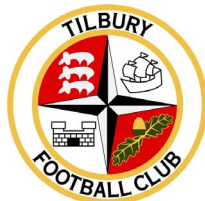


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JOINT CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**

Good afternoon all and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for today's visit of Tilbury.

Prior to moving on to our recent fortunes I wanted to make a point of how proud we should all be with the condition of non-league football in our county of Suffolk.

Last week Needham Market had the honour of representing us all in the first round of the Emirates FA Cup. Unfortunately, they went down valiantly to Football League opposition 2-0.

On Wednesday I went online to look at some of the leagues and it was great to see both Leiston & Needham in the top 8 of the Southern League Premier Division.

Going on to better that, our own league is currently dominated by Suffolk clubs with the top 4 being Lowestoft, Sudbury, Stowmarket and ourselves.

I moved on to the Thurlow Nunn Premier (our home for many a year) to find 5 Suffolk based clubs in the top 8.

Looking at this (although still early in the season) we as a county have a lot to be proud of, particularly when you look at the size and population of the county - it's safe to say we are all punching well above our weight, and long may it continue.

Moving on to what was to be a little more controversial and our visit to table toppers Lowestoft Town last Saturday. Before anything I will again applaud our travelling support, who mostly made their way under their own steam, due to the rail strikes. Your support is invaluable - never underestimate how much both the players and management appreciate it - more than you will know.

The game itself was a good quality local derby being contested by the top 2 sides in the division.



With us going ahead early from a top-drawer George Clarke strike, the game was always going to open up. Nobody was disappointed as the game ebbed and flowed to the half time whistle, when in all honesty we could have gone in 3-3 without complaint.

The game was turned on its head early in the 2nd half when Calum Bennett was given a straight red for a simple foul on the halfway line (things were not looking good).

What was to follow was a show of grit, guts and will to defend at all costs by the lads, with some exceptional counter attacking. In my opinion it was worthy of a share of the spoils all day long.

Unfortunately, this was not to be the case, as nobody in the ground had paid to see the "referee show". I won't go into detail, as it would take another couple of pages... just to say it was the worst decision making I have seen from a team of officials at this level since we gained promotion.

However, we all live in the hope of "what goes around comes around" and these decisions equal out over the course of the season - fingers crossed. Enjoy the game.

FROM THE DUGOUT: **STUART BOARDLEY**

Good afternoon all,


As many of you will have seen either in person or indeed via the media, we have suffered back to back defeats for the first time this season. You could be forgiven for thinking that I may not be pleased with the players and their efforts over the last two games but to be honest nothing could be further from the truth.

I'm not going to go into depth about the Lowestoft debacle as I recognise how difficult and unenviable the job of being an official can be, but I have genuinely never witnessed anything quite like the performance of the man in the middle last Saturday. The game was a delight to watch with two very good

teams going at it hammer and tongs for 90 plus minutes. It is just unfortunate that the game ended with everyone discussing the officiating rather than the game itself. I could not have been prouder of the way the players played, dealt with adversity, stuck together and generally the way in which they conducted themselves under challenging circumstances.

We must take that defeat and the disappointment and anger that it produced and use it as fuel to propel us forward in our





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next run of games and the return leg at Dellwood whereby we will certainly be looking to right some wrongs.

Moving on to our midweek fixture in the Velocity trophy where we met with Enfield Town, a team flying high in the Isthmian Premier Division one level above ourselves. In previous rounds we had used this competition as an opportunity to provide playing time to those within the squad who hadn't played as many games as they'd have liked. It also provides a platform to be able to give some of the younger members of the team an opportunity. Well, despite the loss, I was very pleased with the way those coming into the team contributed as we really provided Enfield with a stern test and some nervy moments as they were narrowly able to hold on to a 2-1 lead.

Moving swiftly on to today's game where we offer a warm welcome to Tilbury's management and players. Tilbury have had an indifferent start to the campaign but have proved that they are capable of beating the top teams in the division with wins against both Bury and Grays Athletic so once again they provide an example that the league is so closely matched and that anyone can beat anyone on their day.

Let's hope we can get back to winning ways, hope you all enjoy the game!

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SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER
Isthmian North League

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

Hitter, Clarke

Great Wakering Rovers 1

HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Noel Aitkens
5. Milo Grimes
6. Billy Holland
7. Lamell Howell
8. Joshua Hitter
9. George Clarke
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PHOTOS
BY STEFAN
PECK





Felixstowe & Walton United were made to work hard for the three points against a Great Wakering Rovers side that fought their way back into the match after a scintillating first half an hour from the Seasiders, and two superb goals from **Josh Hitter** and **George Clarke** had the home side cruising to victory. A 73rd minute header made for a nervy finish but Felixstowe held out to record their ninth successive home league victory.







