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TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023, 7.45PM  
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

# CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



## **Good evening to one and all and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for tonight's rearranged Isthmian League North clash against Wroxham.**

A warm welcome to all the Wroxham players, officials and supporters, I hope your stay with us a somewhat more enjoyable than it was three weeks ago and wish you all a safe journey home later.

As most of you will know this fixture was abandoned back on 21st October following a very bad injury sustained by Wroxham's Haydn Davis. I am sure everyone here tonight will be wishing Haydn a speedy recovery and also give generously to the bucket collection tonight as all proceeds will go to Haydn together with FWUFC's very best wishes.

We've now played 4 games since then and scored an amazing 15 goals in the process of 4 straight victories. I believe that is some 60 goals scored by the lads before the middle of November, absolutely fantastic! If recent form doesn't start bringing the crowds in then I don't know what will!

It is certainly a great time to be following and supporting the lads, and although I missed Saturday's great win away at Heybridge, the last time out at the AGL was probably one of the most dominate displays I have witnessed for many a year, especially up front when we made chance after chance and could well have scored more than the 5, with Callum Harrison leading the way with hat-trick before following up with another two at Heybridge. I was also delighted to hear that Sam Ford has put pen to paper with a very well-deserved contract. Sam has been in exceptional form this season and it was a no brainer to get him signed up following interest in him from clubs elsewhere.



I am sure Sam won't be the last of our players in demand this season and our resolve may be well tested again as we try to keep what is probably the Seasiders best ever squad together for the season and hopefully beyond at who knows what level! Boards, AC and their coaching team are doing an amazing job, they are all an absolute delight to work with, chat with and bring discipline, professionalism and organisation to the club, whilst maintaining a tremendous spirit and comradery amongst all the players.

Off the pitch, I was so sorry our troublesome drainage issues prevented us



hosting the under 16's last Friday in a game that I know would have meant the world to them under the lights in front of a large crowd. I am determined to give them this experience before the season is over and also hope we can learn from the experience by fixing a couple of dates each season in more

favourable conditions near the start and end of each season to help give the boys at least one memorable experience before they move up to youth and mens football. My sincere apologies to all those that were affected by the postponement - oh for a drainage system or a new all-weather pitch.

Congratulations, not only to Boards for his recent Isthmian North Manager of the Month award, but also to Director of Football Kevin O'Donnell for completing the New York Marathon, raising money for such a great cause.

Enjoy the game tonight, and please keep an eye open for the clubs Christmas Draw tickets on sale at the bar - what a great Christmas could be had with £500.00 cash!

Best Wishes  
Tony

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# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



## Not many people know this...

Pike! ... No, not the one from 'Dads Army', but those big wriggly fish you get on the Norfolk Broads at Wroxham.

It's what I'm reminded of each time Wroxham appear on the League fixture - my annual trip with my brothers to go pike fishing on Wroxham Broads for a week.

When people ask what it is that I like about fishing, I have to be truthful and say... "If I could think of a million things to do, fishing would be 1,000,001!"

But hey, four brothers spread far & wide, gathering in one place for a week, what's not to like! One loves fishing, one loves photography (that's me) & two come along for the 'Thrill!'

Oddly, in all the years we have made the trip, Wroxham have never had a midweek home game - we all like football, but I am the only one who has visited Trafford Park.

Oh Yes - and just to prove we do actually do some fishing, here are two of them pretending they didn't buy this at the local fish shop!



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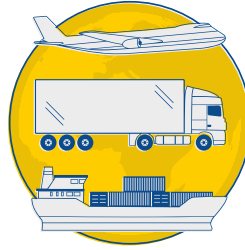
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# GOALSCORER STATS

C. Harrison 

C. Warren 

S. Ford 

J. Mayhew 

J. Hitter 

B. Holland 

N. Aitkens 

Z. Brown 

H. Barley 

J. Whight 

J. Ainsley 

T. Bullard 

L. Ottley-Gooch 



# TONIGHT'S MASCOT

Kasper will be leading the boys out tonight as Mascot. Kasper has followed us everywhere this season, even leaving one of his junior games early to make the team bus. We are so pleased to have you with us tonight, Kasper, and we hope the boys can give you the perfect belated birthday result!



## DIG DEEP FOR HAYDN

As most of you will know, during the opening minutes of our Isthmian League match against Wroxham last month, Wroxham midfield player Haydn Davis sustained a very serious leg and ankle injury. The game stopped as Haydn was treated on the pitch, and the game was abandoned by the referee. Haydn suffered a tibia fibula double fracture, a dislocated ankle and ligament damage. He has since had an operation and is getting by on crutches as his leg is heavily protected.

