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JOINT CHAIRMAN: **MATT HOPE**

**Good afternoon,
We offer a very warm welcome to the officials, players, and supporters of our visitors this afternoon and to our match officials plus our own supporters to the AGL Arena.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank AGL for their two year ground sponsorship agreement, but also to thank and acknowledge the brilliant support we have received from Goldstar Transport Ltd over the past 15 years.

The season is well and truly up and running, and we return to the AGL arena on the back of a disappointing result in the FA Cup Preliminary round away to Dereham Town, losing 2-0.

However, we have had two very good results in the league, drawing one and winning one and I'm sure Boards and AC will be looking for another three points at home today.

The future looks really positive for the club as a whole, the U23's starting a new season in the Isthmian U23 development league already having some very positive and good pre-season games and a strong looking squad, the U18's also look very promising with the core of the side made up of 16 year olds looking to develop and grow.

In addition the academy will now be based at the football club moving from their previous base in Ipswich at Inspire and under the guidance of John Coupe and Rhys Henry, assisted by Kevin Steggle it continues to go from strength to strength.



On top of all that we have our brilliant and thriving junior section whose season starts over the forthcoming weeks, and once again thanks must go to Scott Dunne and Tam Ward for the smooth and efficient registration of over 250 junior players in a relatively short time.

The entire club looks forward to an enjoyable and successful season both on and off the pitch, we hope that you enjoy today's game and we secure another home win and three points.

We wish our visitors, their supporters and today's match day officials a safe journey home.

Enjoy the game.

Matt Hope

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FROM THE DUGOUT: **ANDY CRUMP**

Good afternoon and welcome to our newly named AGL Arena for this afternoon's league encounter with Basildon United. A warm welcome to our visitors who like us will be keen to make positive strides in this early phase of league fixtures.

Last time out here against Gorleston, I thought in phases we played some excellent football with good energy, creating opportunities and ultimately making sure we secured our first three points of the season. All three of our goals reflected the different parts to our game, the first a very well worked goal after some patient possession - Callum Bennett providing the perfect cross for Charlie Warren to finish





well. The second was some individual brilliance that I am sure you will continue to enjoy seeing from Callum Harrison and the final goal showing real endeavour to work hard before being clinical in front of goal. We reflected after the game on making teams work harder to score goals against us whilst

some may reflect on the goals we conceded as good fortune for the opposition, no side wants to throw away a 3-1 lead and be defending nervously deep into the game and we have to make it harder for teams to score against us.

Unfortunately that continued into Saturday as we made an unwanted exit from this season's FA Cup. Its a competition we wanted to do well in and is by far the best cup competition for players and supporters alike. Our performance on Saturday wasn't one that reflected the principles that Boards and myself have built our team on and the players won't need telling that even with some key absentees, we just weren't good enough.

Football is kind to you though and today is the first of two quick league games that gives us the chance of winning 6 important points - as always, thanks for your support Seasiders!

Andy



MATCH REPORT

TUESDAY 16th AUGUST
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**Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3
Gorleston 2**

**SEASIDERS SURVIVE
LATE SCARE TO RECORD
FIRST LEAGUE WIN**

Felixstowe & Walton United survived a late scare to record their first league win of the season. Charlie Warren opened the scoring early on before Gorleston fought their way back into the game during the first half. The Seasideers took full control second half and gained a two-goal cushion from Callum Harrison and Ollie Canfer before the away side again rallied to pull a late goal back and went close to an equaliser in injury time.

The Seasideers made one change to the starting eleven that opened the season at Brentwood on Saturday, Stuart Ainsley taking the place of Leon Ottley-Gooch. Henry Barley remained on the bench as he builds back from an injury. Thurlow Nunn Champions Gorleston featured forward Christy Finch in their side, the former Leiston star man joining goalkeeper Jake Jessup in having played



HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Joe Whight
7. Joshua Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Zak Brown
10. Callum Harrison
11. Charlie Warren

SUBS

12. Tom Maycock
14. Henry Barley
15. Lamell Howell
16. Oliver Canfer

ATTENDANCE: 332

Match Report: Stuart Daynes
Photos: Stefan Peck





at a higher level for many years.

