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SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025, 3PM
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Good afternoon to one and all and a very warm welcome to The Martello Ground for another massive game at the top of the Isthmian League North.

Today we welcome the players, supporters and officials of Gorleston who currently sit at the top of the league form guide having won six of their last seven games with one draw, indeed they have not lost since last year when Walthamstow returned home after a 2-1 win at The Wellesley Road Ground.

So things certainly aren't getting any easier as we strive to close the gap on leaders Brentwood, including today there are still 21 points to play for so there are bound to be more swings and roundabouts in what must be one of the most competitive run ins in the football pyramid with four maybe five teams still in with a realistic shout for the title.

It is fair to say that we haven't been at our absolute best over the last couple of weeks, firstly allowing Brentwood back into the game and taking all three points after we were leading 2-1 and then, although we responded well to going a goal down at Waltham Abbey and coming away with a point, we really needed all three points and another day may well have converted one of the many chances we created in the closing

stages, but alas it wasn't to be.

On a more positive note, the lads have once again secured our place in the Suffolk Premier Cup Final having beaten top local side Needham Market on penalties at Huber Doucy Lane.

It is a real shame the Suffolk showpiece non-league game of the year is once again not at Portman Road, but nevertheless I'm sure we'll make Needham's "Bloomfields" feel like a home pitch with such great travelling support as we had at the Semi Final.

A real plus of recent games has been the incredible support we have had, particularly from the youngsters with their drum - it means so much to the players and management and really is appreciated - keep it going!!

Since writing my last notes, it has become public knowledge that Boards and Crumpy are standing down at the end of this season, needless to say it is very sad news, but I have nothing but complete admiration for everything they have done at the club, and the professionalism they have shown since day one and that they continue to demonstrate now and indeed will do until the last ball of this season has been kicked.

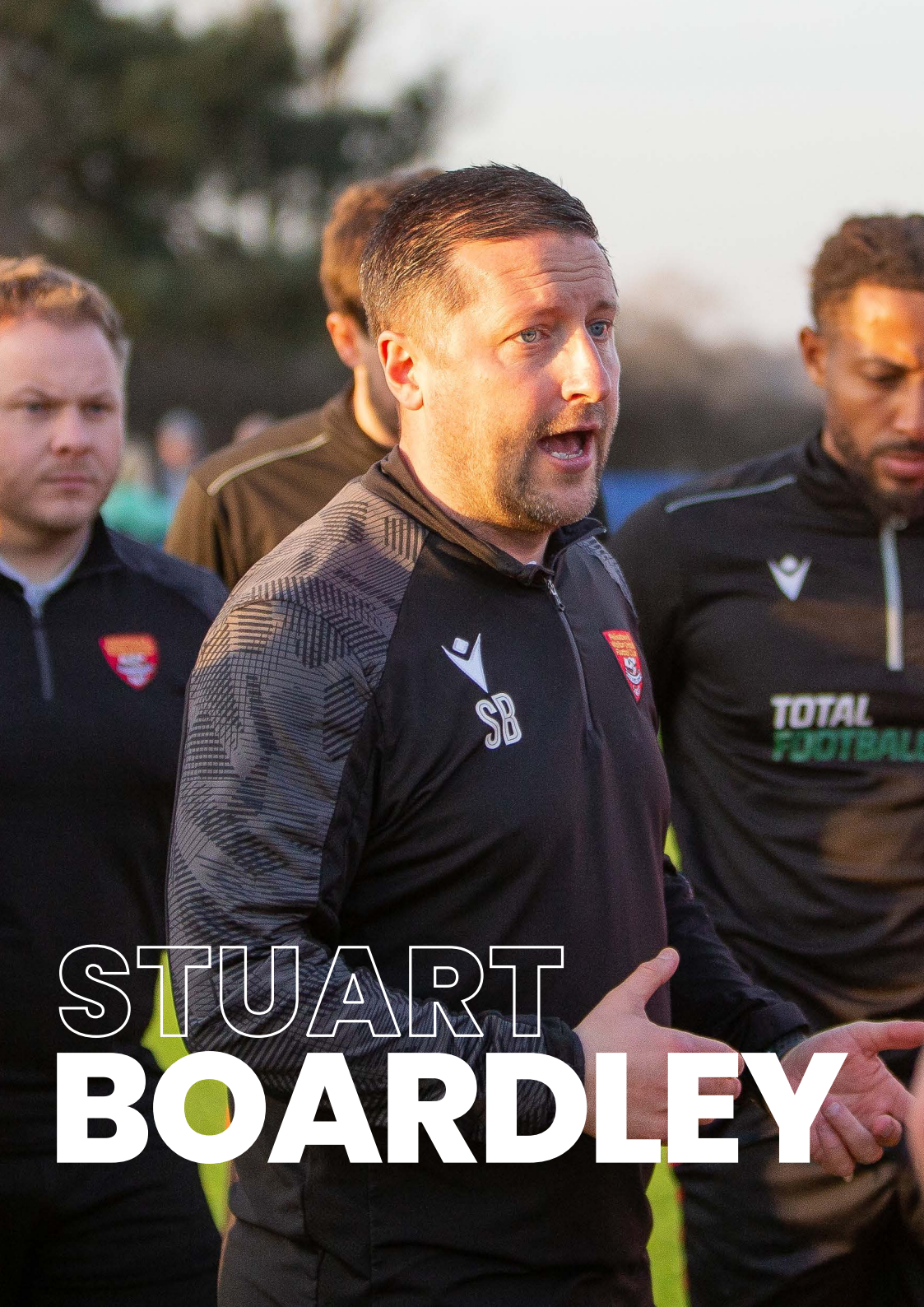
I am delighted that they hold the club in such high esteem and will do all they can to help me and my fellow officers make the right decision as we look to build on the fantastic foundations they have been so instrumental in building together with Kev and Watty before them.

