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# JOINT CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



## **Good evening all and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for tonight's hotly anticipated re-arranged fixture against our Suffolk rivals.**

If the reverse fixture is anything to go by it will be a high paced, evenly contested affair with neither team leaving anything in the changing room.

As all those who saw the reverse match will appreciate, we could really do with the teams being centre stage tonight and not the referee - watch this space!

A term often used in football is "its a six pointer" - well, that couldn't be truer about our next two games. Tonight, we play against a side six points ahead and with us looking to close that gap and then onto Saturday, where we face the side below us on goal difference battling to keep in the play offs. Big games both, and we will need our big players to stand up and be counted!!!

I have just gone over my notes for the Wroxham programme and all I can say is "I told you so!" LOL! Not to disappoint - Wroxham came here, worked hard, got ahead, and fought tooth and nail to defend their lead. For much of the second half it looked like that was going to be enough for them to go home to Norfolk with at least a point.

However, what they hadn't bargained for was incessant pressure from us and the subs made by the management team.

Enter Sam Ford, who since his return to the club has struggled to get minutes through both form and injury. However, his short cameo was enough to show all 350 plus spectators his class and quality as a finisher, keeping his head in the box when all others around were in a panic.

Three points in the bag through sheer determination, will, desire and use of the squad. More than one way to win a match.

On to Saturday and my first visit to New Salamis (Haringey Borough). I won't talk tonight about facilities, ground share, clubs etc - I will save that for Saturday, however what is on the agenda is schoolboy defending, bad decision making and some poor technical performances.

It would be easy to labour the point, but it wasn't down to lack of effort from the boys and probably more a case of just a bad day at the office.

Sometimes it's better to put a day/match/ result behind you and move on to the next with lessons learned and not dwell too much on what we can't change.

Let tonight be a cliché and be that 12th man who can make all the difference...

"Come on you Seasiders!"  
Enjoy the game  
Andy

# FROM THE DUGOUT: **ANDY CRUMP**

Good evening and welcome back to the AGL Arena for this evenings game. Tonight we welcome Jamie and his Lowestoft players for what is set to be another competitive game with both teams looking to cement their place in this seasons top six. Whilst Hashtag Utd have grabbed the headlines in the form table, Lowestoft sit right behind them and with experience in all the right areas of the pitch I'm sure they will come here tonight full of confidence.

Over the last 7 days experienced both

sides of last minute goals. Sam Ford secured three valuable points against an in form Wrexham side last time out at the AGL before New Salamis got a last minute goal of there own after we had fought our way back to level the game at 3-3 going into the final stages of the game. The mood in the dressing room summed up the disappointment after playing so well to get back on level terms.

Some times as management you have to shoulder the responsibility and the changes at half time gave us better balance and



confidence to control 45 of the 48 second half minutes. The game gave us the chance to hand Andy Fennell his debut and we were both delighted to see him get his first goal for the club. Andy is a player we have kept a close eye on for a couple of seasons having been a thorn in our side over recent seasons against Heybridge. His pace is of course a huge threat but his ability to score goals was immediately evident on Saturday and I am sure you will give him a huge welcome tonight!

Ten big games left and those who have looked at what's ahead of us will know it is going to be a run in full of twists and turns but we take each game one at a time, starting tonight.

Enjoy the game Seasiders!!  
Andy





# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



## Not many people know this ...

**W**henever games against Lowestoft Town come around, my memory banks click into gear and I start to recall when we first joined the Eastern Counties League in 1976, my first trip to Love Road and our first meeting at the (then) Town Ground, I seem to remember it as a clash of unequal equals!

While we as a club were proud of what we achieved to get into the Eastern Counties League, our facilities weren't the best and we were controlled by a council who, at that time, were not 100% supportive of what the club were trying to achieve.

Walking through the gates of Crown Meadow for the first time, home of a club playing in the same competition as us, I looked around and thought WOW, stands, retaining wall separating spectators from the pitch, lush grass, and literally hundreds of spectators, just everything geared for football success, with their committee a beacon of how to treat visiting officials.

I knew then we had a long way to go. Then there was our first ever win as an Eastern Counties League side and you will

never guess who it was against - of course, it was the Trawler Boys! That was a special day for us as a club, and of course the thought 'We have arrived!'

We have played many times since... both clubs have had their trials and tribulations, but as always it's great to welcome them here to the AGL Arena, whatever the outcome of tonight's fixture. It was a club Big Ray (Stanbridge) played for in the early 70's and their line up tonight may include Sam Nunn, who moved in the other direction in the close season.



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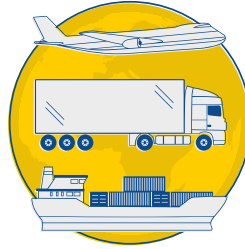
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# MATCH REPORT

PHOTOS BY TOM BRADFORD

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
ISTHMIAN NORTH

**New Salamis 4**

**Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3**

*Whight, Fennell, Ford*

Before I get on to the football, let me get something off my chest. This is not sour grapes and I mean no disrespect to New Salamis, they took their chances well, capitalised well on our errors and any side that score four goals against a top five team deserve the victory, however, running a football club is not only exhilarating, but is a bloody nightmare! Firstly, in any walk of life where humans are involved, there will be issues, be it personality clashes, lack of volunteers, financial issues, social media! And those making the rules. We work tirelessly to uphold standards, offer facilities that we can be proud of, fundraise endlessly to continuously stay ahead of the ever-increasing burden of rules and regulations that we as a club have to adhere to. We are not alone of course, everywhere we visit, our supporters are met with open arms, provided with



## HOW WE LINED UP

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Charlie Warren
4. Billy Holland
5. Harry Knock
6. Joe Whight
7. Josh Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Andy Fennell
10. Zak Brown
11. Callum Harrison

## SUBS

12. Milo Grimes
14. Henry Barley
15. Lamell Howell
16. Sam Ford
17. Andre Hasanally

MATCH REPORT BY STUART DAYNES







the facilities and hospitality that the league insist upon and that clubs willingly offer.

Ground grading is the same, we all have to follow certain (endless) standards and rules that allow a club to sustain a certain level of football, just ask Stowmarket what they had to do when promoted, with threat of relegation if deadlines were not met! So, my point is, how is it right that the home side are not, actually cannot, follow the rules? I won't dwell on the ones such as no advertised programme, no turnstiles in use, just a guy in the car park collecting the tenners, no tannoy in use for emergencies or team announcements, etc etc. But I will make a strong point about food, the attendance was advertised before kick off as 127, in reality there was approximately 53, that was about 37 from Felixstowe, a couple of neutrals I spoke to and just over a dozen home supporters, but after a long journey by coach and car, and no prior warning, there was no food available at the ground, at all, against the ground grading and league rules that state hot food must be available for purchase. Supporters travel a long way in this league and

should be able to rely on food being available in there approx. 10-hour day trip. We thanked the hard-working people who were there, but they admitted they simply do not have anyone to fulfil these requirements. As a volunteer myself, I feel for them, but if you are not in a position to offer and maintain the basic needs of football at senior level then sorry, but you shouldn't be allowed to remain in it. (My views, not those of Felixstowe & Walton United).





Back to the football! Felixstowe started with new signing Andy Fennell making his debut in a central forward position, Ollie Canfer was unavailable and George Clarke, Leon Ottley-Gooch and Stuart Ainsley remain out with injuries. New Salamis were missing 19 goal marksman Derek Asamoah.