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Football wise, the clubs (Towns) first met in the FA Vase in 1989 when Tilbury were in the Isthmian League Division 2 (North) and Felixstowe Town were members of the Jewson League Premier Division.

On that occasion it was a 1st round match played here at the then Town Ground - which we won 6-3. The only other meeting prior to us gaining promotion to the Isthmian League was in 2016 as Felixstowe & Walton United for an FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round match. It was a much closer affair this time, although we still took the honours 2-1.

Our regular appointments began in 2018 following our promotion to our current league... that season we drew both League Fixtures 2-2 at Tilbury in October 2018 in front of 102 spectators and 1-1 here at the then Goldstar ground in February 2019 in front of 351 spectators.

Enjoy the game!

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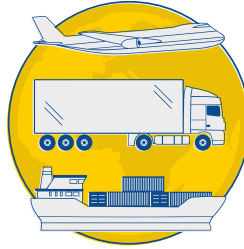
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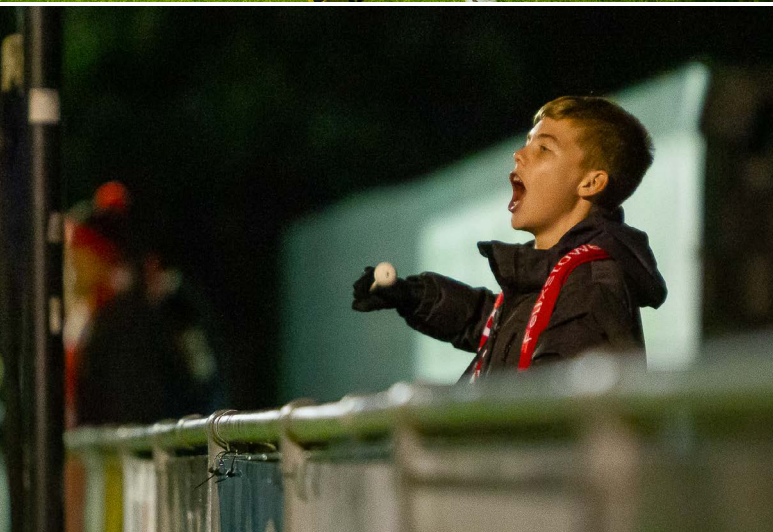
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TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER
VELOCITY CUP 3RD RND

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1

Ford

Enfield Town 2



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6. Harry Knock
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16. Josh Hitter
17. Marcel Kiwomya
18. Tommy Smith





OUR SQUAD

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



STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

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

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ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

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

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KOTRYNA STOKNAITE SPORTS THERAPIST

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

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STUART STEVENSON COACH

After hanging up his boots Stuart joined Felixstowe Utd as a fitness coach/physio, then on to Trimley to help coach his son's team from the U8s-U16s. Stuart rejoined the 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.

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GARY HAMMOND GOALKEEPER COACH

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

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CALLUM ROBINSON **GOALKEEPER**

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

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STUART AINSLEY **LEFT BACK**

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

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JOE WHIGHT **DEFENDER**

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

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CALLUM BENNETT **RIGHT BACK**

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

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CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN **DEFENDER**

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

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MILO GRIMES **DEFENDER**

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

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HARRY KNOCK **DEFENDER**

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

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HARRY BLACKBURN **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

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

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BILLY HOLLAND **MIDFIELDER**

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

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NOEL AITKENS **MIDFIELDER**

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

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LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH **MIDFIELDER**

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

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JOSH HITTER **MIDFIELDER**

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

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CALLUM HARRISON **MIDFIELDER**

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

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RORY PORTER **MIDFIELDER**

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

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HENRY BARLEY **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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

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TOM MAYCOCK **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Former Sudbury youngster Tom joins us following a season at Step 3 with Needham Market. A technically gifted left footed forward who can play a number of positions across the front line.

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LAMELL HOWELL **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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

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CHARLIE WARREN **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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

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ARMANI SCHAAR **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Armani played for Felixstowe & Walton back in 2016 before moving on to Leiston and then Lowestoft Town where he helped them avoid relegation. Armani has also had spells at Needham Market and brings with him plenty of experience playing at step 3 level.

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GEORGE CLARKE **FORWARD**

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

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OLLIE CANFER **FORWARD**

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

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ZAK BROWN **FORWARD**

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

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SAM FORD **FORWARD**

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

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Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1**

Clarke

Lowestoft Town suffered a poor start against Felixstowe and Walton United, George Clarke scoring for the visitors after just five minutes. The Seaside's held onto their lead for almost an hour, but they were undermined by a red card for Callum Bennett, and within ten minutes of his involuntary departure the hosts were level, Travis Cole with the goal. It looked as if the match was destined to end in a draw, before deep in added time the hosts were awarded a spot kick and Adam Hipperson despatched it for his tenth goal of the season to keep his side five points clear.



