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THE OFFICIAL 2024/2025 MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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BASILDON UNITED
Sat 7th Sept, 3pm
Isuzu FA Trophy

WROXHAM
Tue 10th Sept, 7.45pm
Isthmian League



FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED FC
JOINT PROGRAMME

VICE CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



Good afternoon and good evening, and a warm welcome to the officials, players, and supporters of both Basildon United and Wroxham FC for this double edition match programme. We hope for two very entertaining games here at The Martello Ground.

If goals are what you're looking for, then any game involving the Seaside's up until now hasn't failed to deliver, with scores of 7, 4, 4, 5, 4, and 6 in each game respectively up until today.

As we embark on our first match in the FA Trophy, we welcome Basildon to town for our first of two meetings in the next 14 days.

Our visitors today have made a perfect start to their league season with an impressive three

wins and a maximum of nine points. Their only defeat in all competitions came against Biggleswade in the FA Cup.

What we mustn't be found guilty of is getting carried away by our recent successes. We need to firmly understand that we must win the wars and battles to earn the right to play our game and impose that on the opposition.

This was very evident in last week's FA Cup game against Leverstock Green. Our opposition worked extremely hard, but the harder they worked, the more the boys upped the intensity of our game and seemed to create chances at will. In all fairness, the game should have been well and truly over in the first half, but at half-time, all we had to show was a 1-0 lead courtesy of Charlie. Onto the second half, and it seemed we could have done without the break when Leverstock pounced on poor defending to draw level—GAME ON!



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Not a chance! The boys just upped the tempo, slipped into overdrive, and went on to a well-deserved 5-1 win, with Charlie netting his second hat-trick of the season. It was well deserved. I was also delighted to see Zak get his goal, which his performance truly merited. I'm really not sure what happened over the close season, but the boy Brown seems to have come back fitter, leaner, hungrier, happier, and looking like the player we all hoped he could be. Long may this continue.

On the playing squad front, when you turn up on a Saturday and see the names on our bench, the opposition must be thinking this could be a long afternoon. It very rarely happens that you look at the subs and think they could all start without weakening the side. Last week, with Hitter, Ainsley, Harrison, Clemons, Mayhew, and Dunne, we had so much experience, quality, and youthful exuberance that it must be the most pleasant of headaches for the management to name a starting eleven. However, with us fading slightly toward the end of last season, this strength in the squad could be the key to our success this season.

Just for your information regarding today's game, there won't be any extra time if it's all square—it'll go straight to the dreaded penalties!

We will then return to league action on

Tuesday when we welcome our long-term friends Wroxham to town.

I find it refreshing that after so many years in the Eastern Counties League, Jewson, Ridgeons, etc., we still get to play against a side I grew up playing against. I have always said that Wroxham is a good, honest non-league football club, much like ourselves, who always look to live within their means. To be fair, if more clubs abided by these self-imposed rules, non-league football would be a better place.

Although Wroxham sat at the bottom of the league at the time of going to print, I would never take a game against them for granted. Our results against them since our promotion to level 4 have been nothing but inconsistent. Whatever the points tally we gain from Tuesday's game, it will be well-earned and deserved.

From here, we move on to our quest for the First Round Proper of the FA Cup with a trip down the A130 to Canvey Island. I still can't forget our playoff game defeat at their place and just feel like we owe them one—now is our time.

Let's get to Canvey in numbers, get behind the boys, and move one game closer to that elusive dream of the First Round (it's mine, anyway).

Enjoy the games!

Andy

STUART BOARDLEY



Good afternoon/ evening to you all and welcome to our visitors Basildon United and Wroxham.

Although not present last weekend, video footage came to the rescue and I was able to watch the game back during the week. A thoroughly dominant performance would be how I would summarise the game in which I felt we looked incredibly dangerous going forward once more but defensively we are starting to get more organised as a group. A big thank you needs to go to Andy, Stu, Alex and Dougie for doing such a great job in my absence and it just goes to show that it's always very much a team effort in all aspects!