Felixstowe started brightly on the 3G surface of Haringey Borough, but often found the final pass lacking when moving forward. New

Salamis were playing on the break with Remi and Mandla looking particularly dangerous with their pace. Mandla headed tamely wide on 7 minutes before Noel Aitkens was denied at the near post with a challenge preventing his shot hitting the target. Callum Harrison curled a free kick round the wall and just past the post on 12 minutes, then one of the home sides quick breaks found a gap on the right to allow Remi to slam the ball in from close distance. Aitkens sent over a wonderful cross from deep on the right shortly after, it found Fennell in the box, he took the ball down well, turned and shot but was denied by a last gasp block. Despite all their possession and passing football, it was the home side who again stunned the away support on 25 minutes as they took a two-goal lead, Felixstowe again unable to defend a break on the right and Ryan Herval slammed the ball home from 15 yards. The Seasiders went close twice on 30 minutes, firstly a cross heading for Fennell was headed backwards by a defender and missed the goal frame by inches, and then Billy Holland saw his header tipped over the





bar from the resultant corner. Joe Whight headed narrowly wide on 42 minutes but he was soon on the scoresheet, the assistant referee flagging for a clear handball from a corner as the referee blew the half time whistle. Salamis protests went overboard, as had been the case all afternoon, but **Joe Whight** stepped up and halved the deficit.

The feeling amongst the supporters at half time was that Felixstowe would now come back and win, but that confidence was shattered immediately when straight from kick off, yet another fast break on the right allowed Remi to score his second, the ball spinning in to the net off Callum Robinson's studs seemingly. Felixstowe were absolutely dominant (until the 89th minute) from there and wave after wave of attacks led to increasingly better chances for the away side, helped further when Salamis were reduced to ten men following Herval's second yellow card. Callum Harrison's overhead kick flew just over the bar, Charlie Warren saw his 20-yard low effort tipped

around the bottom corner and Henry Barley shot across the face of goal and wide as Felixstowe pressed. Harrison saw a shot deflected wide on 66 minutes and from the corner, Fennell opened his Seasiders account. The corner was headed onto the bar by Charlie Warren, the ball was only cleared a yard or two to **Fennell** who made the finish look easy.





by Robinson, from the corner Robinson caught the ball but the assistant referee adjudged him to have carried the ball over the line, and the goal was awarded, much to the disbelief of both sides. Noel Aitkens dissent led to a straight red card and the Seaside's could not find another equaliser in the five minutes added time.



Felixstowe were being roared on by their supporters and looked like scoring every time they went forward and on 81 minutes the equaliser came, Billy Holland's curling effort from outside the box struck the post and fell to **Sam Ford** who finished into the empty net. With the win looking likely for Felixstowe, they fell to an absolute sucker punch on 89 minutes, an attack broke down, allowing Remi to burst forward and his shot was deflected just wide



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# WELCOME TO THE SEASIDE ANDY FENNELL

Felixstowe & Walton United have added more firepower to our promotion push with the capture of striker Andy Fennell, who has most recently been with Heybridge Swifts.

Andy has managed ten goals for Swifts this season, in thirty four matches. He also got eleven in twenty two matches last season, and five in seven during the covid-hit campaign.

Prior to his time with Swifts Andy played at Step three with both Needham Market and Leiston. He also played a step higher, spending time with Chelmsford City.





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|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1   | Hashtag United                        | 30        | 26        | 1        | 3        | 82        | 29        | +53        | 79        |
| 2   | AFC Sudbury                           | 29        | 23        | 3        | 3        | 69        | 28        | +41        | 72        |
| 3   | <b>Lowestoft Town</b>                 | <b>28</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>+36</b> | <b>61</b> |
| 4   | <b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>+28</b> | <b>55</b> |
| 5   | Grays Athletic                        | 29        | 17        | 4        | 8        | 46        | 29        | +17        | 55        |
| 6   | Heybridge Swifts                      | 30        | 15        | 8        | 7        | 50        | 30        | +20        | 53        |
| 7   | Stowmarket Town                       | 28        | 15        | 6        | 7        | 48        | 30        | +18        | 51        |
| 8   | East Thurrock United                  | 30        | 14        | 5        | 11       | 43        | 44        | -1         | 47        |
| 9   | New Salamis                           | 30        | 12        | 9        | 9        | 52        | 53        | -1         | 45        |
| 10  | Brentwood Town                        | 29        | 12        | 6        | 11       | 40        | 36        | +4         | 42        |
| 11  | Bury Town                             | 30        | 10        | 9        | 11       | 26        | 26        | 0          | 39        |
| 12  | Wroxham                               | 30        | 9         | 10       | 11       | 38        | 46        | -8         | 37        |
| 13  | Basildon United                       | 29        | 8         | 8        | 13       | 33        | 45        | -12        | 32        |
| 14  | Maldon & Tiptree                      | 30        | 8         | 5        | 17       | 31        | 47        | -16        | 29        |
| 15  | Witham Town                           | 29        | 8         | 3        | 18       | 37        | 61        | -24        | 27        |
| 16  | Gorleston                             | 28        | 7         | 3        | 18       | 36        | 63        | -27        | 24        |
| 17  | Tilbury                               | 29        | 5         | 4        | 20       | 27        | 63        | -36        | 19        |
| 18  | Hullbridge Sports                     | 29        | 5         | 3        | 21       | 26        | 59        | -33        | 18        |
| 19  | Coggeshall Town                       | 28        | 3         | 8        | 17       | 20        | 48        | -28        | 17        |
| 20  | Great Wakering Rovers                 | 29        | 4         | 5        | 20       | 34        | 65        | -31        | 17        |

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## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH-DIVISION

**TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 7.45PM KO**

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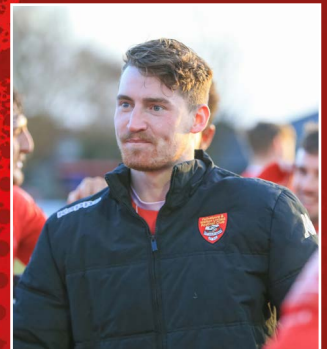
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Milo is attempting to raise two thousand pounds to be split between The Brain Tumour Charity and The Multiple Sclerosis Society UK. He's already well on the way, but you can help him reach his goal.

The very best of luck to Milo and friends!



# THE OTHER SIDE LOWESTOFT TOWN



Lowestoft Town have a fine history stretching back well over 100 years. The club is first recorded as East Suffolk F C with games, all friendlies in those days, recorded back in 1884. On merging with the original Kirkley club the title of Lowestoft was adopted in 1887 with 'Town' added in 1890.

When the Norfolk & Suffolk League was formed in 1897, providing the first inter-county competitive matches, Lowestoft dominated, winning the title 6 times in the first 7 years. The 'odd' season out 1899-1900 saw Lowestoft's attentions turn to the F Amateur Cup with victories over such famous names as Leytonstone (9-0), and Gt Marlow (1-0) on the way to the final which brought a 1-5 defeat by Bishop Auckland at Leicester.

In 1904 Lowestoft had to appear before a FA Commission to answer charges of professionalism after a testimonial had raised just under £5 for player Fred Timoney who was about to emigrate. Norwich City who had 'poached' 4 of Lowestoft's successful side amongst others were also called before the commission. Whilst City accepted the ruling and formally adopted professionalism to start on the road that has seen them up amongst the top clubs in the country, Lowestoft paid a restitution of 2 guineas to regain amateur status. In 1925 came the decision to adopt the blue and white colours that have served them so well since.

Lowestoft became founder members of the Eastern Counties League in 1935 but before starting out on this new challenge once again merged with local rivals Kirkley. The move proved a wise one with the first season seeing them sharing the title with Harwich & Parkston and then winning it outright 2 years later.