Haydn is an electrician and his injuries mean that he is unable to drive or return to work for some time.

We would like to do what we can to offer our support to Haydn during this difficult time, and we will be offering free admission to the rearranged game with a collection in place with all proceeds going to Haydn.

We know what generous fans we have at this club and would be grateful for any contribution you are able to offer.

We wish you all the best Haydn, from everyone at Felixstowe & Walton Football United Club.

# MATCH PHOTOS

PHOTOS  
BY THOMAS  
BRADFORD

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH  
**Felixstowe & Walton Utd 5  
Enfield 1**

The opening ten minutes were short of quality although it was Felixstowe making all the efforts to attack from the off. The Seaside's haven't been short of goals this season and they took just 12 minutes to open the scoring,

**Callum Harrison** dancing his way past two defenders in the box before slotting home. **Charlie Warren** extended the lead on 29 minutes with a cool finish. Felixstowe made sure of the points early on in the second half with two goals in two minutes, **Harrison** striking through the keeper and **Sam Ford's** blistering finish from an angle. **Harrison** completed his hat trick on 68 minutes from the penalty spot after Warren was felled in the box. Joshua Bardouleau scored an 86th minute consolation for the visitors who looked short on ideas for long periods but to their credit never gave up and could have had another late on as the ball ran along the goal line.



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1	Lowestoft Town	11	9	1	1	30	9	+21	28
<b>2</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>27</b>
3	Maldon & Tiptree	12	6	2	4	27	21	+6	20
4	Basildon United	11	6	2	3	23	17	+6	20
5	Walthamstow	10	5	4	1	16	10	+6	19
6	Brightlingsea Regent	11	6	1	4	23	20	+3	19
7	Brentwood Town	10	5	2	3	15	10	+5	17
8	Bowers & Pitsea	11	5	1	5	18	15	+3	16
9	Heybridge Swifts	10	5	1	4	16	17	-1	16
10	Gorleston	10	4	2	4	16	12	+4	14
11	Ipswich Wanderers	11	4	1	6	11	16	-5	13
12	Redbridge	12	3	4	5	22	28	-6	13
<b>13</b>	<b>Wroxham</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>12</b>
14	Bury Town	10	3	3	4	16	18	-2	12
15	Enfield	11	3	1	7	14	27	-13	10
16	New Salamis	9	2	3	4	17	21	-4	9
17	Witham Town	11	1	5	5	6	19	-13	8
18	Grays Athletic	11	0	5	6	11	23	-12	5
19	Stowmarket Town	10	0	2	8	11	31	-20	2

LAST UPDATED: SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 17:00:00



## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

### TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Bury Town v Basildon Utd  
 Felixstowe & Walton Utd v Wroxham  
 Lowestoft v Walthamstow

### WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

New Salamis v Heybridge Swifts



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# OUR SQUAD

Introducing the Felixstowe & Walton United playing squad and management team of 2023/2024.



## **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.



## **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.



## **DANNY POTTER** GOALKEEPER COACH

A former pro footballer/TV star, Danny was cast into the Sky TV programme 'Dream Team' where he played for the fictional team Harchester United. Danny boasts clubs such as Torquay, Colchester and Cambridge as former employers. Recently appointed as Goalkeeper Coach, Danny brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and professionalism to Stuart's management team.



## **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.



## **CHARLOTTE LONG** SPORTS THERAPIST

Charlotte graduated from the University of Worcester in 2014 with a BSc (Hons) in Sports Therapy. She had previously worked with Leiston FC before joining the Seaside's in 2019. Her main focus is overseeing the recovery programmes of injured players through her private practice.



## **DOUG FRENCH** **KIT MAN**

Doug started his career in 1986 and played for East Anglian Customs, Walton United, Felixstowe United and Tattingsstone, breaking his leg four times in the process. Whilst playing for Ipswich Wanderers vets, Doug finally hung up his boots. Having found his vocation in washing players dirty pants, Doug is excited for a new challenge with the Seaside.



## **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.



## **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.



## **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.



## **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.



## **JACK AINSLEY** **DEFENDER**

Rejoins from Stowmarket. Jack played professionally for ITFC after coming through their academy and went on to make 4 appearances playing under Roy Keane. Jack went on to have spells at Step 3 Lowestoft and Leiston but finds himself back at the Seaside where many describe him as a "Rolls Royce" type of player who can play in any position for the team.



