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Seasiders v Mildenhall



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024, 3PM  
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

# VICE CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



## **Good afternoon, everyone, and the warmest of welcomes to the Martello Ground for today's Isthmian encounter with Suffolk rivals, Mildenhall Town.**

Our visitors have had a steady start to the season without showing any real degree of consistency. As we all know, in football, nothing can be taken for granted – just ask Spurs fans after ITFC visited the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium!

That said, whatever we achieve today and for the remainder of the season will have to be done without the services of the man who has been our most influential player over the past 2–3 seasons: Noel Aitkens.

With Noel heading off to scratch his itch in the sunnier climes of Australia – where we wish him the very best of luck – we must carry on without him. After all, it's a team game. If it means playing a different style or the boys individually stepping it up by 5–10%, then so be it.

I, for one, believe there's enough quality in this group, with or without Noel, to get us to the

elusive Level 3 football.

A great example of this belief was last week's game against Brightlingsea. Despite the weather doing its best to spoil the game, both teams worked their socks off to produce, given the conditions, a very entertaining match.

After going a goal down against the run of play, we equalised three minutes later, courtesy of Josh Hitter's fine finishing. In all honesty, we didn't take full advantage of the wind at our backs and went into the break level at 1–1, having been the better side. It was all to play for.

The second half was evenly contested, with us playing the majority of the football while Brightlingsea always posed a threat on the break. We took the lead when Cameron Forde-Brown converted a superb free kick, but that lead didn't last long. Six minutes later, Brightlingsea equalised after a quick breakaway coupled with some poor defending.

To compound our problems, a Josh Hitter own goal in the 79th minute left us chasing the game. From there, it was all-out attack, with us riding our luck on several occasions as we threw caution to the wind.

The equaliser finally came in the fourth minute of added time, with Josh Hitter completing the strangest of hat tricks with an absolutely sublime header. That said – no match ball for you, Josh!

While Josh deserves credit, for me, the real star of that moment was the cross. I haven't seen such a quality delivery in Felixstowe for many years. Cameron's ball was out of this world – delivered with pace, whip, accuracy, and power. It would have been sacrilege for it not to end in a goal.

A 3–3 draw, and I think all who witnessed it would agree it was a fair result on the day.

On Tuesday, we made a little trip to the Island of Canvey to face Concord Rangers. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend the match due to a severe bout of man flu (apologies to those booked on

the minibus).

With unavailability and injuries, the squad was down to its bare bones, with three academy students taking their place on the subs bench.

But the boys didn't feel sorry for themselves; they went out and got the job done. Goals from Charlie and Jack before halftime, followed by Callum's effort in the second half, secured a comfortable victory on the night.

I suspect we'll see a recurring theme of "Getting The Job Done" in the coming weeks and months.

The longer we're in this league, the more I understand just how difficult it is to gain promotion. With only two teams going up – one of them through the roulette of the playoffs – it's always going to be a tough challenge.

I personally struggle to see the balance when four teams face relegation, but only two get promoted. Surely there's some sense in it, but I fail to see it.

Enjoy the game, and Up The Seaside! AC

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# ANDY CRUMP



## **Good afternoon and welcome to our opponents Mildenhall Town to the Martello Ground for today's league fixture.**

Four points from our last two games has kept us in touch with league leaders Bury Town, and with two games in four days again this week we will go into next Saturday's game at Haringey Borough having caught up on games in hand. Eight games in 25 days, with some tricky midweek fixtures away at Wroxham and Concord Rangers was always going to challenge the squad, but to remain unbeaten in that period (minus a penalty shootout) takes some doing.

Stuart and I felt Tuesday's 3-0 win away at Concord Rangers was a complete performance. Whilst we accept it wasn't the prettiest at times, good teams have to adapt to the conditions and we felt the boys did that brilliantly. Three well taken goals from Charlie, Jack and Callum along with a solid defensive performance saw us come away with all three points. Special mentions to Rob Harvey who led the line brilliantly and of course Noel who ensured a happy farewell as he heads off to Oz.

With so many games in quick succession, and the squad nursing a few injuries, it gave us a chance to give debuts to Academy players George Stuttle and Ollie Martin

as late substitutes. The recent success of other local sides has been supported by a production line of Academy players consistently coming through. This was one of the big challenges for Rhys and John at Felixstowe and credit to them both for establishing the Academy and producing players that now train regularly with the senior squad.



Finally, one of my favourite posts from recent weeks was the photo of Hugh Cullum at his junior presentation day in 2012 receiving his trophy from his now partner in crime Jack Ainsley. Since signing in the summer, Hugh has become one of the first names on the team sheet and has developed a partnership with Jack that continues to go from strength to strength. With my own son playing in the U9s, it's important for all of our junior players to see that one day they can do the same!

