



UBAFC 22/23 SEASON FIRST TERM REPORT



November 2022

A CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN TYERS

We would like to start of this newsletter by announcing the news of Alan Tyers' success in landing a new job as Sports Co-ordinator of Football at Bristol. Fear not however, our beloved head coach is still able to continue his work with us on the pitch, and has been present throughout the sun and rain getting us prepared for the upcoming season.

Having a sports co-ordinator in place pushes Men's Football to the top bracket of sports at Bristol University. This promotion up the ranks comes with many benefits for the members of the club, including extra training sessions, priority access to coombe Dingle sports facilities, and most importantly, the addition of 3 new "Maroon Scholarships" to award to members of the club each year.

The Maroon Scholarship has been developed as a partnership between #WeAreBristol Student Clubs and University of Bristol Performance Sport. Scholars are nominated by Head Coaches to students who demonstrate exceptional sporting passion, commitment and excellence. Congratulations to this year's Scholars - Matt Greenwood, Reuben Gabb and Faniki Deche. We look forward to seeing how this fantastic opportunity can progress our boys!



PRE-SEASON SUMMARY

The 29th of August saw UBAFC return to the fortress of Coombe Dingle to start the beginning of a gruelling 3-week pre-season programme, tasked with getting the club back into fighting form, ready to begin the season on the 12th of October. With over 60 boys joining for at least one week, and most completing the full 3 weeks, we are extremely impressed with the dedication and intensity shown by all the boys at this early stage, and we can only wait and see where this will take us throughout the season.

Our weekly schedule for the duration of the programme was one of the most intense we have managed to put on to date, including an hour with the Strength & Conditioning coaches as well as 2 and a half hours of Ball work and fitness with Tyers every day. It also saw us reunite our partnership with Foxy, a man for whom fitness is his scripture, and us his disciples. Foxy's high-intensity workouts are famous among all those who have played for UBAFC, and while we all resent his challenging 2-hour sessions at the time, we can agree that when we line up for the first kick-off of the season, we'll be glad we went through it.



Results Of The Pre-season Friendlies

Wednesday 14th September
1's vs Bath 1's (1-4)

Wednesday 21st September
2's vs Bath 2's (2-3)
3's vs Bath 3's (4-0)

Wednesday 28th September
1's vs Gloucester 1's (1-1)
2's Vs Gloucester 2's (6-1)

Wednesday 5th October
1's vs 2's Inter-club game (6-3)

Saturday 8th October
2's vs Warwick 2's (1-1)
3's vs Warwick 3's (1-1)
4's vs Warwick 4's (5-2)



Vevo Camera Livestream and Subscription

Following the success across the board for UBAFC last season and thanks to some very generous donations off the back of our last newsletter, we have purchased a VEO livestream camera for the upcoming season. This camera will allow us to record valuable footage of our games for analysis and share this **live** to those of you back home, whether you are a relative of one of the players, one of our alumni reliving the glory days, or just a UBAFC superfan!

The camera will predominantly with our 1's, on days that they do not have a fixture we will be filming other teams. Below is a full fixture list for the 1's this season, which of course involves 2 games against our second team, with all confirmed kick-off times included. Unfortunately, some of these are not confirmed until close to the date, so please click [here](#) to be taken to our online fixture list which is updated in real-time.

We are providing this service to everyone, however livestreaming comes at some cost to us and any donation to help cover this would be greatly appreciated. The link at the bottom of the page takes you to our JustGiving page, where any donation goes straight to the SU, which transfers the money to our Club bank account. We will make sure that any contribution, however big or small, is well used, and everyone at UBAFC is very grateful for your help.

To watch our games, you must:

- Install the **Vevo Live app** (Look out for the logo below on your app store/play store). This can be installed on computers as well as handheld devices.
- Register your free account
- Search for UBAFC
- Follow UBAFC and ensure Notifications are on
- Make sure you check out our updated fixture list and enjoy!



Date	Time	Fixture type	Home	Away	Result
12/10/2022	15:00	League	Cardiff 1's	Bristol 1's	Cardiff 0-3 Bristol
19/10/2022	17:15	League	Bristol 1's	UWE 1's	Bristol 2-2 Uwe
26/10/2022	13:00	League	Bristol 2's	Bristol 1's	2's 0-2 1's
02/11/2022	15:00	League	Bristol 1's	Hartpury 2's	Bristol 4-2 Hartpury
09/11/2022	16:15	League	Cardiff Met 1's	Bristol 1's	Met 5-1 Bristol
16/11/2022	17:15	League	Bristol 1's	Cardiff 1's	
23/11/2022	15:00	National Cup	Bristol 1's	UWE 1's	
30/11/2022	13:30	League	Bristol 1's	Bristol 2's	
25/01/2023		League	UWE 1's	Bristol 1's	
08/02/2023		League	Hartpury 2's	Bristol 1's	
22/02/2023		League	Bristol 1's	Cardiff Met 1's	



2022/23 CAPTAINS REVEAL

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE INSTALMENT OF THIS
YEARS CAPTAINS FOR OUR 6 TEAMS

1's Captain – Chad Mitchell-Turner

Part of the furniture, “Ever Present” Chad hasn’t missed a game for the 1’s since his debut back in 2020, and can finally add Captain to his other team responsibilities of Leader and Legend. Chad will be assisted in his duties by the resolute Pat Gibbs, a man who’s unerring passion for the club is rivalled by none.