Behind the scenes, we also have a few retiring officers, so in addition to the manager search I would love to hear from anyone that would like to help the club in an administrative capacity.

I am absolutely positive that this club has a very bright future and so much is going on ensure we remain one of the top clubs in East Anglia, but the more help we can get the better!!

Enjoy the game, enjoy our hospitality and have a safe journey home this evening.

Tony



STUART BOARDLEY

Good afternoon and welcome to The Martello Ground for today's match against Gorleston.

A warm welcome to their players, staff, and supporters who have made the journey, and of course, to all of you, the Seasiders faithful, for your continued support.

We come into today's game knowing how important every point is at this stage of the season. Given that our last two games have only generated one solitary point, we are acutely aware that it's probably going to take seven wins from seven to overturn the four point cushion Brentwood have accrued. From a performance perspective we feel that we didn't deserve to lose either game but were undone in the cruelest of circumstances at Brentwood but enough has been said about that....

Since then the lads have shown great determination and resilience and gave an excellent second half display against a strong Waltham Abbey team last time out. On another day we'd have converted two or three of our late chances but it wasn't meant to be and certainly wasn't for a lack of trying.

We'll need that same focus and

commitment today because Gorleston will provide a tough test and are the form team in the division – they're a well-organised side with individual quality all across the pitch, and we'll need to be at our best to come out on top.

News broke last week of our (Andy and myself) intention to step down at the end of the season. It's been great to receive so many messages of support from both our loyal supporters and also the wider football community. We both really appreciate the kind words but now want the focus to return fully to achieving the goals we set out to achieve at the start of the season. There will be plenty of time to talk about our reasoning and future plans come the end of the season, but for now, let's give the players our total focus and finish what we started....

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the supporters, for the fantastic backing you give the team week in, week out. Whether we're home or away, your unwavering support and commitment make a real difference, and the lads certainly feel it.

Finally, enjoy the game, and let's get behind the team with everything we've got. Up the Seasiders!

Boards





SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

I don't really know why, but I have always had a bit of a soft spot in my football world for today's visitors, perhaps it's because after gaining entry into the Eastern Counties League in the mid 1970's, when it was election by members rather than promotion/relegation, we were allowed to enter THE FA Cup. Us, little old Felixstowe, playing in the world's oldest cup competition and our first ever game was at home, on a roped off pitch where the clubhouse now stands, an area we shared at the time with the cricket club and hockey club and our first ever opponents were Gorleston FC. It was a significant landmark for this club and town as it was the start of the journey

we are still on today.

It was a 1st qualifying round match which we lost 4-2. It was the season of course when our nearest Football League neighbours joined the competition in the 3rd round proper and went on to win the cherished prize, beating Arsenal 1-0, thanks to a goal from Roger Osborne who not too many years later was playing in the red & white of Felixstowe Town and in my humble opinion this clubs best ever signing, he brought professionalism to the dressing room and clubhouse while remaining a genuinely nice guy to know.

TODAY'S MASCOTS

Our mascots for today's game against Gorleston are the Under 11 Reds who are sponsored by Boast International.



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Saturday 1st March
2025, 3pm

Isthmian League North

Attendance: 510

Photos: Stefan Peck









ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2024/25

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brentwood Town	35	24	4	7	81	37	+44	76
2	Bury Town	35	22	7	6	64	40	+24	73
3	Felixstowe & Walton United	35	22	6	7	75	40	+35	72
4	Waltham Abbey	35	21	7	7	69	35	+34	70
5	Brightlingsea Regent	35	20	6	9	57	41	+16	66
6	Tilbury	35	18	6	11	51	47	+4	60
7	Walthamstow	34	17	5	12	65	47	+18	56
8	Witham Town	34	17	5	12	60	50	+10	56
9	Gorleston	35	16	7	12	51	41	+10	55
10	Redbridge	35	15	7	13	71	60	+11	52
11	Cambridge City	35	14	7	14	57	56	+1	49
12	Grays Athletic	34	13	7	14	49	46	+3	46
13	Heybridge Swifts	35	11	12	12	50	54	-4	45
14	Concord Rangers	35	12	8	15	50	59	-9	44
15	Maldon & Tiptree	35	11	8	16	37	43	-6	41
16	Mildenhall Town	35	11	8	16	32	41	-9	41
17	Wroxham	35	7	12	16	40	58	-18	33
18	Newmarket Town	35	9	6	20	45	73	-28	33
19	Haringey Borough	35	7	10	18	46	67	-21	31
20	Basildon United	34	7	5	22	36	70	-34	26
21	Sporting Bengal United	35	6	7	22	35	75	-40	25
22	Ipswich Wanderers	35	4	8	23	28	69	-41	20

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

Saturday 22nd March, 3pm

Basildon United v Heybridge Swifts

Brightlingsea Regent v Bury Town

Cambridge City v Redbridge

Concord Rangers v Ipswich Wanderers

Felixstowe & Walton United v Gorleston

Maldon & Tiptree v Brentwood Town

Mildenhall Town v Sporting Bengal United

Newmarket Town v Haringey Borough

Tilbury v Wroxham

Walthamstow v Grays Athletic

Witham Town v Waltham Abbey



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Pat Haseman for Felixstowe Radio