Thanks for your support and look forward to seeing you this afternoon.  
Andy

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# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS

## Not many people know this...

We have all heard it asked and answered, "How Many Watching?" and the sharp reply "One man and his dog!"

Well, on 6th December 1995 Felixstowe Town were playing at home against Cornard United in the Jewson Premier League and the official recorded attendance paying at the gate was 14, which included, standing just behind the goal at the Dellwood end one man and his dog.

Ok I've taken a bit of literary licence, it wasn't one man and his dog, it was one man, his wife and their dog.



*Ben The Dog as he was colloquially known wearing his Felixstowe Port & Town scarf circa 1997/99 and the actual poster the Green distributed to their Saturday night outlets.*

Chris & Jayne Ryan were regular supporters at the time and their dog Ben became quite famous and very popular on the Eastern Counties League circuit, all three travelling to away games to watch the Seasiders.

Ben was unique in that he would sit just behind the goal and to the left and watch the game intently, he wasn't averse to a stroke from those who walked past so long as it didn't distract him from the action on the pitch.

Ben followed the Seasiders home and away

from 1987 through to 2001 when he went to that big dog's home in the sky, he saw the club change its name twice, saw them come within a whisker of winning the league as Felixstowe Port & Town but never saw them relegated!

### THE POSTER!

On the 4th September 1999 Ben was refused entry to Diss Town, he wasn't a troublemaker, didn't bark excessively and had never bitten anyone, but NO was the firm position of the Diss Town gatemen. He didn't miss much as the game ended 0-0.

Not one to hold a grudge and after all 'rules is rules' Ben sponsored the fixture when Diss arrived early the following season at Dellwood Avenue. The game ended 2-0 to the visitors with Bobby Mayes (signed from us) on the score sheet and Leon Henry debuting for the Seasiders. It captured the imagination with the 'Green 'Un' producing a poster for all their outlets to display and Ben wallowing in his 5 minutes of fame!







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# ZAK BROWN

Zak Brown, the nifty forward who has been an integral part of Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club for the past few years, is set to embark on an exciting new chapter as he prepares to work and travel abroad in Australia. After showcasing his goalscoring prowess for the Seasideers, Zak will now be joining Pascoe Vale FC - the same football team as Noel Aitkens. This move marks not only an opportunity to continue his football journey in a new country but also a chance to explore life down under.

While his departure will undoubtedly be felt by the club and its supporters, everyone at Felixstowe wishes him all the best in his adventures abroad.

Good luck Zak! Sea Sea Seasideers!







# ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2024/25

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bury Town	17	13	2	2	34	17	+17	41
<b>2</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>35</b>
3	Witham Town	17	11	2	4	33	20	+13	35
4	Tilbury	16	9	3	4	28	28	0	30
5	Grays Athletic	15	8	3	4	27	14	+13	27
6	Brightlingsea Regent	17	7	5	5	24	24	0	26
7	Waltham Abbey	16	7	4	5	31	21	+10	25
8	Heybridge Swifts	16	6	6	4	24	22	+2	24
9	Brentwood Town	14	7	2	5	35	23	+12	23
10	Walthamstow	16	7	2	7	31	24	+7	23
11	Redbridge	16	6	5	5	33	31	+2	23
12	Basildon United	15	7	1	7	20	20	0	22
13	Concord Rangers	16	5	5	6	20	22	-2	20
14	Gorleston	15	6	1	8	19	21	-2	19
15	Cambridge City	15	6	1	8	25	28	-3	19
<b>16</b>	<b>Mildenhall Town</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>18</b>
17	Maldon & Tiptree	17	5	3	9	18	23	-5	18
18	Sporting Bengal United	16	5	2	9	18	28	-10	17
19	Wroxham	17	3	5	9	22	37	-15	14
20	Haringey Borough	16	3	4	9	22	35	-13	13
21	Newmarket Town	17	3	4	10	26	44	-18	13
22	Ipswich Wanderers	16	2	3	11	15	42	-27	9

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## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

**Saturday 30th November 2024, 3pm**

- Brightlingsea Regent v Brentwood Town
- Bury Town v Ipswich Wanderers
- Cambridge City v Tilbury
- Concord Rangers v Basildon United
- Felixstowe & Walton United v Mildenhall Town
- Gorleston v Waltham Abbey
- Grays Athletic v Haringey Borough
- Maldon & Tiptree v Redbridge
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2024, 73pm

Isthmian League North

**Attendance:** 357

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# LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