First up, our visitors Basildon have had a fantastic start to the season with their one loss coming in the FA Cup, but with three wins from three in the league it is sure to be a very tough afternoon. The FA Trophy, just like the FA Cup can provide a real financial boost at our level and that coupled with the journey it can provide to our supporters means we approach it with

everything we've got to try and come out as winners and progress as far as we can in the competition.

We've had a really good week of training this week (which was needed after some quick fire games over the bank holiday period) where we have welcomed back a certain Mr Ainsley into the group. It's fantastic to have him back and it'll provide a welcome boost to the squad as we start to settle into the season.

Next in line at the Martello Ground is Wroxham who have recently lost their manager Jordan Southgate but have recently appointed from within with Matt Halliday taking over the reigns assisted by a good friend in Craig Parker. We wish Matt and Craig the best of luck, starting Wednesday! All joking aside the continuity this appointment will bring I'm sure will work well for their group and makes them a very dangerous side to meet over the coming weeks with all players undoubtedly looking to impress the new manager!

Enjoy the the games and hopefully we come out with a place in the next round of the trophy and three big points respectively.

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| 8 | Waltham Abbey | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | +1 | 6 |
| 9 | Sporting Bengal United | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
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| 11 | Redbridge | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 8 | -1 | 6 |
| 12 | Tilbury | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 13 | Cambridge City | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | -1 | 4 |
| 14 | Grays Athletic | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 4 |
| 15 | Ipswich Wanderers | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | 4 |
| 16 | Concord Rangers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | +1 | 3 |
| 17 | Heybridge Swifts | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 18 | Mildenhall Town | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 1 |
| 19 | Walthamstow | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 0 |
| 20 | Haringey Borough | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 0 |
| 21 | Newmarket Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | -6 | 0 |
| 22 | Wroxham | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 8 | -6 | 0 |



HE'S BACK!

Legendary Seasider Jordan Matthews has come out of retirement and re-signed for the club. Jordy has been training with the team during preseason with a view to returning to the side he left two years ago after playing over 300 games and having joined the club as a junior at 14 years of age. Jordy will dual-register with Hadleigh United initially in order for him to gain match fitness before linking up with the Felixstowe squad hopefully very soon.



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Today we welcome Basildon United to the Martello Ground for this afternoon's FA Trophy match.

While we have had many FA Vase adventures down the years, the Isuzu FA Trophy is still a fairly new competition to us, having made our first, and very short, entry to the competition in September 2018. We were at home, Grays Athletic the opposition and a 3-1 defeat against a side that had won it twice.

Including that game, today will be our 16th game in the competition and of the 15 played we have won 9, lost 6, scored 31 goals and conceded 29.

We have reached the second round twice, losing on both occasions without scoring. In 2020 we went down 3-0 at Basford United and in 2021 AFC Telford were the victors at the then Goldstar ground winning 4-0.

If you missed the FA Trophy game then you are at the ground, or planning to go to the Martello ground to watch the league game against Wroxham, hopefully you are in joyous mood having watched us win on Saturday.

Hopefully you will be at both games, enjoy them.

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Date of Birth: 19/03/1997

Occupation: Recruitment Consultant

Home town: Wivenhoe

Position: Midfielder

Previous teams: Colchester United, Needham Market, AFC Sudbury, East Coast Bays (NZ), Chelmsford City, Coggeshall Town

Nickname: Dragon

Team you support: Liverpool

Favourite footballer: Zak Brown

Favourite food: Beer

Food you hate: Sprouts

Favourite music: Hitter's tunes

Favourite film: Wolf of Wall Street

Holiday destination: Bali

Best concert: V Fest

Hobbies away from football:

Skiing and golf

Least favourite opposition player:

Big centre halves

Best opposition player:

Hector Bellarin

Best mate in football: Sam Fraud

Adidas or Nike: Nike

Black or colourful boots: Lairy

PlayStation or Xbox: PlayStation

Night in or night out: Night out

Favourite TV show: Peaky Blinders

Drink of choice: Estrella

Interesting fact about yourself:

If I was 5 inches taller I'd be over 6 foot

Match day superstition or routine:

Do my hair at least 10 times

Favourite day of the week: Saturday

Texting or talking: Talking

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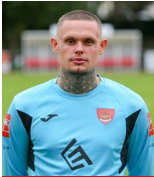
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THE OTHER SIDE BASILDON UNITED FC

Nicknamed 'The Bees', Basildon United came into being in 1967, having previously been known as Armada Sports; a junior club who were formed four years earlier.