## **TOM BULLARD** **DEFENDER**

Another who joins us from Stowmarket. 'Bully' has experience across Step 3 and 4 with long and successful spells as captain at both Leiston and Bury Town. Tom is a serial winner who's experience, defensive qualities and leadership skills will add to an already impressive back line.



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

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



## **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.



## **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!



## **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.



## **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.





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

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



## **IVAN COSTA** **MIDFIELDER**

Promoted into the first team squad from our Academy after a strong pre-season. Ivan is an industrious central midfielder player whose work ethic and attitude is second to none.



## **KUBI KUSSAN** **MIDFIELDER**

Another young player promoted to the first team squad from our Academy. Kubi is a technically gifted midfielder player who enjoys moving with the ball. He has an edge to his game that has impressed the management throughout pre-season.



## **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.



## **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.



## **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.



## 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 clubs No. 9.



## 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.



## JOSH MAYHEW FORWARD

Josh joins us from promotion winners AFC Sudbury. An experienced front man who has been prolific at Step 4 and 5 with an impressive spell at Stowmarket yielding 136 goals in 173 games. Josh's physical presence will bring a focal point to our attack as well as a being natural finisher who is a proven goalscorer at this level.

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PHOTOS  
BY STEFAN  
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## WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP QF Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2 Hadleigh United 1

The Seasiders leave it late but secure their place in the Suffolk Premier Cup semifinals with a last minute free kick from **Charlie Warren**. **Josh Hitter** opened the scoring before Carlos Edwards equalised from the spot in a game that Felixstowe dominated but found an away side that defended for their lives. Commiserations to Hadleigh and good luck for the rest of the season.



## HOW WE LINED UP

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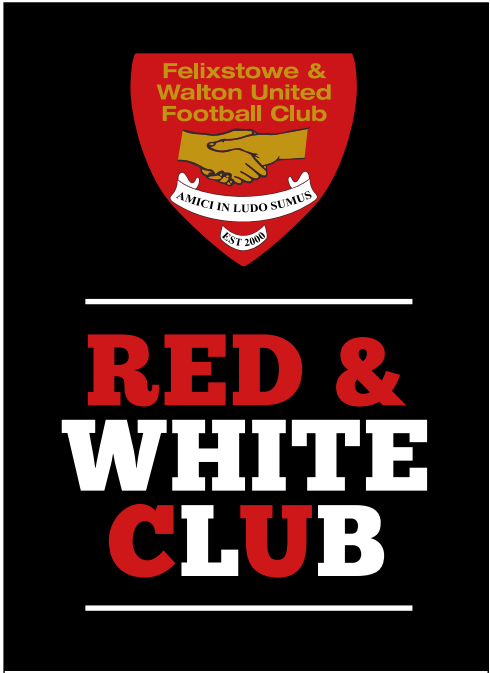


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# THE OTHER SIDE WROXHAM FC

Wroxham FC were established in 1892 by GE Preston, a former captain of the Norfolk County team, and initially played on Wroxham Park. The club played friendly matches until joining the East Norfolk League and the Norwich City Junior League. In 1935 they joined the East Anglian League, before dropping down to the Norwich and District League in the 1950s, a time during which they suffered a record 24-0 defeat.

In 1963 the club became founder members of the Anglian Combination. A successful spell during the mid-1970s saw the club rise through the divisions. In 1975 the club won its first major trophy, the Norfolk Junior Cup. The following season they won Division Two, and the season after, Division One. In 1981 the club won the Knock-Out Cup, and in 1981-82 they won the Premier Division, retaining the title in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85, also winning the knock-out cup in 1983 and 1985. They did another league and cup double in 1986-87.

In 1988 the club joined the newly formed Division One of the Eastern Counties League. They won the division in their first season, beating Halstead Town to the title on goal difference. After finishing twelfth in their first season in the Premier Division, the club have never finished lower than eighth. They won the title with a record 99 points in 1991-92, before beating their own record with 100 points and another title the following season, the club's centenary, in which they also won the League Cup and the Norfolk Senior Cup. In 1993-94 they won a third consecutive title. After a gap of two seasons, the club won the Premier Division again with 109 points in 1996-97, also winning the Senior Cup again. They retained the title and the Senior Cup in 1997-98, before winning the League for a third time in a row in 1998-99.

Wroxham won the Norfolk Senior Cup again in 2000, 2002, 2004, the Premier Division

in 2006-07, and the Senior Cup again in 2008. In 2009-10 the club reached the final of the FA Vase but lost 6-1 to holders Whitley Bay. In 2015, in a thrilling Norfolk Senior Cup Final, they beat local rivals Dereham Town 3-2 after extra time.