1	Cemal Ramadan	Bury Town	13
2	Charlie Warren	Felixstowe & Walton United	12
3	Alex Hernandez	Tilbury	10
4	Prince Domafriyie	Waltham Abbey	9
5	Daniel Ogunleye	Brentwood Town	9
6	Joshua olaoluwa Osude	Witham Town	8
7	Tendi Quamina	Redbridge	8
8	Kymani Thomas	Walthamstow / Waltham Abbey	8
9	Darren Esuka	Basildon United	7
10	Andrew Fennell	Heybridge Swifts	7
11	Josh Lee	Newmarket Town	7
12	Sam Bantick	Tilbury	6
13	Ruben Bartlett-Antwi	Basildon United	6
14	Ryan Hawkins	Wroxham	6
15	Anisius Lewis	Concord Rangers	6
16	Deese Kasinga Madia	Witham Town	6
17	George Smith	Cambridge City	6
18	Kai Brown	Brentwood Town	5
19	Teddy Collis	Maldon & Tiptree / Brightingsea Regent	5
20	Samuel Ford	Felixstowe & Walton United	5





# TODAY'S MASCOTS



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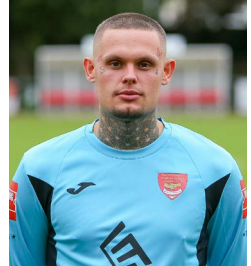
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2024, 7.45pm

Isthmian League North

**Attendance:** 279

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Bradford















# THE OTHER SIDE MILDENHALL TOWN

## HISTORY

Mildenhall Town are a long-established club, formed in August 1898. Club records from the early years are vague, but it is known that the club won the Suffolk Junior Cup as long ago as 1899/1900 when they defeated Southwold R.A. Volunteers 4-0 in the final.

The club had to wait 93 years for their next County success, lifting the Cambs. Junior Cup in 1992/93 and then the Cambs Invitation Cup in 1996.

The club joined the Bury & District League in 1945, competing well in this league until joining the Cambs. County League in 1969. After many successful years, the club was accepted into the newly established Eastern Counties League Division 1 for the 1988/89 season. After coming to terms with this higher level of football, the club finished runners-up to Clacton Town in 1999 to attain promotion to the ECL Premier Division under the guidance of the managerial team of Steve O'Donoghue, Rob Steele & Jez George. The club also reached the Suffolk Premier Cup final in 2000, losing 1-0 to Lowestoft Town.

Under the leadership of Chairman Brian Brigden, the club also underwent a major transformation during the 90's, bringing the ground up to current standards, and building the excellent clubhouse whilst still retaining an enviable central location in the town.

Trevor Munns took over the managerial hot-seat in 2001, leading to six years of consistently creditable finishing positions in the ECL Premier Division, culminating in a superb 2nd spot in 2006/2007 garnering 97 points. Unfortunately, Wroxham got 101 points that season.

'Hall again reached the Suffolk Premier Cup final in 2003, but lost to the very strong AFC







Sudbury in the final at Ram Meadow. The club also had two excellent runs in the FA Vase, losing away to Hillingdon Borough in 2006 and Billingham Synthonia in 2007, both times reaching the last 16. The 2006 run included the defeat of the then Vase holders, Didcot Town, in a replay at Recway in front of a club record crowd of 320 spectators, probably the finest night in the club's history.

Martin Tuck succeeded Brian Brigden as Chairman in 2002, and he led the club through a turbulent, although largely successful period. Trevor Munns resigned in November 2007 to be succeeded by local duo of Dave Pinkowski and Tony Lyes. The highlight of their reign was a 7-0 drubbing of Lowestoft Town, their heaviest defeat for 50 years.

This duo ended their stint during 2008/2009 and in April 2009 the club appointed former Bolton Wanderers & Norwich City star Simon Charlton as team manager. Charlton had a largely successful season in charge, culminating in a superb 3-1 victory over Wisbech Town in the Cambs Invitation Cup final at the Abbey Stadium.

Simon moved on in the summer of 2010 to be replaced by ex Woodbridge Town & Stowmarket Town boss and qualified UEFA coach Christian Appleford. Christian, ably assisted by Tom Youngs, led the team to immediate success by retaining the Cambs Invitation Cup with a 2-0 victory over Haverhill Rovers in the final and finishing a creditable 5th place in the league. Christian left the club in November 2014 and was replaced by former Cambridge United goalkeeper Dean Greygoose.

Huge progress was made under Dean's guidance and 2015/2016 season saw the team win the Eastern Counties League Challenge Cup for the first time with a 2-1 victory over Norwich United. In 2016/2017 the league and cup double were achieved as Newmarket Town were defeated in the League Cup final, and the league title was won by the clear margin of 9 points, thus enabling promotion to the Isthmian League.

For different reasons, both Chairman Martin Tuck and Manager Dean Greygoose vacated their positions in December 2018, following an infamous home defeat to Brentwood.