In 1967/68 the renamed club joined the Grays and Thurrock League, moving into the Greater London League the following season.

The first major step forward came in 1970 when the Essex County FA granted the club senior status and it became a founder member of the Essex Senior League.

It was not long before The Bees got amongst the honours recording four consecutive championships from 1977 until 1980, which stands as a league record to this day.

In addition, Basildon finished runners-up in 1973 and 1975, whilst the League Cup was won in 1978 to complete that season's double. The following season the club were winners of the Essex Senior Trophy.

The Bees successfully applied for promotion to the Athenian League in 1980, but membership only lasted one season, as they finished runners up to Windsor and Eton and earned promotion to the Isthmian League Division 2. In this season, Basildon also progressed to the quarter finals of the FA Vase, before Irtlingborough Diamonds brought an end to progress in the competition with a 6-4 victory in a sixth-round replay.

After three seasons in the Isthmian League Division 2, Basildon achieved promotion as champions in 1984, pipping St Albans City by one point on the last day of the season. This season additionally saw the club reach the finals of both the Essex Senior Trophy and the Eastern Floodlight Competition.

Basildon found life a lot harder in the first division and eventually lost the struggle against relegation in 1989, dropping into the Isthmian



League Division 2 North. This was the first time that the club had suffered relegation in their history.

Two further seasons were spent in Division 2 North before the decision to de-regionalise the division led to the club resigning from the league, the club considering that an excess of travelling in the Isthmian League was not viable at that point.

The Bees re-joined the Essex Senior League in 1991/92 and quickly regrouped both on and off the pitch. It was not long before the successes of the late seventies were emulated, as The Bees finished in the top six in both 1991/92 and 1992/93 and made a League Cup final appearance in 1992.

A superb 1993/94 season saw Basildon again win the Essex Senior League double, with the championship being won for a record fifth time. The following season, 1994/95, the club battled through to the FA Vase quarter final for the second time in its history, before losing out to Raunds Town.

During 1997/98, The Bees equalled Brentwood's record of three Essex Senior League Cup wins by beating Burnham Ramblers 1-0 in the final. It was the club's sixth appearance in the final of this competition, which also remains a record. In the league, Basildon finished runners up to Concord Rangers.

1999/2000 saw Basildon finish 13th, which was the club's worst league finish at the time and although a reasonable 8th position was achieved in 2000/01, two bottom half finishes followed for the next two seasons. The club finished 7th in both 2003/04 and 2004/05.

John Higley was The Bees manager at the start of the 2007/08 season, but he was replaced by Jason Emery in October. The club struggled for form all season and used 72 players, only to finish in 16th position, just one place off the bottom.

A new management team of Colin Cook and Gary Morris was announced for the 2008/09 season and the club won its first six matches, whilst reaching the second-round proper of the FA Vase. However, by December the management



team had left the club and ex reserve coach, Jody Prewwell, was appointed manager, with Basildon eventually finishing the season in 8th place.

Prewwell left the club by mutual consent in April 2010 and was replaced by Sean Merchant as caretaker manager. The Bees suffered the heaviest defeat to date on 24 April, losing 10-0 at Witham Town. The club eventually finished the season in 12th place.

In May 2010, John Doyle returned to the club as manager, bringing in former Romford boss, Mark Reed as his assistant and Paul Rogan as coach.

After a 12th place finish, John Doyle decided to step down at the end of the 2010/11 season. The club advertised for a new manager and in excess of 30 hopefuls applied, with Paul Larke being appointed manager in June 2011.

After a poor start to the season, Larke resigned following a 9-1 defeat at Witham Town, with John Doyle returning to oversee the forthcoming FA Vase match against Ampthill Town.