Lowestoft took the bold step of becoming





semi-professional in 1962. & 7 ECL titles and twice runners up in the following 9 seasons is clear testimony to the manner in which they dominated in those years.

The ECL title was again won in 1977/8. The 1980s saw a decline in the club's fortunes as crowds and income dropped. The unique club pavilion, originally the Yacht Club before being taken down and moved from the harbour to the Crown Meadow in 1902, was gradually falling into disrepair and the floodlighting system installed in 1964 was coming to the end of its lifespan. The floodlights were updated in 1986 and the new dressing room complex occupied in 1989 and at last attention could be paid to playing matters.

As playing fortunes declined a 19 year old local lad signed for the club in 1980 who was to figure prominently in the affairs of the club for the next 30 plus years. Micky Chapman soon became a favourite with his all action style, eye for the goal, long flowing hair and a genuine desire to bring success back to the club. 5 'Player of the Year' trophies adorn his display cabinet as testimony to the respect he has earned from supporters and players alike. The 1990s saw Micky progress from captain to as- sistant manager and finally manager in 1994.

A persistent back injury forced Mick to hang up his boots in 1997 allowing him to concentrate fully on the managerial side. With the unwavering support of successive chairmen Mick had been able to improve the side year by year. In February 2012 he took charge of his 1000th game as Lowestoft manager.

After several years in the doldrums the 21st century has seen Micky team up with Ady Gallagher to bring a return to trophy winning days with the Ridgeons League title won twice, the League Cup collected twice and the Suffolk Premier Cup brought back to the Meadow five times. The culmination of all that recent success came in May 2008 when joint managers Micky Chapman and Ady Gallagher proudly led their squad out onto the hallowed Wembley pitch in the F A Carlsberg Vase final.

On a blazing hot Sunday afternoon in front of over 14,000 Lowestoft supporters, the Blues were in the lead for three quarters of the game before conceding a last minute goal to lose out to Kirkham & Wesham by the odd goal of three.

Season 2008–2009 saw the first team win a League and County Cup double, as well as reach the semi final of the F A Carls- berg Vase and the season ended with promotion to the Ryman League Division One North. Success continued unabated in 2009/10 with back to back promotions seeing the Blues soar to the Ryman Premier Division at the first attempt achieving a century of points and goals for the second consecutive season. An excellent F A Cup run saw the first round proper reached with the run ended at Wrexham by a cruel deflected goal in the final minutes.

The first season in the Ryman Premier Division saw the Trawlerboys involved in the promotion race right to the end. There was just 9 minutes of the season left when Tonbridge Angels scored the goal that gave them a 3–4 victory and ended Lowestoft's hopes of

a third successive promotion. It was a similar story in the following 2 seasons with late goals in the Play Off final denying them promotion before the dream of Step 2 football was realised in 2014 with a play off victory over AFC Hornchurch and a 3rd promotion in 6 seasons.

Season 2014–2015 was one of consolidation in the highest sphere the club has ever reached and despite several early morning departures and a mere 8500 plus miles of travelling a satisfactory season ended with them holding a 16th place finish suffering just a single defeat in their final 13 fixtures. On top of this the Blues closed their season out by winning the Suffolk Premier Cup for the twelfth time; beating Whitton United 2–1 after extra time. It was also a season that marked the farewell of a true Lowestoft Town legend with Micky Chapman retiring after the last league game of the season at home to Barrow, who sealed the league title that day with a 3–2 victory over the Blues. After 32 years, 480 first team appearances, 193 goals, 1640 games and 147,600 plus minutes as a player, player/ manager and then manager during that time, it was the end of an era for a figure





who will forever be etched in the history of Lowestoft Town FC.

Season 2015–2016 saw Ady Gallagher in sole charge for the first time but a season plagued with injuries saw the Trawlerboys relegated on the last day of the season on goal difference bringing a return to the Ryman League Premier Division. Season 2016–2017 was to prove one of consolidation as they adjusted to life at step 3 in a season once again plagued with injuries.

Season 2017–2018 proved to be one of turmoil as firstly Ady Gallagher stepped down to be replaced by his assistant Dale Brooks. The club was then hit by financial problems which saw the departure of several leading players but Brooks achieved a minor miracle by avoiding relegation with the remnants of his squad aided by a bevy of youth loan signings and the clubs scholar's.

Brooks stepped down during the summer of 2018 to be replaced by two former players Jamie Godbold and Andy Reynolds who between themselves boast over 900 appearances for the Trawlerboys. Having to build a completely new side Godbold has had to cope with three season redevilled with injuries and covid resulting in relegation

back to Step 4 and a move back across to the Isthmian League.

So a dozen years of non stop incident that has seen three promotions, three losing play off finals, 2 relegations and a 1st round proper venture and saw us travel as far north as Barrow, south as far as Bristol, west as far as Wrexham and Colwyn Bay sees as back to where this modern day adventure all started in the Isthmian League Division One North.

## PLAYER PROFILES

**JAMIE GODBOLD.** (Manager) Former Lowestoft favourite who made exactly 500 appearances for the club as a player. He then started his managerial career which saw him learn the management ropes with Kirkley & Pakefield, AFC Sudbury and Wroxham before returning to his home town in the summer of 2018.

**WARREN BURWOOD.** Local boy who was released by Cardiff City in the summer of 2020 and joined Lowestoft Town at the start of this season once international clearance had been obtained. Made his debut in Suffolk Premier Cup final against Needham Market on 20th October 2020. 28 apps 0 goals.



**SAM NUNN.** Signed for Lowestoft for the second time in July 2002 from Felixstowe & Walton United. Strong central defender who has also played for Bury Town, Needham Market and Stowmarket Town. 26 apps 0 goals.

**TRAVIS COLE.** Local boy who signed a permanent deal with Lowestoft having been released by Ipswich in November 2016. Previously at Lowestoft on work experience. Debut away to Billericay Town on 23rd August 2016. 200 apps 22 goals.

**ROBERT EAGLE.** Re-signed for Lowestoft in the close season 2022 for his 4th spell with the Trawlerboys. Originally with Norwich City he first signed for Lowestoft from Grimsby in January 2012. Further short spells with Lowestoft came in 2017 and 2018. He made a scoring debut for Lowestoft in a Suffolk Premier Cup Quarter Final victory over Kirkley & Pakefield on 10th January 2012. 202 apps, 28 goals.

**JOSH HARVEY.** Currently a member of the Trawlerboys Scholars and has impressed sufficiently to be included in the first team squad. Debut away to Biggleswade Town on 17th August 2021. 45 apps 11 goals

**KYLE HAYLOCK.** Attacking midfielder with an eye for goal. Developed through the youth system at Kirkley & Pakefield. After an excellent 2021-22 season he decided to take the step up and join the Trawlerboys in the summer of 2022. Debut as substitute against Stowmarket Town 16th August 2022. 19 apps, 6 goals.

**CHRIS HENDERSON.** Goalscoring midfielder now in his second spell with Lowestoft after helping Kings Lynn Town to 2 promotions. Just back after a year out with health issues. 272 apps 67 goals.

**DAVID HINTON.** Experienced central midfielder signed from Dereham Town in the summer of 2022. Formerly skipper of the Magpies he is a born leader on and off the pitch. Debut away to Gt Wakering Rovers 13 August 2022. 20 apps 0 goals.

**ADAM HIPPERSON.** Another player signed from Dereham Town in July 2022. Attacking midfield player with an excellent dead ball delivery and eye for goal. Formerly a youngster with Norwich City has also played for Norwich United. Debut as substitute away to Gt Wakering Rovers on 13 August 2022. 22 apps 16 goals.