Bill Flynn has stepped up to take over as Chairman of the club whilst former players Ricky Cornish and Colin Vowden were been appointed as Manager & Assistant respectively.

Relegation from the Isthmian League after two seasons saw a return to the Eastern Counties League at Step 5 for season 2019/2020.

The Covid shutdowns disrupted the teams' efforts to return to step 4, but the lull in proceedings did allow the club to upgrade the stadium with a clubhouse refurbishment and the addition of a new hospitality suite, named after Martin Law, an absolute club legend, who very sadly passed away after suffering from MND.

Ricky Cornish was replaced as manager by Phil Weavers, who became Player manager in April 2022. After finishing a respectable 6th in Phil's first full season 2022/23, the addition of some experienced players, as well as the return of club favourites Ben Nolan and Jarid Robson, for the 2023/4 season transformed the team, and the Hall ran away with the title, winning by 14 clear points and only conceding 16 goals throughout the season, ensuring the return to the Isthmian league for 2024/25 season, after a break of 5 years.

The latest development is the installation of LED floodlights in Aug 2024, replacing the old lights that had served the club well for 29 seasons, but had become obsolete, as well as irreparable. Hopefully, this is a portent of a bright new future.

Outstanding players in recent seasons include Mat Mitchel-King, who after being sold by 'Hall to Histon in 2005, progressed into the Football League playing for Crewe Alexandra, and more recently, AFC Wimbledon. Local legend John Sands took the Eastern Counties League by storm during his time with the club, scoring a club record 31 league goals in 2010/2011 and earning himself a transfer to Bury Town. Sands' record lasted only one season however, as Andrew Wood won the coveted League Golden Boot in 2011/2012 scoring a club record of 33 league goals. Two other club legends, both still playing, are Luke Butcher who has captained the team for 10 years, and Josh Pope, who made is debut as an 18-year-old youth player, and now

has well over 600 first tam appearances, notwithstanding a five-year spell at Soham. Two outstanding footballers, who have been the bedrock of the club's success over the last 15 years.

Finally, the club has at last begun to develop a coherent youth section which will hopefully bode well for the future, and allow the club to continue its path of gradual sustainable progression.



JOSHUA POPE



JAKE CHAMBERS-SHAW

## PEN PICS

### PHIL WEAVERS

JOSHUA POPE

The gaffer! Been with the club for five years now, playing either at centre-back, left-back or central midfield. Now embarking on his third season in management and his first since guiding the club to the title and promotion last term.

### LLOYD GROVES

Joined us two summers ago as a player-coach after a stint as Soham manager. We've had plenty of good battles down the years with Lloyd during his time playing as a centre-half for Godmanchester and Soham. Takes no prisoners and decent on the ball.

### DARRYL COAKLEY

Former pro at Cambridge United who is in his second spell with the club. The former Needham Market and AFC Sudbury left-back provides plenty of attacking threat with his crosses into the box. Has stepped up to be part of Weaves' coaching staff this season.

### NIKETA CARTNER

Another important member of the backroom



team. 'Keets' has been the club physio for a number of years now.

### **JOSH POPE**

A real favourite of the supporters who returned between our posts in the summer of 2021 after a few seasons with Soham. Popey has made more than 600 appearances for the club at a variety of levels and you could probably count the number of mistakes he's made on one hand.

### **LUKE BUTCHER**

Since joining the club in 2015, Butch has led by example as captain. Rarely loses out in a tackle or in the air, and can also pose a goal threat at the other end of the pitch. Skipped the team to a second league title last season.

### **JOSH COLLINS**

A left-footed centre-back that joined the club during the summer from Long Melford, for whom he made more than 100 appearances. Will offer plenty of physicality and can also be a threat in the opposition's box.

### **ADAM CAPEL**

Arrived in the summer of 2021 after picking up a couple of awards at Ely City's end-of-season event. 'Capes' actually played a friendly for us a few years ago before joining Cambridge City. Good on the ball and never shirks a tackle.



JED WIGLEY

JON KAYE

### **JED WIGLEY**

Mr Consistent last season in the left-back role. The former Bury Town and Walsham-le-Willows player gets forward well, provides plenty of energy and is solid defensively.



JORDAN CHIPPS

RYAN SWIFT

### **OWEN WALLIS**

Played as a pro in Sweden, having also skipped Norwich City's Under-23s. The centre-back/defensive midfielder has had some injury trouble of late, but that now appears to be behind him. Comfortable in possession.

### **SIMON SWINTON**

Joined us in the summer of 2023 from Cambridge City. Swints will have a key role to play on the pitch but also in the dressing room having spent much of his playing days at a higher level. A real character!

### **JORDAN CHIPPS**

Formerly part of the academy set-up at Cambridge United, Jordan has come across from Soham this summer. Can play right-back or in midfield. Still young and has plenty of potential.