The following week, Chris Wood was appointed permanent manager, but unfortunately no improvement was seen in results and The Bees finished bottom of the Essex Senior League for the first time in the club's history.

Former Ramsden boss, Bobby Barnes, was appointed manager in May 2012 and at just 27 was one of the youngest managers in non-league football. After Barnes decided to resign due to work commitments, John Higley returned to the club and was assisted by Steve Brown senior.

After a number of managerial changes, the club ended the 2012/13 season with Bertie Brayley as player/manager and the club finished the season in 13th position. Laurie Carter was appointed manager for the 2013/14 season and the club finished in 8th position.

In May 2014 Colin Cook returned to the club for a second spell as manager and he was assisted by Craig Gillam. Cook left during September being replaced by his assistant, who guided The Bees to a creditable 12th place finish.

Ahead of the 2015/16 season, Lee Connor was appointed as assistant to Gillam and the club enjoyed its best season for many years winning



the League Challenge Cup and finishing runners up in the league. Additionally, Brad Warner won the league's Golden Boot award.

With Gillam opting not to remain with the club for the 2016/17 season, the club appointed Aaron Bloxham as manager, who had previously enjoyed success with White Ensign in the Essex Olympian League. A mid-table finish was achieved in the league as well as notable success in the Essex Senior Cup where the club reached the last eight before bowing out against Heybridge Swifts in the quarter finals.

In May 2017 the club parted ways with Bloxham and Marc Harrison joined the club as manager, with Liam Wallace also joining as his assistant. Harrison and Wallace both joined the club from neighbours Basildon Town, where they had achieved considerable success winning Essex Olympian League Division One the

previous season.

In their first season in charge, Harrison and Wallace enjoyed tremendous success leading the club to the runners-up spot in the league and with it promotion back to the Isthmian League for the first time in 27 years.

Following a club reorganisation, Harrison and Wallace left the club in November 2018 and after a brief spell as Joint Manager with former Barkingside manager, Michael Walther, Lee Connor took temporary charge of team affairs. Subsequently, former Enfield 1893 and Laindon Orient manager, Neil Blackburn, took on the role as first team manager.

Blackburn stepped down as manager before the end of the 2018/19 season to be replaced by John Sussex who re-joined the club from Witham Town, having previously been a coach at the club. Sussex departed the club in November 2019 and after two short term caretaker appointments, Burnham Ramblers manager

Alex Salmon was brought into the role with a view to building a new side focussed on much needed stability.

However, Salmon's tenure was to be short lived as he resigned after the first game of the 2020/21 season and former Bowers & Pitsea U23 manager John Guyton was appointed to the position to continue the work that had begun under his predecessor.

After a run of below par results, Guyton left the club in November 2021 and Jon Fowell was appointed as his successor. Due to personal reasons, Fowell left his position in January 2022 and local lad Marc Benterman was appointed in his place.

With Benterman moving on in October 2022, former Hullbridge Sports duo Darren Manning and James Wakeling were appointed to the lead the side, with Manning subsequently taking sole charge following Wakeling's departure, to continue the club's exciting journey.



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CAMERON FORDE-BROWN

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Date of Birth: 07/03/2003

Occupation: Magician

Home town: London

Position: Attacking Midfielder

Previous teams: Southend, Millwall

Nickname: Cam/Cammy

Team you support: Arsenal

Favourite footballer: Myself

Favourite food: Dominoes Pizza

Food you hate: Creamy pasta

Favourite music: Real Boston Richey

Favourite film: Dune 2

Holiday destination: Jamaica

Best concert: Bryson Tiller

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Best opposition player:

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PlayStation or Xbox: PlayStation

Night in or night out: Night in

Favourite TV show: Stanger Things

Interesting fact about yourself:

I'm half Puerto Rican

Match day superstition or routine:

Pray before I touch the pitch

Texting or talking: Talking

Invisibility or super strength:

Invisibility

Dream car: Mercedes GLE 63S

What annoys you the most? The A12



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 Godbold & 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 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.