ANDY CRUMP
ASSISTANT MANAGER

Chris & Jayne Ryan



STUART STEVENSEN
COACH

Shirley Ainsley



ALEX EGELTON
GOALKEEPER COACH

Lorro & Jed, Neil & George

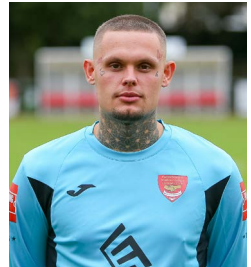


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KIT MAN

Lorro & Jed, Neil & George



JOHN ABBOTT
PHYSIO



HARRY WRIGHT
GOALKEEPER

Andy & Kim Wilding



STUART AINSLEY
DEFENDER

Chris & Jayne Ryan



JOE WHIGHT
DEFENDER

Tony & Lynne Barnes



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DEFENDER

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Chris Walne



HUGO AKHUSEYIN
DEFENDER

Matthew Daynes



THOMAS WARREN
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MIDFIELDER

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MIDFIELDER

Winnifred Wedderburn-Soall



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MIDFIELDER

Joe Ward



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MIDFIELDER

Daniel & Cheryl Ward



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MIDFIELDER

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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.

STUART STEVENSEN – 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 Seasideers 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 ROBINSON – 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 Seasideers in 2019. Her main



focus is overseeing the recovery programmes of injured players through her private practice.

ALEX EGELTON – GOALKEEPER COACH / COACH

Alex returns to Felixstowe having spent many years coaching within the youth and reserve setups at the club. Alex heads up the Goalkeeping section of the club and works with the Youth section right through to the Seniors and is an important member of the First Team Management structure.

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 Seasideers.





DEFENDERS

HARRY WRIGHT (GK)

Harry started his career as a professional at Ipswich Town and left there in 2021 where he then went on to play for Fleetwood Town and Bury before joining the Seaside's in the summer of 2024. He has quickly become a firm fans favourite and works within the clubs Academy system.

ZAC TUVEY (GK)

Zac has impressed consistently with our U18's and despite his tender age of 16 is playing regularly both for our U18's and Haverhill Borough first team. Zac is Harry's understudy, is a fantastic shot stopper and has a bright future in the game.

STUART AINSLEY

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

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.

JACK AINSLEY

Rejoined 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.

OLLIE BROWN

Ollie was signed in the summer of 2024 from neighbours AFC Sudbury and has played in recent years for Stowmarket and Leiston. An energetic and attacking full back who loves to get forward and create chances and with a wealth of higher level experience to boot.

HUGH CULLUM

Hugh is a local lad who left Felixstowe's youth system and progressed through the Needham Market Academy. Hugh signed back with his local club in the summer of 2024 and has immediately impressed with his consistent and confident defending.





HUGO AKHUSEYIN

Hugo is an academy graduate that is now starting to flourish with his progression into the first team squad. A tough tackling and tenacious defender who likes to get forward.

THOMAS WARREN

Another new signing for the summer of 2024 and joins his brother Charlie at the club. Signed from Hadleigh United, Tom is an Athletic, strong and pacy full back or winger with a fantastic left foot and keen eye for a goal.

MIDFIELDERS

CAMERON FORDE-BROWN

Cameron joins us on loan from Kings Lynn having impressed the management at previous loan spells with other clubs. A technically gifted and versatile midfielder, Cam has really hit the

ground running this season and continues to impress with both goals and assists that have topped off some exciting displays.

BILLY HOLLAND

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 for the 22/23 season led to him being appointed captain the following year.

LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH

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 midfielder player.

JOSH HITTER

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.

JORDY MATTHEWS

"Jordy" rejoins the club following a brief spell in retirement. He made his first team debut at 18 and has been a loyal and trusted midfielder for the club for many years clocking up well over 300 appearances. The term 'club legend' is often used to describe Jordy and he remains a firm fans favourite for his tenacious and all action style.





CALLUM HARRISON

Former Colchester United, Needham, Sudbury and more recently Chelmsford midfielder joined the Seaside's 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.

CHARLIE WARREN

Having initially joined on loan from Needham Market, Charlie made an instant impact on his debut in the FA Trophy win at Hastings in 2021. Following a number of impressive performances, manager Boardley moved quickly to secure the permanent services of one of Suffolk's brightest young players.

FORWARDS

SAM FORD

Having spent a successful period with Arbroath 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 in 2022. 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

Josh joined 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 brings a focal point to our attack as well as a being natural finisher who is a proven goalscorer at this level.

WILLIE CLEMONS

After a successful preseason with the Seaside's Willie decided that Felixstowe were the club for him despite competition from other clubs. A full Bermudan international with 30 plus caps, Willie's experience, whilst still only 30 years old will be a real asset. An attacking player with bags of quality and creativity is proving to be an exciting signing.

ROB HARVEY

Signed from Brentwood Town, Rob is a player who has been on Stuart Boardley's radar for some time. Another of our first team group to work within our Academy setup, Rob is a pacy, fit and dynamic wide player who loves to be direct and excite fans.



FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED

Hitter, T Warren (WON 3-0 ON PENS)

NEEDHAM MARKET

Chambers (2)

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Wednesday 5th March
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Attendance: 422

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FIXTURES 2024/25

AUGUST

SAT 10	NEWMARKET TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 6-1	ATT 401
<i>C Warren (3), Ford, Forde-Brown, Clemons</i>						
SAT 17	BURY TOWN	A	3PM	FA CUP	D 2-2	ATT 465
<i>Brown, C Warren</i>						
TUE 20	BURY TOWN	H	7.45PM	FA CUP REPLAY	W 4-0	ATT 446
<i>Harrison (2), Ford, C Warren</i>						
SAT 24	WITHAM TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 192
<i>Holland, Harrison</i>						
MON 26	BURY TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-1	ATT 624
<i>Clemons, Hitter, Ford</i>						
SAT 31	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	H	3PM	FA CUP 1ST QR	W 5-1	ATT 218
<i>C Warren (3), Ford, Whight</i>						

