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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

VICE CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



**Good afternoon,
A warm welcome to the players,
supporters, and officials of
Wroxham for today's Isthmian
League North clash.**

Wroxham come to us sitting 11th in the table having had an inconsistent start to the season, highlighting with a recent 6-1 victory over Stowmarket.

I'm sure they will arrive here and give a good show, as they always do. Over the years we have encountered many battles with our Norfolk rivals, having gone toe to toe many times in what was then the Jewson/Ridgeon's, and now the Thurlow Nunn league.

I recall playing my one and only game in goal for Felixstowe over at Wroxham on a Tuesday night fixture. We arrived at Trafford Park for the then manager Paul Adams to

explain that our keeper had failed to show up and he wanted a volunteer to go between the sticks. It all went quiet, only for the keeper's jersey to end up being thrown in my direction - a willing volunteer, not!

If my memory serves me correctly, we went on to lose 2-1 and cat like I wasn't... never again was I asked to perform these duties.

Back to current times and two very different games of football witnessed in the last few days, with three teams from the top four going head-to-head.

Last Tuesday's encounter at home to Brightlingsea didn't fail to live up to expectations. I said to the management on Saturday that if you ever wanted a match to highlight the quality of football often seen in our league then this was it. A wonderful game for the neutrals, with us finishing the winning side taking a 5-3 victory. A match very much in the "Keegan Newcastle style", as 'you score three & we will score more'. A night that saw a healthy crowd along with a great game, finishing with us taking home the all-important three points.

On to Saturday and could we carry on against a very stubborn Walthamstow unit? On a poor pitch at a typical non-league London ground, we failed from the beginning to reach the levels of our previous match. However, what we lacked in fluidity we didn't lack in effort and work rate, and the boys didn't give up fighting until the very end with a deserved equaliser coming in the 90th minute. A good point away from home without doubt!

A mention to summer signing Josh Mayhew, notching a hatrick against Brightlingsea, goals against Hertford, Lakenheath and two at Billericay, along with the last gasp equaliser on Saturday. Those who know local football will be fully aware of Josh's scoring record and after an inconsistent start to his Felixstowe

career due to injury and unavailability, he is starting to show the scoring prowess we all know he possesses.

At the same time, it takes more than one man to make a team and it has shown this season... as a collective, the three lads up top, in Josh, Sam and Brownny causing a problem for all the defences they have come up against. Pace, height, skill & power - all the attributes any manager would want from a front three, giving most defences serious problems.

Let's hope we can celebrate a further three points towards our promotion push by 5pm this evening and look forward to our Tuesday night fixture here at the AGL Arena when we welcome newly promoted Redbridge to town.

Best wishes and enjoy the game.
Andy



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FROM THE DUGOUT:
ANDY CRUMP



A warm welcome to you all as we return to the AGL Arena for today's fixture against Wroxham.

So far this season, as players and supporters, we have faced a challenging fixture schedule, with nine of our first 14 fixtures being away from home. I wanted to recognise the continued support from you all and particularly thank those that have traveled in their numbers and got behind the side. Your support certainly doesn't go unnoticed, and I hope we can keep rewarding your commitment with enjoyable performances and results on the pitch.

Last time out at the AGL, it was great to see over 400 of you rewarded for your patience as we entertained Brightlingsea in a game that finally came to life in the 81st minute. Once Josh scored his second of the night, it was followed by four more (thankfully, three of those for us), which gave us an important win against a side that will undoubtedly be in contention at the end of the season.

'Bayan is an exceptional talent, and with recent injuries to Billy and Noel, he promises to add real quality to the side over the coming month.'

On Saturday, we traveled to Walthamstow FC, and while we weren't anywhere near our best early on, credit to the opposition who executed their game plan much better than we did and deserved to be ahead at half time. The players grew into the game, and on the balance of play, our second-half performance meant there were no arguments when Josh Mayhew scored a last-minute equaliser for a share of the points.

Boards and I were pleased to give Bayan Aman his debut following his loan from Colchester. Bayan is an exceptional talent, and with recent injuries to Billy and Noel, he promises to add real quality to the side over the coming month. Injuries will always create

different problems for you as a management team, but they also bring different challenges for players too. Josh Hitter deserves a special mention for the role he has played in helping us cope without key personnel in recent weeks. Josh makes it no secret that his favoured position is in the number 10 shirt, but he has put the team before himself by doing an impressive job in a number of roles so far this season. Although Josh Mayhew got the plaudits on the night for his hat-trick, his performance against Brightlingsea was of the highest level!



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

Enjoy the game!
Andy



SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

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

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

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

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

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

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



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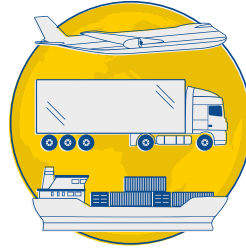
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BY THOMAS
BRADFORD

TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH Felixstowe & Walton Utd 5 Brightlingsea Regent 3

Felixstowe stormed to the top of the league with a stunning win against an impressive visiting side. Felixstowe took a 12th minute lead through **Josh Mayhew** but the lead lasted just two minutes, Worrall equalising. The Seasideers were awarded a penalty but it was missed shortly after. The visitors were quick on the break and smacked the crossbar before taking a lead with an excellent finish just before the break from Ogunrinde. Felixstowe were guilty of missing chances throughout the second half but finally got the equaliser on 81 minutes, **Mayhew** with his second of the game. Seven minutes later and it looked like the home side had the winner, **Leon Ottley-Gooch** firing in an unstoppable shot just inside the box. There was plenty more action still to come! With 11 mins added on. The visitors fought back to level things up again on 93 mins through Embalo. With the supporters resigned to a single point, up stepped **Mayhew** to score his third goal! from the spot this time and **Sam Ford** nearly took the roof off on 102 mins when he twisted and turned a defender three times before slamming home the Seasideers fifth goal to send them top of the league.



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15. Leon Ottley-Gooch
16. Tom Bullard









ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lowestoft Town	7	5	1	1	16	7	+9	16
2	Bowers & Pitsea	8	5	1	2	16	8	+8	16
3	Felixstowe & Walton United	7	4	3	0	20	12	+8	15
4	Walthamstow	7	4	2	1	11	6	+5	14
5	Basildon United	8	4	1	3	18	15	+3	13

6	Heybridge Swifts	6	4	0	2	15	7	+8	12
7	Brightlingsea Regent	6	4	0	2	12	8	+4	12
8	Redbridge	7	3	3	1	14	12	+2	12
9	Brentwood Town	8	3	3	2	12	10	+2	12
10	Enfield	8	3	1	4	13	18	-5	10
11	Wroxham	8	2	3	3	13	8	+5	9
12	Bury Town	7	2	3	2	12	14	-2	9
13	Gorleston	6	2	2	2	9	8	+1	8
14	Maldon & Tiptree	8	2	2	4	12	17	-5	8
15	Witham Town	8	1	4	3	4	10	-6	7
16	Ipswich Wanderers	7	2	0	5	5	12	-7	6

17	New Salamis	6	1	2	3	11	15	-4	5
18	East Thurrock United	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
19	Grays Athletic	7	0	3	4	8	16	-8	3
20	Stowmarket Town	8	0	1	7	8	24	-16	1

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER - 35PM



Basildon Utd	v	Enfield
Brentwood Town	v	Heybridge Swifts
Brightlingsea Regent	v	Redbridge
Felixstowe & Walton	v	Wroxham
Ipswich Wanderers	v	Stowmarket Town
Lowestoft Town	v	Bowers & Pitsea
Maldon & Tiptree	v	Gorleston
Walthamstow	v	Grays Athletic
Witham Town	v	New Salamis



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OUR SQUAD

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



STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

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



ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

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



DANNY POTTER GOALKEEPER COACH

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



STUART STEVENSON COACH

After hanging up his boots Stuart joined Felixstowe Utd as a fitness coach/physio, then on to Trimley to help coach his son's team from the U8s-U16s. Stuart rejoined the Seaside's to coach the U18s which lead him on to being part of the first team staff. Stuart is an FA level 2 coach and an FA level 1 mentor.



CHARLOTTE LONG SPORTS THERAPIST

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



DOUG FRENCH **KIT MAN**

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



CALLUM ROBINSON **GOALKEEPER**

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



STUART AINSLEY **LEFT BACK**

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



JOE WHIGHT **DEFENDER**

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



CALLUM BENNETT **RIGHT BACK**

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



JACK AINSLEY **DEFENDER**

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



TOM BULLARD **DEFENDER**

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



HARRY BLACKBURN **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

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



BILLY HOLLAND **MIDFIELDER**

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



NOEL AITKENS **MIDFIELDER**

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



LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH **MIDFIELDER**

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



JOSH HITTER **MIDFIELDER**

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



CALLUM HARRISON **MIDFIELDER**

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



IVAN COSTA **MIDFIELDER**

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



KUBI KUSSAN **MIDFIELDER**

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



HENRY BARLEY **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



LAMELL HOWELL **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



CHARLIE WARREN **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



ZAK BROWN FORWARD

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



SAM FORD FORWARD

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



JOSH MAYHEW FORWARD

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

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SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER
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Walthamstow 1
Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1

The leagues only unbeaten record remains intact after **Josh Mayhew** rescued a point in the 90th minute with his eighth goal of the season. On a day Felixstowe were far from at their best, and were missing key personnel, we'll happily take a point on the road!



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THE OTHER SIDE WROXHAM FC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





PLAYER PROFILES

WROXHAM FC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Angus Mackie – a left sided defender who rejoined the club from Gorleston during close season. Sponsored by Andy Mackie Joao Angel- a skillful winger, and a creator of chances, equally at home in the centre of the pitch. Joao joined the club during the close season.

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

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

Jeorgie Batch – a young player who operates in midfield, he has been used as a substitute in a number of games already this season.

Jordan Southgate – Manager. Over 200 games managed for the club including guiding the us to promotion back to step 4.

Jordan originally elevated through the system as reserve team manager. A former player of the club before early retirement loomed. UEFA qualified coach with maturity beyond his years as one of the youngest managers around at Step 4.

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

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

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





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FRONT ROW L-R

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NOT PICTURED - Joao Fonseca, Filip Dabrowski & Caden Harris

NEW COACH JOINS GROWING ACADEMY

The Seasideers unveiled their Academy Class of 23/24 prior to Wednesdays 2-0 win at the AGL Arena against Needham Market in the AOC College League Cup with a squad photo.

The line-up was joined by first team player Sam Ford who the Club are pleased to announce has joined the Academy in a coaching capacity to further enhance the football offering within the programme.



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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

SAT 7	BILLERICAY <i>Mayhew (2), Ford</i>	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	L 4-3	ATT 527
TUES 10	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT <i>Mayhew (3), Ottley-Gooch, Ford</i>	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 5-3	ATT 402
SAT 14	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 434
SAT 21	WROXHAM	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 24	REDBRIDGE	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

NOVEMBER

SAT 4	ENFIELD	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
WED 8	HADLEIGH UNITED	H	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP QF		

SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 18	EAST THURROCK UNITED	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 25	WITHAM TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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DECEMBER

SAT 2	GORLESTON	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 16	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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TUE 26	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 30	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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JANUARY

MON 1	STOWMARKET TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 6	BRENTWOOD TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 13	LOWESTOFT TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 20	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 27	BASILDON UNITED	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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FEBRUARY

SAT 3	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 10	WALTHMANSTOW	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 17	WROXHAM	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 24	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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MARCH

SAT 2	ENFIELD	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 9	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 16	BRENTWOOD TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 23	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 30	BURY TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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APRIL

MON 1	IPSWICH WANDERERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 6	EAST THURROCK UNITED	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 13	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE
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SAT 27	NEW SALAMIS	H	3PM	LEAGUE
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When Charles O'Hagan turned up in Seville, it was quite a coup for the most successful club in Andalucia. Or so they thought. Here was a man who had played for an impressive Huddersfield side, as well as being part of an early Everton team that was making its mark in Liverpool. On top of that, he had won the FA Cup with Tottenham the season before joining Sevilla, so he brought a wealth of experience. Except, none of that was true. Charles O'Hagan did have a spell at Spurs,

where he was impressive but never won the FA Cup. And he had signed for Everton, although he had never played a game. He was never on the books at Huddersfield. Like so much of the Irishman's career, how these stories came about was a mystery.

Charles O'Hagan can best be described as peripatetic. He began his career in his native Ireland, turning out for St Columb's College and then Derry Athletic, before moving to Liverpool in 1903. When he signed for Everton, he was working at a Spanish grocers, and supplemented his income in the Toffees reserves. He only lasted a year though, before his taste for adventure got the better of him and he moved to London, signing for Tottenham. Here he first made his mark on English football. Spurs were at that time outside the Football League, but his form was impressive enough to be called up to the Ireland national side, along with his Tottenham teammate Jack Kirwan, with whom he formed a formidable strike partnership. He earned the first of his 11 caps in March 1905, and scored the following month against Wales. Settled and scoring, it seemed he had made his home in North London. But he seemed to be unable to make a home anywhere. In 1906, he made the surprising move to the north east, and signed with Middlesbrough.

That move would fail to yield results, and

he lasted just a matter of months before he was on the move again, even further north, this time to Aberdeen. Scotland would prove to be his most settled home, spending four years at Pittodrie, the longest spell of his career at any club, and the longest spell in which he stayed in one city. He once again found his form and started scoring goals, earning himself a recall to the Ireland national side, and forming a great bond with winger Willie Lennie. As his career came to a close, he had short stints at Greenock Morton at Third Lanark, before finally calling time on his playing days. Only 31 and having not suffered any significant injuries, it seemed a short career. But as with everything O'Hagan did, he forged his own way.

Here, the Irishman disappears from the record, until the First World War when he was registered as Second Lieutenant of the Leinster Regiment, and then the Highland Light Infantry. He survived the conflict and disappeared again, before accusing his Aberdeen teammates of accepting bribes to throw a Scottish Cup game in 1915 and quickly withdrawing the claims. In 1920, he was given his first managerial role, at Norwich. The club was in turmoil, and he lasted only until January 1921 before resigning, having won just four out of 21 games. He once again disappeared, for over two years, before Sevilla made their dubious announcement.

In Spain, he became the first true 'manager' of Sevilla, the second oldest club in the country, and took charge of by far the most successful club in Andalusia. With the national league system still nearly a decade away, regional bragging rights were the goal, and Sevilla won 17 of 20 Andalusian titles. O'Hagan continued this proud heritage, winning the cup in 1924, his first season, before once again moving on. Sevilla fans suggested that his love of wine was incompatible with running a football club.

This time, the Irishman headed home. He settled in the Irish seaside town of Portrush, briefly, before accepting a generous offer to go and manage in Berlin. This would prove to

be fatal to his football career, however. O'Hagan's version was that he arrived in Germany and was quickly outcast for having fought for the British Army in the First World War. Within weeks he was asked to leave, making much of the journey under his own steam and returning to Ireland penniless.

His little sojourn to Berlin would prove to be his last in football, as far as anyone can tell. In 1928, he set sail from Derry to New York, to begin a new life in the United States. There are some unconfirmed rumours that he became a journalist, though nothing has turned up with his name on it. One final time, he disappeared from the record.

Enjoy the game.



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IS the 'new' season already two months in? The FA Cup first round draw has been made, the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase are through a few rounds and the weather is taking a turn.

It feels like another Non-League season is flying by. Here are a few things that have caught our eye over the last week

CUP KINGS

The FA Cup fourth round qualifying served up some big shocks last Saturday, with eight National League teams tumbling out and more facing midweek replays.

Bracknell Town started the day off with a 1-0 lunchtime win over Dagenham & Redbridge. The Step 3 Robins took on Ipswich Town last season in front of the live TV cameras. For the first round this year they're off to League One Cambridge United.

Horsham also face League One opposition following their 2-0 upset of Dorking Wanderers — the Isthmian Premier side have been drawn against Barnsley.

Step 4 Cray Valley PM have got a great draw away at Charlton Athletic. Kyrell Lisbie scored twice in their 5-2 win over Enfield Town last week — he's the son of former Addicks striker Kevin, who also played for the Millers when they reached the FA Vase final at Wembley in 2019.

Other interesting first round ties include Chesterfield at home to Portsmouth — former club of Spireites boss Paul Cook — while Bromley host Blackpool. Step 4 Ramsgate host the winners of Woking's replay with Hemel Hempstead Town.

END OF AN ERA

It seems keeping a manager's job for five years is a long time these days. How about more than 25? That's how long Dave Diaper has been at the helm of Sholing. In that time he's overseen their rise — both on and off the pitch — from the Hampshire League to Step 3 via an FA Vase win at Wembley.

This weekend is his last game, however, as he takes on a new head of football role at the south-coast club with former Sutton United boss Paul Doswell set to take over in the dug-out.

"It's a great fit," Diaper said. "We're on the same page moving forward and it's quite exciting. We've got some big plans for the club. This year is about consolidation more than anything, but it's about working together and seeing what we can bring to the club in the future."



OLDHAM TWIST FOR MELLON

When Oldham Athletic announced they were parting ways with manager David Unsworth, you can be sure a lot of managers quickly brushed up their CV. The chance to manage the Latics is a huge draw for many.

We so often talk about the importance of National League experience when it comes to steadying a recently relegated EFL club after they have crash landed in Non-League.

When someone like Micky Mellon is available it becomes a much easier decision.

The former Shrewsbury and Northampton boss has won promotion into the Football League twice – first as a champion with Fleetwood Town in 2012.

He later returned to Non-League with the task of taking Tranmere Rovers back into the EFL – which he duly did in 2018 through the play-offs. That feat was immediately followed by promotion to League One.

Mellon knows the division inside out and understands what it takes to be in the mix. He also had a certain James Norwood leading his Tranmere attack – their reunion at Oldham will excite fans too.

TEALE-Y GOOD SHOW

We also caught up with former Aston Villa defender Shaun Teale for last week's NLP. The rugged centre-half has recently published a book about his career titled: Here, There and Everywhere.

In 2003 he lifted the FA Trophy with Burscough by beating Tamworth 2-1 with the final, fittingly, at his old stomping ground Villa Park.

"If you ever watch a replay of the game, I think I spend the whole 90 minutes with a smile on my face."

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■ □ □	Harley Black
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■ □ □	Ryan Hawkins
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■ □ □	Grant Holt
■ □ □	George Howes
■ □ □	Tom Huckerby
■ □ □	Jordan King
■ □ □	Robbie Linford
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