**LUKE HOLT.** Goalkeeper signed from Falkirk in August 2022. Son of former Trawlerboy and Norwich City favourite Gary. Debut v Haverhill Rovers in F A Cup 30 August 2022. 19 apps 0 goals.

**SAM JOHNSON.** Young full back signed from Oxford United in the summer of 2021. Debut came on 14th August 2021 v Barwell. A bad injury in January 2022 brought his season to an end. 38 apps, 5 goals.

**OWEN LANE.** Still a member of Lowestoft's Scholarship programme. Made his senior debut against Leiston in the Southern League Cup on 5th October 2021. 28 apps 0 goals.

**RHYS LOGAN.** Exciting attacker signed from Dereham Town in August 2022. Pacy creative player with an eye for a goal and should add a new dimension to the Trawlerboys attack. Debut away to Gt Wakering Rovers on 13 August 2022. 19 apps 2 goals.

**LOUIS McINTOSH.** Norwich lad who progressed through the Canaries youth system into their Under 23 squad. Released in June 2019 he signed for the Trawlerboys in August 2019. Debut away to Hednesford Town on 10th August 2019. 106 apps 13 goals.

**OWEN MURPHY.** Promising teenage defender who joined Lowestoft from Dereham Town in September 2020. Debut v Bury Town in Suffolk Premier Cup semi final on 15 September 2020. 59 apps 1 goal.

**CHARLIE NORMAN.** Attacking full back recently turned to this country after a number of years playing for Columbia College. Signed from Sheringham in July 2022. Came through the Norwich City youth programme prior to going to the States. Debut away to Gt Wakering Rovers on 13 August 2022. 21 apps 1 goals.

**HENRY POLLOCK.** Midfield player now fighting back to fitness after 32 years out through injury. Made debut away to Hednesford on 11th August 2018. 56 apps 2 goals.

**JAKE REED.** Despite being a local lad his early career was with Gt Yarmouth Town before joining Dagenham & Redbridge where he made 38 appearances scoring 1 goal. Joined Lowestoft in October 2013 becoming an instant fans favourite by hitting 4 goals in his home debut against Carshalton Athletic. Now in his 3rd spell with Lowestoft after 2 short spells at AFC Sudbury and Leiston. 299 apps 143 goals

**DYLAN RUFFLES.** Had a spell with Lowestoft on work experience from Ipswich Town in 2019/20 and after a short spell in Sweden signed for the Trawlerboys at the start of this season. 72 apps 1 goals.

**ADAM SHERWOOD.** Another member of the current Trawlerboys Scholars who has featured in several pre-season games and has earned the right to become a member of the 1st team squad. Made a goalscoring debut against Leiston in the Southern League Cup On 5th October 2021 13 apps 1 goals.

(appearances up to and including 7th January 2023)

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SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
ISTHMIAN NORTH

**Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2**

*Holland, Ford*

**Wroxham 1**

Felixstowe & Walton United, who started the weekend in fourth place, looked to have a difficult task as they welcomed Wroxham - and it looked even more difficult when Ryan Curtis put the Yachtsmen ahead on twelve minutes. The Seasiders levelled on twenty seven minutes through **Billy Holland**, and it looked like both sides would have to settle for a point- but the hosts took all of them, **Sam Ford** with the winner right at the end. Felixstowe stay fourth, Wroxham are eleventh.



## HOW WE LINED UP

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Charlie Warren
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Joe Whight
7. Josh Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Oliver Canfer
10. Zak Brown
11. Callum Harrison

## SUBS

12. Harry Knock
14. Lamell Howell
15. Stuart Ainsley
16. Henry Barley
17. Sam Ford









# ISTHMIAN NORTH LAST SIX MATCHES FORM

|                            |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Hashtag Utd             | W 2-0 v LOWE.. | W 2-1 v MALD.. | W 2-1 v NEW..  | W 2-1 v COGG.. | W 3-2 v AFC..  | W 8-1 v TILB.. |
| 2. Lowestoft Town          | W 3-2 v BASI.. | L 2-0 v HASH.. | D 2-2 v WROX.. | W 2-0 v TILB.. | W 4-0 v WITH.. | W 3-1 v COGG.. |
| 3. East Thurrock Utd       | W 1-0 v WITH.. | D 1-1 v BREN.. | W 1-0 v BURY.. | W 2-0 v GREA.. | W 2-1 v HULL.. | L 2-1 v STOW.. |
| 4. Grays Athletic          | L 3-0 v HASH.. | D 0-0 v STOW.. | D 0-0 v NEW..  | W 2-1 v GORL.. | W 2-0 v TILB.. | W 2-0 v WROX.. |
| 5. Felixstowe & Walton Utd | D 2-2 v EAST.. | W 4-0 v GREA.. | L 2-1 v AFC..  | W 2-1 v MALD.. | W 2-1 v WROX.. | L 4-3 v NEW..  |
| 6. Brentwood Town          | D 0-0 v HEYB.. | D 1-1 v EAST.. | D 1-1 v NEW..  | D 1-1 v COGG.. | W 2-0 v BURY.. | W 2-0 v MALD.. |
| 7. AFC Sudburt             | L 1-0 v LOWE.. | W 2-1 v TILB.. | W 2-1 v FELI.. | D 2-2 v HEYB.. | L 3-2 v HASH.. | W 3-0 v HULL.. |
| 8. Basildon Utd            | L 1-0 v WROX.. | D 1-1 v GREA.. | L 1-0 v MALD.. | W 1-0 v STOW.. | W 3-1 v TILB.. | W 3-1 v BURY.. |
| 9. Gorleston               | L 4-0 v COGG.. | D 2-2 v STOW.. | L 2-1 v GRAY.. | W 3-0 v HULL.. | W 1-0 v BURY.. | W 3-1 v HEYB.. |
| 10. Coggeshall Town        | W 2-1 v EAST.. | W 4-0 v GORL.. | D 0-0 v BURY.. | L 2-1 v HASH.. | D 1-1 v BREN.. | L 3-1 v LOWE.. |
| 11. Heybridge Swifts       | L 1-0 v WROX.. | D 0-0 v BREN.. | W 2-1 v WITH.. | D 2-2 v AFC..  | W 3-0 v NEW..  | L 3-1 v GORL.. |
| 12. Wroxham                | D 0-0 v BURY.. | W 1-0 v BASI.. | D 2-2 v LOWE.. | W 2-1 v HULL.. | L 2-1 v FELI.. | L 2-0 v GRAY.. |
| 13. Witham Town            | L 2-1 v HEYB.. | W 2-1 v STOW.. | W 2-0 v TILB.. | L 4-0 v LOWE.. | D 1-1 v NEW..  | L 3-2 v GREA.. |
| 14. New Salamis            | D 0-0 v GRAY.. | L 2-1 v HASH.. | D 1-1 v BREN.. | L 3-0 v HEYB.. | D 1-1 v WITH.. | W 4-3 v FELI.. |
| 15. Stowmarket Town        | L 1-0 v HULL.. | D 0-0 v GRAY.. | D 2-2 v GORL.. | L 2-1 v WITH.. | L 1-0 v BASI.. | W 2-1 v EAST.. |
| 16. Maldon & Tiptree       | D 0-0 v BURY.. | L 2-1 v HASH.. | L 2-1 v FELI.. | W 1-0 v BASI.. | D 0-0 v GREA.. | L 2-0 v BREN.. |
| 17. Great Wakering Rovers  | L 1-0 v BURY.. | L 4-0 v FELI.. | D 1-1 v BASI.. | L 2-0 v EAST.. | D 0-0 v MALD.. | W 3-2 v WITH.. |
| 18. Hullbridge Sports      | W 1-0 v STOW.. | L 2-1 v NEW..  | L 2-1 v WROX.. | L 3-0 v GORL.. | L 2-1 v EAST.. | L 3-0 v AFC..  |
| 19. Bury Town              | D 0-0 v MALD.. | D 0-0 v COGG.. | L 1-0 v EAST.. | L 1-0 v GORL.. | L 2-0 v BREN.. | L 3-1 v BASI.. |
| 20. Tilbury                | L 2-1 v AFC..  | L 2-0 v LOWE.. | L 2-0 v WITH.. | L 2-0 v GRAY.. | L 3-1 v BASI.. | L 8-1 v HASH.. |

## LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

|    |                      |                                       |           |
|----|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1  | Nnamdi Nwachuku      | AFC Sudbury                           | 32        |
| 2  | Derek Asamoah        | New Salamis                           | 17        |
| 3  | Sam Bantick          | Grays Athletic                        | 16        |
| 4  | Jake Reed            | Lowestoft Town                        | 16        |
| 5  | Adam Hipperson       | Lowestoft Town                        | 15        |
| 6  | Cemal Ramadan        | Bury Town                             | 15        |
| 7  | <b>Joshua Hitter</b> | <b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b> | <b>13</b> |
| 8  | Alex Teniola         | Hashtag United                        | 12        |
| 9  | Brian Moses          | East Thurrock United                  | 11        |
| 10 | Louie Remi           | New Salamis                           | 11        |
| 11 | Max Cornhill         | Hashtag United                        | 10        |
| 12 | Rob Harvey           | Heybridge Swifts                      | 10        |





# OUR SQUAD

Introducing the Felixstowe & Walton United playing squad and management team of 2022/2023.



## STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

Stuart started his footballing career at Ipswich Town leaving in 2004 after 10 years. He went on to play for Torquay United, Sudbury, Leiston and Felixstowe. In 2018 he was appointed as Manager of Leiston but left in 2019 to become Manager of Felixstowe & Walton United.

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## ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

Andy returned to Felixstowe & Walton United as Assistant Manager following the appointment of Stuart Boardley in 2019. Having enjoyed success in previous spells at the club as both player and First Team Coach.

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## KOTRYNA STOKNAITE SPORTS THERAPIST

Kotryna Stoknaite is a BSC Sports Therapy graduate from the University of Essex. During her undergraduate degree she had the opportunity to work as a Sports Therapist for the Colchester Rugby First team, as well as treating patients weekly at the university clinic.

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## STUART STEVENSON COACH

After hanging up his boots Stuart joined Felixstowe Utd as a fitness coach/physio, then on to Trimley to help coach his son's team from the U8s-U16s. Stuart rejoined the Seaside's to coach the U18s which lead him on to being part of the first team staff. Stuart is an FA level 2 coach and an FA level 1 mentor.

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## GARY HAMMOND GOALKEEPER COACH

Gary is in his fifth season with the club. He was part of the double winning team with Walton Utd before the merger with Felixstowe. He has a wealth of experience having previously played for Stowmarket, Woodbridge and Ipswich Wanderers. Gary is also Club Treasurer.

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## **CALLUM ROBINSON** **GOALKEEPER**

Callum joined the club in 2020 from Stowmarket Town. He started his career at Colchester United before playing for Wroxham, AFC Sudbury and spent time on loan at Brantham Athletic.

**SPONSOR:** Barry Caley



## **STUART AINSLEY** **LEFT BACK**

Stuart joined the club for his second spell in 2014 from Lowestoft Town. Previous clubs include Chelmsford City and AFC Sudbury. Stuart spent 10 years at Ipswich Town, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2005. Stuart has a sweet left foot and a great work ethic.

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## **JOE WHIGHT** **DEFENDER**

Joe came through the ITFC Youth system before playing for the likes of Needham, Bury and most recently AFC Sudbury where he captained their side. A left sided defender, Joe offers composure, a wonderful left foot and a toughness and desire to defend to the back line.

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## **CALLUM BENNETT** **RIGHT BACK**

Callum is in his second spell at the club having re-joined in late 2018. An attacking full back with one of the best ball deliveries in non-league football. Callum has plenty of experience from his time at Ipswich U18s, Stoke City U21s and Notts County.

**SPONSOR:** Dave Ablitt



## **CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN** **DEFENDER**

Curtis joined in 2020 from Stanway Rovers and has a fine Isthmian league pedigree. Previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Lowestoft Town, Yeovil Town, Cambridge Utd, AFC Wimbledon, Macclesfield Town and Maldon & Tiptree.

**SPONSORS:** George & Shirley Ainsley



## **MILO GRIMES** **DEFENDER**

Milo joins the Seasiders from Coggeshall Town where he was ever present during the last campaign. A tough tackling centre half but with ability to play out from the back. A good leader and talker for a 22 year old, and sure to become a firm fan favourite.

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## **HARRY KNOCK** **DEFENDER**

Harry joins the Seaside on a permanent deal following his hugely successful loan spell in 2021/22 season. Harry, a former Scholar at ITFC, quickly became a fan favourite and an integral part of the side finishing in the play offs.

**SPONSORS:** Chris Worrall



## **HARRY BLACKBURN** **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

Like Charlie Warren, Harry graduated through the Needham Market academy and joins the Seaside predominantly as an attacking fullback. Harry plays with confidence in possession and supporters will enjoy seeing him create chances for our forward players.

**SPONSOR:** Chris Walne



## **BILLY HOLLAND** **MIDFIELDER**

Billy started life at Ipswich Wanderers and has had spells at Needham, Leiston and AFC Sudbury. He's established himself as a mainstay in the centre of midfield. Players player and Supporters player of the year last season has led to him being appointed captain for the forthcoming year.

**SPONSOR:** Andy Clarke



## **NOEL AITKENS** **MIDFIELDER**

Noel's signing for the club in 2020 caused a stir amongst the non-league world, joining from step 3 Leiston and being described by manager Boardley as "the best midfield player in this area". Noel is quick, strong, can tackle, is athletic and can really play football!

**SPONSORS:** Becky Wybrow, Richard & Jenny Bugg, Darren Walne



## **LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH** **MIDFIELDER**

Leon signed for the club in 2020 and is another vastly experienced player at step 3 and 4 level. Previous clubs include Leiston, Bury Town, Hadleigh Utd and Stowmarket Town. Leon is very versatile but is predominantly a dynamic midfield player.

**SPONSORS:** Phil & Jan Griffiths



## **JOSH HITTER** **MIDFIELDER**

Josh signed for us in 2021 having played his football at Step 3 side Leiston for the previous three seasons and gained a vast amount of experience at that level. Josh is a dynamic attack minded player who likes to arrive in the box late and score goals.

**SPONSOR:** Les Soall



## **CALLUM HARRISON** **MIDFIELDER**

Former Colchester United, Needham, Sudbury and more recently Chelmsford midfielder joins the Seaside for the 22/23 campaign. A highly sought after creative and technically gifted midfielder that loves to get forward and provide the team with both goals and assists.

**SPONSOR:** Winnifred McClean



## **RORY PORTER** **MIDFIELDER**

Rory is one of the brightest players in recent years to progress through the youth system at Felixstowe & Walton. Having worked hard in the U23's during the 2021/22 season, Rory progresses permanently into the first team squad for the up and coming season.