### **JON KAYE**

Crossed the Cambridgeshire/Suffolk divide during the summer of 2023 after skipping our neighbours Soham. A combative midfielder that provides plenty of energy and drive from the middle of the pitch. Scored some key goals last season.

### **ALFIE CONNOR**

Signed for the club midway through the 2022/23 season from Soham. Another all-action midfielder with an eye-catching delivery from set-pieces.

### **CALLUM ANDERSON**

Callum can play anywhere across the midfield. Rose through the ranks at Colchester United before playing for Haverhill Rovers, Maldon & Tiptree and most recently St Neots Town, where he was captain.



LUKE BUTCHER



TOMMY ROBISON

### **TOMMY ROBISON**

Now looking back to his old self after recovering from a bad injury during his first spell with the club. Robbo is a real playmaker that likes to beat his opponent.

### **JARID ROBSON**

Showed last season that he has lost none of his work-rate, commitment and keen eye for goal during his time away from the club at Bury Town, Royston Town and Cambridge City. Was leading scorer last term, finding the net on 21 occasions.

### **JAKE CHAMBERS-SHAW**

A playmaker that returned to the club midway through last season. Spent several seasons with Bury Town and away travelling before rejoining. Has that ability to unlock the tightest of defences.



### **BEN NOLAN**

'Marathon Man' Ben made a welcome return to the club last summer from Cambridge City. He spent much of the campaign playing at right-back but that did not stop him from getting forward and contributing 10 goals.

### **KIERAN TWINN**

Twinny joined us in the summer of 2021 from Walsham-le-Willows. Naturally left footed, he provides some good balance to the attack and is always posing a goal threat.



### **TOM NEWMAN**

Attacker who joined the club this summer having played plenty of football at Step 3 with Royston Town. Also had spells with Soham and Berkhamsted. Can play anywhere across the frontline and will pop up with goals.

### **OLLY HUGHES**

Forward who the club tried to sign a few times over the years. He finally arrived in the summer of 2023 and unsurprisingly proved to be a popular figure at the club. His previous Step 4 experience is going to be crucial.

### **RYAN SWIFT**

Injury hampered Swifty last season, but prior to that he has scored goals for Cambridge City and Dereham Town. A forward that will offer something different to our frontline after making an impression in pre-season.



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# FIXTURES 2024/25

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

## OCTOBER

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

## NOVEMBER

<b>SAT 2</b>	<b>BRENTWOOD TOWN</b> <i>T Warren, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 347</b>
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>CAMBRIDGE CITY</b> <i>OG, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-0</b>	<b>ATT 500</b>



<b>TUE 12</b>	<b>REDBRIDGE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 279</b>
<i>Harvey, C Warren, Ford (2)</i>						
SAT 16	BOREHAM WOOD	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	D 1-1 (LOST ON PENS)	
<i>Hitter</i>						
TUE 19	WROXHAM	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 221
<i>Mayhew, T Warren</i>						
<b>SAT 23</b>	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>D 3-3</b>	<b>ATT 357</b>
<i>Hitter (2), Forde-Brown</i>						
TUE 26	CONCORD RANGERS	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 120
<i>C Warren, J Ainsley, Harrison</i>						
<b>SAT 30</b>	<b>MILDENHALL TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		

## DECEMBER

TUE 3	BASILDON	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 7	HARINGEY BOROUGH	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>WALTHAM ABBEY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 21	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>THU 26</b>	<b>IPSWICH WANDERERS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>1PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 28	NEWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

## JANUARY

WED 1	BURY TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 4</b>	<b>GRAYS ATHLETIC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 18</b>	<b>SPORTING BENGAL UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
<b>SAT 25</b>	<b>HARINGEY BOROUGH</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		

## FEBRUARY

SAT 1	MILDENHALL TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 8	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 15</b>	<b>TILBURY</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 22	WALTHAMSTOW	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

## MARCH

<b>SAT 1</b>	<b>CONCORD RANGERS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 8	BRENTWOOD TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 15	WALTHAM ABBEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 22</b>	<b>GORLESTON</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		

## APRIL

<b>SAT 5</b>	<b>HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 12	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 19</b>	<b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 21	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 26</b>	<b>WITHAM TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		

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'Nobody wants to see scenes like this' say commentators whenever players lose their temper a little, trying to shy away from the idea that, to many in the stands, the shackles coming off of their players' passion is exactly what they want to see. It's usually handbags, a little pushing, some heated words, and then everyone gets back on with the game. But it excites the crowd, speaking to the tribal nature of the sport. Sometimes, however, the heated words spill over into genuine violence, the kind that we genuinely don't want in the game. Never has that been worse than on 17th March 1971, which saw 19 red cards.