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THE OTHER SIDE TILBURY FC

Tilbury F.C. now have concrete proof that they were formed in 1889, and competed in the Gravesend League from 1889/1890. With the Docks being the only employer of any size in the area, all the Players and Officials of the Club were Dockers, hence the adoption of the nickname, "The Dockers", which still stands today.

The aim of the Club was to gain success at Junior level via the Essex Junior Cup, and thereby to eventually bring Senior Level Football to the Town. Tilbury soon made a name at the Junior level, with successive League championships, and an appearance in the Final of the Junior Cup in 1903/04, where they were defeated after a replay by Chelmsford Arc Works. It was to be another 5 years before they reached the Final again, in 1908/09, but this time they carried off the Trophy by defeating the County's oldest club, Saffron Walden Town.

However, at this stage, support for the club was poor. Only a couple of miles down the road, Grays Athletic were now playing in Senior ranks,

and Grays Thurrock United were playing Professionally in the Southern League. Most local fans were going to these clubs, and finances for Tilbury were very tight. At the end of the 1910/11 season, the club also lost it's home ground, and the Committee decided that the club should take a break from playing while it sought a new home base.

The intended short break stretched to three seasons, and was then further extended by the outbreak of the First World War, in 1914. As a result, it was not until 1919/20 that Tilbury were able to resume, this time in the South Essex League. They became Champions of that League in 1921/22, and were again a force in the County Junior ranks. The big push for advancement into Senior ranks came in 1924/25. The Title was again captured, and so was the Essex Junior Cup. As a result, in the following season, Tilbury were invited to enter the Essex Senior Cup instead, which they accepted, as they realised that some good results would really aid their cause.

In 1926/27, Tilbury reached the 3rd Round of the Cup, the first Junior side to do so, and also became the first Junior club to knock a Senior club out of the Cup, when they played superbly to defeat the mighty Walthamstow Avenue 3-2. During the Summer, they were granted Senior status by the Essex F.A.

Disaster almost struck however. Application was made to several Leagues but, one by one, they were all rejected, and it looked as though Tilbury were doomed. At the very last moment, the Kent League stepped in and offered them a place, which was eagerly accepted. With Tilbury remaining as one of only 5 Amateur clubs in a Professional competition, it was no surprise that they found it tough going on the field of play.

Off the field, however, the 4 seasons spent in the Kent League were a success. Tilbury



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enjoyed their time in the League and made many friends and contacts. It was an off-field matter, though, that led to them eventually leaving the competition. The League had expanded in size greatly since Tilbury joined, and added to the difficulty of continually crossing the Thames was the end of season fixture congestion.

This meant a great many midweek matches and, with no Floodlights in those days, those games had to kick off at 4.30pm, and Tilbury nearly always had to field weakened teams due to players' work commitments. At the end of the 1930/31 season, the Committee very reluctantly took the decision that the club would have to move on. They made an application to join the London League, one of those that had rejected them 4 years earlier, and this time were accepted.

Tilbury stayed in the London League until 1939, when the outbreak of the Second World War led to the disbandment of most Senior Leagues. During that spell, they were twice 4th in the table, and once reached the League Cup Final, but were mostly to be found in the bottom half of the League Table. In September 1939, all Football was forced to return to a more

local basis, due to Travel restrictions and Fuel rationing. Along with 9 other local clubs, Tilbury formed the War Time South Essex Combination.

They completed the 1939/40 season in this League, but at the end of that campaign were forced to disband for the duration, when their ground was commandeered by the Army, as a site for the Anti-Aircraft Guns brought in to protect the Docks.

Tilbury resumed in the London League in 1946/47, and then on a new home ground, the present Chadfields in 1947/48, and embarked upon a four season spell of much success and National recognition. They reached 2 successive Essex Senior Cup Finals, were 3 times League Runners Up, and were desperately unlucky to be knocked out of the F.A. Amateur Cup at the Quarter Final stage, when reduced to 9 fit men through injury.

The proudest moment, though, came in the F.A. Cup. In 1949/50, Tilbury fought their way through to the 1st Round Proper, eventually going down 0-4 away to a Notts County side led by the legendary England centre forward Tommy Lawton. In the previous round replay, at home to Gorleston, a crowd of 5,500 had packed into St. Chad's Road, and that is still

the official Ground Record. The proceeds from this Cup run were used, a few years later, to buy the Freehold to the 13 acre site that the Ground stands on.

In 1950/51 Tilbury moved into the Corinthian League. Apart from one League Cup Final, this was to be a barren 7 year spell, and at the end of that time they returned to the London League. The move into the Corinthian ranks had coincided with the gradual break up of the successful but ageing post-War side. The move back to the London League now coincided with the coming together of an extremely talented bunch of local young players, that brought great success in the coming seasons.

