



LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY EAGLES F.C



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EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB
VS. BUCKINGHAM FC

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Welcome to our visitors from Buckingham for this first fixture of the new season. We also extend a warm welcome to the team of match officials.

Pre season has been a busy time for the Eagles with mixed results from friendly games. The high point was a 4-0 win at Raunds Town and the lowest point a 6-1 home defeat by Hitchin Town, perhaps not unexpected given that Hitchin play 3 levels above the Eagles. There have been changes in the players with well established characters like Luke Shimell and former captain Danny Charles going to play elsewhere and being replaced by new arrivals. Both teams will take time for new faces to settle in but hopefully both will enjoy a successful season.

CLUB OFFICIALS 2026/27

Chairman: Simon Efford

Assistant Manager: Marc Hayes

First Team Manager: Mark Nunn

Coaches: Ryan Brook, Matt Gould, Tony Clare

Team Secretary: Trevor Sostacenko

Goalkeeping Coach: Antonio Traetto

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MATCH REPORT SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026

PRE SEASON FRIENDLY LETCHWORTH GC EAGLES 2 61 FC 0

Eagles dominated most of the game against their lower league opponents from Luton but struggled to turn their play into goals until just before the half time interval and final whistle.

Eagles first threat on goal came as early as the 3rd minute with a break down the centre but the final shot by Eagles no 9 was deflected wide of goal by a covering defender. After 15 minutes a cross from the right side into the visitors penalty area was headed just wide of goal from near the penalty spot, and a few minutes later Eagles attacked down the left side but sent the shot from outside the penalty area well wide of goal.

Eagles thought they had scored after 24 minutes after a bad mistake by the keeper who dashed out of his penalty area to try and intercept the ball on the touchline, but failed, and the ball was passed into the open goal. It was ruled out by the referee because of a foul on the keeper as he tried to put the ball out of play.

61 FC seldom threatened Eagles goal but a shot from about 30 yards distance sailed just over Eagles cross bar after 39 minutes, and 5 minutes later they nearly scored after a break downfield led to a forward outpacing Eagles defenders and forcing the Eagles keeper to make a good save to stop the shot at his near post. The 61 keeper then did well to save a low shot from inside the penalty area. Almost on the stroke of half time Eagles finally got the goal they deserved. A free kick from the touchline was floated into the visiting penalty area and defenders failed to clear the ball. A shot hit the underside of the cross bar and came back into play and poked into the goal by Olly Humphreyes.

The action was nearly repeated soon into the second half. An Eagles corner was sent to the far post and weakly headed out by a defender. An Eagles forward got to the ball first and his shot hit the underside of the cross bar before rebounding into the arms of the keeper.

Eagles continued to threaten another goal which continued to allude them. A high cross was headed wide from the edge of the goal area and then after a rapid move downfield a low cross into the 61 penalty area was pushed over his own cross bar by a defender. The corner was then headed out of play for another corner before the ball finally went out of play for a goal kick

61 FC created few chances but a cross into Eagles penalty area produced a low shot on target from inside the penalty area which Eagles keeper did well to push wide. Minutes later play switched to the other end and it was the turn of the 61 FC keeper to make a great reflex save to push wide a strong shot by Shay Kelly from the edge of the penalty which took a deflection off a defender. In the final action of the game Eagles gained a free kick a yard outside the opposition penalty area. The daisy cutter kick was well saved by the keeper to push the ball wide of his goal, but the resulting corner was headed into the roof of the net by Marcos Barrie.

ABOUT OUR VISITORS

Buckingham Football Club is based in Buckingham, Buckinghamshire. The club was first formed in 1933 as Buckingham Juniors, but it was three years before a ground was found, allowing the club to enter the Brackley and District League. In 1939 the club adopted Buckingham Athletic FC as its name. It then took the club 27 years to win its first trophy when in 1960–61 they won the North Bucks League Shield.

In 1965 they applied and were accepted to the Hellenic League where they played in Division 1, finishing a creditable mid-table position in their first season but also won the Berks & Bucks FA Junior Cup. Their success continued and in 68/69 the club was promoted to the Premier Division after finishing Division runners-up.

After a steady decline in fortunes in 78/79 the club returned to the North Bucks League and it wasn't until the mid-80's that further success was achieved.

This was the start of a successful period for the club and after winning the North Bucks Premier League title they moved to the South Midlands Division 1 in 1985 winning the league at their first attempt.

Promotion was achieved when they did the league and cup double and the club was promoted to the Premier League for the first time.

The late 90's the club struggled financially, and they made a very difficult decision to drop out of the top flight and they were placed back in Division 2. In 2003 they were promoted back to Division 1.

Once again ground grading held the club back as in 2004 they finished runners-up in Division 1 and promotion back to the Premier league was denied.

In 2023 Buckingham Athletic started talks with Buckingham United to bring the two clubs together with the sole purpose of having one senior football team in the town.

Buckingham United FC were formed in 2011 with the sole aim of providing local grassroots football. This began as a single Sunday side in 2016 the club finally moved into Buckingham to the new Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre. The club joined the North Bucks and District League before joining the South Midlands League Division Two in 2019. The club reached many cup finals across its teams including winning the North Bucks and District League Division One shield in 2018



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Olly Humphries
Max Smith
Ryan Lamond
Lawrence Burton
Jake Feast
Rory Gillham
Shay Kelly
Jan Maertins
Luke Baranowski

Manager: Mark Nunn

Assistant Manager: Marc Hayes

Coaches: Antonio Traetto, Ryan Brook
Matt Gould and Tony Clare

Team colours:
Blue and black stripe shirts,
black shorts and socks

BUCKINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Matthew Bonsu
Jasp Dixon
Kyan Hill
Jake Mabe
Dylan Mabey
Bobby Knight
Brandon Beaman
Nath Laborde
David Olajide
Rio Oatut
Hugo Logan
Samir Massad
Tyrelle McCleod-Bentley
Kevin Owusu
Helkias Acheampong
Shaakir
Isar
Alfie Grace
Louie Howarth

Manager: Joe Simpson

Team colours:
Red shirts, shorts
and socks

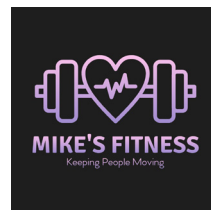
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LIST OF FIRST TEAM HONOURS

Herts Senior County League Premier Division Champions: 2018/19

Runners up: 2010/11 2014/15 2017/18

Herts Senior County League Division 1 Champions: 2009/10

Anagram Records Trophy Winners: 2010/11 2014/15 2016/17

Aubrey Cup Winners: 2009/10 2010/11 2011/12 (Finalists: 2016/17)

Herts Senior Centenary Trophy Winners: 2014/15 (Finalists: 2010/11 2015/16 2021/22)

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLAND DIVISION 1 LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	DIFF	GLS	Last 5	PTS
1	 Amptill	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
2	 Buckingham	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
3	 Bugbrooke	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
4	 Burton Park	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
5	 Cranfield	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
6	 Crawley Green	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
7	 Eaton Socon	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
8	 Huntingdon	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
9	 Irchester	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
10	 Langford	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
11	 Leighton	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
12	 Letchworth	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
13	 New Bradwell	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
14	 Rothwell Corinthians	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
15	 Royston	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
16	 R&H United	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
17	 Stotfold	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
18	 Wellingborough Whitworth	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0
19	 Woodford United	0	0	0	0	0	0:0		0

Upcoming Home Games

22 August Wellingborough Whitwth FC
 29 August Irchester FC
 5 September Rushden and Higham

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