At the end of the 2022-23 season the then chairman, Lee Robson, informed the club that he was relocating back to Wales and James Blower took on this role at the club. Last season in spite of financial constraints, a backlog of fixtures that resulted in playing 7 games in less than two weeks, and a series of injuries that depleted the squad, the club finished in midtable in Isthmian League North.



THE OTHER SIDE PLAYER PROFILES

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. Missed last months of last season with calf injury, but now fully fit back leading the team.

Travis Dodsworth – A left back who has elevated from the Reserve team when just 16, now, a few years later Travis has looked comfortable, calm and is an established part 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 over the last two seasons. Graduated from the Under 18s through the reserves and into the first team for the 2023-24 season. Has featured as right back/right midfield during over the past year.

Ryan Miles – 2021-22 TNL Golden Boot Winner. Ryan has continued to score goals in Isthmian League North over the past two years.

Jordan King – Midfielder. A regular in centre midfield. Takes pressure off the defence. Neat tidy competitive who can set the tempo for the team and leads by example. The Management team's 'Player of the Year' of the 2023-24 season.

Tom Huckerby – A centre back strong in the air but assured on the ground. Missed a large part of the 2023-24 season with a knee injury. Now returning to his pre-injury best.

Harry Barker – A 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.

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 for the last two seasons.

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 who scored more than 20 goals in the 2023-24 campaign.

Haydn Davis – a recent signing. A left sided midfield player, Haydn joined the club from near neighbours Norwich United. Haydn suffered a horrendous injury last autumn and is now working his way back to match fitness.

Jacek Zielonka – a midfield player signed from Gorleston in close season. A player with years of experience who has Kings Lynn, Lowestoft and Dereham amongst his former clubs.

Charlie Royle – Charlie joined the club the club from Kings Lynn at the start of the season. He previously spent years, as a schoolboy at Norwich City academy.

Aston Jaggard – a midfield player who impressed on trial during pre-season. He arrives at Wroxham having previously played for Kings Lynn Town at Under 23 level

Michael Campbell – a hard working striker who joined the club midway through the 2023-24 having recently played for Dereham Town. Michael also features in the RAF senior football team.

James Everett – a young defender who made his first team debut during last season both at left back and centre back. Strong in the air and composed on the ground.

Georgy Batch – Georgy joined the first team squad at the start of the 2023-24 season. A hard working, tenacious midfielder player.

Ollie Bates – Captain of last season's undefeated Under 18 team, now hoping to step up into the first team squad. Made his first team debut at the tail end of the 2023-24 season

George Potter – current Under 18 goalkeeper. George made his senior debut last season following an injury to club captain, Ollie Sutton. Gaining experience all the time, and has featured in a number of pre-season fixtures.

Matt Halliday – Manager – Matt joined the club last season as Jordan Southgate's assistant. Following Jordan's departure in August 2024, Matt was asked initially to take on the role of Caretaker Manager, but his appointment as 1st team Manager was confirmed two weeks later.

Craig Parker – Assistant Manager - Appointed as Matt Halliday's assistant in late August, Craig joined the club in close season from Gorleston, Craig, a striker, brings a wealth of experience to the squad, having played previously for Needham Market, Kings Lynn and Sudbury.

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 Edge – Sports Therapist. A fantastic sports therapist and a great part of the dressing room, Becky has brought professional standards and shows passion to ensure the players are at peak condition.



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AUGUST

SAT 10 **NEWMARKET TOWN** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE** **W 6-1** **ATT 401**

C Warren (3), Ford, Forde-Brown, Clemons

SAT 17 **BURY TOWN** **A** **3PM** **FA CUP** **D 2-2** **ATT 465**

Brown, C Warren

TUE 20 **BURY TOWN** **H** **7.45PM** **FA CUP REPLAY** **W 4-0** **ATT 446**

Harrison (2), Ford, C Warren

SAT 24 **WITHAM TOWN** **A** **3PM** **LEAGUE** **L 3-2** **ATT 192**

Holland, Harrison

MON 26 **BURY TOWN** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE** **W 3-1** **ATT 624**