In 1957/58, Tilbury finished 3rd in the London League, but in each of the next 4 campaigns were the undisputed Champions. On 3 occasions they also captured the League Cup. Also, in 1960/61, the Essex Senior Cup was won for the first time, when Walthamstow Avenue were beaten 4-1 (aet) in the Final, just 3 weeks after they had won the Amateur Cup at Wembley.

1962/63 saw Tilbury move into the Delphian League. This was to be the Winter of the "Big

Freeze", which almost totally disrupted all Sport throughout the Country for a period of almost 3 months. This was to coincide with that League's last ever season. In 1963/64, that League joined the expanded Athenian League set up, becoming the bottom Division of a 3 Division set up. The Athenian League being the Premier Division, the Corinthian League being Division One and the Delphian, Division Two.

Tilbury were inaugural Champions of Division Two, also winning the Essex Senior Cup again. 5 seasons later, they completed the climb to the Premier Division, by winning the Division One championship. 5 seasons were spent in the Athenian Premier Division before, in 1973/74, they joined the newly formed Isthmian League Division Two, which was later re-named Division One.

In 1974/75, they became the first ever winners of the Isthmian League Cup, and 12 months later were the Division One Champions. 5th place in their first Premier Division season was the best Tilbury could achieve in their 5 season stay, before being relegated back to Division One.

However, during that spell, in 1977/78,



Tilbury enjoyed a remarkable run in the F.A. Cup, as they started in the Preliminary Round and fought their way right through to the 3rd Round Proper, before going down 0-4 away to Stoke City. The storm clouds were already forming though, and just 2 seasons later relegation followed, amid a financial crisis so severe that the Club almost died.

Since then, Tilbury have found things tough. They have suffered relegation on several occasions, but have mostly bounced back fairly quickly, but the successes of previous years have never been re-captured.

In 2004/05, Tilbury finished their one season in the Southern League Division One East in rock bottom position, and were relegated to the Essex Senior League. They bounced back immediately, and earned a return to Isthmian ranks, and have managed to remain there since.

The past 2 seasons were moderately successful, with two 11th place finishes in the League, and in 2008/09 Tilbury won the Isthmian League Cup and the East Anglian Cup, these were their first Trophies in 30 years.

2010/2011, with a new Manager in Paul Vaughan, and a tie-up with South Essex College Academy, saw the Club hoping to build for the future. With an inexperienced squad, the first half of the campaign was a real struggle, and by Xmas Tilbury were in real danger of relegation. However, as he gained experience, Vaughan gradually rebuilt and reinforced his squad, and the 2nd half of the campaign saw a run of results that steered the Club to safety well before the end of the season.

2011/12 saw Tilbury greatly exceed their expectations, as Vaughan's squad stayed in and around the promotion race all season, clinching a play-off place with a game to spare. Sadly, though, it ended in extra time defeat against Needham Market. Success spread through the club as well, with the newly formed Reserves, comprised mainly of players under 21 years old, coming second in the Essex Senior Reserve League, and winning the League Cup.

Unfortunately, this level could not be maintained over the next few seasons, as Tilbury continually lost some of their better



players to higher level clubs, and Vaughan was continually having to rebuild his squad. The Club's Academy proved it's worth in this respect, as Tilbury still managed to finish in a respectable position.

In October 2014, Paul Vaughan stepped down as Manager, and the Club acted quickly to appoint player Gary Henty as the new boss, and he acted quickly to appoint former Tilbury player Danny Smith as his assistant and another ex-"Docker" George Young as Coach.

Tilbury finished that season in a comfortable lower mid-table position, but showed great improvement in 2015/16, at one time being as high as 5th, on the back of a very long unbeaten run. This included good runs in both the Essex Senior Cup and F.A. Trophy, with no fewer than 3 National League sides being defeated.

However, as the season entered it's final few weeks, their poor disciplinary record came back to bite them, with player suspensions taking their toll leading to a fall down the Table to 11th. That pattern was repeated in 2016/17. The first half of the season saw Tilbury in or just below the Play-Off places, but in the second half of the campaign a dramatic loss of form of just 3 wins from 22 games saw them plummet down as low as 17th.

The season was rescued in the final month, in which Tilbury went unbeaten, winning three and drawing two of the final

five League matches, climbing back up to a respectable 12th position. On the cup front, Tilbury had a fine run through to the Semi-Final of the Essex Senior Cup, before going down narrowly to National South side East Thurrock United.

Unfortunately, Tilbury suffered a terrible run of results in October of 2017. A heavy defeat in the F.A. Trophy brought about the resignations of manager and assistant, Gary Henty & Danny Smith, plus coach George Young.

