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JOINT CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



Good afternoon all and a very warm welcome to what is expected to be a very cold AGL Arena for today's visit of our local Suffolk rivals Bury Town.

This is our first meeting with Bury this season having been on the winning side three times last season. Although being fair, either side could have won any of those closely contested games and I would expect a fiercely contested, even affair today. In all honesty if the boys from both sides can't get up for a local derby, wanting to go home with three points and the bragging rights we may just give up now.

Form of recent times has been pretty consistent with the underlying factor being us making it hard for ourselves at some point in the ninety minutes.

In a recent discussion with Boards I made the observation that very soon someone was going to be on the end of a good hiding from this group. Looking at some of our play in the previous Saturday's game against Witham I stand by this. Although we must eradicate our lapses in concentration, giving a cheap goal

away and the opposition something to battle for.

So we give nothing away and show the ruthless streak we have that up until now has been hidden and put someone to the sword. Will today be that day?

"... since then he has played every game and made a big impact in all with his non-stop running, never die attitude along with his quality delivery from a set piece."

Whilst we are on the topic of consistency, I would like to put on record a shout out for who in my opinion has been our most consistent performer to date this season, Joshua Hitter. Josh has at the start of the season been in and out of the side, many times playing out of position for the good of the team. He was on the wrong side of a game rearranged and missed the Sudbury game, where he could well have been the difference. However, since



then he has played every game and made a big impact in all with his non-stop running, never die attitude along with his quality delivery from a set piece.

I for one am not exactly sure where Josh's best position is but I'm sure he will continue to thrive and improve under SB and AC's management and we will definitely have found ourselves a diamond in the rough.

I sit here writing these notes knowing that when people read them, (IF), we (England) will still be in the World Cup (even for only maybe a few hours more LOL!)



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For me the competition has been a real success. A change from the tradition, in near perfect conditions, with up until now not a single report of violence and a competition far closer to date than many would have expected. It's always great to see the likes of Japan, USA and Senegal making it out of the group stages.

Is this a shape of the future both on the playing side and the countries hosting?? Only time will tell

Enjoy the game.
Andy

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FROM THE DUGOUT:
STUART BOARDLEY



Good afternoon all,

What a day of football we have in store today! First of all our local derby against Bury Town, followed by the three lions against France this evening, what more could you ask for.....

A good win last time out against a much improved Witham Town team this season has set us up nicely leading into what I'm sure will be a hotly contested battle against Bury Town. Bury have had a bit of a rebuild in the summer where there were a few personnel changes amongst the playing squad and that seems to now be bearing fruit for Ben's side who sit in 9th position following their midweek draw with Brentwood Town.

The Witham game, as the cliché goes, was certainly a game of two halves. A sluggish start meant that we demanded more from ourselves during the half time interval and that's what we managed to achieve. A second half display whereby we dominated possession and managed to net ourselves 4 goals to boot. We are scoring a lot more goals this year than last and pleasingly they are coming from all areas of the pitch, particularly from midfield where we have 3/4 lads who have weighed in with 6 or more goals which is great to see.



Over the past couple of weeks there has been the return to fitness of Henry Barley, a return to Felixstowe for Andre Hasanally and

with Callum Harrison back in light training we are certainly getting the squad back to where we'd like to be. Unfortunately with that means that there will be others who are left without game time so this week we have said goodbye to Tom Maycock.



It's been a joy to have him around the club and it's just unfortunate that he's not quite got the game time he would have liked but that's football and we wish him well. On a slightly different note, Armani Schaar and Curtis Haynes-Brown have both joined Woodbridge on short term loans to gain fitness and enjoy some much needed minutes so they can return after Christmas ready to really push on in our squad and I'm sure both will do well for Luke Hyam's Woodbridge in the coming weeks.

As I mentioned earlier, Bury are our visitors today and we welcome them to The AGL Arena for what we all hope will be an entertaining game between two committed sides.