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2's Captain – Mario Álvarez Junquera

After working under Coach Bradders last season to gain promotion to the 1st division, Spanish wonder-kid Mario will take up the post of captain this season, as he and Bradders seek to cement their place in the same league as our 1st team.



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3's Captains – Tom Spano + Tom Brunnock

The duo of 4th year Chemistry Masters students hopes to use their scientific knowledge to lead another successful campaign following coach Pablo Nicholls 2nd place last season. They claim their strong team chemistry will be their greatest asset this season.



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4's Captain – Will Briggs

A real Tony Adams, Will is a staunch CB who has established himself in the club as a man who is rarely beaten, and a nightmare for any striker. He has reunited with his back 4 from last season to rustle up a 4's team who are seeking promotion back into the 3rd division that they narrowly slipped out of last season.



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5's Captain – Alex Ellison

Inspired by the previous year's captain Fruin MacKillop-Hall's heroics, beating UWE 2's 2-1 at home, the lean, mean goal-scoring machine Alex has taken up the reins of the 5's. A fresh haircut, and a renewed passion for leaving defenders on the floor, we have no doubt that with 2 UWE teams now in the league, Alex will be looking for some serious results this season.



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6's Captain – Harry Chappell

Mad-dog Harry Chappell has been running rings around defenders for over a year, and only an unfortunate knee injury was able to stop him last season. However, surgery has been had, and Chappell's barkin' boys are aiming to capitalise on their 2nd place last season and 'Ruff-Ruff' their way up the table to gain promotion to 5th division.



MOVEMBER 2022

This year, UBAFC are once again taking part in Movember in the aid of suicide prevention, prostate, and testicular cancer. All three of these illnesses have a personal connection to the club in some way, shape or form, making this is a very important campaign for us. Last year we collectively raised a huge £3,628, which was a great effort from the boys, and we intend to beat that this year.

This month, the boys are attempting to grow moustaches (which 90% of us will fail at), as well as taking part in a UBAFC vs UBNC netball charity match.

We will also be hosting The Olisa Odukwe Tournament next May in memory of our great friend and teammate Olisa, who we sadly lost in May 2021. We will be donating all money from this event to the charity 'Mind'.

The link to our Movember page is below, any donations will be very much appreciated.

<https://movember.com/t/ubafc-movember-1?mc=1>





This season, we are looking for financial support over and above the membership subs paid by the students. We want to make our UBAFC boys' University football experience the best possible. We want to support every one of them, in all 6 squads. We want them all to have the chance to progress with decent training facilities, improved training slots, improved equipment, and loads of support and togetherness in their UBAFC football family.

We cannot rely only on the members' subs to take us forward and although it is surprising, we get very limited financial support from the central Bristol university pot. We hope that our esteemed alumni, players' parents and friends might be interested in supporting us with our aims. Can you help us?

ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY RAISED WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS... HOW CAN WE RAISE THE FUNDS NEEDED?

- **INTRODUCING A DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL** by promoting Alan Tyers to UBAFC Sports Coordinator, costing £5,000. This has provided us with a team of back-room professionals to overlook progress but and increased our access to facilities and coaching. UBAFC has become a more professional outfit and the service we are providing to our brilliant members has been improved. More information on the Just Giving page.
- **ADDITIONAL TRAINING SLOTS** throughout the whole season on top of the free allocation (that the university has reduced this year by an hour a week 😊), costing £1,000. Allows every team to have sufficient coaching time.
- **NEW EQUIPMENT AND KIT** for the upcoming season, costing between £500-£700.
- ✓ Our new Sponsorship Secretary is working hard to develop new partnerships between UBAFC and local businesses. If sponsoring UBAFC is something of interest to you please contact Max at officialubafc@gmail.com. Sponsorship can come in many different forms, and we are more than willing for your business to benefit from our large online platform as well as traditional sponsorships such as kit and equipment.
- ✓ Alumni events are already being planned by the new Alumni Secretaries. Please support them!
- ✓ We have formed a partnership with intramural football, earning the club around £500 a year.
- ✓ We have a new Just Giving donation page. Any donation goes straight to the SU which transfers it to our Club bank account. We will make sure that any contribution, however big or small, is well used, and everyone at UBAFC is very grateful for your help. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ubafc



SIGNING OFF...

- The new freshers have already made a big impact on and off the pitch, so firstly well done to them for getting through our vigorous trial process and settling in well!
- **Alumni and current club members** - Look out for information from Dan Sutton, Rory McGoldrick and Solly Tomlin-Kent about our next Alumni Meal. The date is to be confirmed but information will be released soon and it would be amazing to see/meet as many of you as possible!
- The next edition of Our UB AFC newsletter will be released after Christmas, discussing our positive start to the season.
- Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions about anything at all!

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