**SPONSOR:** Paul Secker



## **HENRY BARLEY** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Henry signed for the club in 2019 following his contract expiring at Ipswich Town. Another popular young player who had also been on loan from the then EFL Championship club the previous season.

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## **LAMELL HOWELL** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Lamell signed from Brightlingsea Regent in 2020. He can play on both wings or in the number 10 position and brings pace and trickery to the side. He has previously played for Stowmarket Town, Debenham FC and Brantham Athletic.

**SPONSORS:** Steve & Kate Garnham



## **CHARLIE WARREN** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Having initially joined on loan from Needham Market, Charlie made an instant impact on his debut in the FA Trophy win at Hastings. Following a number of impressive performances, manager Boardley moved quickly to secure the permanent services of one of Suffolk's brightest young players.

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## **ANDY FENNEL** **FORWARD**

A recent signing from rivals Heybridge Swifts, Andy brings lightning pace and a real direct style to the forward line. He has scored goals at Step 2, 3 & 4 and lists Leiston, Needham Market and Chelmsford amongst his former clubs. Comfortable anywhere across the front three, Andy joins hoping to fire us up to Step 3.

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## GEORGE CLARKE FORWARD

George joined the Seaside from Stowmarket Town in 2020 and has previously played for Ipswich Town, AFC Sudbury, Needham Market, Brightlingsea Regent and Brantham Athletic. George is a powerful and dynamic centre forward that is looking to make his mark following a lengthy spell on the sidelines through injury.

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## OLLIE CANFER FORWARD

Ollie made a dramatic impact when he joined the club in November 2019, signing from Mildenhall Town. "Canfs" burst onto the scene scoring 9 goals in 13 games. The fans love his non-stop running and desire to cause defensive headaches for the opposition.

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## ANDRE HASANALLY FORWARD

Andre joins the Seaside following a successful loan spell from Colchester United in the 2021/22 season. A versatile forward with the ability to create as many as he scores.

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## ZAK BROWN FORWARD

A sought after and highly rated young striker with blistering pace and a great goal scoring record. At just 17, Zak penned a two year pro contract with ITFC where he was a regular marksman in the U23's. Zak started life in the Seaside's Youth sections and has returned to lead the forward line as the club's No. 9.

**SPONSORS:** Chris & Kate Daynes



## SAM FORD FORWARD

Having spent a successful period with Arbroath last season that saw them just miss out on promotion to the Scottish Premiership, Sam spent the Summer with Hume City FC in Australia before returning to Felixstowe. Coming through ITFC and later West Ham's academy, Sam is a local talent who will provide real firepower in front of goal.

**SPONSOR:** Craig Studd

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# FIXTURES 2022/23

## AUGUST

|        |   |   |        |                   |       |         |
|--------|---|---|--------|-------------------|-------|---------|
| SAT 13 | BRENTWOOD TOWN<br><i>Hitter</i>                     | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE            | D 1-1 | Att 167 |
| TUE 16 | <b>GORLESTON</b><br><i>Warren, Harrison, Canfer</i> | H | 7.45PM | LEAGUE            | W 3-2 | Att 332 |
| SAT 20 | DEREHAM TOWN  | A | 3PM    | FA CUP PRELIM RND | L 2-0 | Att 229 |
| SAT 27 | <b>BASILDON UNITED</b>                              | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE            | W 2-0 | Att 283 |
| MON 29 | COGGESHALL TOWN<br><i>Aitkens, Harrison, Hitter</i> | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE            | W 3-1 | Att 157 |

## SEPTEMBER

|        |   |   |        |                              |       |         |
|--------|---|---|--------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| TUE 13 | <b>BURGESS HILL TOWN</b><br><i>Whight, Harrison - Burgess Hill Town win 3-2 on pens</i> | H | 7.45PM | FA TROPHY 1 <sup>ST</sup>    | D 2-2 | Att 185 |
| SAT 17 | <b>NEW SALAMIS</b><br><i>Harrison 2, Canfer 3</i>                                       | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | D 5-0 | Att 317 |
| TUE 27 | <b>WITHAM TOWN</b><br><i>Holland 2, Maycock</i>   | H | 7.45PM | VELOCITY CUP 1 <sup>ST</sup> | D 3-1 | Att 239 |

## OCTOBER

|        |   |   |        |                              |       |         |
|--------|---|---|--------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| SAT 01 | WROXHAM<br><i>Brown, Harrison</i>                             | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | D 2-2 | Att 180 |
| SAT 08 | <b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b><br><i>Hitter, Holland, Whight</i> | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | W 3-1 | Att 460 |
| TUE 11 | CHERTSEY TOWN<br><i>Brown, Holland</i>                        | A | 7.45PM | VELOCITY CUP 2 <sup>ND</sup> | L 2-0 | Att 203 |
| SAT 15 | GRAYS ATHLETIC<br><i>Hitter, Holland</i>                      | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | L 3-2 | Att 309 |
| SAT 22 | <b>HASHTAG UNITED</b><br><i>Brown, Clarke, Warren, Hitter</i> | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | L 4-0 | Att 658 |
| TUE 25 | AFC SUDBURY   | A | 7.45PM | LEAGUE                       | W 1-0 | Att 320 |
| SAT 29 | <b>GREAT WAKERING ROVERS</b><br><i>Hitter, Clarke</i>         | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | W 2-1 | Att 334 |

## NOVEMBER

|        |   |   |        |                              |       |         |
|--------|---|---|--------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| TUE 08 | <b>ENFIELD TOWN</b><br><i>Ford</i>      | H | 7.45PM | VELOCITY CUP 3 <sup>RD</sup> | L 2-1 | Att 209 |
| SAT 12 | <b>TILBURY</b><br><i>Ford, Warren</i>   | H | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | W 2-1 | Att 329 |
| SAT 19 | HULLBRIDGE SPORTS<br><i>Brown, Ford</i> | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | W 2-1 | Att 148 |
| SAT 26 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS<br><i>Whight</i>       | A | 3PM    | LEAGUE                       | L 2-1 | Att 343 |

## DECEMBER

|               |  |          |            |               |              |                |
|---------------|--|----------|------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>SAT 03</b> | <b>WITHAM TOWN</b><br><i>Aitkens, Hitter, Whight 2</i> | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>W 4-1</b> | <b>Att 364</b> |
| <b>TUE 27</b> | <b>COGGESHALL TOWN</b><br><i>Warren</i>                | <b>H</b> | <b>1PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>D 1-1</b> | <b>Att 464</b> |

## JANUARY

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| <b>MON 02</b> | <b>STOWMARKET TOWN</b><br><i>Warren, Canfer, Whight</i> | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>W 3-2</b> | <b>Att 516</b> |
| <b>SAT 07</b> | <b>BRENTWOOD TOWN</b><br><i>Clarke, Hitter</i>          | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>W 2-0</b> | <b>Att 310</b> |
| <b>SAT 28</b> | <b>TILBURY</b><br><i>Brown, Clarke, Harrison</i>        | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>W 3-1</b> | <b>Att 170</b> |
| <b>TUE 31</b> | <b>BURY TOWN</b><br><i>Holland</i>                      | <b>H</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>L 2-1</b> | <b>Att 404</b> |