We will be hoping to continue our fantastic home form which I have no doubt is inspired by the magnificent support we get each week. If we are to push on again this year and reach those playoffs, a hugely important part of that will be our home form and I've no doubt that you'll all continue to support the lads as you always do.

Enjoys both today's and tonight's game!

Boards



SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

Raymond Leslie Stanbridge 7th October 1946 – 12th November 2022

On Wednesday we said goodbye to a great friend of this club, Ray Stanbridge. I wrote about him plus Ron Churchyard and Mike Packham briefly in last week's programme, and today is the ideal opportunity to say a very special farewell to someone who has become synonymous with Felixstowe Town, Felixstowe Port & Town, Walton United and Felixstowe & Walton United.

Ray's funeral was at 10:30 on the 7th - I say funeral, but it was actually more than just a funeral, it was an event - the crematorium was packed to overflowing and the 'wake' at the Orwell Hotel was a gathering of his former work, bowls, football and cricket mates, I use the term mates rather than colleagues because they were all more than colleagues that gathered to celebrate a life well lived - a life lived to the full, we were all his mates.

We will all miss 'The Big Fella'... none more so than his family, but those of us outside the family who were privileged to know him down the years will all miss him in our own way.

Sleep well my friend, sleep well...
Thanks for the memories

Ray would never want me to stop writing about football to write about him so

On average we are doing pretty good. I'm talking, of course, about our attendance stats - this is our 5th season playing at step 4 of the non-league pyramid and our figures stand



up against the vast majority of step 4 clubs countrywide. We are not the highest, but by no means are we anywhere near the lower end across the leagues.

It goes without saying, or should do, that the team on the field and in the dugout on match days are the major influence on the levels of attendance, but it's my firm belief that attendances are also closely related to the level of facilities on offer and accessibility. Since promotion in 2018 the facilities here at the AGL arena have improved in leaps and bounds, thanks to some incredibly hard work by our facilities manager and his team of volunteers. and we have an entertaining squad who feed the fever on a weekly basis and bring joy to many on Saturday evenings after a good afternoon.

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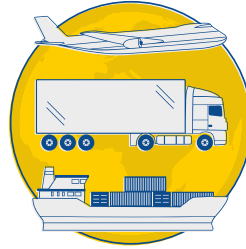
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Felixstowe & Walton Utd 4 Witham Town 1

Aitkens, Hitter, Whight (2 Pens)

Felixstowe and Walton United hoped to regain their place in the top five as they welcomed **Witham Town**. The Seasideers were one of three sides with a perfect home record - seven wins from seven going into this one - and had already defeated Town this season, a three-one win in the Velocity Cup, so it was little surprise that they did that again and made it eight from eight. The margin of victory was slightly larger this time, and all the goals came after the break. Noel Aitkens opened the scoring three minutes after half time, and just after the hour Josh Hitter made it two. Fifteen minutes from time Jamahl Godward halved the deficit, but if the visiting faithful had dreams of a point they were soon ended, two spot kicks - both converted by Joe Whight - making it four-one at full time. That's one win from eleven for Witham, as United go fifth.



HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Joe Whight
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Leon Ottley-Gooch
7. Josh Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Sam Ford
10. Andre Hasanally
11. Charlie Warren

SUBS

12. Tom Maycock
14. Zak Brown
15. Harry Blackburn
16. Henry Barley
19. George Clarke











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

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OLLIE CANFER FORWARD

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

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ANDRE HASANALLY FORWARD

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

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ZAK BROWN FORWARD

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

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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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THE OTHER SIDE BURY TOWN

Founded in 1872, Bury Town Football Club is one of the oldest Football Club's in the country and has a proud history dating back over 140 years. The club was founded by Mr William Lake at a meeting in the Suffolk Hotel. The original name of the club was Bury St Edmunds FC and the first committee of the club elected to choose royal blue as the club's colours.