Once again, the Club turned to a former player to take over. Joe Keith returned to the club and brought in a few new signings over the next few weeks, and guided the club to a safe final position. However, this run could not be maintained, and in October of the next season, with the Club lying second from bottom, the Management Team was changed again.

Marc Harrison, a former Under 16 side Manager at Tilbury, had enjoyed a very successful spell with Basildon United, and now returned to Chadfields, bringing Liam Wallace with him as his Assistant. Making several new signings, they immediately brought about a big improvement, and took the club right up to 7th place, before a final

day defeat away to the Division Champions sent them back to a final 10th place finish.

2019/20 got off to a slow start for the Club, but once they got going they rapidly climbed up the League Table. By March, Tilbury were sitting comfortably in 4th position, and seemed certain of a place in the Promotion Play-Offs. Then, the Covid 19 virus created a Pandemic that swept across the World, and caused the Isthmian and many other Leagues to be declared Null & Void, with all Football coming to a close.

2020/21 got off to an even better start, and Tilbury found themselves as the early season League Leaders. Once again, however, the Covid Pandemic raised it's head. The situation across the Country deteriorated greatly and Lockdown once more came into force. As in the previous campaign, that signalled, eventually, the abandonment of the season, and denied Tilbury what seemed a near certain place at least in the Play-Offs. With all restrictions lifted from July 12th 2021, and with most of the squad retained plus one or two quality additions, the Club are hoping that fate does not intervene again, and that they can challenge for the honours.



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SEPTEMBER

12 BURY TOWN H L 4-0

OCTOBER

3 HARINGEY BOROUGH H W 2-0

Clarke (P), Curtis

12 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT A W 7-2

17 BRENTWOOD TOWN H W 3-1

Ford(3)

31 BURY TOWN L 6-2

NOVEMBER

16 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS A 7.45PM

21 HARINGEY BOROUGH A 7.45PM

28 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT H 7.45PM

DECEMBER

7 BRENTWOOD TOWN A 7.45PM

12 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS H 7.45PM

JANUARY

18 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS A 7.45PM

23 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT H 7.45PM

FEBRUARY

6 BURY TOWN H 7.45PM

15 BRENTWOOD TOWN A 7.45PM

20 HARINGEY BOROUGH H 7.45PM

LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
Heybridge Swifts	5	4	1	0	13
Bury Town	6	4	0	2	12
Brentwood Town	6	3	0	3	9
F&W Utd	5	3	0	2	9
Haringey Borough	6	2	0	4	6
Brightlingsea Regent	6	0	1	5	1

ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2022/23

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Lowestoft Town	12	10	1	1	31	8	+23	31
AFC Sudbury	11	9	2	0	32	12	+20	29
Stowmarket Town	11	7	3	1	25	10	+15	24
Felixstowe & Walton United	12	7	2	3	28	14	+14	23
Grays Athletic	11	7	2	2	21	10	+11	23
Hashtag United	11	7	1	3	21	14	+7	22
Brentwood Town	12	7	1	4	20	15	+5	22
Heybridge Swifts	10	6	3	1	18	8	+10	21
East Thurrock United	12	6	2	4	19	17	+2	20
Bury Town	11	5	4	2	13	8	+5	19
New Salamis	11	5	3	3	20	23	-3	18
Witham Town	12	5	1	6	21	19	+2	16
Great Wakering Rovers	13	3	2	8	19	26	-7	11
Tilbury	12	3	2	7	10	23	-13	11
Basildon United	12	2	3	7	11	21	-10	9
Hullbridge Sports	13	2	3	8	13	25	-12	9
Wroxham	11	1	4	6	15	28	-13	7
Gorleston	13	2	0	11	12	34	-22	6
Maldon & Tiptree	12	1	1	10	9	25	-16	4
Coggeshall Town	12	0	4	8	5	23	-18	4

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SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - 3PM KO

AFC Sudbury	v	Grays Athletic
Basildon United	v	Coggeshall Town
Bury Town	v	Witham Town
East Thurrock United	v	Maldon & Tiptree
Gorleston	v	Great Wakering Rovers
Hashtag United	v	Wroxham
Heybridge Swifts	v	Hullbridge Swifts
New Salamis	v	Lowestoft Town
Stowmarket Town	v	Brentwood Town



FIXTURES 2022/23

AUGUST

13	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Hitter</i>	A	D 1-1
16	GORLESTON <i>Warren, Harrison, Canfer</i>	H	W 3-2
20	DEREHAM TOWN*	A	L 2-0
27	BASILDON UNITED <i>Howell, Holland</i>	H	W 2-0
29	COGGESHALL TOWN <i>Aitkens, Harrison, Hitter</i>	A	W 3-1