## FEBRUARY

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| <b>SAT 04</b> | <b>HULLBRIDGE SPORTS</b><br><i>Clarke, Whight</i>                       | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>W 2-1</b> | <b>Att 411</b> |
| <b>TUE 07</b> | <b>EAST THURROCK UNITED</b><br><i>Ottley-Gooch, Canfer</i>              | <b>A</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>D 2-2</b> | <b>Att 198</b> |
| <b>SAT 11</b> | <b>GREAT WAKERING ROVERS</b><br><i>Ottley-Gooch, Hitter (2), Canfer</i> | <b>H</b> | <b>2PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>W 4-0</b> | <b>Att 105</b> |
| <b>TUE 14</b> | <b>AFC SUDBURY</b><br><i>Hitter</i>                                     | <b>H</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>L 2-1</b> | <b>Att 434</b> |
| <b>SAT 18</b> | <b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b><br><i>Hitter (2)</i>                        | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>W 2-1</b> | <b>Att 229</b> |
| <b>TUE 21</b> | <b>NEEDHAM MARKET</b>   | <b>A</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>SFAPCUP 2<sup>ND</sup> R</b> | <b>L 5-0</b> | <b>Att 166</b> |
| <b>SAT 25</b> | <b>WROXHAM</b><br><i>Holland, Ford</i>                                  | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b>                   | <b>W 2-1</b> | <b>Att 363</b> |

## MARCH

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| <b>SAT 04</b> | <b>NEW SALAMIS</b><br><i>Whight, Fennell, Ford</i> | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> | <b>L4-3</b> | <b>Att 127</b> |
| <b>TUE 07</b> | <b>LOWESTOFT TOWN</b>                              | <b>H</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |             |                |
| <b>SAT 11</b> | <b>GRAYS ATHLETIC</b>                              | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> |             |                |
| <b>SAT 18</b> | <b>HASHTAG UNITED</b>                              | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> |             |                |
| <b>TUE 21</b> | <b>GORLESTON</b>                                   | <b>A</b> | <b>7.45PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |             |                |
| <b>SAT 25</b> | <b>BASILDON UNITED</b>                             | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b>    | <b>LEAGUE</b> |             |                |

## APRIL

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| <b>SAT 01</b> | <b>EAST THURROCK UNITED</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |  |  |
| <b>SAT 08</b> | <b>BURY TOWN</b>            | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |  |  |
| <b>MON 10</b> | <b>STOWMARKET TOWN</b>      | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |  |  |
| <b>SAT 15</b> | <b>WITHAM TOWN</b>          | <b>A</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |  |  |
| <b>SAT 22</b> | <b>HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS</b>     | <b>H</b> | <b>3PM</b> | <b>LEAGUE</b> |  |  |



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# PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

BY IAN TOWNSEND, TAKEN FROM WWW.ISTHMIAN.CO.UK

Leaders **Hashtag United** travelled to **Tilbury** looking to cement their NINETEENTH consecutive win and make the Dockers plight in the bottom four worse still – and they had the match won by half time, at which point they were four goals ahead and out of sight. Indeed they had the game won after less than half of the first half, Jermaine Francis on fifteen minutes, Pedro Carvalho on nineteen and Olly Miles on twenty two putting them three-nil up. Miles made it four, six minutes prior to half time, and soon after the restart Francis got his second of the afternoon to make it five. Chris Millar gave the Dockers faithful something to shout about, albeit quietly, pulling a goal back on the hour, but that just provoked the Tags to add a sixth, Nathan Smith with that one. Smith made it seven ten minutes from time, and right at the end Francis got his hat trick with an EIGHTH for the Tags.

**AFC Sudbury** look to be the only side with any hope of catching the Tags, and with striker Nnamdi Nwachuku in their ranks will believe they have a chance. He managed a hat trick in the fourteen minutes before the break against **Hullbridge Sports**, starting with a penalty and quickly adding two more, taking his tally for the campaign to THIRTY EIGHT. That turned out to be that, the Yellows staying second, seven points behind the leaders.

Another side to have their match won by half time were third place **Lowestoft Town**, who travelled to relegation fighters **Coggeshall Town**. It's been up and up for the Seed Growers

in the last few weeks, but it was all downwards in the first half against the Trawler Boys, Sam Johnson's opener on fourteen minutes followed by a red card for the hosts Pat Ahern. Kyle Haylock made it two-nil just before the half hour, and Jake Reed added the third with half time on the horizon. Darnell Kithambo struck back for the ten men ten minutes after the restart, but that was no more than a consolation, and the Seed Growers are now seven points from safety.

**Heybridge Swifts**, in fifth place at kick off, travelled to a fast-improving **Gorleston** and found themselves two behind at the break, Connor Ingram and Jacek Zielonka with the goals for the Greens. The visitors made a game of it when Quba Gordon got one back with twenty five minutes remaining, but with the next goal all-important it went to the hosts, Ross Gilfedder with a third with only eight minutes left. The Greens open up a five point gap over the bottom four.

**Wroxham** and **Grays Athletic**, both in good form as the Essex side arrived on the Norfolk Broads, couldn't manage a goal between them in the first half. Another forty minutes went by goalless, and then a penalty to Athletic was converted by Sam Bantick and right at the end the visitors got another, Damani Hunter making it two and ensuring that his side ended the day in the top five.

Five without a win and hoping to get their promotion chances back on track, **Stowmarket**

**Town** travelled to **East Thurrock United** and went ahead just after a quarter of an hour, Alfie Cutbush cutting through the Rocks defence. Harry Hope delivered an equaliser right at the end, but there was still time for a winner, and it went to the visitors, Luke Upson sealing three points for Stow.

Seven unbeaten, **Brentwood Town** travelled to **Maldon & Tiptree** looking to make it eight – and two early goals from Solomon Ogunwomoju and Flavio Jumo meant they looked comfortable with only a quarter of an hour gone. That turned out to be that, and the Blues are tenth, the Jammers down in fourteenth after a run of only one win from their last eight.

Managerless **Bury Town**, who hadn't scored in six matches, managed a goal in twelve minutes of their clash at **Basildon United** – but sadly for the travelling faithful it was at the wrong end. The Bees doubled their advantage by scoring one themselves, Michael Salako making it two just after the half hour, but the visitors finally managed a goal of their own with twenty three minutes remaining, Cemal Ramadan making a game of it. It mattered little, Anisius Lewis soon adding a third for the Bees, who are now thirteen points clear of the bottom four and have surely put any relegation fears behind them after a third consecutive win.

**Witham Town** welcomed a **Great Wakering Rovers** side who were without a win since October 8th. Witham's man of the moment, Michael Bareck, got his fifth goal in six matches to give his side an early lead, but Rovers struck back and were ahead at the break, Jacob Bland and Perry Dunn giving them hope. Rovers wait for a win looked as if it would have to go on even longer, however, as Rash Salau grabbed an equaliser with six minutes left, only five minutes after entering from the bench. Liam Whipps was then dismissed for the hosts, and perhaps that proved critical, as Warren Keyembe came on from the bench and immediately converted a penalty to give Wakering a crucial win. Tey stay bottom, but seven points from safety.



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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

THE BEAUTY of Non-League football – and indeed this job at The NLP – is the vast array of characters it brings together.

Preston Edwards has long become one of my favourite players to interview. From his England C debut against Portugal in 2011, to later captaining the Three Lions and winning five promotions down the years, we've talked about the lot over the last decade – even his transition from the full-time game into becoming a maths teacher.

Edwards won the Isthmian Premier play-offs with Cheshunt last season to add to his successes with Dover, Ebbsfleet (twice) and Dulwich Hamlet.

Non-League footballers may not command the largest headlines – although Edwards was one famously sent off after just ten seconds playing for Ebbsfleet against Farnborough – but they stand on a unique platform where they can really make an impact.