The club took up residence at Kings Road, also known as the Cemetery Road ground, in 1888. Kings Road was the first football ground in East Anglia to operate floodlights when on Monday 12th January 1953, the Blues played their first ever floodlit game against Cambridge City in front of 2,105 spectators. A total of 14 bulbs of 1500 watts illuminated the Suffolk skyline for the first time and history was created. The lights were financed by the Bury Town Supporters Club.



A notable player for the club in the early days was Reginald De Courtney Welch who appeared as a defender for Bury St Edmunds in 1877. De Courtney Welch was a member of The Wanderers side that won the first ever FA Cup in 1872 and he also played in the first ever official international match for England, against Scotland in November 1872.

The club was one of 11 founder members of the Suffolk County Football Association in 1885 and has won the Suffolk Premier Cup on 13 occasions.

The club's name was changed by a vote to Bury Town in September 1885, however 10 years



later the members chose to adopt the full name of the town back as the name, before changing to Bury United in 1908. In 1923 the club members decided that the name 'United' was no longer appropriate as there were a number of sides in Bury St Edmunds, and decided to revert to Bury Town, which has remained to this day.

The club played in various local leagues until 1935 when it became a founder member of the Eastern Counties League. The club spent a total of 22 consecutive seasons in the Eastern Counties League, finishing as runners up in 1937–38. The Blues claimed the ECL title in the 1963–64 season as part of an historic treble, as they also captured the ECL Knockout Cup and the Suffolk Premier Cup.

This success saw the club move to the Metropolitan League and they kicked off their first ever Metropolitan game against Charlton Athletic 'A' at Kings Road in front of 1,150 spectators, Bury running out 1-0 winners. The club finished 4th in their first season and also retained the Suffolk Premier Cup.

Season 1965–66 was another successful season and another treble haul of trophies as the club stormed to the Metropolitan League title, won the Metropolitan League Cup and the Suffolk Premier Cup again. By this time the club were averaging over 1,000 supporters at their home matches and interest in the club was at an all time high.

In 1968, the Blues reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup and drew Third Division side Bournemouth & Boscombe at Kings Road. 3,000 spectators assembled and witnessed Bury hold the Football League side to a goalless draw. The replay saw Bournemouth win through by 3 goals to 0 at Dean Court. The season had further success when the Blues won the Metropolitan League title for a second time.

The club's success resulted in them taking the bold step to join the Southern Football League for the 1971–72 season. The club struggled to adapt to their new surroundings and after five seasons, decided to take the decision to re-join the Eastern Counties League, a decision that



proved unpopular with supporters.

On Wednesday 28th April 1976, Bury Town played their final match at the historic Kings Road ground when West Ham United were the visitors. 1,750 watched on as the sides drew 2-2, and a pitch invasion signalled the end of the Blues spiritual home.

Bury Town moved into their current Ram Meadow ground in 1978 and collected the Suffolk Premier Cup as a reward. The Blues spent a total of 11 seasons back in the ECL and their most successful moment of that time came in their final season when they reached the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup and were drawn away at Football Conference leaders Enfield. The sides drew 0-0 at Southbury Road and returned to Ram Meadow for the replay, however in front of 2,500 supporters, the visitors sneaked home 1-0 to reach the First Round Proper.

The 1987-88 season saw ambition return to the club and Bury were promoted to the Southern League. After a few seasons of promising results and large home crowds, the Blues failed to reach the Premier Division, the closest they came was finishing 4th in 1988-89. Years of overspending on players and ground improvements finally caught up and the club drifted into decline as the crowds drifted away. On the 4th May 1996, the Blues were relegated at Redditch United from the Midland Division of the Southern League, back to the Eastern Counties League.



The club spent another 10 years in the ECL, and despite some early seasons of struggles, success coincided with the appointment of former Colchester United captain Richard Wilkins



to the manager's seat. The club reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 2005 and then the Semi Final in 2006. Crowds rose back up and after two consecutive runners up spots in the Premier Division of the ECL, the club were promoted to the Isthmian League for the first time in their history. The stay lasted two seasons and after adjusting to a higher level in 2006-07 with a 17th place finish, the following season saw the Blues finish in 7th position.