Since the club was formed, Wroxham F.C. have played at several venues. The first was just off Norwich Road and subsequent grounds were at The Avenue and Keys Hill. The Avenue ground has now reverted to agricultural use, whilst the others have been built upon.

Around the time of World War II, Wroxham moved to their current ground, Trafford Park, a field close to the railway line in Skinners Lane. The club took with them an old timber pavilion that was erected and used as a primitive clubhouse. Fifteen years later this was replaced by prefabricated buildings, which were themselves flattened to make way for a new permanent clubhouse that was opened in 1994.

The current main stand, the Les King Stand, was built in 1990, replacing an earlier structure that had stood on the same site for around 10 years. The capacity at Trafford Park is 2,000 but the record attendance to date is 1,262 for the FA Vase semi-final against Whitehawk in 2010.

Wroxham finally took the opportunity to take promotion to Step 4 joining the Isthmian Division 1 North in season 2012/13 and played for 5 seasons with mixed fortunes.

After a disappointing 2016-17 season, The Yachtsmen returned to Step 5 with a new management team of Ross Potter & Tom Parke. After a promising start the team were soon out of the prestigious FA Cup failing for the first time in 22 years to get past the first hurdle. Form dipped around mid-season as the more experienced partnership of Jamie

Goldbold & Andy Reynolds were brought in. While we reached the semi-final of the League Cup, eventually losing to Brantham Athletic, League form remained erratic and we finished 13th in the table. This was the lowest finish we have ever had in the Eastern Counties Premier Division.

Goldbold & Reynolds shocked the club by announcing they would be leaving to join their old club Lowestoft Town. The Board acted quickly by appointing Reserve Manager Jordan Southgate assisted then by ex-Norwich City Hall of Fame player Adam Drury, to take charge. They put together a youthful squad and finished a credible 7th in 2018/19.

Behind the scenes the then Club Chairman Lee Robson did an amazing job developing a Wroxham Juniors section with teams at most age group from U7 to U18. With a strong Academy and U18's we hope to develop players who want to play the Wroxham way for the future. Wroxham saw Women's football for the first time at the Club with an Eastern Region Premier Division team (formerly Acle United) gracing Trafford Park.

2019/20 saw the Yachtsmen finish the truncated campaign in fifth place (although the League subsequently declared all results

void) having hovered around the runner-up spot for much of the season, conceding only 18 goals in 25 matches – a total bettered only by table-topping Stowmarket Town.

However, the Club's major successes of the season came in the FA Vase with a run to the quarter final. Two home attendances of around 1000, against Stowmarket Town in the 5th Round and Bitton AFC in the quarter final, generated much local interest and raised the profile of the Club regionally. Prior to the cessation of all football the Yachtsmen were defeated by Dereham Town in the semi-final of the Norfolk Senior Cup.

The 2020/21 campaign was also curtailed by COVID despite us leading the table with 10 straight wins.

We were not promoted to the Isthmian League until the 2022-23 season, after finishing 2nd to Gorleston we went up as one of the top 10 Step 5 clubs on a Points Per Game analysis by The FA.

After a rocky start to the 2022-23 season, the team soon adjusted to the demands of Isthmian League football and finished in a mid-table position. After consolidating our position in Isthmian League North, we hope to press on during this season.





# PLAYER PROFILES

# WROXHAM FC

**Ollie Sutton** – Club captain and a GK with a big personality on and off the pitch, a superb athlete having played his football at higher levels.

**Travis Dodsworth** – A young Left back who has elevated from the Reserve team when just 16, now, a few years later Travis has looked comfortable, calm and an established part of the squad.

**Harley Black** – Midfielder who has made more than 200 apps for the club, Harley has a great range of passing and has scored a number of goals from excellent free kicks. Forms a strong midfield partnership with Jordan King. A former NCFC Scholar and an integral member of the squad.

**Shaun Taylor** – Midfielder who epitomizes what the football club is about, the former Reserve Captain and Player of the Season who has progressed to be a vital part of the first team, over 200 combined club appearances, Shaun is an energetic player who scores goals as an attacking midfielder.

**Rio Abodunde** – a young player who made outstanding progress last season. Graduated from the Under 18s through the reserves and into the first team for the latter games of the campaign. Has featured as right back/right midfield during close season.

**Ryan Miles** – 2021-22 TNL Golden Boot Winner. Ryan was the Yachtsmen's leading goalscorer again last season in spite of missing a proportion of the season through injury. He was voted Supporters Player of the Year last season.