The location of this battle, unsurprisingly to those who know, was South America. The passion with which the game is played on that continent surpasses most of what we see in Europe, and the Copa Libertadores - South America's premier club competition - simply inflames those passions even more. When Sporting Cristal won the Peruvian championship, they went into the competition carrying the hopes of their nation, along with close rivals Universitario. Both sides were drawn in a group against Argentinian opposition;

Rosario Central, who had lost the championship final the previous season, and Boca Juniors, who had bested them.

The Copa Libertadores group was close after three matchdays, with only two points separating 1st from 4th. Cristal had defeated Boca in Peru, and when Rosario and Universitario drew the group opened up and revenge was on the Argentinians' minds. Despite Cristal picking the same side, the Boca plan, for most of the game, seemed to be working.

Jorge Coch gave the hosts a first half lead after pouncing on a rebound, and Angel Clemente Rojas doubled the advantage, before with just about 70 minutes on the clock, Cristal clicked into gear. This was one of the first matches from abroad to be broadcast live on Peruvian television, so they had to give their fans at home something to get excited about. Juan Orbegoso halved the deficit with a drilled shot from inside the box, before Boca goalkeeper Ruben Sanchez spilled the ball at the feet of Carlos Gonzales Pajuelo, who rolled home an equaliser. The match intensified, and became end to end, as both sides went desperately in search of a winner.

In the dying minutes, Boca broke through the Cristal line. Roberto Rogel, under pressure from the defender, went down in the box. Scythed down, in Boca's minds. Dived, in Cristal's. Crucially, the referee sided with the Peruvians. As a result, the red mist descended on the home side, and one man in particular. In the very next passage of play, Boca's Ruben Sune clattered Alfredo Queseda, and all hell broke loose.

As the referee tried to regain control, Sune made





for the corner flag, taking it out and using it to attack Alberto Gallardo. Gallardo, in retaliation, launched a flying kick at Sune's head. Covered in his own blood, and momentarily stunned, the police took the chance to dive on the Boca captain. It took more than a few to subdue him.

But the incident had caused a riot on the pitch, as both sets of players laid into each other. Cristal's Eloy Campos and Fernando Mellan fell to the floor, where goalscorer Coch planted two kicks; breaking the former's nose, fracturing the latter's skull. Peruvian international Orlando de la Torre took on three Boca players by himself, the level of violence so brutal that it was claimed that it gave his mother a heart attack. She sadly died watching the events on television.

Ruben Sanchez was one of only three players to avoid a dismissal, despite being right at the forefront of the violence. Ramon Mifflin of Cristal did get his marching orders, despite staying relatively uninvolved. The level of chaos was so great, the referee struggled to make sense of it, let alone restore control.

The players involved were sent either to the hospital or the police station. Those arrested were made to spend the night in the cells, and later given 30-day jail sentences (although these were quashed). Boca were thrown out of the competition, and Argentina's hosting of the 1978 World Cup was called into question. Boca's

President professed his embarrassment, and requested the harshest possible punishments from the Argentinian FA, who duly obliged. Cristal continued in the competition, but with so many injuries and suspensions from that night, they didn't get far.

The violence was so extreme that it was labelled the Stalingrad of Football, but it was a sad irony that the match was emblematic of what was to come, rather than an aberration. Six months later, the military junta seized power, and the violence on the pitch that night became commonplace across Argentina. But for those who were there, the Bambonerazo became legend.

Enjoy the game.



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## SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

Our Pitching In Isthmian North sides defeated the weather, so they only had to worry about doing the same to their opponents- and they celebrated by scoring goal after goal.



Leaders **Bury Town** had a three point advantage over second place Witham Town, so would stay top if they could take just one point from visitors **Haringey Borough** - but of course wanted all three, and were overwhelming favourites. The Blues had lost only one of their previous ten, won eight, and were looking for a fifth successive victory; whilst Borough have resembled Dr Jekyll, one win in eight, brilliant one minute and woeful the next, and accordingly rather difficult to predict. They'd perhaps have struggled to predict that they'd fall behind in the very first minute, but that's exactly what happened, Cemal Ramadan scoring his fourteenth of the season to give the Blues a perfect start.

Borough didn't lie down and surrender, and they levelled twenty two minutes from time, Matthew Young keeping his cool from the spot, but with fourteen minutes to go Ollie Canfer restored the Bury lead, and this time, they held it

- to open a six point lead at the top of the table. The home fans- pictured- were overjoyed despite the wind and rain.