The FA re-organisation in 2008 saw Bury moved into the Southern League for a third spell of membership. A successful campaign saw Bury finish in 7th position in the Midland Division table, reach the First Round Proper of the FA Cup, losing 4-2 at Alfreton Town, and reach the Semi Final of the Southern League Cup, however in 2009-10, Bury Town clinched the Southern League Midland Division Championship on the final day of the season with a 3-0 home victory over Marlow in front of 1,550 supporters. The Blues piped Hitchin Town to the title, scoring 115 goals during the campaign and collecting 102 points to gain promotion. Another move across the pyramid saw the Blues re-join the Ryman League for the 2010-11 season, entering the Premier Division. A great season saw Bury finish third, but go out of the play off's to Lowestoft Town. There was however some silverware for the boardroom as Bury defeated Needham Market 2-0 in the final of the Suffolk Premier Cup at Portman Road.

2011-12 saw the club lift the Ryman League Cup with a victory over East Thurrock United and again finished in the play off places, but lost out to AFC Hornchurch in the Semi Final. 2014-15 saw our spell in the Premier Division come to an end after 5 years with relegation to Division One North. In our last two seasons back in Division One North we have finished in 13th and 11th place. 2017-18 saw the Blues finish 9th and reach the final of the Suffolk Premier Cup.

2018-19 saw the Blues press for the play off places and a hope of a return to the Premier Division. It was a successful season with a 6th placed finished achieved, the best finish the club has had since relegation in 2015.



THE OTHER SIDE PLAYER PROFILES



MANAGER – BEN CHENERY Ben became manager of the Club in June 2014 after spending 2 years as Assistant Manager. He previously has managerial experience with Chelmsford City and has played professional football for Cambridge and Luton, as well as playing for a host of top flight non-league clubs, and is best remembered for scoring the winning goal for Canvey Island in the 2001 FA Trophy Final at Villa Park.

SHAUN AVIS Striker Shaun joined from Thurlow Nunn League side Lakenheath FC in October 2022, just shortly after he had hit 100 goals during 2 spells with the Heath. Has also played locally at Mildenhall Town, Newmarket Town and Saffron Walden Town. He played at Step 4 during Mildenhall's brief spell in the Isthmian League and his goalscoring record has given him a chance to step up again.

CHARLEY BARKER D.O.B 26-12-1998: Midfielder Charley joined having been with St Neots Town in the Southern League last season. The 23 year old began his career in the youth ranks at

Leyton Orient, and then spent time with Cheltenham Town, Wingate & Finchley and Northwood. He then joined Isthmian Premier Division side Haringey Borough and played in their live televised FA Cup 1st Round match with AFC Wimbledon and was part of the successful side that reached the play offs.

OLLIE FENN Joined on a month's loan from Needham Market in February 2016 but made the permanent switch in 2017. Ollie previously played for Ipswich Town Academy and Irish Premier League side Galway United and is one of the more experienced members of the squad and club captain.

WILL GARDNER Defender Will re-joined from Soham Town Rangers after a couple of seasons representing the Greens in the Isthmian North. He previously had a short spell with us after leaving Haverhill Rovers in the Eastern Counties League and after a couple of years more experience at Soham in this division he is a valuable addition to the side.



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JOE HOOD Joe joined the Blues after playing with St Neots Town in the Southern Premier Division. He started his career with Peterborough United before going on to represent Mildenhall Town, St Ives Town and then St Neots. Can play in either midfield or defence and has been a solid regular in the side for the past three seasons.

RYAN JOLLAND Midfielder who started out with the Ipswich Town academy before joining our partnership academy at West Suffolk College. Over the years has been an important part of our side and is now one of the senior and more experienced players.