**Jack Robinson** – versatile player, Jack was brought in from Fakenham. Looking to establish

a regular first team place, and step up to performing at Step 4.

**Jordan King** – Midfielder. A regular alongside Harley Black in centre midfield. Takes pressure off the defence. Neat tidy competitive who can set the tempo for the team and leads by example.

**Tom Huckerby** – A centre back strong in the air but assured on the ground. Missed a large part of the 2022-23 season with a knee injury. Now returning to his pre-injury best.

**Harry Barker** – A youthful fullback who still brings a lot of experience, a former FA Youth cup winner with Norwich City, Harry has played in every league from Step 2 – Step 5, a great addition to the squad.

**Robbie Linford** – Former Dereham and Stowmarket defender / midfielder, Robbie brings a great understanding of the game, wears his heart on his sleeve and will raise the standards of every player in the squad. Players' player of the Year last season.

**Josh Hazell** – Josh is a modern-day CB who has brilliant talent on the ball, his range of passing is something to be admired. Someone the management team were keen to sign for a number of seasons. Manager's player of the season for 22-23.

**Ryan Hawkins** – Hawks doesn't need an introduction in the non-league game, a player with proven stats across a number of leagues from Step 1 – step 4, including back-to-back promotions with Kings Lynn to the national league. A hard working striker.

**Josh Harvey** – joined the club in close season from Lowestoft Town. A striker with

an eye for goal as he has shown in our pre-season fixtures.

**Angus Mackie** – a left sided defender who rejoined the club from Gorleston during close season.

**Joao Angel** – a skillful winger, and a creator of chances, equally at home in the centre of the pitch. Joao joined the club during the close season.

**Haydn Davis** – a recent signing. A left sided midfielder player, Haydn joined the club from near neighbours Norwich United.

**Grant Holt** – A player who needs no introduction. Norwich City's Footballer of the year on three occasions. A player equally at home in attack or defence. Offers invaluable experience.

**Jeorgie Batch** – a young player who operates in midfield, he has been used as a substitute in a number of games already this season Sponsored by Premier Education

**Jordan Forbes** – young player signed at start of the season but just returned from a three month loan spell at Sheringham FC. Now very much part of the match day squad at the Yachtsmen.

**Harvey Peters** – a recent signing. A centre back who arrives at Trafford Park having recently played for Watford FC Under 18s.

**Jordan Southgate** – Manager. Over 200 games managed for the club including guiding the us to promotion back to step 4. Jordan originally elevated through the system as reserve team manager. A former player of the club before early retirement loomed. UEFA qualified coach with maturity beyond his years as one of the youngest managers around at Step 4.

**Matt Halliday** – Assistant Manager – joined the club this season as Jordan's assistant Former player at the club, who played in the same defence as Jordan Southgate.

**Darren (Daz) Plowman-Read** – GK coach. One of the most highly qualified GK coaches in the county, Daz returns to the club after spells in higher Leagues and at the Norwich Academy. A great man with a passion to progress and improve goalkeepers. The perfect coach to steer Ollie in the right direction, as well as bringing through the youngsters!

**Becky Squire** – A fantastic physio and a great part of the dressing room, Becky has brought professional standards and shows passion to ensure the players are at peak condition.



BY GEORGE PURVIS

# MATCH PHOTOS

PHOTOS  
BY THOMAS  
BRADFORD

## SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH **Heybridge Swifts 2 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3**

Felixstowe & Walton United secured a crucial three points at promotion rivals Heybridge Swifts, twice coming from behind to win 3-2 and take their first points at Scraley Road since the step up to level four football. The home side took a 12th minute lead through Rob Harvey but Felixstowe took control of the first half from there and started to create some excellent chances and play some fast attacking football. Callum Harrison struck the right post from distance on 42 minutes and three minutes later did the same to the left post, this time **Charlie Warren** was on hand to slot home the rebound to level things at the break, although there was time for the home side to head against the crossbar as the whistle blew. Heybridge went in front for a second time on 49 minutes



## HOW WE LINED UP

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Jack Ainsley
5. Joe Whight
6. Leon Ottley-Gooch
7. Josh Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Sam Ford
10. Callum Harrison
11. Charlie Warren

## SUBS

12. Kubi Kussan
14. Billy Holland
15. Lamell Howell
16. Ivan Da Costa





with Jack Adlington-Pile firing over Robinson from 22 yards. Felixstowe again fought back and were awarded a penalty on 62 minutes that **Callum Harrison** tucked away. The home side were furious at the admittedly soft penalty challenge decision and completely lost their discipline for a 15 minute spell, resulting in numerous bookings and then a red card for Brampton for pushing over Charlie Warren. The Seasiders kept their composure throughout and deservedly found a winner on 78 minutes, the keeper spilling the ball at the feet of several players, the ball coming out to **Harrison** who fired in the goal that preserves the unbeaten league run and grabbed the vital points.