SEPTEMBER

SAT 7	BASILDON UNITED	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 1ST QR	W 4-2	ATT 337
<i>Caley-Brown, C Warren (2), T Warren</i>						
TUE 10	WROXHAM	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 210
<i>C Warren, Whight</i>						
SAT 14	CANVEY ISLAND	A	3PM	FA CUP 2ND QR	L 2-0	ATT 393
MON 16	MALDON & TIPTREE	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-1	ATT 166
<i>C Warren (2), OG, Aitkens</i>						
SAT 21	ENFIELD	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 2ND QR	W 2-1	ATT 319
<i>OG, Harrison</i>						
SAT 28	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 255

OCTOBER

WED 2	MILDENHALL TOWN	H	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP	W 4-0	ATT 151
<i>Mayhew, Forde-Brown, C Warren, Ford</i>						
SAT 5	HARINGEY BOROUGH	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 3RD QR	W 4-0	ATT 315
<i>Mayhew (2), Forde-Brown (2)</i>						
TUE 8	BASILDON UNITED	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 283
<i>C Warren, T Warren</i>						
SAT 12	TILBURY	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-1	ATT 295
<i>Mayhew</i>						
SAT 19	WALTHAMSTOW	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 269
<i>Mayhew, Hitter</i>						
TUE 22	CAMBRIDGE CITY	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 133
<i>Ford, C Warren</i>						
SAT 26	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	A	3PM	FA TROPHY 1ST RP	W 6-1	ATT 339
<i>Forde-Brown, OG, Mayhew (2), T Warren, C Warren</i>						
SAT 29	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC	A	7.45PM	SUFF PREM CUP QF	W 5-1	
<i>Forde-Brown (3), Ford, T Warren</i>						

NOVEMBER

SAT 2	BRENTWOOD TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 347
<i>T Warren, C Warren</i>						
SAT 9	CAMBRIDGE CITY	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 500
<i>OG, C Warren</i>						
TUE 12	REDBRIDGE	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 279
<i>Harvey, C Warren, Ford (2)</i>						
SAT 16	BOREHAM WOOD	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	D 1-1 (LOST ON PENS)	
<i>Hitter</i>						
TUE 19	WROXHAM	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 221
<i>Mayhew, T Warren</i>						
SAT 23	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	3PM	LEAGUE	D 3-3	ATT 357
<i>Hitter (2), Forde-Brown</i>						

TUE 26	CONCORD RANGERS <i>C Warren, J Ainsley, Harrison</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 120
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SAT 30	MILDENHALL TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 343
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Harvey (2), Clemons

DECEMBER

TUE 3	BASILDON UNITED <i>C Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 90
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SAT 7	HARINGEY BOROUGH <i>Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 220
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SAT 14	WALTHAM ABBEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 351
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Clemons, C Warren

SAT 21	GORLESTON <i>Clemons, C Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 139
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THU 26	IPSWICH WANDERERS	H	1PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 558
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T Warren

SAT 28	NEWMARKET TOWN <i>C Warren, Forde-Brown, T Warren, Harrison</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 295
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JANUARY

TUE 7	BURY TOWN	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 803
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SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Boswell (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 352
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SAT 18	SPORTING BENGAL UNITED	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 347
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Holland, J Ainsley, C Warren

TUE 21	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 3-1	ATT 312
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T Warren

SAT 25	HARINGEY BOROUGH	H	3PM	LEAGUE	D 0-0	ATT 413
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FEBRUARY

SAT 1	MILDENHALL TOWN <i>J Ainsley</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 240
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SAT 8	REDBRIDGE <i>T Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 121
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SAT 15	TILBURY	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 472
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Holland, C Warren

SAT 22	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Ford (2), Harvey</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 5-3	ATT 336
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MARCH

SAT 1	CONCORD RANGERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 5-2	ATT 510
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J Ainsley, Harrison, Hitter, T Warren, C Warren

WED 5	NEEDHAM MARKET <i>Hitter, T Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREM CUP SF	D 2-2 (WON ON PENS)	ATT 422
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SAT 8	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Clemons, Ford</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 746
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SAT 15	WALTHAM ABBEY <i>C Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 286
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SAT 22	GORLESTON	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
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APRIL

SAT 5	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
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WED 9	LEISTON	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP FINAL @NEEDHAM MARKET FC		
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SAT 12	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
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SAT 19	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
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MON 21	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
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SAT 26	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
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BY JON COUCH

IT'S approaching 15 years since the birth of Non-League Day.

Inspired by a pre-season trip to Devon to watch Queens Park Rangers play at Tavistock, visionary James Doe set it up initially as a social experiment and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now, Non-League Day, scheduled to coincide with an international break, has now grown to become an annual part of the football calendar, backed by Premier League and Football League clubs, MPs, celebrities, media organisations, charities and the like.

But most importantly, it's been embraced by the clubs and fans themselves with the occasion providing a platform for clubs to showcase affordable volunteer-led community football, while offering supporters of Premier League or Championship clubs the chance to get their football fix by supporting their local side.

This week in The NLP, columnist Gregor Robertson told how amid plans of new £2bn super stadiums and ever-increasing ticket prices at the top level, the fans are feeling disillusioned and exploited as the elite game changes beyond recognition.

"These fans feel their game is being taken away from them," Gregor said. "Profit has become a greater incentive than sporting adventure.

"Football in this country has never been so popular. Crowds in England are at their highest for half a century. That's just as true in Non-League football.

"But I can't help feeling that elite football on these shores is being ripped away from the places and communities where it was founded.