JACK MAHER A young Australian who has come over to the UK this summer and featured for our Under 18's, Under 23's and the first team. Had previously played for Gold Coast United.

MAX MAUGHN A bright young prospect who joined Bury Town in the summer of 2019 after being released by Colchester United. He was picked up by the U's from local side Cornard United and Ben Chenery has high hopes for Max who is a skilful midfielder.

LEWIS O'MALLEY Lewis joined from local rivals AFC Sudbury in July 2022. Lewis can play in either defence or midfield and was captain of the Sudbury side that reached the FA Cup First Round last season. He also found the net on 5 occasions, including an important goal against Dartford in the 4th Qualifying Round.

CRUIS NYADZAYO Cruis returned to the Blues after a couple of seasons away, during which time he has played for AFC Sudbury and last season he helped Mulbarton of the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division to their first ever Norfolk Senior Cup with a win over Dereham Town at

Carrow Road. He also was part of the Sudbury side that reached the FA Cup First Round against Colchester before leaving in January.

CEMAL RAMADAN Cemal re-joined the club in early November 2018 after a short spell with Leiston. He was our leading goalscorer last season with over 30 goals which caught the eyes of many clubs higher up the pyramid, however he is now back at Ram Meadow and looking for goals again.

LEWIS RIDD Welshman Lewis hails from Swansea and played in goal for Swansea City before joining the Ipswich Town Academy. He made a handful of loan appearances in goal for us last season as cover before joining on a season long loan in the summer of 2022.

LEE WATKINS Lee joined the club in July 2022 from St Neots Town of the Southern League where he was club captain and last season collected their supporters player, managers player and players player of the year awards. Started his career with the Cambridge United academy.

JOE WHITE Another player who has progressed through the West Suffolk College academy scheme, a strong central defender who has worked his way into the team over the last couple of seasons and now a regular name on the team sheet.

JOE YAXLEY Joe re-joined Bury Town from Hadleigh United in the summer of 2022, having previously progressed through our youth set up to play for the first team. Left to join Brightlingsea Regent with a spell at Felixstowe & Walton. Joe combines his full time job in our Academy with managing our Under 23's Development side.

CHARLIE WOODS Charlie joined the Blues on loan from Ipswich Town in October 2022 as cover for goalkeeper Lewis Ridd. He was previously with Northampton Town and made a first team appearance for the Cobblers before linking up with Ipswich following some loan spells at Quorn and Barwell.

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UNDER 23'S FIXTURES

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 D 2-2

21 HARINGEY BOROUGH A P-P

28 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT H W 4-2

DECEMBER

7 BRENTWOOD TOWN D 0-0

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	7	4	2	1	14
F&W Utd	7	4	2	2	13
Bury Town	6	4	0	2	12
Brentwood Town	7	3	1	3	12
Haringey Borough	7	3	0	4	9
Brightlingsea Regent	8	0	1	6	1

ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2022/23

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Sudbury	16	13	2	1	46	17	+29	41
2	Hashtag United	16	12	1	3	35	18	+17	37
3	Heybridge Swifts	16	10	5	1	32	15	+17	35
4	Stowmarket Town	15	10	4	1	31	12	+19	34
5	Lowestoft Town	16	10	2	4	33	14	+19	32
6	Felixstowe & Walton United	16	10	2	4	37	19	+18	32
7	New Salamis	16	8	4	4	33	31	+2	28
8	East Thurrock United	16	8	3	5	25	24	+1	27
9	Bury Town	16	7	5	4	18	11	+7	26
10	Grays Athletic	16	8	2	6	25	20	+5	26
11	Brentwood Town	17	7	2	8	22	22	0	23
12	Basildon United	17	4	5	8	16	26	-10	17
13	Witham Town	16	5	1	10	25	32	-7	16
14	Tilbury	15	4	3	8	17	28	-11	15
15	Hullbridge Sports	17	4	3	10	20	32	-12	15
16	Wroxham	16	2	7	7	19	32	-13	13
17	Great Wakering Rovers	17	3	3	11	22	38	-16	12
18	Maldon & Tiptree	16	3	2	11	19	32	-13	11
19	Gorleston	16	2	2	12	16	41	-25	8
20	Coggeshall Town	16	0	4	12	8	35	-27	4