# FIXTURES 2023/24

## AUGUST

SAT 12	MALDON & TIPTREE <i>Holland, Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 211
SAT 19	WELLINGBOROUGH <i>Ford, Harrison, Holland, Warren</i>	A	3PM	EMIRATES FA CUP	W 4-1	ATT 135
<b>SAT 26</b>	<b>BURY TOWN</b> <i>Ford, Harrison, Hitter</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 3-0</b>	<b>ATT 401</b>
MON 28	STOWMARKET TOWN <i>OG, Ford</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 433

## SEPTEMBER

SAT 2	WOODFORD TOWN <i>Holland, Brown, Hitter, Aitkens</i>	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QR	W 4-1	ATT 225
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>BRENTWOOD TOWN</b> <i>Whight (P), Aitkens</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>ISUZU FA TROPHY</b>	<b>W 2-0</b>	<b>ATT 371</b>
SAT 16	ENFIELD TOWN	A	3PM	FA CUP SECOND QR	L 3-0	
<b>TUE 19</b>	<b>BOWERS &amp; PITSEA</b> <i>Warren, Harrison, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>ISTHMIAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 3-2</b>	<b>ATT 263</b>
<b>SAT 23</b>	<b>HERTFORD TOWN</b> <i>Harrison (2), Holland, J Ainsley, Barley, Mayhew</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>ISUZU FA TROPHY</b>	<b>W 6-3</b>	<b>ATT 225</b>
WED 27	LAKENHEATH <i>Mayhew, Warren (2), Barley</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREM CUP	W 4-1	
SAT 30	BASILDON UNITED <i>Whight, Bullard, Warren, Brown</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-2	ATT 112

## OCTOBER

SAT 7	BILLERICAY <i>Mayhew (2), Ford</i>	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	L 4-3	ATT 527
<b>TUE 10</b>	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b> <i>Mayhew (3), Ottley-Gooch, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 5-3</b>	<b>ATT 402</b>
SAT 14	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 434
<b>TUE 24</b>	<b>REDBRIDGE</b> <i>Warren (2), Ford, Harrison</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 313</b>
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Aitkens, Brown, Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 226

## NOVEMBER

<b>SAT 4</b>	<b>ENFIELD</b> <i>Harrison (3), Warren, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 5-1</b>	<b>ATT 360</b>
<b>WED 8</b>	<b>HADLEIGH UNITED</b> <i>Hitter, Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>SP CUP QF</b>	<b>W2-1</b>	<b>ATT 208</b>
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Warren, Harrison (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 310

**TUE 14 WROXHAM H 7.45PM LEAGUE**

SAT 25 WITHAM TOWN A 3PM LEAGUE

## DECEMBER

**SAT 2 GORLESTON H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 9 NEW SALAMIS A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 16 MALDON & TIPTREE H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 23 IPSWICH WANDERERS A 3PM LEAGUE

SAT 30 BOWERS & PITSEA A 3PM LEAGUE

## JANUARY

**MON 1 STOWMARKET TOWN H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 6 BRENTWOOD TOWN A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 13 LOWESTOFT TOWN H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 20 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 27 BASILDON UNITED H 3PM LEAGUE**

## FEBRUARY

SAT 3 REDBRIDGE A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 10 WALTHMANSTOW H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 17 WROXHAM A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 24 GRAYS ATHLETIC H 3PM LEAGUE**

## MARCH

SAT 2 ENFIELD A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 9 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS H 3PM LEAGUE**

**SAT 16 BRENTWOOD TOWN H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 23 LOWESTOFT TOWN A 3PM LEAGUE

SAT 30 BURY TOWN A 3PM LEAGUE

## APRIL

**MON 1 IPSWICH WANDERERS H 3PM LEAGUE**

**SAT 13 WITHAM TOWN H 3PM LEAGUE**

SAT 20 GORLESTON A 3PM LEAGUE

**SAT 27 NEW SALAMIS H 3PM LEAGUE**

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BY IAN TOWNSEND, TAKEN FROM [WWW.ISTHMIAN.CO.UK](http://WWW.ISTHMIAN.CO.UK)