"So as we approach the 16th annual Non-League Day, a platform conceived to promote the value of community football, a prediction: the trickle of marginalised Premier League fans we've seen converge at local Non-League games? That's only the beginning.

"Don't be surprised to bump into more of these fans at your local club, this weekend and beyond."

Indeed, it may well be that some of those disillusioned and exploited supporters of Premier League clubs are reading this very article right now, stood on the terraces of their local club experiencing life on 'the other side'.

The 3pm kick-offs, realistic ticket prices, the ability to stand (and enjoy a pint) anywhere in the ground and guaranteed a warm welcome by volunteers who run their clubs for a love of the game. What's not to like?

As the years go by, Non-League Day becomes increasingly prominent in the calendar with clubs making the most of their place in the spotlight by putting on a host of special events, ticket promotions and charitable initiatives.

Clubs like Ascot United, who are hosting a St Patrick's Day special when they host Isthmian South Central leaders Farnham Town.

Fans wearing Irish fancy dress will get half-price admission, while the bar is open late for 30 per cent off a pint of Guinness.

Elsewhere, Altrincham are urging fans to Paint The Town Red for Non-League Day when they host National League leaders Barnet.

Starting at 12,30pm ahead of their televised 5.30pm kick-off, the Robins are putting on a number of shows and activities including a children's penalty shootout, a children's entertainer and football freestyler Jay Rosa, along with various

stalls and a raffle for an Athletic Bilbao shirt, in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

The Premier League trophy is also getting in on the act, visiting no fewer than three Essex Senior League grounds for the league groundhop, appearing at Benfleet FC (12pm), Buckhurst Hill (3pm) and then Takeley (7.45pm).

Abingdon United are hosting a Retro Shirt Day for their visit of Bewdley Town with anyone wearing a pre-2012 shirt getting half-price entry, while live music from Jason Rampling and a performance by The Twilight Twirlers precedes AFC Sudbury's visit of Redditch United.

Three Bridges are using the event to formally open their new 3G pitch, while Harwich & Parkeston will be continuing their 150th anniversary celebrations with a historic town visit, followed by a tour of the club's Royal Oak ground.

Charities too will be supported with Prostate Cancer UK the chosen beneficiary of a number of clubs on the day, while Non-League Day's extra mission this year focuses on encouraging people to give blood, led by former Non-League stalwart Francis Duku, the former Dulwich Hamlet, Ebbsfleet, Bromley and Lewes defender.

And this year, Non-League Day have joined forces with the Seventy7 Group in providing a fully managed social media campaign, creative assets, and advertising support to boost awareness and attendances on the day.

The Seventy7 Group are encouraging attendees to share their Non-League Day experience on Instagram for a chance to win £150 worth of football prizes.

Simply upload a photo of your NLD experience on Instagram, use the hashtag #NLD2025 and follow @nonleagueday_uk with a £50 voucher for mystery football kits and £100 to spend with their local club.

With so much going on up and down the country, it promises to be another Non-League Day to remember.

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Gorleston Football Club were always considered to have been formed in 1884, making them one of the oldest clubs in Norfolk.

Initially they wore Crimson Shirts and Blue Shorts earning the nickname of the Cards.

Their first competitive game was on 10/11/1888 when they played Beccles Caxton in the Suffolk Senior Cup, losing 1-0. In 1889 they moved to their spiritual home of the Recreation Ground playing their first game there on 09/11/1889 beating Yarmouth St Pauls 2-0.

It was in 1903 Gorleston adopted new colours of light green shirts and white shorts.

The first trophy for The Greens came in the

1906/07 season when they won the Norfolk Junior Cup. The next season they became founder members of the Great Yarmouth Borough League and became champions in that first season.

The club then immediately applied for membership of the Norfolk and Suffolk league, which was granted, thus gaining them senior status. In their first season they finished third.

The Greens progressed between the wars to become one of the most successful clubs in East Anglia, winning the Norfolk and Suffolk League title seven times, the first in 1921, and lifting the Norfolk Senior Cup on eight occasions, the first in 1922, when they beat Lynn Town 1-0 in the final.

In 1925/26 they did the double of League Champions and Senior Cup winners.

Needing a new challenge, Gorleston became founder members of the Eastern Counties League in 1935. However, their only honour before the outbreak of the second world war was the Norfolk Senior Cup in 1938 when they beat Yarmouth 3-0 in the final.

Following the war it was the 1951/52 season when Gorleston gained national fame. They held third division Leyton Orient to a 2-2 draw in the first round proper of the F.A. Cup. Several thousand fans turned up at the Recreation Ground to see the replay which was a goalless draw. The third and decisive game was a memorable cup-tie held at Arsenal's Highbury. At one stage Gorleston were 4-1 down but staged a remarkable comeback before eventually losing 5-4.

The following season the Greens completed a treble in what was their most successful season. They won their first Eastern Counties League championship and the Norfolk Senior Cup again. They completed the unique treble by winning the East Anglian Cup. They also finished runners-up in the League Cup.

The League Cup was eventually won for the first and only time in 1956 when Spurs A were beaten 3-1 in the final. They again reached the F.A. Cup 1st round proper in 1957/58 season, but this time they were well beaten by Gillingham 10-1.

By the end of the fifties the club faced severe financial problems and were forced to withdraw from the Eastern Counties League back into the Norfolk and Suffolk league. In the mid-60's Gorleston became founder members of the Anglian Combination. They successfully rejoined the Eastern Counties League in 1969 after winning the Anglian Combination Premier Division title, along with the Norfolk Senior Cup, beating Downham 2-1 in the final.