SEPTEMBER

13	BURGESS HILL TOWN** <i>Whight, Harrison</i> <i>Burgess Hill Town win 3-2 on pens</i>	H	D 2-2
17	NEW SALAMIS <i>Harrison 2, Canfer 3</i>	H	W 5-0
27	WITHAM TOWN*** <i>Holland 2, Maycock</i>	H	W 3-1

OCTOBER

1	WROXHAM <i>Brown, Harrison</i>	A	D 2-2
8	MALDON & TIPTREE <i>Hitter, Holland, Whight</i>	W	3-1
11	CHERTSEY TOWN**** <i>Brown, Holland</i>	W	2-0
15	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Hitter, Holland</i>	L	3-2
22	HASHTAG UNITED <i>Brown, Warren, Clarke, Hitter</i>	W	4-0
25	AFC SUDBURY	L	1-0
29	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS <i>Hitter, Clarke</i>	W	2-1

NOVEMBER

5	LOWESTOFT TOWN <i>Clarke</i>	L	2-1
8	ENFIELD TOWN***** <i>Ford</i>	L	2-1
12	TILBURY	H	3PM

*Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round
**Isuzu FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

***Velocity Trophy First Round
****Velocity Trophy Second Round

19	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS	A	3PM
26	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM

DECEMBER

3	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM
10	BURY TOWN	H	3PM
17	EAST THURROCK UNITED	A	3PM
27	COGGESHALL TOWN	H	1PM

JANUARY

2	STOWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM
7	BRENTWOOD TOWN	H	3PM
14	GORLESTON	A	3PM
21	LOWESTOFT TOWN	H	3PM
28	TILBURY	A	3PM

FEBRUARY

4	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS	H	3PM
11	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	A	3PM
14	AFC SUDBURY	H	7.45PM
18	MALDON & TIPTREE	A	3PM
25	WROXHAM	H	3PM

MARCH

4	NEW SALAMIS	A	3PM
11	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM
18	HASHTAG UNITED	A	3PM
25	BASILDON UNITED	A	3PM

APRIL

1	EAST THURROCK UNITED	H	3PM
8	BURY TOWN	A	3PM
10	STOWMARKET TOWN	H	3PM
15	WITHAM TOWN	A	3PM

*****Velocity Trophy Third Round

GOALSCORER STATISTICS

Callum Harrison	●●●●●●
Billy Holland	●●●●●●
Josh Hitter	●●●●●●
Ollie Canfer	●●●●
Zak Brown	●●●
George Clarke	●●●
Joe Whight	●●
Charlie Warren	●●
Noel Aitkens	●
Lamell Howell	●
Tom Maycock	●
Sam Ford	●



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There are goals and there are Goals. Those shots, screamers, headers, volleys, even tap-ins and the somehow-bundled-over-the-lines that will be forever remembered.

Sometimes it's by an individual fanbase, where a goal and its scorer are immortalised in club history and legend.

Just think back to the weekend just gone in the FA Cup. Alvechurch's Danny Waldron scoring twice as they beat Cheltenham Town in the first round, or Gold Omatayo's towering header as King's Lynn Town dumped out Doncaster Rovers.

Or how about Joe Hanks' audacious backheel that saw Chippenham Town past League One Lincoln City.

On the other end of a result were South Shields, their fine efforts against Forest Green Rovers finally ended in the last seconds by Connor Whickham's incredible lob from the halfway line.

In their own way, those goals will also be immortalised in FA Cup history – just like Sean Raggett's header for Lincoln City when the Imps knocked out Burnley on their way to the quarter-finals, Scott Rendell scoring for Luton against Norwich City, Matt Hanlon's Sutton strike or Tim Buzaglio's Woking hat-trick heroics over West Brom.

It's what makes the competition at these early stages special. Players catapulted into the spotlight for producing something on the big stage, often in the biggest game of their lives.

Of course, different goals will have more meaning to some than others. That's the nature of football.

But the majority of us will also have those favourite goals scored for clubs we have no such attachment too – or moments that are



instantly recognisable.

Even those of us who were still to land on this planet, Ronnie Radford's goal for Hereford United against Newcastle United is surely one of, if not the, most iconic goal in the FA Cup. It transcends Hereford's history. It was poignant his sad death came in the week that the Bulls played Portsmouth on live TV to get the first round proper underway.

The fans unveiled a banner featuring the commentary words that accompanied the goal, former team-mates spoke of their memories and manager Josh Gowling was one of many others to pay tributes to not only a club great, but a player who made his mark on the beautiful game.

Newcastle United, forever associated with the Hereford humbling, tweeted out their own message of condolence. After all, it wasn't just a goal.