Felixstowe started the match strongly and set the pace of the game from the first whistle, some excellent passing moves and running from the lively Charlie Warren immediately started to cause the away side problems. Warren created a glorious chance to open the scoring after just 4 minutes, his run and shot from 20 yards could only be spilled by Jessup in the Greens goal and Callum Bennett was first to get his head to it and his effort agonisingly landed on the roof of the net with the keeper well beaten. It was Bennett's turn to turn provider on six minutes and his sublime cross from far out on the right picked out **Charlie Warren** on the edge of the six-yard box and he finished superbly into the bottom corner to get the goal that the early pressure had deserved. Two minutes later and it was nearly two, Callum Harrison seeing his goal bound shot deflected just wide of the post and out for a corner. Harrison was dishing out headaches to the Gorleston back line with his constant running and his magic feet were

treating the decent midweek crowd to an exhibition of skill and talent, his mazy run in the 16th minute picked out Warren again and the youngster beat his man and cut inside





his right to save and then grab at the second attempt. Jessup then dropped a high cross from the right on 21 minutes at his far post, Zak Brown came steaming in but the shot from an impossible angle flew just wide. From that moment, Felixstowe seemed to ease their foot off the gas and that immediately allowed Gorleston the space to start playing some decent passing football in the middle of the pitch which got their front men moving

forward dangerously, one of these moves in the 24th minute led to the equaliser, a Seasiders throw in deep in their own half ricocheted kindly to Liam Jackson who made space and scored a great goal from 18 yards. Gorleston continued to impress with their new-found energy and were looking the more likely to score again, a deflection from a defender as Finch shot from distance on 35 minutes caught out Callum Robinson but fortunately it sailed inches wide of the post. Finch was showing his higher-level class and he broke on the half way line as the half time whistle approached, with two defenders tailing him, he shot from the edge of the box but Robinson saved well. The half-time team talk must have centred on how our own pressing play can stop the away side playing themselves, and this is exactly what the Seasiders did, for the first 40 minutes of the second half! Similar to the opening period, Felixstowe took control immediately and kept a firm grip on the game. A good cross from near the corner flag found Josh Hitter in the six-yard area in the 46th minute but his header looped just over the bar. Three minutes later it was Hitter again on the





end of a brilliant cross from Warren after Ainsley had set him free, again Hitter could only send his header inches over the bar from a great position. Felixstowe had a decent shout for a penalty as Zak Brown was bundled into near the back post as the pressure mounted on the away defence, a pressure that only increased when they saw **Callum Harrison** poised to take a free kick from 22 yards on 63 minutes, the concern of the away side was found to be justified as Harrison curled a delightful low shot round the wall and into the bottom corner, giving the goalkeeper no chance. Two minutes later and an identically positioned free kick was this time sent to the opposite corner by Harrison but this time missed the goal by the width of a Rizla paper. Felixstowe were really sensing blood now and a fantastic ball over the top in the 67th minute sent substitute **Ollie Canfer** free on the half way line, he sprinted forward and scored a simply brilliant goal that raised the roof off the AGL Arena. With that crowd roaring them on now it was Warren, Harrison and Canfer who

set up the next glorious chance on 73 minutes, somehow between them they weaved the ball through a packed defence and Warren took the shot from 15 yards that Jessup did superbly to save. Substitute Henry Barley came close on 78 minutes as more excellent build up play was rewarded with Barley in a great position inside the box, his shot flew just wide.

With the game looking won, another deflection in the Seasiders half on 85 minutes



allowed Ross Gilfedder the opportunity to slam the ball home from 18 yards to reduce the deficit. Gorleston had barely featured in the second half but were now moving forward with all guns blazing as they sensed a point. There were plenty of nervy moments as balls were whipped in and corners defended but good game management looked to have secured the win. As the clock ticked over to the 94th of the 95 minutes, Christy Finch's pressure in front of the main stand caused a slip that allowed him to run forward and curl the cross of the game onto the head of the waiting Robbie Lee Sweeney, his brilliantly diverted header beat Robinson as it flew towards the far right post but thankfully smacked against the inside of the post, flew back across the area and was cleared to safety. It really was a golden chance and a heart in mouths moment for the home side that had suffered that late heartbreak of an

injury time equaliser at Brentwood at the weekend. This time luck was on Felixstowe's side and they secured the three points that they had ultimately deserved.

Seasiders Assistant Manager **Andy Crump** spoke after the game. "We started the game with the intent that we wanted, we wanted to play football in their half of the pitch and wanted to control the game as much as we could. After the goal and all the chances we had we stepped off that pressure and invited them into the game. Unfortunately for us, two individual lapses in concentration led to their goals and that made the game a lot tougher than it needed to be at certain points in the game. Second half we really ramped up that pressure and played the much better football for 40 minutes so I think overall we deserved and were worthy of the three points tonight, but we do need to make these games easier for ourselves!"





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OUR SQUAD

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



STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

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

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ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

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

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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 Seasiders in 2019. Her main focus is overseeing the recovery programmes of injured players through her private practice.



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 Seasiders to coach the U18s which lead him on to being part of the first team staff. Stuart is an FA level 2 coach and an FA level 1 mentor.