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AFC Sudbury	v	Maldon & Tiptree
Grays Athletic	v	Great Wakering Rovers
Hashtag United	v	Gorleston
Heybridge Swifts	v	Stowmarket Town
Hullbridge Sports	v	Brentwood Town
Lowestoft Town	v	Basildon United
New Salamis	v	East Thurrock United
Tilbury	v	Witham Town
Wroxham	v	Coggeshall 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 <i>Ford, Warren</i>	W	2-1

19	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS <i>Brown, Ford</i>	W	2-1
26	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Whight</i>	L	2-1

DECEMBER

3	WITHAM TOWN <i>Aitkens, Hitter, Whight 2</i>	W	4-1
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
22	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM

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GOALSCORER STATISTICS

Callum Harrison	●●●●●●
Billy Holland	●●●●●●
Josh Hitter	●●●●●●●
Ollie Canfer	●●●●●
Zak Brown	●●●●●
George Clarke	●●●●
Joe Whight	●●●●●
Charlie Warren	●●●●
Sam Ford	●●●●
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THIS isn't exactly breaking news but Jude Bellingham is really good at football. In fact, it's quite scary how good he is.

Aged just 19, he has spent the last few weeks in Qatar stamping his mark on the world stage as one of England's stand-out performers in their run to the World Cup quarter-finals.

Having set up the first in England's 3-0 win over Senegal, his drive and class also produced the second. Winning the ball back, galloping up the pitch, holding off his man, picking the optimum time to release a perfectly weighted ball into the path of Phil Foden.

While the country enthuses over the Borussia Dortmund midfielder, surely a future England captain, it's been tempting to lean over mid-game and say, 'Yeah, but did you hear about his dad?'

Goal machine doesn't do Mark Bellingham justice. Born in Southend, he netted his first goal for East Thurrock against Hordham YMCA way back in August 1994.

In 2016, by then a sergeant in West Midlands Police, he knocked in his 700th for Paget Rangers in Midland League Division Two.

"I've started to score a lot more tap-ins and the range is getting a lot shorter" Bellingham told The NLP back at the time. "The 700th was a free-kick which isn't regular for me at all, anything outside the box for me is abnormal!"

"I needed 38 goals last season but got to 36 and then was banned for the last game because of a red card – my first ever sending-off.

"I was thinking over the summer whether it was the right time to go out, but with just two needed to reach 700, it felt like there was a bit of unfinished business.

"It's out of the way now so I can chill out.



"I'll play as much as I can for Paget, who have been great with me, and hopefully score a few more!"

To get there he had prolific spells with the likes of Stourbridge, Leamington, Sutton Coldfield, Bromsgrove Rovers and Halesowen Town and reckoned his 700 haul came in 850 games.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mark many times over the years as he racked up goal after goal, usually playing down his own qualities each time.

"I've managed my ability well, I've always said I'm not that great a player and although I'm still scoring, I am playing at Step 7!" he said.

"Most of the 700 were from not very far out so I think I owe my team-mates over the years a lot more than they owe me."

You don't score that many goals without possessing those priceless attributes that help stick the ball in the back of the net.

Of course his job in the police no doubt gave him a sense of perspective, but perhaps it's no surprise when we see the maturity Jude shows in front of the camera the influence his parents had on him and younger brother Jobe, who is also making his mark at Birmingham City.

As Jude told The FA in an interview last year: "When you go and watch him play every week in Non-League, you know it's not the Premier League or anything, but seeing the way that he played and the atmosphere, it made me fall in love with football so he was probably my first hero.

"After the first few times of going, I'd start to pay a bit more attention to the games and stuff, the atmosphere and he's scoring goals so you see him celebrating and stuff like that - you want that to be me."