A point separates Lowestoft and Felixstowe, Maldon and Basildon seven points further back. New Salamis get four, and we've wins for Walthamstow, Brentwood, Bury and Gorleston

**Lowestoft Town** made it five wins in a row and nine from their last ten, with victory at **Wroxham**. It was a victory which saw the Trawler Boys have to wait for an hour to score, and then saw them play for around half an hour with ten men, but it was another three points nonetheless, and left them a point clear at the top. Harvey Sayer was the Town hero, opening the scoring on the hour and adding a second fifteen minutes later, whilst Robert Eagle picked up that red card. Notably, the match saw the end of Jake Reed's scoring streak, the Lowestoft striker having scored in his previous nine matches but with sixteen goals already we're sure it won't be long before he gets another.

**Felixstowe and Walton United** kept up the pressure on Lowestoft with a hard-fought victory at **Heybridge Swifts**. The hosts were twice ahead before the Seasiders took control. First, Rob Harvey opened the scoring after twelve minutes, and, four minutes after Charlie Warren had levelled for the visitors, Jack Adlington-Pile made it two-one to the hosts shortly after the restart. Just after the



IMAGE FROM SHIRLEY WHITLOW

hour a penalty was awarded to the visitors, and Callum Harrison converted it - and the same player got the winner twelve minutes from time. By then Swifts had gone down to ten men, Tyler Brampton departing with twenty minutes to go. Felixstowe remain unbeaten, and that's four wins in a row.

**Maldon & Tiptree** have been in fine form of late, and a fourth win in a row - and a sixth from seven - saw them up to third. The Jammers didn't have the best of starts at **Bowers & Pitsea**, Ben Williamson delighting the Len Salmon faithful after just five minutes, but the Jammers turned the match on its head in the least twenty one minutes. First, George Smith levelled, and then a minute later Terrell Egbri put them ahead. With four minutes left on the clock Harry Phillips added a third, but



a penalty from Williamson gave Bowers hope with only two minutes left. That hope remained unfulfilled.

**Basildon United** are fourth, after a draw at **Grays Athletic** on Friday night. Kyle Jude gave the Bees the lead on seventeen minutes, but Athletic earned a point, Charlie Stimson equalising just after the break. Athletic are still looking for their first win.

**Walthamstow** won at **Redbridge** by the odd goal in five. That's a closer margin than expected after Stow went two up in the first half - George Ironton and Adalberto Pinto- and then added a third on the hour, Ollie Sotoyinbo on his latest debut. In the last two minutes the Motormen finally made a fight of it, Oscar Shelvey-Negus getting a goal back, Lewis Clark adding another - but there was no time for an equaliser. Stow are fifth.

**Brightlingsea Regent** slip out of the top five after defeat by an impressive **New Salamis** side at Coles Park. The hosts saw Thomas Avgoustidis give them the lead on twelve minutes, and they doubled it six minutes later, Albert Add with his first of the campaign. Former home hero Derek Asamoah moved to Regent only recently, so he most certainly knew the way to the dressing room when he picked up a red card just after the half hour, and his former side quickly took advantage, Ibrahim Kemidide making it three. Twelve minutes after the break a fourth arrived,

Avgoustidis with his second of the afternoon, although the ten men made the scoreline more respectable in the last fifteen minutes, Bradley Russell and Charles Brown-Bampoe bringing it back to four-two.

A goal in each half saw **Brentwood Town** win at **Enfield**. Matt Cripps opened the scoring after fourteen minutes, and the hosts resistance was broken again with twenty two minutes left, Mekhi McKenzie making it two. Town are up to seventh, two points away from the top five after a run which has brought only one defeat from eight matches.

**Gorleston** ended **Ipswich Wanderers** five match unbeaten run in Great Yarmouth. The Greens took the lead eleven minutes before half time through Ryan Curtis - his sixth of the season - and they made sure just before the hour, Joe Jefford making it two-nil. The Greens go ahead of their visitors, up into tenth place.

Three first half goals saw **Bury Town** put a three match losing win behind them against **Witham Town**. Luke Brown was the chief architect of victory, scoring after ten and twenty three minutes, the second a penalty and Ed Upson ended a fine first thirty six minutes with a third. That was that, the hosts climbing to fourteenth - the visitors seeing their winless run extending to six matches.