Second place **Witham Town** were protecting a seven match unbeaten run as they welcomed **Cambridge City**, and indeed had won the first six of those. City, meanwhile, had lost four of their previous five, and were quickly behind, Oliver Bell putting the hosts in front on eleven minutes. The visitors levelled in first half added time, George Smith with the equaliser, but within a minute of the second half starting Witham were ahead once more, Shakeel Morris with the goal. Once more City hit back, Aaron Greene levelling seven minutes later, and it really went wrong for the hosts on sixty five minutes, Archie McFadden dismissed and Smith immediately putting City three-two up. Alex Warman made it four-two with nineteen minutes remaining, and six minutes from time the hosts were reduced to nine, Reumu Abutoh also sent off as their unbeaten run unravelled. City are fifteenth, and have the opening of their new ground to look forward to next weekend. We'll have a report from that one, M25 willing.

**Felixstowe and Walton United** were lucky to escape with a point from Wroxham in midweek, but our third place side had been ruthless on their own patch, and expected that to continue as they welcomed **Brightlingsea Regent**. The Seasiders had previously played fourteen home matches in all competitions, won them all, and scored forty six goals in doing so, which perhaps



summed up the size of Regent's challenge. The visitors went ahead, however, Teddy Collis scoring on twenty three minutes, but they were ahead for just three minutes before Josh Hitter levelled. United went ahead on sixty four minutes, Cameron Forde-Brown giving them the lead, but Regent weren't about to surrender and Collis quickly drew them level - and then, with only eleven minutes left, an own goal put the visitors ahead once more? Could they hold on? They'd have to do it with ten men, as substitute Jake Clowsley was dismissed only five minutes after coming on, but it looked like they'd take a famous victory - only for Josh Hitter to equalise four minutes into added time. The Seasiders are third, nine points behind the leaders with two games in hand. Regent will be rather disappointed, but are three unbeaten under their new boss and outside the top five only on goal difference.



Fourth place **Tilbury** made the trip to **Waltham Abbey**, but they'll probably wish they hadn't bothered. The Dockers had gone two league matches without a win, which had seen them fall to eight points behind the leaders with one game in hand. Their hosts were eight points and three places further back, and hoping to get back to winning ways after three matches which had brought two draws and a defeat.

Tilbury hammered the Abbots four-one at the end of September, so the home crowd were hoping for a little revenge, and they'd have been delighted by the first half, as their side charged into a three-nil lead, two goals from Prince Domafriye, his eighth and ninth of the season, followed by a goal from Nicholas Brown - all three goals coming

during a twelve minute purple patch. They weren't done, and got another in first half added time, Nicholas Brown making it four-nil.

Into the second half, and whilst Tilbury have been good at coming from behind this season they weren't going to manage it from five-nil down, and the fifth arrived on sixty three minutes, Luke Deslandes the scorer of that one. Eight minutes later it was six-nil, Kymani Thomas getting in on the act, but the Dockers then finally got going, Sam Bantick pulling a goal back - his eleventh of the season. A minute from time Lindell Stewart added a second for the visitors, but the Abbots weren't finished, and in added time Thomas scored again to make the final score SEVEN-two.

**Grays Athletic** had the best defence in the League at kick off. Thirteen games before this weekend had seen only eight goals conceded, they welcomed **Wroxham** to Chadfields hoping to hold onto their place in the top five and narrow the gap on the sides above them - but they started the match by conceding a rare goal, the Yachtsmen going ahead on fourteen minutes, Ryan Miles the scorer. That started a rather incredible first half, as Athletic levelled and went ahead - Alejandro Machado and Michael Finneran with the goals - only for the visitors to roar back and reestablish their supremacy, Ryan Hawkins and Harvey Peters taking them from two-one down to three-two up! The visitors added a fourth ten minutes into the second half, Hawkins scoring from the spot, and that Athletic defensive record truly departed when Ollie Sutton made it five with a quarter of an hour left - Sid Walker sent off for the hosts. Wroxham are up to nineteenth, Athletic down to seventh.

Eighth place Basildon **United** travelled to **Mildenhall Town**, trying to end a poor run which had seen them lose five of their last six. Hall hadn't been too much better, taking five points from their last six matches, but they went ahead midway through the first half, Ryan Swift keeping his cool from the spot. The Bees levelled nine minutes into the second half, Kye Jude with the equaliser, but seven minutes from time Ben Nolan got a home winner. Hall are sixteenth, the Bees down to twelfth.

**Heybridge Swifts** travelled to Sporting Bengal United hoping to get last weekend's hammering against Grays quickly out of their system. Swifts have been better on the road than on their own patch this season, and they made the breakthrough on thirteen minutes, Eddie Carrington-Alberdi opening the scoring. The lead lasted until the hour, Rian Patel levelling for United, but three minutes from time Andy Fennell made it two-one to the visitors seven minutes after emerging from the bench, and they held on for three points, climbing to eighth.