It certainly is now.

I dug up the old interview with Bellingham senior from his 700th goal this week and the



sign off to asking how much longer he would carry on is fitting.

"I'm 40 now so I think this season will probably be my last," he said. "I'm playing veterans' football a bit more on Sundays and my eldest son is now playing for Birmingham U16s - maybe it's time to finally step away."

Bellingham junior is certainly making that decision worth it.

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

AFC Sudbury won a tough encounter at Brentwood, Hashtag claimed another three points, and the Seasiders hit four on a day of Pitching In Isthmian North draws

AFC Sudbury, who started the day with a four point lead at the top, were on the road to **Brentwood Town**. We'd expected the Blues to be competing with the Yellows at the top end of the table, and perhaps they still might, but they found themselves down in eleventh place after hitting a bit of a bump in the road of late. The visitors took the lead after just five minutes, and of course the goal went to the top performing striker in the League, Nnamdi Nwachuku scoring his thirtieth goal of the season - and scoring for thirteenth successive match. The hosts levelled nine minutes before the break, Tom Richardson with the goal, but the Yellows were ahead once more with twenty six minutes remaining, Harrison Chatting with that one, and they ended the day with that same four point lead.

Hashtag United retained their second place with a comfortable looking win at **Great Wakering Rovers**. The Tags had won their previous four matches whilst Rovers were on a run which had seen them take only two points from their last twenty one, so it was no surprise



IMAGE FROM **CLIVE PEARSON**

when Emmanuel Okunja put the visitors ahead, but perhaps it was more of a surprise that with five minutes to go that was still the only goal. Sadly for the hosts, the second goal of the game then arrived, and it went to the Tags, substitute Toby Aromolaran doubling their tally. Okunja added a third in added time.

Heybridge Swifts travelled to former leaders **Lowestoft Town**, and the Trawler Boys went ahead seven minutes before the break, Jake Reed with his twelfth of the season. Swifts hit back midway through the second half, Rob Harvey with an equaliser, but the visitors made their own lives difficult with nine minutes to go as Louie Arrowsmith saw red. The hosts couldn't capitalise, and both sides had to settle for a point.

Stowmarket Town and **New Salamis** met in a clash of two of our form sides. Fifth place Stow

had gone eleven matches without defeat and have won nine of those, but they had to come from behind in this one, Zenon Styliandes opening the scoring nine minutes after the break. Salamis then went down to ten men when Taufee Skandari saw red, and almost immediately Tom Bullard equalised for Town, but if the ascendancy seemed to be with the hosts it soon went the other way, Albert Adu seemingly scoring the winner right at the end. It turned out not to be the winner, however, as there was still time for Ollie Sotoyinbo grabbed an equaliser.

East Thurrock United have seen a good run take them to within four points of the top five, but they had to settle for a point at **Basildon United**. The Bees went ahead with twenty four minutes left, Shane Temple creating worship amongst the home faithful, but the Rocks earned a point when Sam Carter levelled 9 minutes later. That's only one defeat from twelve for the visitors.

Grays Athletic and **Bury Town** met in a mid table clash. Athletic had slipped off the pace by taking only one point from their last twelve, but they added three more and moved up to ninth when Courtney Homans got the only goal of the game on twenty five minutes.

Tilbury got back to form by hitting five at Gorleston last weekend, after four previous defeats - and the Dockers faced some similarly water-bound opponents as the Yachtsmen of **Wroxham** came to call. The visitors also got back to winning ways last weekend, defeating Brentwood Town, and they moved out of the bottom four with a one-one draw. Both goals came within a minute of each other midway through the second half, Charlie Morris giving the Dockers the lead, Shaun Taylor almost immediately equalising.

Finally, **Maldon & Tiptree** welcomed **Gorleston**. Neither side welcomed a goal.