In the ensuing 15 seasons the Greens won the Championship on 3 occasions in 1972/73, 1979/80 and 1980/81 and didn't finish lower than 8th.

In 1982/83 they won the East Anglian Cup for the second time beating Bishop Stortford in the final. It was also this season when the club

moved from their spiritual home on Gorleston Recca to Emerald Park. The new purpose built stadium was built on part of the Magdalen Playing field on the outskirts of Gorleston.

The cost of the move to Emerald Park saw the Greens in financial difficulties once more and this had an effect on the field. League runners up in 1983 and Senior Cup winners a year later signalled the end of a winning period in the clubs history.

Following the move Gorleston were £150,000 in debt and it was only considerable good will from the bank and other creditors that kept the club afloat.

The next few seasons saw the Green's fortunes dip as they could no longer afford to pay for the top players and had to rely on local lads playing for fun. Subsequently, they were relegated to the first division in 1993/94. In the 1994/95 season the Greens missed promotion by two points and were finalists in the Norfolk Senior Cup. But, they bounced back the next season to the Premier Division after winning the Jewson League Division one title.

Creditable performances followed and culminated in runners up for season 2000/01 and winners of the Norfolk Senior Cup for the fourteenth time.

Sadly the end of the 2004-05 season saw Gorleston relegated again to the Ridgesons First.

The following two seasons saw us struggle and finish in the lower reaches of division one.

In the season 2008/09 saw the 125th anniversary of the club starting with a prestigious friendly against Norwich City.

Former Norwich City Vice-Chairman and our club president, Jimmy Jones, was awarded the MBE in the Queens 2009 Birthday Honours list.

The 2009/10 season saw promotion missed by just one place but the following season saw success winning the division one k.o. cup, the league cup and promotion back to the premiership.

2011/12 saw the team win the Norfolk Senior Cup. It was a sad season however as our club president and 'Mr. Gorleston', Jimmy Jones, died, therefore unable to see his beloved Greens lift the Senior Cup. New chairman, Mr. Alan Gordon took up the reigns.



2013/14 saw The Greens finish fourth and win the Norfolk Senior Cup for the 16th time. The Under 18's also brought silverware to Emerald Park, winning the East Division for the first time in the club's history and also reaching the Thurlow Nunn youth cup final.

The club were saddened to lose a great friend, manager and coach, Glyn Hopkins, who passed away in November 2014.

In 2015/16 the priority for new manager, Ricci Butler, was to maintain premier league status. The Reserve team, managed by Scott Butler, re-joined the Anglian Combination League with great success, finishing champions and not losing on route, also winning the CS Morley Cup.

2016/17 saw the first team reach the 4th round proper of the FA Vase. The Reserves gained a second successive promotion and retained the CS Morley Cup.

The Reserves made it four titles in a row in 2018/19 and gained promotion to Anglian Combination Division 1, also adding the Norfolk Junior Cup to their impressive title tally. The Under 18's took the honours in the East Division.

After a poor start to the 2019/20 season manager Stewart Larter resigned and the Chairman was quick to appoint brothers Ricci & Scott Butler as joint 1st team managers. This proved to be a very challenging season for them both and also for us all as Covid struck near the end of the season declaring the season null and void. Sadly in March 2020 Alan Gordon, chairman of Gorleston FC, passed away. He will be fondly remembered by the whole club and we are so

proud of his achievements whilst at the helm. With Covid very much still disrupting fixtures, football took a back seat with only a handful of matches being played in 2020/21 but we did gain our 17th victory in the Norfolk Senior Cup Final.

2021/22 Football was back and what a season. The Chairman, Jamie Humphries, together with our joint managers, Ricci and Scott Butler, put a strong squad together and a commanding start to the season set out our intentions with 6 straight wins. A two-way tussle for the league title went down to the wire with Gorleston winning on the last day of the season to pip Wroxham to the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division Trophy by one point.

Sadly this was to be our last ever game at Emerald Park.

2022/23 saw The Greens play at Step 4 for the first time in the clubs history, in the Isthmian Football League North Division, in a ground share with Lowestoft Town FC. Manager Scott Butler was replaced by Darren Cockrill and assistant Ollie Willis who, after many challenges, secured the clubs league status and went on to win the Norfolk Senior Cup for the 18th time.

The Reserves finished runners up in their league and were promoted to the Anglian Comb Premier Division and senior football.

Season 2023/24 saw Gorleston move to a new home at The Wellesley in Gt Yarmouth and a mid-table finish was achieved. The Reserves won the Anglian Comb Premier Division so were promoted into the Thurlow Nunn First Division.



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I'm Christian, I'm 33 years old and the founder of Through the Turnstile of Non-league Football (TTTONLF) & Parks to Pitches magazine.

I have been a lifelong football fan since I can remember. In my day-to-day world I work as a Marketing Manager, living with my partner Emma and our furry son Jak – he is the best thing to have happened to us, a pure bundle of happiness and love.

In early 2024 I wrote an article titled 'The Rise of Non-league football', Included in that were examples from all around the country where people had turned to non-league for many different reasons.

The idea for 'Through the Turnstile' came off the back of this article. It just made me realise just how many amazing clubs were out there doing things that tons of people maybe weren't aware of. It also made me think, I wonder what goes on through the turnstiles of these clubs and voila – the concept and name was born!

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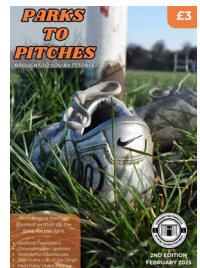
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To recently scoop the Gold Prize for 'Best in Non-league editorial' from "The Football Content Awards" and "The Non-league Bible" is simply incredible, overwhelming and makes me so so proud.

