

■ Away Fixture



RESULTS SO FAR

Date	Opponent	Competition	Score	Venue	Goalscorers
Saturday 27 July	Wellingborough Whitworth	Spartan South Midlands Division One	L3-4	Victoria Mill Ground	Kass Rajani Antonio Mendy Raj Badiani
Saturday 3 August	Rushden & Higham United	Spartan South Midlands Division One	L2-4	Hayden Road	Liam Morton Lucas Payton
Saturday 10 August	Moulton	Spartan South Midlands Division One	L0-1	Hunters Stadium	N/A
Tuesday 13 August	Rothwell Corinthians	Spartan South Midlands Division One	W1-0	Sergeants Lawn	Marley Manser

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MATCH REPORT

The Hunters 0-1 Moulton

Saturday 10th August

Hunters Stadium

In our first home game of the season, we suffered late heartbreak as we conceded a late winner against last season's play-off semi-finalists Moulton.

Spurred on by our difficult start to the season, we came into this game still looking to pick up our first points of the season, but we were fully aware it would be a difficult task against a strong Moulton side that had won both of its opening matches.

After a quiet start to the match, we built into it in the closing stages of the first-half, and created plenty to threaten the visiting goalkeeper, with our ability on the counter proving a challenge to the Moulton defence. Indeed, the best chance of the first 45 fell to Antonio, who slotted just wide.

With the score 0-0 going into the break, we felt confident that if we could replicate our first half performance we'd get something from the game, and we continued to create chances, with efforts from Ian, Kass and Marley missing the target.

However, it was not to be, as despite some excellent saves from Oliver throughout the game, he could not keep out Nat Ansu's late winner for the visitors from a clinical counter-attack, and despite our best efforts, we could not reply with just two minutes of the 90 left, leaving us to an unfortunate defeat.

Line-Up

Oliver Steinke, Tom Game (off 70'), Haariss Khan, Josh Going, David Adesida, Ian King, Marley Manser, Kass Rajani, Antonio Mendy (off 74'), Liam Morton, Juan Quintero (off 80').

Subs:

Jay Taylor (on 80'), Ross Prior, Morgan Garrington (on 70'), Ethan Cox (on 74').

Man of The Match: Kass Rajani →



MATCH REPORT

Rothwell Corinthians 0-1 The Hunters

Tuesday 13th August

Sergeants Lawn

The Hunters returned to winning ways with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Rothwell Corinthians on a humid Tuesday evening at Sergeants Lawn.

Coming into the game buoyed by our showing against Moulton last Saturday, we knew we needed to get ourselves off the board for the season, as we were unfortunately sat at the bottom of the table.

The hosts started well, creating some early chances, but Oliver Steinke was more than equal to them, pulling off a number of superb saves to keep us level in the opening stages.

We created a few chances of our own towards the end of the first half but never really tested the Rothwell goalkeeper, as the first half ended goalless.

We started the second half well though, and looked a threat on the counter, testing the home defence in the second half much more, and we found a breakthrough on the 62nd minute, when Ian King played a fantastic through pass with the outside of his right boot to find Marley Manser, who produced an excellent finish to give us the lead.

The hosts rallied after this, but they could not break down the Hunters' resolute defence, and alongside some more excellent saves from Oliver, we held on to keep a crucial clean sheet and claim all three points.

Line-Up

Oliver Steinke, Tom Game (off 82'), Haariss Khan, Josh Going, David Adesida, Jay Taylor (off 75'), Ian King, Marley Manser (goal 62'), Kass Rajani (off 85'), Liam Morton (off 68'), Ethan Cox (off 71').

Subs

Antonio Mendy (on 71'), Devante Mahanzu (on 85'), Ben Burton (on 82'), Juan Quintero (on 68'), Dylan Hughes (on 75').

Man of The Match: Oliver Steinke →





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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Spartan South Midlands Division One

Kick Off Time		Home	Away	
15:00		AFC Welwyn	Wellingborough Whitworth	
15:00		Buckingham	Amphill Town	
15:00		Huntingdon Town	Langford	
15:00		Letchworth Garden City Eagles	Desborough Town	
15:00		London Colney	Irchester United	
15:00		Moulton	Eaton Socon	
15:00		Raunds Town	Cranfield United	
15:00		Royston Town Reserves	Long Buckby AFC	
15:00		Rushden & Higham United	Rothwell Corinthians	

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Spartan South Midlands Division One

Kick Off Time		Home		Away	
15:00		AFC Welwyn	0 0	Irchester United	
15:00		Amphill Town	2 1	Royston Town Reserves	
15:00		Buckingham	0 0	Eaton Socon	
15:00		Desborough Town	6 1	Rushden & Higham United	
15:00		Huntingdon Town	0 1	Moulton	
15:00		Langford	1 5	Wellingborough Whitworth	
15:00		Leighton Town Reserves	5 3	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	
15:00		Long Buckby AFC	5 1	Raunds Town	
15:00		Rothwell Corinthians	1 3	Cranfield United	
15:00		Stotfold Reserves	1 3	London Colney	

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Spartan South Midlands Division One

Kick Off Time		Home		Away	
19:45		Amphill Town	0 0	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	
19:45		Buckingham	0 4	Desborough Town	
19:45		Cranfield United	3 0	Irchester United	
19:45		Eaton Socon	3 1	Stotfold Reserves	
19:45		London Colney	1 4	Langford	
19:45		Raunds Town	0 2	Leighton Town Reserves	
19:45		Rothwell Corinthians	0 1	Huntingdon Town	
19:45		Royston Town Reserves	2 6	AFC Welwyn	
19:45		Rushden & Higham United	0 1	Moulton	
19:45		Wellingborough Whitworth	0 2	Long Buckby AFC	

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Desborough Town	4	4	0	0	21	3	18	12
2	Moulton	4	4	0	0	7	2	5	12
3	AFC Welwyn	4	3	1	0	11	5	6	10
4	Amphill Town	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
5	Leighton Town Reserves	4	3	0	1	11	9	2	9
6	Irchester United	4	2	1	1	9	6	3	7
7	Cranfield United	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
8	Long Buckby AFC	4	2	0	2	9	6	3	6
9	Wellingborough Whitworth	4	2	0	2	9	8	1	6
10	Eaton Socon	4	1	2	1	6	9	0	5
11	Stotfold Reserves	4	1	1	2	11	10	1	4
12	Langford	4	1	1	2	6	8	-2	4
13	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
14	Buckingham	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
15	Rothwell Corinthians	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	3
16	HUNTINGDON TOWN	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
17	Royston Town Reserves	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	3
18	Rushden & Higham United	4	1	0	3	6	14	-8	3
19	Raunds Town	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1
20	London Colney	4	0	1	3	5	16	-11	1

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