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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Lowestoft score deep into added time to take victory, Nnamdi Nwachuku took his tally to twenty one for Sudbury, Stow hit five, Rocks get four, and the Jammers got their first win. It's our Pitching In Isthmian North round up

Lowestoft Town lost their first league match of the season last weekend, and they suffered a poor start against second place **Felixstowe and Walton United**, George Clarke scoring for the visitors after just five minutes. The Seasiders held onto their lead for almost an hour, but they were undermined by a red card for Callum Bennett, and within ten minutes of his involuntary departure the hosts were level, Travis Cole with the goal. It looked as if the match was destined to end in a draw, before deep in added time the hosts were awarded a spot kick and Adam Hipperson despatched it for his tenth goal of the season to keep his side five points clear.

AFC Sudbury are their closest challengers, and the Yellows delivered another superb performance in walloping **Wroxham** five-one. Nnamdi Nwachuku is having another magnificent season, and put his side ahead on seven minutes. It was two-nil by the break, Josh Stokes doubling their advantage, and within six minutes of the restart Ben Hunter

made it four. At that point Ryan Hawkins reduced the arrears with a penalty, but that just awoke Nwachuku once more, and he added two more for his second hat trick of the campaign – twenty one goals in eighteen matches so far as his side remain unbeaten. They Yellows are five points off the top, but have two games in hand.

Another two form sides met at Parkside, as fourth place **Grays Athletic** welcomed sixth place **Heybridge Swifts**. Only two points separated the two teams at start of play, and the gap remained the same at the end, after a one-one draw. Swifts went ahead on eighteen minutes, Ross Wall with his sixth of the season, but before the break George Win equalised for Athletic – and that was that. Grays are fourth, Swifts eighth.

Stowmarket Town travelled to take on managerless **Coggeshall Town**, and showed no mercy. The Seed Growers were still without a victory all season, whilst Stow had gone eleven matches without a defeat – and form showed, as the visitors crushed the hosts by five goals to nil, condemning them to slip to the bottom of the table. Ollie Sotoyinbo did most of the damage, scoring a hat trick, with Nathan Stewart adding a fourth and Reggie Lamb a last minute fifth.

East Thurrock United, six unbeaten and with four consecutive wins, made it seven and five

at **Great Waking Rovers**. The hosts went ahead early on, Eusebio Da Silva continuing his success in front of goal, but that just annoyed the visitors, who hit back with four. Ben Steward and Brian Moses put them ahead before the break, and Jack Hayes and Moses again added two more in the ten minutes after the restart. Reece Stringer got one back for Rovers, but that was that - although the hosts saw Sam Dowdridge depart with a red card late on. The Rocks close to within two points of the play off places.

Tilbury welcomed **New Salamis** to Chadfields. The Dockers had hit a bit of a rough patch and conceded eight goals in their last two League matches, and they were to lose again - Derek Asamoah and Albert Adu Donyinah scoring on seven and sixty minutes - the second putting them ahead once more after Darnell Kithambo's equaliser for the Dockers. Salamis are eleventh, the Dockers three places - yet seven points - behind.

Witham Town had gone seven matches in all competitions without a victory - and had lost six of those - but they got back to form in style with a three-nil win over **Gorleston**. They were two-nil up at the break, Adam Vyse and Deese Madia scoring in the first twelve minutes - but were then given a much easier time of it as visiting keeper Jake Jessup saw red. Abdul Rasheed almost immediately made it three, and Town are twelfth.

Bottom side **Maldon & Tiptree** looked for their first win as they welcomed **Basildon United** - and they got it, too. Harvey Sayer gave the Jammers a perfect start, scoring twice within the first five minutes, and just before the half hour Lance Akins made it three-nil. The Bees did get one back from the spot in the closing stages - Tim Monsheju with that - but it was no more than a consolation.

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At the beginning of the 1914-15 season, Celtic, fresh from winning their eleventh Scottish title, travelled to Edinburgh to take on Hearts. The home side had won two titles in the 1890s before being eclipsed by the Glasgow giants, and had been crowned World Champions in 1902 by beating Tottenham Hotspur, but hadn't been able to win the league for nearly two decades. There was a sense of optimism, then,



when scored in the 27th minute, Harry Wattie netting for the hosts. Hearts' goalkeeper James Boyd ensured that the Celtic onslaught came to nothing, before deep into the second half Tom Gracie doubled the lead and put the game to bed. That same day, George V declared war on Germany, and within four years both goalscorers, the goalkeeper, and teammate James Speedie, were dead.