Last year I launched a dedicated printed Non-League Football magazine, 'Parks to Pitches' a quarterly magazine which includes stories from all over the country + it also includes a Free Matchday ticket for everyone who buys a copy, with every edition featuring a different team!

Included in the first two editions have been some amazing articles and stories on the likes of: Yoker Athletic, Groundhopper Stories, How you could become a scout, Non-League to Premier League on Football Manager, Top 3 grounds you need to visit, Matchday highlight editing, An Interview with Sports Reporter Charlotte Richardson, A day in the life with Tamworth keeper Jas Singh and so much more!

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Bury win to go second, Regent take a stranglehold on fifth place, Redbridge get five, Gorleston four, whilst Grays, Hall and Wanderers win with three



Leaders **Brentwood Town** had opened a two point gap between themselves and Felixstowe and Walton United, three points between themselves and Bury Town, and certainly looked to have the least difficult task of the three this weekend- welcoming **Newmarket Town** to the Arena. The Blues waited forty seven minutes to take the lead, George Smith with the opener, but Smith must have enjoyed it as only one minute later he did it again to make it two-nil. Five minutes later the match looked as good as won, Daniel Ogunleye scoring his thirty fifth of the season, and it got worse for the visitors when

Sam Park made it four-nil five minutes from time. There was still time for Ayo Adukoya to get a fifth, and Brentwood are now three points clear at the summit. The Jockeys are two points above the drop zone. Image from **Nick Gunn Photos**.

Felixstowe and Walton United participated in our match of the day for the second Saturday in succession, but they were keen to come out of it with a different result as they travelled to take on fourth place **Waltham Abbey**. The Abbotts were only four points behind the leaders after an eleven match unbeaten run, had won eight of their previous ten, and were very much becoming title challengers - and they went ahead in this one on sixty six minutes, although it took an own goal to break the deadlock. The Seasiders quickly levelled, Charlie Warren with the equaliser, but that was how it ended. Felixstowe slip to third, four points behind the leaders.



Third place **Bury Town** were three without a win, and had the tough prospect of sixth place **Tilbury** travelling to Ram Meadow. The Blues started the weekend three points behind the leaders- albeit with a significantly inferior goal difference compared with the leading duo- yet had lost fewer matches than anyone else in the Division; whilst the Dockers had been far less effective away from Chadfields, seven of their ten defeats coming on the road. After a goalless first half, Cemal Ramadan quickly put the hosts ahead in the second, his twenty fifth goal of the season, and just after the hour Lewis O'Malley made it two. The Dockers hit back to halve the deficit twenty one minutes from time, Alex Hernandez scoring his twentieth goal in his thirtieth match, but Bury held on for victory and moved up a place in the table.



Brightlingsea Regent hoped to hold onto their six point advantage over sixth place Tilbury as they travelled to take on relegation threatened **Wroxham**. The Yachtsmen were three unbeaten, including two wins, the latest of them at Walthamstow in midweek- a result which did Regent a favour, but the Yachtsmen did them no favours when they opened the scoring after only four minutes, Ryan Hawkins with the opening goal. Regent eventually got an equaliser only thirteen minutes from time, Michael Okafor with it, and with only four minutes left they got a

winner, too, Joe Gregory creating travelling delight. Regent open up a nine point lead in the race for a top five spot. Image from **Neil Payne**.

Walthamstow travelled to **Sporting Bengal United** in an East London derby. One point from their last three matches had left Stow with an eight point margin between themselves and the top five, whilst their hosts have taken two points- draws in their last two matches- from the last thirty available, a run which saw them start the weekend nine points from safety. An added time goal gave Walthamstow victory when the sides met earlier this season, but this time around neither side could score, a result which really helps neither of them achieve their goals. Stow are ten points from the play off places, United eight points from safety.

Witham Town's promotion hopes had stalled due to a run of only two wins from ten, a run which had seen them slip to eleven points away from a top five spot. Town travelled to **Haringey Borough**, who had rather different problems, three points from safety - and the home fans would have felt than sinking feeling when the visitors went ahead on twenty six minutes, Darius Ghinea the scorer. Borough levelled just before the break, Sydney Ibie with his third goal in six matches, but there was still time in first half added time for Ibie to be sent off. Witham regained the lead eleven minutes from time, Andrew Sesay the scorer, but deep - deep - in added time Jorge Djassi-Sambu earned the hosts a point - which leaves them two points from safety.

Redbridge have been in good form, our ninth place side having lost only two of their last ten, and the Motormen hoped to increase the misery of **Basildon United** as the Bees travelled to East London. United, new manager in the dugout, were seven points from safety and without a win since Saturday October 19th- twenty two matches - but the Bees went ahead four minutes into the second half, Nathan Best opening the scoring. The Motormen were level nine minutes later, Malachi Napa with the equaliser, and then they took the



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lead, Fotsing Pitoula Wabo making it two-one. The closing stages saw the Bees fall apart, and Napa made it three-one, Abs Conten Thompson added a fourth, and Kari Kayembe got a fifth. The Bees remain seven points from safety.

Gorleston, twelve matches unbeaten, moved into the top ten with victory over Cambridge City in midweek, and hoped for more of the same as **Concord Rangers** headed to Great Yarmouth. The Greens have won four in a row, and they were ahead in this one on twenty six minutes, Jake Reed with his sixth goal in thirteen matches. Four minutes into the second half they added a second, George Keys unlocking the Beachboys defence (sorry), and they were home clear when Abby Matthews scored a third from the spot fourteen minutes from time. Harley Black added a fourth late on, and the Greens unbeaten run increases to thirteen.