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GARY HAMMOND GOALKEEPER COACH

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

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CALLUM ROBINSON **GOALKEEPER**

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

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STUART AINSLEY **LEFT BACK**

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

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JOE WHIGHT **DEFENDER**

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

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CALLUM BENNETT **RIGHT BACK**

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

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CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN **DEFENDER**

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

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MILO GRIMES **DEFENDER**

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

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HARRY BLACKBURN **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

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

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BILLY HOLLAND **MIDFIELDER**

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

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NOEL AITKENS **MIDFIELDER**

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

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LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH **MIDFIELDER**

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

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JOSH HITTER **MIDFIELDER**

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

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CALLUM HARRISON **MIDFIELDER**

Former Colchester United, Needham, Sudbury and more recently Chelmsford midfielder joins the 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.

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RORY PORTER **MIDFIELDER**

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

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HENRY BARLEY **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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

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TOM MAYCOCK **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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

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LAMELL HOWELL MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

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

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CHARLIE WARREN MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

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

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ARMANI SCHAAR MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

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

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GEORGE CLARKE FORWARD

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

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OLLIE CANFER FORWARD

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

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ZAK BROWN FORWARD

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

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Nicknamed 'The Bees', Basildon United came into being in 1967, having previously been known as Armada Sports; a junior club who were formed four years earlier.

In 1967/68 the renamed club joined the Grays and Thurrock League, moving into the Greater London League the following season.

The first major step forward came in 1970 when the Essex County FA granted the club senior status and it became a founder member of the Essex Senior League.

It was not long before The Bees got amongst the honours recording four consecutive championships from 1977 until 1980, which stands as a league record to this day.

In addition, Basildon finished runners-up in 1973 and 1975, whilst the League Cup was won in 1978 to complete that season's double. The following season the club were winners of the Essex Senior Trophy.

The Bees successfully applied for promotion to the Athenian League in 1980, but membership only lasted one season, as they finished runners up to Windsor and Eton and earned promotion to the Isthmian League Division 2.

In this season, Basildon also progressed to the quarter finals of the FA Vase, before Irthlingborough Diamonds brought an end to progress in the competition with a 6-4 victory in a sixth-round replay.

After three seasons in the Isthmian League Division 2, Basildon achieved promotion as champions in 1984, pipping St Albans City by one point on the last day of the season. This season additionally saw the club reach the finals of both the Essex Senior Trophy and the Eastern Floodlight Competition.

Basildon found life a lot harder in the first division and eventually lost the struggle against relegation in 1989, dropping into the Isthmian League Division 2 North. This was the first time that the club had suffered relegation in their history.

Two further seasons were spent in Division 2 North before the decision to de-regionalise the division led to the club resigning from the league, the club considering that an excess of travelling in the Isthmian League was not viable at that point.

The Bees re-joined the Essex Senior League

in 1991/92 and quickly regrouped both on and off the pitch. It was not long before the successes of the late seventies were emulated, as The Bees finished in the top six in both 1991/92 and 1992/93 and made a League Cup final appearance in 1992.

A superb 1993/94 season saw Basildon again win the Essex Senior League double, with the championship being won for a record fifth time. The following season, 1994/95, the club battled through to the FA Vase quarter final for the second time in its history, before losing out to Raunds Town.

During 1997/98, The Bees equalled Brentwood's record of three Essex Senior League Cup wins by beating Burnham Ramblers 1-0 in the final. It was the club's sixth appearance in the final of this competition, which also remains a record. In the league, Basildon finished runners up to Concord Rangers.

1999/2000 saw Basildon finish 13th, which was the club's worst league finish at the time and although a reasonable 8th position was achieved in 2000/01, two bottom half finishes followed for the next two seasons. The club finished 7th in both 2003/04 and 2004/05.

John Higley was The Bees manager at the start of the 2007/08 season, but he was replaced by Jason Emery in October. The club struggled for form all season and used 72 players, only to finish in 16th position, just one place off the bottom.

A new management team of Colin Cook and Gary Morris was announced for the 2008/09 season and the club won its first six matches, whilst reaching the second-round proper of the FA Vase. However, by December the management team had left the club and ex reserve coach, Jody Prewell, was appointed manager, with Basildon eventually finishing the season in 8th place.

Prewell left the club by mutual consent in April 2010 and was replaced by Sean Merchant as caretaker manager. The Bees suffered the heaviest defeat to date on 24 April, losing 10-0 at Witham Town. The club eventually finished the season in 12th place.

In May 2010, John Doyle returned to the club as manager, bringing in former Romford boss, Mark Reed as his assistant and Paul Rogan as coach.

After a 12th place finish, John Doyle decided to step down at the end of the 2010/11 season. The club advertised for a new manager and in excess of 30 hopefuls applied, with Paul Larke being appointed manager in June 2011.