The Scottish football season did not immediately respond to the conflict, and Hearts

fine start to season continued with eight straight wins, eventually stretching to 19 out of 21. But resistance began to grow, both inside and outside the game, to the idea of sport carrying on. Airdrieonians chairman Thomas Forsyth argued that 'playing football while our men are fighting is repugnant' at a meeting where a motion was debated to suspend the football season, while a campaign in London sought to shame footballers for continuing their professions while others signed up to fight and die for the country. The London Evening News called on players to 'play their part in a greater game. That game is war, for life and death.' A letter in the *Edinburgh Evening News* demanded Hearts change their name to the 'White Feathers of Midlothian', a reference to the symbol of cowardice given to those who hadn't volunteered. The pressure told, and football was suspended.

The criticism was perhaps a little unfair. Hearts had already set in motion preparations for the possibility of military service, and players including Speedie had already volunteered and was in basic training as the run continued through the autumn. As the seriousness of the crisis became apparent, the administrators agreed to let the army use matchdays as an opportunity to recruit at Tynecastle, but the lack of any organised recognition of the war continued to be contentious.

By the end of November, football was becoming a secondary concern, and George

McRae had been given permission to raise a battalion in Edinburgh. Sixteen Hearts players stepped forward to serve, although five were turned down for health reasons. Eleven, then, went on to join the battalion, along with players from Hibs, Dunfermline and Raith Rovers, and twice as many from the amateur game. The battalion reached its maximum strength on the 12th December, a few days before representatives of Clapton Orient held a meeting in London to propose volunteering, and would inspire the creation of the Footballers Battalion south of the border. The season continued apace, but where the Edinburgh clubs had come forward in earnest to support, their counterparts in Glasgow had 'not sent a single prominent player to the army', according to the *Edinburgh Evening News*.

Hearts went from training straight into matches and, unsurprisingly, their form suffered. Eight wins from their seventeen games after being called up saw their title challenge falter, and Celtic capitalised. Gracie, to his credit, was the joint highest goalscorer. But there was only one champion in the minds of the public, 'and it's colours are maroon and khaki'. In September of 1915 came the devastating news of James Speedie's death, and Gracie followed a month later, final shocks of mortality before they made their own way to France at the beginning of 1916.

The Western Front was a quagmire by the time McRae's battalion made it to France, and the destruction was at a scale never seen

HARRY WATTIE



JAMES SPEEDIE



before. But worse was yet to come, and on the 1st July the deadliest day in the history of the British Army came to pass. The Battle of the Somme ran until November – 141 days – and saw 420,000 British casualties, but almost 15% occurred on the first day. Alfred Briggs, one of the Hearts players, was shot in the leg, the arm, the foot, the ankle and the forehead. Somehow, he survived. Harry Wattie, however, was among the 20,000 dead, with teammates Duncan Currie and Ernest Ellis. Boyd died a month later. Deployed in a different battalion in Arras in 1917, John Allan was the final of the Hearts players to fall.

They left behind eight more players who suffered life-changing injuries in the fighting. Of the eventual 19 Hearts players who served, just two returned home unscathed. Seven paid the ultimate sacrifice. We will remember them.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, *The Untold Game*.

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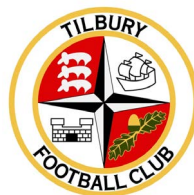


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MATCHDAY SQUADS

PITCHING IN Isthmian North League
Saturday 12th November, 3pm



Felixstowe & Walton United FC

Manager: Stuart Boardley

Assistant Manager: Andy Crump

■ □ □	Stuart Ainsley
■ □ □	Noel Aitkens
■ □ □	Henry Barley
■ □ □	Callum Bennett
■ □ □	Harry Blackburn
■ □ □	Zak Brown
■ □ □	George Clarke
■ □ □	Ollie Canfer
■ □ □	Sam Ford
■ □ □	Milo Grimes
■ □ □	Callum Harrison
■ □ □	Curtis Haynes-Brown
■ □ □	Josh Hitter
■ □ □	Billy Holland (C)
■ □ □	Lamel Howell
■ □ □	Harry Knock
■ □ □	Tom Maycock
■ □ □	Leon Ottley-Gooch
■ □ □	Rory Porter
■ □ □	Callum Robinson (GK)
■ □ □	Armani Schaar
■ □ □	Charlie Warren
■ □ □	Joe Whight

red/yellow - goals - played

Tilbury FC

Manager: John Coventry

Assistant Managers: John Coventry
Kevin Scott

Physio: Emma Gray

■ □ □	Harry Donovan
■ □ □	Archie Edwards
■ □ □	Billy Harris
■ □ □	Charlee Jackson
■ □ □	Lewis Jaggs
■ □ □	Darnell Kithambo
■ □ □	David Knight
■ □ □	Connor Martin
■ □ □	Kiernan Mason Hughes
■ □ □	Chris Millar
■ □ □	Oliver Plunkett
■ □ □	Luke Reeve
■ □ □	Tom Salter
■ □ □	Kurt Smith
■ □ □	Adam Topley
■ □ □	Kobe Yeboah

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