Clemons, Hitter, Ford

SAT 31 **LEVERSTOCK GREEN** **H** **3PM** **FA CUP 1ST QR** **W 501** **ATT 218**

C Warren (3), Ford, Whight

SEPTEMBER

SAT 7 **BASILDON UNITED** **H** **3PM** **FA TROPHY FIRST QUALIFYING**

TUE 10 **WROXHAM** **H** **7.45PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 14 **CANVEY ISLAND** **A** **3PM** **FA CUP 2ND QR**

MON 16 **MALDON & TIPTREE** **A** **7.45PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 21 **BASILDON UNITED** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 28 **BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT** **A** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

OCTOBER

WED 2 **MILDENHALL TOWN** **H** **7.45PM** **SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP**

SAT 5 **REDBRIDGE** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 12 **TILBURY** **A** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 19 **WALTHAMSTOW** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

TUE 22 **CAMBRIDGE CITY** **A** **7.45PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 26 **CONCORD RANGERS** **A** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

NOVEMBER

SAT 2 **BRENTWOOD TOWN** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

TUE 5 **WROXHAM** **A** **7.45PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 9 **CAMBRIDGE CITY** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 16 **BASILDON UNITED** **A** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 23 **BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

SAT 30 **MILDENHALL TOWN** **H** **3PM** **LEAGUE**

DECEMBER

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| SAT 7 | HARINGEY BOROUGH | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 14 | WALTHAM ABBEY | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 21 | GORLESTON | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| THU 26 | IPSWICH WANDERERS | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 28 | NEWMARKET TOWN | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |

JANUARY

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| WED 1 | BURY TOWN | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 4 | GRAYS ATHLETIC | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 11 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 18 | SPORTING BENGAL UNITED | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 25 | HARINGEY BOROUGH | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |

FEBRUARY

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| SAT 1 | MILDENHALL TOWN | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 8 | REDBRIDGE | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 15 | TILBURY | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 22 | WALTHAMSTOW | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |

MARCH

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| SAT 1 | CONCORD RANGERS | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 8 | BRENTWOOD TOWN | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 15 | WALTHAM ABBEY | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 22 | GORLESTON | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |

APRIL

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| SAT 5 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 12 | GRAYS ATHLETIC | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 19 | MALDON & TIPTREE | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 21 | IPSWICH WANDERERS | A | 3PM | LEAGUE |
| SAT 26 | WITHAM TOWN | H | 3PM | LEAGUE |

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The United States has had a number of abortive attempts to secure the future of soccer over the course of its history. In the immediate aftermath of the First World War, there was an opportunity to capitalise on the fame of touring Hungarian, Austrian and English sides and grow the game organically, but these gains were squandered. Instead, the USA drew on its star power as a means to grow the game, most notably in the most recent period between the arrivals of David Beckham and Lionel Messi, offering the greatest talents in Europe a playground in which to finish their careers. But in the 1970s, with an admirable collection of talent across the league, some lamented the inability of putting all those players

together. That is, until they did.

The North American Soccer League operated between 1968 and 1984, almost immediately offering to big names the same as the MLS does now - money, fame and a brief place to showcase their talents one final time. George Best joined the league, along with Rodney Marsh. Italy international and Lazio legend Giorgio Chinaglia joined them. England World Cup winning captain Bobby Moore too. And, of course, the inimitable Pele. The United States was putting together a fantasy league, and what better way to cement the sport in the minds of the American public than with a fantasy team?

Marking the bicentenary of America's



independence, the United States Soccer Federation invited teams from Brazil, Italy and England to join an unofficial international tournament. To compete with them, New York Cosmos manager Ken Furphy was given the task of putting all of the NASL's talent together, at short notice. Only 13 of the 31 players called into the side were American, and of those only three were born in the nation. 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses' reads the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, alluding to the proud melting-pot of America's history. That melting pot now formed Team America.

The team was not without controversy. Some voices found it embarrassing that the growth of the sport would rely on foreigners, and others thought that the national side could get experience from playing against these teams, rather than former superstars who, at best, would show the world that they could still play football. But Team USA had just lost 7-0 to Poland. The kind of defeat they might suffer at the hands of teams containing Zico or Dino Zoff or Kevin Keegan didn't bear thinking about. Instead, Pele and Chinaglia, they believed, would give them a fighting chance.