Our most recent chat was hardly anything to do with the ups and downs of the beautiful game. Instead it was about Edwards' determination to raise awareness of autism.

On April 23, he's running the London Marathon to raise money for the National Autistic Society, a charity close to his heart.

Edwards' four-year-old son Rios has been diagnosed with autism and the Ambers stopper wants to help improve people's understanding and perceptions.

"My son is autistic – the media portrays autism that they are either really smart or they can't operate properly and people don't really know what autism means where they are kind of in the middle," Edwards tells The NLP. "My son is not extremely bright and he doesn't have things like a speech delay.

"It's just that he struggles to understand some things and socially he's awkward. I want to spread more awareness and create that inclusive environment.

"There is nothing worse than seeing people left out just for the way they are born rather

than the person they actually are.

"My son is obviously the best thing that's ever happened to me. I just want the best for him."

He continues: "People don't understand the challenges parents have to go through with an autistic child. My son has to have a very set routine every single day. If something is not in his routine, it messes up his whole day.

"People don't understand that change. It has humbled me in a sense. I've had to adapt as a parent. In my head when he was born I was like, 'Right, he's going to be a footballer'.

"But you now realise that the most important thing for myself and my wife is he is independent in life. He's able to do things himself and be the best version for him."

Edwards believes there are many misconceptions around autism. Since Rios' diagnoses, he has learnt as much as he can about the lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world and even become autism coordinator at the school where he is a maths teacher.

And it's why he wants to raise money by taking on one of the world's greatest marathons. "The National Autistic Society are the biggest autism awareness group in the country," he says.

"They do lots of things, they come to my school and make our children really aware of it. They are very good with the students. It's trying to place that in other educational groups and adults as well, because adults are not really aware.

"For example, if I go to a park, my son sometimes doesn't have the understanding where the sense of danger is. They feel they need to move their child away because he's dangerous. But he's not. He's just loud.

"Listen I understand. It's your son or daughter. But they're not dangerous. They are human beings."

**By Matt Badcock**, Editor-at-large

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# PLAYING FOR THE ENEMY

BY MARTYN GREEN, THE UNTOLD GAME

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Johan Cruyff was perhaps the most influential footballer of the twentieth century. His playing career, taking on a talismanic role for both Ajax and Barcelona, and the Dutch national team, saw the development of Total Football, from which possession football became the standard, beating the previously unstoppable Italian catenaccio. As a manager of the same clubs, he developed his style yet further, ingraining it into the young players at both clubs, including a fascinated Pep Guardiola. But lesser known about the enigmatic genius is his time playing for the enemy. With his second spell in Amsterdam coming to an end, but not willing to call time on his playing career, Cruyff made the move no Ajax fan could countenance; he moved to arch-rivals Feyenoord.

Johan Cruyff was on a high in the summer of 1983. Heading into the swansong of a glittering career, he had just helped his boyhood club to a league and cup double, and was looking forward to a final farewell

season to round off his time on the pitch. After leaving for Barcelona a decade earlier, and having spent a few years bouncing around the United States, he was home, and he was settled. It was something of a shock, then, when the club informed him that they no longer had a place for him. He had served his purpose, he had won them everything they wanted, and he was being put out to pasture.

At least, that's what his employers in Amsterdam thought. Cruyff was never one to go along with anybody else's plan. He had missed the 1978 World Cup, which the Netherlands had been huge favourites to win, with rumours that he refused to play in front of the Argentinian military junta. Without him, they lost the final to the hosts. With him, who knows what might have been. So, when his club, for whom he was a legend, for whom he had won everything up to and including the European Cup, tried to end his career early, he moved 35 miles to Rotterdam, and signed for their biggest rivals.

Feyenoord were not the same team that had won the European Cup in 1970. Ajax had far surpassed them, and the likes of PSV and AZ Alkmaar were threatening their position, while they spent the first years of the 1980s recording mid-table positions. Not that this encouraged fans, or the staff, that Cruyff should be joining. The press conference announcing the signing was a tepid affair, with Cruyff, his new manager, and the chairman all looking like they wondered if it was a mistake. The Feyenoord supporters certainly believed so, providing the hostile atmosphere at De Kuip







that Cruyff had become used to as an Ajax player, when he ran out as a home player for the first time. 'Feyenoord Forever, Cruyff Never' read the banner some fans hung, and that was on the softer side of the abuse he received.

The way to win fans over, as Cruyff well knew, was playing well. Feyenoord started the season on fire, winning five of their first six games, as Cruyff got to know his new teammates, including a 21 year old Ruud Gullit. It was another shock, then, when they went to Amsterdam. A hostile atmosphere, with a game marred by crowd trouble, saw the hosts run out massive 8-2 winners. But Cruyff was tenacious, and he carried a grudge. He used the defeat as motivation, as Feyenoord responded with a 15 game unbeaten spell. They slipped to defeat against Groningen, not long before the return fixture against their nemeses.

Ajax travelled to De Kuip still hopeful that another win could derail Feyenoord's title bid. But this time, things were different. An early

goal from Gullit, and then a lovely finish by Cruyff, set the league leaders on their way. Ajax couldn't get near them, and fell to a 4-1 defeat. Feyenoord wouldn't lose again to the end of the season, wrapping up the title. Just to add the icing to the cake, Cruyff also led his team through the ponderous rounds for the Dutch Cup. Having won the double with Ajax, and been told that his time with the club was over, he led their faltering arch-rivals to the same achievement. And then, on his own terms, he left the field of play. His influence and his legacy have continued for the forty years since, but his playing days were over.

Enjoy the game.



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PITCHING IN Isthmian North League  
Tuesday 7th March, 7.45pm



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**Assistant Manager:** Andy Crump

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| yellow     | Noel <b>Aitkens</b>         |
| yellow     | Henry <b>Barley</b>         |
| yellow     | Callum <b>Bennett</b>       |
| yellow     | Harry <b>Blackburn</b>      |
| yellow     | Zak <b>Brown</b>            |
| yellow     | George <b>Clarke</b>        |
| yellow     | Ollie <b>Canfer</b>         |
| yellow     | Andy <b>Fennell</b>         |
| yellow     | Sam <b>Ford</b>             |
| yellow     | Milo <b>Grimes</b>          |
| yellow     | Callum <b>Harrison</b>      |
| yellow     | Andre <b>Hasanally</b>      |
| yellow     | Josh <b>Hitter</b>          |
| yellow     | Billy <b>Holland (C)</b>    |
| yellow     | Lamel <b>Howell</b>         |
| yellow     | Harry <b>Knock</b>          |
| yellow     | Leon <b>Ottley-Gooch</b>    |
| yellow     | Rory <b>Porter</b>          |
| yellow     | Callum <b>Robinson (GK)</b> |
| yellow     | Charlie <b>Warren</b>       |
| yellow     | Joe <b>Whight</b>           |

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## Lowestoft Town FC

**Manager:** Jamie Godbold

**Assistant Manager:** Adam Gusterson

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| yellow     | Robert <b>Eagle</b>    |
| yellow     | Josh <b>Harvey</b>     |
| yellow     | Kyle <b>Haylock</b>    |
| yellow     | Chris <b>Henderson</b> |
| yellow     | David <b>Hinton</b>    |
| yellow     | Adam <b>Hipperson</b>  |
| yellow     | Luke <b>Holt</b>       |
| yellow     | Sam <b>Johnson</b>     |
| yellow     | Owen <b>Lane</b>       |
| yellow     | Rhys <b>Logan</b>      |
| yellow     | Louis <b>Mcintosh</b>  |
| yellow     | Owen <b>Murphy</b>     |
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