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At the end of the Second World War, with much of Germany reduced to rubble and global politics shaping continental Europe in ways that would define the second half of the twentieth century, football was a minor concern. But, amongst the chaos and the disorganisation, with the former Reich being carved up amongst the victorious allied powers, was the odd case of Saarland. While East Germany fell under Soviet control, and West Germany was divided between Britain, France, and the United States, the Saar stood out. West of Kaiserslautern, right on the French border, and under French control until 1935, it had been a bit of an early refuge from Nazi terror before the war, and once again fell under French control, with the aim of detaching it from the German state.

For sport, this was complicated. Saarland competed as an independent state in the 1952 Olympics, and in qualification for the 1954

World Cup (where they lost out on a place to eventual champions West Germany). Domestic football was cut off from Germany as well, having its own incredibly weak, largely propagandised puppet league set up. But local giants Saarbrücken had competed at the top of the German game right up until 1943 (when they subsumed into the military) and had won the postwar regional league in 1946. When the Saarland Ehrenliga was set up in 1948, they were too strong and instead placed in the French second division.

There is some confusion as to what happened next. Most reports say they competed for the French Second Division title, but UEFA's official account is a little different. While Saarbrücken would indeed spend the following season playing French teams, they were unable to collect points and were essentially playing a series of competitive friendlies. What isn't in doubt is the quality of the former German side. Whether or not they were awarded points, they racked up enough wins to have won the league at a canter, much to the annoyance of their French counterparts who, understandably, didn't enjoy being beaten by what they saw as a German team, so soon after the German occupation of France had ended.

With such dominance, it was only natural for Saarbrücken to apply to join the French First Division, with the support of French Football Federation President Jules Rimet, but there were some obvious problems. The anti-German sentiment was stronger in France than

anywhere else west of the Iron Curtain, and nobody wanted to reward them for success with a promotion. Strasbourg in particular, who had been forced to play in the German league under the Nazi occupation, were vehemently opposed to Saarbrücken in the same league as them. Additionally, nobody in France wanted to run the risk of German champions in their own league. The application was denied, and Saarbrücken withdrew from the French league altogether. Rimet resigned.

Instead, Saarbrücken embarked on a series of friendly games, including setting up the Saarland International Cup in 1949. Seen by some as a precursor to the European Cup that would follow a few years later, the first edition included teams from all around central Europe, and a number of French teams. Saarbrücken won the competition, seeing off French side Rennes in the final, but interest in the cup diminished in the second season. Jules Rimet's Red Star, the small Parisian side, joined the 23 team competition, but it was made up mostly of German sides. This would prove a sign of things to come, and the cup was never completed as it was agreed that Saarland's football system would be reintegrated into West Germany's in 1952.

Which should, really, have brought an end to the curious case of Saarbrücken. Back in the German leagues, and with Saarland increasingly pushing toward rejoining West Germany politically as well as in footballing

terms. But the Saar wouldn't achieve that goal until 1957, after rejecting an offer of complete independence. That meant, as an independent protectorate with its own UEFA membership, there was still time for Saarbrücken to sneak into the first ever European Cup.

Travelling to an impressive Milan side in the first round, a Milan side containing superstars like Gunnar Nordahl and Nils Liedholm, nobody gave Saarbrücken any chance at all. Not that the Saarlanders were overawed by their illustrious opponents. They took the lead after five minutes, before Milan got into their rhythm and scored three before half-time. But Saarbrücken responded like a freight train, scoring three of their own to take a 4-3 lead back to West Germany. Beating Milan a second time would prove a step too far, however, and they lost the second leg 4-1, ending their brief time in the European sun.

Saarbrücken reached the national final on their return to the German football system, losing to Stuttgart, and continued to be a strong presence in their regional league. Upon the creation of the Bundesliga in 1963, they were included; albeit controversially. They finished bottom, and spent the next 30 years bouncing between the divisions, before finally slipping into the fourth tier in 2006. But they will always have France, and Milan, and a curious chapter in the story of postwar football.

**Enjoy the game.**





# MATCHDAY SQUADS

Isthmian League North  
Tuesday 14th November, 7.45 pm



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**Assistant Manager:** Andy Crump

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■ □ □	Callum <b>Harrison</b>
■ □ □	Josh <b>Hitter</b>
■ □ □	Billy <b>Holland (C)</b>
■ □ □	Lamel <b>Howell</b>
■ □ □	Josh <b>Mayhew</b>
■ □ □	Leon <b>Ottley-Gooch</b>
■ □ □	Callum <b>Robinson (GK)</b>
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■ □ □	Joe <b>Whight</b>

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**Physio:** Becky Squire

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■ □ □	Haydn <b>Davis</b>
■ □ □	Travis <b>Dodsworth</b>
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