Best and Marsh withdrew before the first game, perhaps attempting to save their embarrassment, but officially because Furphy didn't guarantee them a place in all three games. Regardless, it weakened an already disorganised Team America that had no time to prepare. 33,000 fans watched the opener against Italy in the Kennedy Memorial Stadium in Washington, where Moore, Pele and Chinaglia would do their best, but ultimately lose to an Italy side who comfortably put four goals past them. For all the nostalgic talent of the squad, they couldn't compete with some of the world's best sides.

Brazil were up next, and unlike Chinaglia who had played against his home country, Pele refused to line up against his. For their part, Brazil understood the showpiece nature of the tournament, and took it easy on their hosts. They kept the ball and - to find an analogy American fans might understand best - played like the Harlem Globetrotters, giving the



spectators tricks and turns. Gil scored after half an hour and effectively ended the contest, adding another in the second half.

That meant that Team America went into their final game with no chance of winning their home tournament. England, unlike Brazil and Italy, did not award caps for the tournament and did not take the game especially seriously. Keegan fired Don Revie's side into a two goal lead in the first half, with a third added by Gerry Francis after half time. But Team America did find a brief moment of glory, Pele and Chinaglia combining to set up Scotsman Stewart Scullion to get their only goal of the competition. Not that many were there to see it. In the 102,000 seater Philadelphia venue, just 16,000 were left enthused enough to attend. A final defeat drained what was left of their excitement. Brazil beat Italy in the final game, to win the tournament. 25 years later, FIFA revoked the caps given out by those two teams, declaring the tournament unofficial.

The tournament died away in the public consciousness with a fizzle. A decade later, the NASL would do the same. Despite the brightness that superstars brought to it, there was no real benefit to the Team America experiment. Still, where else would you find Pele, Bobby Moore and George Best on the same team.

Enjoy the game.

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Felixstowe and Brentwood hit five, Greens win six in a row, and it's six unbeaten for Witham. In the League, Bury go top

Basildon United had played five matches in all competitions, and delivered five victories and three clean sheets, but they couldn't find a way past **Biggleswade** of Pitching In Southern League Division One Central, their visitors winning their fourth match in a row, this one by the only goal.

Brightlingsea Regent welcomed **Haringey Borough**, only a week after the sides met in the League at Coles Park- and they'll have to meet again in midweek. Manny Yeboah put the visitors ahead just before the quarter hour, and they held that lead until ten minutes from time, Harry Mann with the equaliser.

Brentwood Town saw their magnificent start to the season unravel on Monday as they were hammered at Concord Rangers, but they delivered a hammering of their own as they travelled to **Enfield (Hertford Town)**. The E's transferred to Pitching In Southern Division One Central in the summer and were looking much stronger than the side we watched last season, with only one defeat so far, but they were no match for the Blues, who won five-nil. Daniel Ogunleye was the chief architect of victory, claiming the match ball with the first, third and fifth goals, with Benas Vaivada and Rob Harvey also chipping in.



Felixstowe and Walton United had scored thirteen goals in their first three home matches this season, so were confident as **Leverstock Green** of Southern Division One Central came to call- and rightly so, as they added five more in a five-one victory. It was only one-nil at the break, Charlie Warren with the opener, but the floodgates opened in the second half after the visitors levelled from the spot on fifty nine minutes. Within a minute Warren had put his side ahead once more, and after Joe Whight added a third Warren completed hit hat trick. The fifth and final goal came from Zak Brown, eight minutes from time.

We'd an all-North tie as **Gorleston** and **Walthamstow** met at the seaside. The Greens have been magnificent so far, coming into this match with five wins from five in all competitions- and that included victory over Stow on opening day courtesy of two Joseph Duffy spot kicks that brought them a two-one victory. They managed

to deliver another miserable day to Stow, Ryan Curtis with the winner just after the break, and a red card for Jordan Peart just before the end summed up Stow's day, and indeed their start to the season.

Waltham Abbey travelled to Suffolk to take on **Leiston**, and left the competition on the back of a four-one defeat. Tami Ogunnowo got their consolation a minute from time.