Cambridge City travelled to take on **Grays Athletic**. City had only lost two of their last ten - but to look at that another way had only one win from eight, and Athletic, who ended a long winless run in midweek, went ahead on twenty one minutes, Michael Finneran the scorer. On thirty six minutes City levelled, Alex Teniola announcing that it was his time to score, but parity lasted only six minutes until Sid Walker restored home advantage. On fifty seven minutes Alfie Mason drew City level once more, but five minutes from time the winner arrived- and it went to Athletic. Louie Remi got the all-important fifth goal of the afternoon.

Heybridge Swifts were at home to **Mildenhall Town**. Swifts form at Scraley Road has very much been their achilles heel this season, and they were soon behind, Jarid Robson scoring for Hall after only eight minutes- and fifteen minutes later Robson had another, making it two-nil. It got even worse for Swifts eleven minutes before half time when Mark Chidi saw red, and that wasn't the end of their first half pain as Thomas Thulborn was able to score a third for the visitors before half time. The ten men got a goal back ten minutes into the second half, Joseph Adewunmi giving the home fans something to cheer, but that was where their cheering stopped.

Bottom side **Ipswich Wanderers** picked up their first win in almost six months when they defeated Brightlingsea Regent in midweek, but with sixteen points between themselves and safety needed to go on a winning streak of some magnitude to climb clear of the relegation places. The next obstacle looked a rather big one as **Maldon and Tiptree** came to call, the Jammers four unbeaten- and the obstacle got larger still as Kai Brown put the visitors ahead just before the half hour. Wanderers rallied, and levelled five minutes before half time, Max Tate with the equaliser, and then, twenty three minutes from time, they went ahead - Ben Stallard making it two-one. In added time the visitors went down to ten men, Gary Hooper dismissed, and Wanderers added a third, Ashley Blow ensuring three points and a second win of the week. Could they? They've thirteen points to make up and eight games left.

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By the 1980s, Spanish football was in a bit of a crisis. Consistent failings by the national side were compounded in the home 1982 World Cup which saw them struggle to qualify from the first group stage behind Northern Ireland, only to lose in the second group stage with barely a whimper. On the club side, Real Madrid hadn't won the European Cup since 1966 - unthinkable, both before and after - and no other Spanish club had ever taken the title. With money beginning to pour into the game, and La Liga at risk of being left behind, innovative solutions were required. And thus the Copa de La Liga was born.

Spain's forgotten competition was the brainchild of Barcelona President Josep Luiz Nunez, who considered that in an era of spiralling costs and little success, more football would mean more revenue. The new tournament saw all 18 top flight teams compete against each other. The competition was replicated in each division down the pyramid, but with no chance to qualify to play teams from a higher level, there was little interest. Byes were to be given to teams who progressed deep into the Copa del Rey, and it was a straight knockout competition with each tie played over two legs.

The first season couldn't have gone better. 46 goals were scored in the opening seven ties, including a big 9-4 win for Espanyol over Celta Vigo. The scoring rate continued through to the semi-finals, where Barcelona won 5-3 over Atletico Madrid, and Real Madrid progressed on penalties against Real Zaragoza after an 8-8

stalemate! It set up an El Clasico final for the first iteration of the competition, and Maradona scored in each leg to give Barcelona the inaugural trophy. On the pitch, it had been a huge success.

Off the pitch, however, it had been a catastrophic failure. Fans hadn't found anything to get excited about in the new competition and as a result, attendances were low. This was a problem for Nunez and his supporters, who assumed increased gate receipts would help them compete at the European level. Instead, the players had more games and the clubs had little financial reward. To make matters worse, Television Espaniola had introduced some frankly bizarre local broadcasting rights that meant regional broadcasters were unable to show local games of interest. As a result, tv audiences were low.

The Spanish FA took action to try to boost the competition. In a boon for lower league clubs, winners of the lower division were added to the top-flight competition, and to drive more interest, the winners would be awarded a UEFA Cup place. It made the competition more fierce for sure, and meant some weaker clubs took it more seriously as a chance to get into Europe, where the big boys focused on the more established competitions.

And so it was that the second Copa de La Liga was won by little Real Valladolid. They had to beat Zaragoza, Sevilla and Real Betis to reach

the final, and their home form in particular was imperious, something that would help them in the final. After holding Atletico Madrid to a goalless draw at the Vicente Calderon, they were themselves held in the second leg. Extra time beckoned, and here Valladolid ran riot, scoring three without reply. It remains the only trophy they have ever won.

There is a strong argument that if a trophy exists in Spain and Real Madrid haven't won it, it will continue to be played until they have. As exciting as it was for Valladolid to get into Europe, the fans still hadn't taken to the competition and attendances started to fall from their already very modest levels. The big sides, failing to realise any advantage from the competition, started to complain about the increased schedule. The Copa de la Liga was ailing, so it was probably to everyone's benefit that Real won the third iteration, beating Atletico in the final. Manager Luis Molowny considered it like winning nothing at all that season.

The competition lasted just one more season before the FEF pulled the plug. Almost aware of the dying embers, the goals flowed even more as Betis and Barcelona trudged their way to the final. For the Catalans and Nunez, the competition's advocate, it had become a distraction they could do without. For Betis, with the writing on the wall, it was one final chance to get into Europe. They started the stronger, winning the first leg, but Barca were too good for them at the Camp Nou, ensuring that the trophy both began and ended life in the Catalan capital.

The competition was wound up after that final, and the trophy largely forgotten. Certainly, for the two giants of Spanish football, it is an irrelevance to their storied histories; it's a challenge to even find the cup in the colossal trophy room at the Camp Nou. But for one, small, Castillian club, it is still remembered, with ribbons of Valladolid purple and white.

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