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'We will dedicate our seventh goal to our wives, and the eighth to our dogs,' announced the West Germany side as they went into the 1982 World Cup. They had won the competition eight years previously, on home ground, and although hadn't made the same impact in Argentina, were hopeful of adding a third World Cup to their tally back on European soil. Jupp Derwall's side cruise through qualifying unbeaten, scoring 33 goals, and boasted some of the starts of the age, chief among them Karl-Heinz Rummenigge. The group contained nothing to fear: Chile, who had claimed the final South American qualification place, and a decent but lacking Austria side. First up, though, were first-time qualifiers and plucky upstarts from Africa. 'If we don't beat Algeria,' quipped Derwall to the press, 'we'll take the next train home.'



Algeria, though, were no untested minnows. The North African side were well drilled and played a quick passing game that was a match for anybody. Earlier in 1982 they had gone to

the semi-finals of the African Nations Cup before losing to eventual winners Ghana, but they had their sights set on the biggest stage of all. They went into the World Cup hoping for a good showing, and maybe to pick up a win in their final game against Chile, which was expected to be meaningless.



It was unexpected, then, when Algeria proved quite the match for the Germans in the first half of their opening game. Quite apart from their pre-match predictions of eight goal victories, their crisp passing of the African side had them on the back foot, and West Germany had to hold on until the break to go in goalless. Derwall got into his side at half time and demanded improvement, but it didn't help. On 54 minutes Rabah Madjer reacted to a Harald Schumacher save and fired home. Algeria's first World Cup goal. That spurred West Germany into life, and they reacted. On 67 minutes Rummenigge equalised from close

range. But the complacency set in immediately, and right from kick off Algeria passed around the European side to restore their lead. This time they held on, and secured one of the biggest upsets in World Cup history.

West Germany kicked it up a gear in the second game of the tournament, beating Chile 4-1 to go level on points with Algeria, who lost a tighter than expected game (or perhaps not, after the first result) against Austria. The two European sides faced off in the final game, while Algeria needed to beat Chile to keep their hopes alive.

The Africans did just that, surviving a scare in their final game to win 3-2, but having to wait 24 hours for West Germany and Austria to play. With the benefit of hindsight, FIFA changed this arrangement so that the final group games are now played together, but that didn't help Algeria. Somebody worked out that a 1-0 West Germany win would see both them and Austria through, so that's what they ensured would happen.

The game had the atmosphere of a dead-rubber, and it only got worse as time went on. Horst Hrubesch scored the goal that the West Germans needed on the tenth minute, and then both sides just... stopped. No more attacking, no more chances, just some very polite passing to see the game out. The spectacle got more farcical as time went on, until the final whistle. Algeria were out.

It's called the Scandal of Gijon in Algeria. For the final thirty minutes, one commentator told his viewers to turn their televisions off and



refused to speak until the final whistle. Algeria cried foul, and FIFA did nothing. Germany fans bombarded the team hotel with water bombs out of shame. But Austria's representative Hans Tschak wasn't just unapologetic, he was downright outrageous. 'If 10,000 'son's of the desert'... want to trigger a scandal because of this is just shows they have too few schools' he said. 'Some Sheikh comes out of an oasis, is allowed to get a sniff of World Cup air after 300 years, and thinks he's entitled to open his gob.' It was an embarrassing end to the group for all involved.

Algeria's appeal was rejected, without much explanation, but after the scandal at the 1978 World Cup, where Argentina had won 6-0 in their final group game because their rivals had played earlier, they did take the opportunity to change the format slightly. For forty years since that tournament, final group games are played at the same time to try to limit the advantage. West Germany went all the way to the final, but Algeria will always have been robbed by the Disgrace of Gijon.

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■ □ □	Josh Hitter
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■ □ □	Lamel Howell
■ □ □	Harry Knock
■ □ □	Leon Ottley-Gooch
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■ □ □	Ryan Jolland
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■ □ □	Lewis O'Malley
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■ □ □	Cruis Nydazayo
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