Newmarket Town welcomed **Ipswich Wanderers** in an all-North battle, and the two will meet again in midweek after a late goal for the Jockeys earned them a replay. Wanderers went ahead after just five minutes, Tom Richardson with the opener, and they looked to be in control when Tom Williams was dismissed for the hosts, but a red card for George Forest saw both sides reduced to ten men by half time, and right at the end, with a win seemingly confirmed for the visitors, Stan Leech got an equaliser.

Tilbury were back at Chadfields, with **Brantham Athletic** the visitors. The Dockers were three unbeaten, and their Thurlow Nunn Premier opponents had won their last three and hoped to be giant killers- and they did their best to put their hosts to the sword, going two goals up in the first half before going down to ten men after a red card for their skipper. Tilbury got a goal back four minutes into the second half, Sam Bantick with his fourth of the season, but it still seemed as if the Dockers were doomed, only for Bantick to add another ELEVEN minutes into added time to earn his side a replay.

Witham Town were unbeaten in all competitions, winning their first four matches before a draw against Heybridge Swifts on Monday, and were favourites as they hosted **Sherringham** of Thurlow Nunn Premier. That label was justified, as Josh Osude fired them through with his seventh goal of the season, the only goal if the game.

NORTH DIVISION

Friday evening brought us an Essex derby, as **Grays Athletic** welcomed **Redbridge** to

Tilbury- twelfth v seventeenth. Both sides had one victory from their opening three league matches, but the Motormen started like an express train, going ahead on seven minutes through James Barlow and making it two only two minutes later, Tyler Dolan with the goal. Early in the second half Luke Hirst got a goal back, but that was as good as it got for the hosts. The Motormen climbed to eleventh.

Bury Town had the chance to go back to the top of the table as they welcomed **Sporting Bengal United**, but they had to come from behind to pick up the required three points. Yassine Kachi put the visitors ahead on twelve minutes, but when you have Cemal Ramadan up front you are always likely to score, and the Town striker got his fifth of the season to level in first half stoppage time. Just before the hour mark Ollie Cancer put the hosts ahead, and they held on to hit the summit.



Maldon & Tiptree and **Cambridge City** started the day separated only by goal difference, but a positive result for either side as they met at the home of jam would send them into the top five. That positive result went the way of the Jammers, but it was something of a smash and grab as they were behind for most of the game. George Smith, formerly of this parish, put City ahead on seventeen minutes, and there were only six minutes left when the equaliser arrived, debutant Matt Price doing what he does best. The winner arrived in added time, Kien Connolly sending the hosts into fifth spot.



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Tuesday 10th September 2024, 7.45pm



Felixstowe & Walton Utd FC

Manager: Stuart Boardley

Assistant Manager: Andy Crump



Hugo **Akhuseyin**



Jack **Ainsley**



Stuart **Ainsley**



Noel **Aitkens**



Ollie **Brown**



Zak **Brown**



Willie **Clemons**



Hugh **Cullum**



Archie **Dunne**



Sam **Ford**



Cameron **Forde-Brown**



Callum **Harrison**



Josh **Hitter**



Billy **Holland (C)**



Kubi **Kussan**



Josh **Mayhew**



Leon **Ottley-Gooch**



Zac **Tuvey**



Charlie **Warren**



Tom **Warren**



Joe **Whight**



Harry **Wright (GK)**

red/yellow - goals - played

Wroxham FC

Manager: Matt Halliday

Assistant Manager: Craig Parker

Rio **Abodunde**



Harry **Barker**



Jeorgy **Batch**



Ollie **Bates**



Michael **Campbell**



Haydn **Davis**



Travis **Dodsworth**



James **Everett**



Ryan **Hawkins**



Tom **Huckerby**



Aston **Jaggard**



Jordan **King**



Freddy **Lines**



Robbie **Linford**



Ryan **Miles**



Craig **Parker**



Tom **Pipe**



Charlie **Royle**



Ollie **Sutton (GK)**



Shaun **Taylor**



Jacek **Zielonka**



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