Trophy heroes **Brentwood Town** were home to **Gorleston**. The Blues started the day four points away from the top five, albeit with games in hand over all of the sides ahead of them, but their league form over the last ten matches had resembled a Margherita pizza with added green pepper, four wins, four defeats and two draws- and they needed to bringing their cup game into the League. After a goalless first half they went ahead within three minutes of the restart, Kai Brown the scorer- and Brown quickly made it two on the hour. Daniel Ogunleye's fourteenth of the season made it three-nil, and Brown had a hat trick seven minutes from time, making it four-nil. The Blues are ninth.

**Walthamstow** welcomed **Newmarket Town** to East London, eleventh v twentieth. Stow were looking to go five unbeaten, whilst the Jockeys got their first win in seven when hitting Cambridge City for four in midweek and then saw two of their attackers depart. Those departures didn't seem to matter too much in the opening stages, as Ally Conway put the visitors ahead after only eight minutes, but Stow were soon level, Ali Njie taking only two minutes to draw them level. On thirty four minutes the hosts went ahead, Bilal Sayoud the scorer, and just after the hour Sayoud added a third. It was four-one six minutes from time, Tayo Oyebola making sure of victory, and the scoring didn't end there, Stan Leech pulling it back to four-two in the seventh added minute only for Tayo Oyebola to get a fifth for the hosts and complete a fine double over these opponents and climb to tenth.

**Redbridge** knew that their 3G pitch would be ready for the visit of **Ipswich Wanderers**, the

visitors under new management and hoping to begin closing the six point gap between themselves and safety. Wanderers had lost their previous four, and had gone ten league matches without a win, whilst the Motormen had only two wins from ten- but only three defeats, having become something of draw specialists on the road. Redbridge went ahead after just eight minutes, Joseph Elliott with the opener, but Wanderers quickly hit back, two of their new arrivals conducting the turnaround, Rhys Henry levelling on twenty eight minutes and Teon Leggett putting them ahead from the spot four minutes later. The Motormen equalised nine minutes after the break, Tendi Quamina taking his tally for the season up to nine in eighteen matches, and then they went ahead, Mekael Williams with the fifth goal of the afternoon and a third for the hosts. The sixth goal wasn't long in coming, and again it went to the Motormen, Malachi Napa the scorer, and three minutes into added time a Charlie Stimson spot kick made it five-two. Redbridge are eleventh, Wanderers are eight points from safety.

**Maldon and Tiptree** had won their previous two matches, a new manager bounce bouncing them up to seventeenth. The Jammers hosted a **Concord Rangers** side three points and three places better off, the Beachboys having got back to winning ways last weekend after a six match winless run. They'd already defeated the Jammers three-nil this season, and they were quickly ahead in this one, Billy Knott scoring for the visitors after just six minutes, but the hosts were level nine minutes into the second half, Sammy Kuffour the scorer. They weren't level for long, however, Tommy Stagg quickly making it two-one to the visitors, and that looked to have won the match but it hadn't, as six minutes into added time Jack Manly found a last-gasp leveller.

## **TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

**Grays Athletic** went into Saturday with the best defensive record in the League, and ended the day on the end of a five-two defeat. They hoped to bounce back, but had what looked like a



difficult task, travelling to in-form **Brentwood Town**, the hosts also desperate for points as they tried to narrow the gap on the top five. Athletic went ahead after just six minutes, Danny Gould scoring his first of the season- and he must have enjoyed it, as he did it again just after the half hour to make it two-nil. Just before the hour the visitors added a third, Alejandro Machado with that one, and the torture wasn't over for the hosts. Eight minutes from time Elliott Sartorius made it four, two minutes later Louie Remi scored a fifth, and a Kai Brown goal for Town with four minutes to go really didn't help the home fans to feel any better about their evening.

**Maldon and Tiptree's** new boss Brett Munyard might have struggled to remember which changing room to enter, as the Jammers, unbeaten under this leadership, travelled to face his former club, **Brightlingsea Regent** - also unbeaten under their new boss. Samuel Kuffour put the visitors ahead midway through the first half, only for Regent to

level midway through the second, Louie Kudiabor with the equaliser. Kuffour had a mixed night all told, as he was dismissed right at the end.

**Felixstowe and Walton United** headed to **Concord Rangers** hoping to narrow the gap on leaders Bury Town, who were nine points ahead of them having played two games more. The Seasiders were seven unbeaten but had only just managed to draw their previous two, both times needing added time equalisers, but they quickly took control of this one, Charlie Warren's opener on seventeen minutes followed only two minutes later by Jack Ainsley's second. Warren's goal took his tally for the season up to twenty one, whilst Ainsley was an entirely new name on the Seasiders scoresheet. Callum Harrison added a third just before the hour, and that was that. United climb to second, the gap between themselves and Bury now six points. The two sides meet on New Years Day, a match which may turn out to be significant.

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