After a poor start to the season, Larke resigned following a 9-1 defeat at Witham Town, with John Doyle returning to oversee the forthcoming FA Vase match against Amphill Town.

The following week, Chris Wood was appointed permanent manager, but unfortunately no improvement was seen in results and The Bees finished bottom of the Essex Senior League for the first time in the club's history.

Former Ramsden boss, Bobby Barnes, was appointed manager in May 2012 and at just 27 was one of the youngest managers in non-league football. After Barnes decided to resign due to work commitments, John Higley returned to the club and was assisted by Steve Brown senior. After a number of managerial changes, the club ended the 2012/13 season with Bertie Brayley as player/manager and the club finished the season in 13th position. Laurie Carter was appointed manager for the 2013/14 season and the club finished in 8th position.

In May 2014 Colin Cook returned to the club for a second spell as manager and he was





assisted by Craig Gillam. Cook left during September being replaced by his assistant, who guided The Bees to a creditable 12th place finish. Ahead of the 2015/16 season, Lee Connor was appointed as assistant to Gillam and the club enjoyed its best season for many years winning the League Challenge Cup and finishing runners up in the league. Additionally, Brad Warner won the league's Golden Boot award.

With Gillam opting not to remain with the club for the 2016/17 season, the club appointed Aaron Bloxham as manager, who had previously enjoyed success with White Ensign in the Essex Olympian League. A mid-table finish was achieved in the league as well as notable success in the Essex Senior Cup where the club reached the last eight before bowing out against Heybridge Swifts in the quarter finals.

In May 2017 the club parted ways with Bloxham and Marc Harrison joined the club as manager, with Liam Wallace also joining as his assistant. Harrison and Wallace both joined the club from neighbours Basildon Town, where they had achieved considerable

success winning Essex Olympian League Division One the previous season.

In their first season in charge, Harrison and Wallace enjoyed tremendous success leading the club to the runners-up spot in the league and with it promotion back to the Isthmian League for the first time in 27 years. Following a club reorganisation, Harrison and Wallace left the club in November 2018 and after a brief spell as Joint Manager with former Barkingside manager, Michael Walther, Lee Connor took temporary charge of team affairs. Subsequently, former Enfield 1893 and Laindon Orient manager, Neil Blackburn, took on the role as first team manager.

Blackburn stepped down as manager before the end of the 2018/19 season to be replaced by John Sussex who re-joined the club from Witham Town, having previously been a coach at the club. Sussex departed the club in November 2019 and after two short term caretaker appointments, Burnham Ramblers manager Alex Salmon was brought into the role with a view to building a new side focussed on much needed stability.

However, Salmon's tenure was to be short lived as he resigned after the first game of the 2020/21 season and former Bowers & Pitsea U23 manager John Guyton was appointed to the position to continue the work that had begun under his predecessor.

After a run of below par results, Guyton left the club in November 2021 and Jon Fowell was appointed as his successor. Due to personal reasons, Jon Fowell left his position in January 2022 and local lad Marc Benterman was appointed in his place to continue the club's exciting journey.

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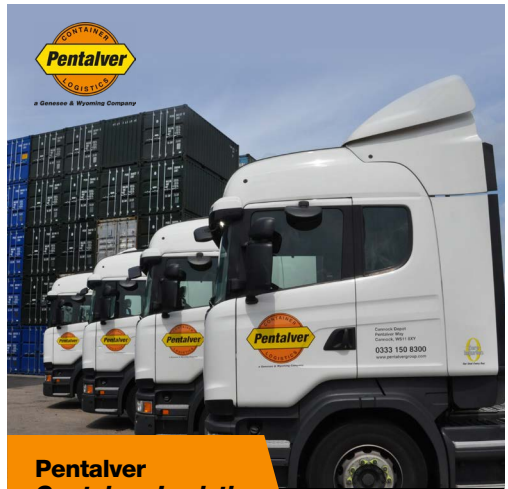


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MATCH REPORT

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST
EMIRATES FA CUP
PRELIMINARY ROUND

Dereham Town 2
Felixstowe & Walton Utd 0

SEASIDERS FALL AT
THE FIRST HURDLE IN THE
EMIRATES FA CUP

Felixstowe & Walton United exited the Emirates FA Cup at the preliminary round stage in disappointing fashion at former Isthmian North side Dereham Town. Two first half goals were enough for the home side to take their place in Mondays first round draw, with the Seaside's unable to stamp their authority against a club they had completed a league double over last season.

The Seaside's went into the game with key personnel missing, injuries, work commitments and unavailability led to Ollie Canfer, Henry Barley, