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Good afternoon to all and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for today's Isthmian League game against Norfolk rivals Gorleston.

Gorleston currently sit comfortably in 12th position although on their day can prove to be a match for any side.

We go into this game on the back of two defeats to Wroxham and Witham respectively, something I can't remember happening for some time! Let's hope after 90 minutes we are not looking at three successive losses.

Back to those games in question and firstly the rearranged match against Wroxham. It was pleasing to see the supporters of both sides give generously towards the Wroxham player Haydn Davis, injured in the first meeting. This allowed us to send nearly £1000 towards his recovery. The match itself saw us have a decent first half without ever really opening up the

visitors defence. In fairness to the opposition they looked like they could cause us problems every time they broke away with directness and pace that we struggled to live with.

The second half saw us camped in the Wroxham half. However their tactics of defending deep and not giving us any space worked perfectly and off they went back to Norfolk with the three points.

Moving onto last Saturday and the chance to put things right at third from bottom Witham, an away banker on your pools coupon or so you may have thought. It looked as though all concerned had read the script when we went 1-0 up with a Callum Harrison finish, although not our most fluent of performances we went in at the break a deserved 1-0 up.

It seemed the script was re-written at half time as Witham came out equalising early on before taking the lead. We rallied and Callum scored again to get us on level pegging before the home side went on to get the decisive goal and take all three points. On a day where we lacked fluency and creativity and in reality we didn't do enough to take any points, but we still sit in second spot in the league table.

At the start of the season had we said we would go into December in second place we would of all been very happy. I'm sure there will be many more highs and lows between now and the end of the season and all we can do is take each game as it comes on its own merits.

Just a reminder that tickets are available for the Christmas draw in the club.

Enjoy the game
Andy

FROM THE DUGOUT: **STUART BOARDLEY**

Good afternoon all and welcome back to the AGL Arena where we entertain a Gorleston side packed full of talent and experience at Step 4 level.

Both ourselves and Gorleston approach today's game in need of three points having both suffered defeats last time out against Witham and Basildon respectively.

Going on to our defeat and our recent form... I've heard a few people worrying about the fact we have lost two games on the bounce. Of course, we would have loved to

have won our games against both Witham and Wroxham but within the squad we are certainly not in panic mode. We find ourselves sitting second in the division with an unbeaten record until very recently and to top that off we are top scorers in the league by some margin. Scarcely do sides go through a whole season without having a downturn in form so its about how we put that to one side and bounce back, something we have talked about amongst the group over the past few days. On reflection, I don't feel performances have been poor, more just that we must cut out individual errors and ensure we are being ruthless in that final



third, as we generally have been all season.

Squad/Injury update; As many of you will have seen, we've had Billy return to the squad in recent weeks. His prolonged absence turned out to be a hairline fracture in his ankle that was not picked up until recently and was more than likely the result of the dreadful tackle that ended Billy's season last April. Its great to have him back even though the lads have done very well in his absence!

Last week saw the return of Josh Mayhew and the physio's are working hard to hopefully have Zak Brown involved for today's game also. Both are a huge part of the squad and provide us with the firepower that has seen us score so many goals this season already.

So, moving in to today's game, it is all positive and its down to us now to get back to winning ways ...

Enjoy the game, **Boards**

TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot and leading the team out against Gorleston is Felixstowe & Walton United Under 11's player Harry Wise. Harry is enjoying his first season as a season ticket holder, and is hoping his favourite player, Sam Ford is able to get on the score sheet today. Enjoy the game Harry!



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SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

“Uh Oh! He’s off on one again!” is a phrase (or something similar) I often hear whenever I get my soap box out to preach about the rights and wrongs of using other people’s grounds to play football.

Here at the seaside, we have had countless battles with the authorities about our little couple of acres - our President Dave Ashford could write a book about it I’m sure. But we are here, and our story is for another day!

Gorleston arrive today, in mid table having played 11 games, six officially away and five at the Wellesley, home of Gt Yarmouth Town FC. *And yes, I know Yarmouth have the oldest*



football stand in the country and by definition, the oldest in the world.

For over 40 years they played at the purpose built Emerald Park ground, which I thought personally was one of the best set ups for (then) step 5 football, covered terracing all round, seating, just a good place to play non-league football.

Then just as they reached a pinnacle, promotion to step 4, they were dealt a huge blow. I don’t know the intricacies of what happened, but Emerald Park was sold for housing and they were suddenly homeless, playing step 4 football!

Now they join Grays Athletic who have been nomadic since losing their ground and currently play at Tilbury FC, although I hear good things could be happening in South Essex.

Clubs such as Grays and Gorleston I have great sympathy for, but there are others who make progress through junior and senior football to who knows where? Who have never had an official ground that they control and run and play their home games!!

Steps down from his soapbox

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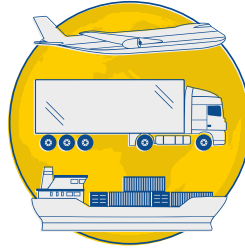
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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Lowestoft Town	12	10	1	1	33	11	+22	31
2	Felixstowe & Walton United	13	8	3	2	37	20	+17	27
3	Basildon United	14	8	2	4	32	22	+10	26
4	Brentwood Town	12	7	2	3	20	10	+10	23
5	Bowers & Pitsea	13	7	1	5	23	17	+6	22
6	Brightlingsea Regent	13	7	1	5	27	22	+5	22
7	Heybridge Swifts	12	7	1	4	20	17	+3	22
8	Maldon & Tiptree	13	6	3	4	28	22	+6	21
9	Walthamstow	12	5	4	3	18	17	+1	19
10	Wroxham	12	4	3	5	19	17	+2	15
11	Bury Town	12	4	3	5	22	24	-2	15
12	Gorleston	11	4	2	5	17	14	+3	14
13	Redbridge	12	3	4	5	22	28	-6	13
14	Ipswich Wanderers	13	4	1	8	12	21	-9	13
15	Enfield	13	4	1	8	16	30	-14	13
16	Witham Town	12	2	5	5	9	21	-12	11
17	New Salamis	11	2	4	5	18	25	-7	10
18	Grays Athletic	13	1	5	7	13	26	-13	8
19	Stowmarket Town	11	0	2	9	11	33	-22	2

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

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

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Enfield	v	Bury Town
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INTERVIEW with **SAM FORD**

BY BECKY WYBROW

After recently committing himself to the club, I spoke to in-form Sam Ford about his blistering start to the season

Congratulations on signing a new contract, it comes as a huge relief to Seasiders supporters to see you commit to the club following interest from elsewhere. Was it an easy enough decision for you to make?

Thank you! Yes it was an easy decision, you grow up playing football with your mates and then you go off and try and make it or whatever by yourself, but it's the most I've had that feeling in a dressing room regarding closeness on and off the pitch and of course being a Felixstowe boy, it's a no brainer.

Seasiders fans will have all noticed a vast improvement in your game this season. What's changed in your opinion and are you enjoying your football?

I think the only difference has been my mentality which has been rewarded by gaining trust from team mates and staff which can only give me confidence to do what I am capable of.





Despite your huge presence upfront and tremendous work rate, somehow you are not the clubs leading goalscorer this season to date! Does this play on your mind or is creating chances for your teammates just as important to you as scoring goals?

Every striker is meant to focus on scoring but I've never wanted to be a striker who scores 40 tap ins, I have a decent amount of goals this season and nearly double that in assists so I get just as much enjoyment from creating chances too.

Has the teams good start to the season surprised you?

Not at all, when you look at the players we have football is never won on paper but there won't be many better changing rooms than ours.

What is the atmosphere in the changing room like?

Like I said previously it's very good, no cliques or egos it's very close knit.

What is your goal target for the season?

I wanted ten before Christmas so a couple more for that, I don't like looking too far ahead, so didn't set a seasonal one but will go reset at Christmas.



What's been your favourite moment of the season so far?

Probably getting four assists against Hertford.

You've played in teams locally and internationally including clubs in Scotland, Iceland and Australia, how have these experiences helped your game? Any regrets?

No regrets, think it just makes you more adaptable I've played against players I wouldn't have ever come across and seen so many different types of players I'm grateful for it.

You've been ever present in the league this season, but with injured players returning to the squad does this add some healthy competition amongst the boys?

Of course everyone wants to play, I think everyone would be happy if the team are doing well that's the main focus

Do you think the club can improve on their league finish last season?

We have to.





QUICK FIRE Q&A



What team do you support?

Arsenal FC

Best goal you've ever seen?

Ibrahimovic v England

Best goal you've ever scored

Any of the chops

Favourite TV show

This Country

What scares you?

Sitting on the bench

Occupation?

Football coach

Preferred takeaway

Turtle Bay

**Best player you have played
with or against**

Declan Rice or Wozza

Night in or night out?

Outsideee

**If you could meet one person dead
or alive, who would it be?**

Tyla (South African Singer)

Best film

Get Out

Nickname

Fordy

Drink of choice

Rosé

Playstation or Xbox?

Xbox

Best concert

Don't do concerts

Favourite Restaurant

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Holiday destination of choice

Jamaica (going in March 😊)

MATCH PHOTOS

PHOTOS
BY THOMAS
BRADFORD

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

Witham Town 3

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

A frustrating afternoon for the Seasiders as they fall to their first away league defeat of the season. The game started promisingly with **Callum Harrison** firing in the opener after just 3 minutes.

Numerous chances went begging as

Felixstowe controlled the first 25 minutes with the attacking threat of Ford, Harrison and at times the unplayable Charlie Warren causing all sorts of problems for the home side. The game levelled out as the half progressed with plenty of stoppages disrupting the away side more than Witham and the half petered out. The speedy Josh Osude was a real handful in the second half and it was the forward who pulled the game level on 56 mins, 9 mins later and the Seasiders were stunned when Ghinea turned the defence inside out to make it 2-1.



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1. Callum Robinson
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Felixstowe stepped up a gear and equalised through **Harrison** on 69 minutes with a brilliant drive from distance. With Felixstowe pushing forward for the winner it was King who decided to grab it for the home side instead, making space 35 yards from goal and catching both teams by surprise with a long range effort that snuck inside the left post. 11 minutes of added time was not enough as the home defence held firm and somehow kept out the golden chances that were created, that strong start to the game not being capitalised on enough and piling the pressure on for a late response.







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 Seasideers 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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THE OTHER SIDE GORLESTON FC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Following the war it was the 1951/52 season when Gorleston gained national fame.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following year 2011/12 saw the team

settle into the premiership and go on to win the Norfolk Senior Cup. It was a sad season however as our club president and (Mr. Gorleston) died, therefore unable to see his beloved greens lift the senior cup.

2012/13 we finished the season in 12th place and during this season a new chairman, Mr. Alan Gordon took up the reigns.

2013/14 Another successful season for 'The Greens' with manager Stewart Larter guiding the team to fourth place and in contention throughout the season. Also going on to win the Norfolk Senior Cup for the 16th time. The under 18 squad also brought silverware to Emerald Park winning the East Division for the 1st time in the club's history and reaching the Thurlow Nunn cup final but unable to complete the double. Stewart Larter left the club at the end of the season, joining Wroxham and the club welcome back Richard Daniels as 1st team manager.

2014/15 witnessed a difficult season for the club both on and off the field with the team struggling to find any consistency. We were also saddened to lose a great friend, manager and coach Glyn Hopkins who passed away in November 2014.

2015/16 Ricci Butler appointed as first team manager. A new look 'local' team the priority which produced some encouraging results but the emphasis for this season was to maintain premier league status. The reserve team, managed by Scott Butler, re-joined the Anglian Combination League with great success, finishing champions in style, not losing on route and also winning the CS Morley Cup.

2016/17 We were pleased to welcome main club sponsors Bateman Groundworks and 1st team shirt sponsors Perfects and thank them for their generous sponsorship. The first team had a satisfactory season finishing in 4th place and going unbeaten in the league in their first 18 league fixtures, also having a good run in the FA Vase reaching the 4th round proper. The reserves gained a second successive promotion and retained

the CS Morley Cup.

2017/18 After the resignation of our manager Ricci Butler early in the season, we welcomed back Stewart Larter to the club and after a difficult start he guided the team to 7th place in the Premier Division. The reserves made it three titles in a row thus gaining promotion to the Anglian Combination League division 2.

2018/19 After a good start to the season the first team tailed off but a positive note was the number of young players coming through the ranks. The reserves made it four titles in a row and gaining promotion to Division 1 also adding the Norfolk Junior cup to their impressive title tally. A new addition this year to the adult structure was the development squad playing in the borough league, this is for the younger players benefit to gain experience. The under 18's took the honours in the East division showing the depth and quality available at the club. The ladies performed well again this year culminating in promotion to the Eastern Region Womens Football League.

2019/20 After a poor start to the season Steward Larter resigned his position and the chairman was quick to appoint brothers Ricci & Scott Butler as 1st team joint managers. This proved to be a very challenging season for them both and also for us all as Covid struck near the end of the season declaring the season null and void. Sadly in March 2020 Alan Gordon, chairman of Gorleston Football Club for just over 7 and a half years passed away, he will be fondly remembered by the whole club and we are so proud of his achievements whilst at the helm.

2020/21 With Covid very much still disrupting fixtures football took a back seat with only a handful of matches being played. One bright note to finish, we gained our 17th



victory in the Norfolk Senior Cup Final.

2021/22 Football was back and what a season. The chairman Jamie Humphries together with our joint managers Ricci and Scott Butler put a strong squad together hoping to challenge. A commanding start to the season set out our intentions with 6 straight wins. This was the standard set and the team delivered, a two way tussle for the league title went down to the wire with Gorleston winning on the last day of the season to pip Wroxham by one point to take the championship trophy. Sadly this was to be our last ever game at Emerald Park and now we move forward and look to new challenges both on and off the pitch.

2022/23 Playing at step 4 for the first time in the clubs history, the Isthmian Football League, north division. Also in a ground share situation, thanks must go to Gary Keyzor and all at Lowestoft Town F.C. for their help and assistance. After a difficult start to the season manager Scott Butler was replaced by Darren Cockrill and assistant Ollie Willis, who after many challenges, secured the clubs league status and went on to win the Norfolk Senior cup for the 18th time.

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C. Harrison	20
C. Warren	15
S. Ford	10
J. Mayhew	10
J. Hitter	7
B. Holland	5
N. Aitkens	4
Z. Brown	3
H. Barley	2
J. Whight	2



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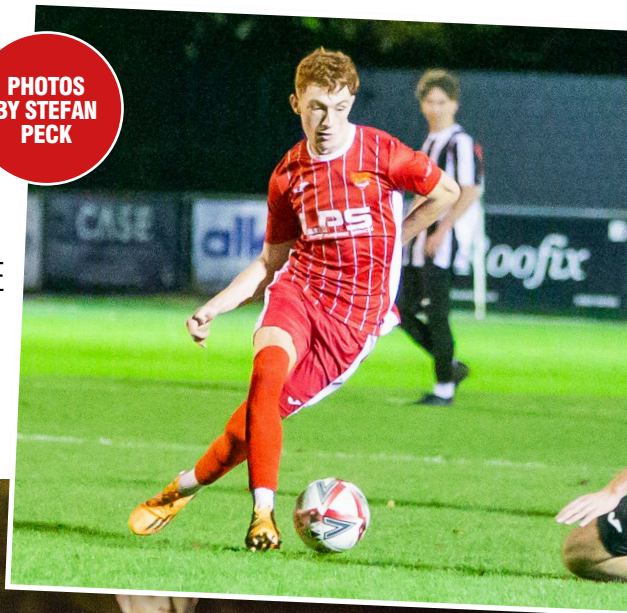
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AUGUST

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
TUE 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
TUE 24	REDBRIDGE <i>Warren (2), Ford, Harrison</i>	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 313
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Aitkens, Brown, Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 226

NOVEMBER

SAT 4	ENFIELD <i>Harrison (3), Warren, Ford</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 5-1	ATT 360
WED 8	HADLEIGH UNITED <i>Hitter, Warren</i>	H	7.45PM	SP CUP QF	W2-1	ATT 208
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Warren, Harrison (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 310

TUE 14	WROXHAM	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 467
SAT 25	WITHAM TOWN <i>Harrison (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 168

DECEMBER

SAT 2	GORLESTON	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 16	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 23	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 30	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	3PM	LEAGUE

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

MON 1	IPSWICH WANDERERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 13	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 27	NEW SALAMIS	H	3PM	LEAGUE

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Brentwood and Bowers take fourth and fifth, Swifts are seventh, Bury hit four, Enfield and Grays win away

Witham Town welcomed a second place **Felixstowe & Walton United** side looking to get back to winning ways after that surprising midweek defeat against Wroxham - and our second place side had a fine start at the Simarco Stadium, going ahead after just four minutes - Callum Harrison with the opener. The Seasiders were pegged back eleven minutes into the second half, Arnold Mengi levelling for Town, and with twenty five minutes to go the hosts completed the turnaround, Darius Ghinea putting them ahead - but they were ahead for only four minutes, Harrison levelling for United. Five minutes from time we had a fifth goal, and it went to the hosts, Fred King making it three-two, and Witham held out for three critical points and a fine victory.

Bowers & Pitsea hosted derby day, **Basildon United** making the short trip to the Len Salmon. The Bees have been in fine form, but of course lost their manager in midweek - and they lost the first goal of the game on the half hour, Matt Price getting his first for the hosts. It was two-nil just before the hour mark, Manny Oluwasemo doubling Bowers advantage, but the Bees made the closing stages interesting



when Ben Allen got one back with four minutes left. Sadly for the travelling fans, that was as good as it got, a first defeat in eight for the Bees. Bowers climb to fifth. Image courtesy of Nicky Hayes.

Brentwood Town welcomed **Wroxham**, and our fifth place side took the lead on sixteen minutes, Shad Ngandu keeping his nerve from the spot. Blues new signing George Sykes was making his debut, and the former Aveley double promotion winner added a second for the Blues just before the break, and it was enough to lift Town up to fourth.

Heybridge Swifts welcomed **Brightlingsea Regent**, and the opening goal took nearly an hour to arrive, Ben Sartain with it for the hosts. Swifts held on, and move up to seventh.

Bury Town welcomed **Walthamstow**, and the Ram Meadow faithful were awoken ten minutes after the break as Luke Brown put their side ahead. They were celebrating again ten minutes from time, Cemal Ramadan making it two, and Ed Upson quickly made it three-nil. Deep into added time a Louie Arnold penalty made it four-nil, as Town climbed to eleventh.

Ipswich Wanderers and **Enfield** went seventy six minutes with little for either set of fans to shout about, but all the shouting started at that point, Kris Rose sent off for Wanderers and the E's immediately going ahead, Callum Taylor with the opener. The opener turned out to be the only goal, and Enfield are up to fifteenth.

New Salamis played host to high flying **Maldon & Tiptree** on White Hart Lane, the Jammers having won six of the previous seven - but it was the hosts who broke the

deadlock, Joe Waight scoring on twenty four minutes. It got worse for the Jammers when Terrell Egbri saw red ten minutes after the break, but the ten men levelled soon afterwards, Louie Remi making it one-one. That was that, the Jammers down to eighth, their hosts in seventeenth.

Stowmarket Town welcomed **Grays Athletic** in a battle between our bottom two. Both sides had reinforced their squads this week, and Athletic had even replaced their manager, and Darren Manning would have been delighted when Troy Osei-Bobie opened the scoring for the visitors six minutes before half time. It was two-nil six minutes from time, Julian Gibson adding the second his debut, and Grays eased to a first win of the season.

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VASCO VERSUS RACISM AND RICE POWDER

BY MARTYN GREEN, THE UNTOLD GAME

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Vasco da Gama are one of the more successful clubs in Brazil. In a country with no long-term dominant force, their four league titles is bettered by just four teams, and just one from the Rio do Janeiro region (Flamengo). The club that gave us Romario and the excellently named Roberto Dinamite is a fixture on the Brazilian and continental stage, winning the Copa Libertadores in 1998 and, despite some recent struggles, consistently competing at the summit of Brazilian football. But their proudest moment wasn't any of their league titles. It wasn't even their South American dominance. It was when they were kicked out of the league.

Football was a game for the elites in Brazil. It came to the country late, two decades later than it had in neighbouring Argentina and Uruguay, and reflected some of the worst attitudes of Brazilian society. They had been the last nation on the continent to abolish slavery, and carried the racism of those days into the sport, where white

players were expected.

The problem for Brazilian society was that some black and dual-heritage players were simply too good to ignore. Arthur Friedenreich, son of a black Brazilian mother and German father, was included in the team for England's first ever match, against a touring Exeter City side. His contemporary, Carlos Alberto, forced his way into the Fluminense team that had won five of the first seven regional championships. But while Friedenreich played in his own skin, Fluminense would very literally have preferred Alberto to play out of his. They whitened his face with rice powder, and when he sweated it off and the ruse became clear, it gave Fluminense their dark, derogatory nickname: rice powder.



Vasco da Gama were a sailing club for the first decade and a half of organised football around Rio de Janeiro, fitting for a club named after the famous Portuguese explorer. They allowed members of any colour, but football has always been a booming business in Brazil

and in 1921 the sailing club added football to its list of activities, and joined the Campeonato Carioca. Not without comment.

Despite the reservations of the region's other clubs, including Fluminense, Vasco continued to accept and play black players. Rio's clubs initially held their noses and allowed their new member to compete in the 14 team league, while Vasco became increasingly proud of their stand against the racism of their opponents. And then, disaster struck, at least for 12 of other clubs in the Campeonato.

Having finished the previous season 8th out of 8 in the Campeonato's Serie A, Vasco improved. And then continued to improve. The 1923 competition was, to use a phrase, a whitewash. Vasco lost just one game on the way to their first trophy, winning the league by six points - the highest margin for five years - and causing chaos among the regions clubs.

Twelve of their opponents immediately withdrew from the league in protest at the regional football association's allowances of non-white players. They broke away to form their own league, with rules they controlled, and most importantly with their own racial criteria. Vasco, as reigning champions, were invited to join, on the understanding that they would fulfil those racial criteria. Vasco, to their credit, refused. Villa Isabel followed their lead.

The 1924 season was farcical. The original league was flooded with clubs from the

region, presumably to try to recreate the competitiveness that had come before. Vasco dominated once more, against teams that had previously been in Serie B, or not even included in the league the previous season. The breakaway league contained the biggest names in Rio de Janeiro's footballing landscape - Botafogo, Flamengo, and of course Fluminense - and was far more competitive. But tainted, even as it progressed, by the absence of the champions. It was won, almost as a direct challenge to Vasco's ideals, by Rice Powder themselves, Fluminense.

Vasco issued a statement saying they would not sacrifice the twelve non-white players who had helped them to win their first trophy, and would continue to play competitive (or uncompetitive) football to the values they had always held. They won the public relations battle, being seen as the future of Brazilian football, and the breakaway clubs eventually folded. Vasco were admitted for the 1925 season.

They lost their title in a close fought campaign to Flamengo, but they had already won the real battle. They forced the door open a little bit wider for non-white players, and without their stand against racism who can say what talent might have been lost to the game. All the titles in the world can't add up to the impact of actually changing the sport.

Enjoy the game.



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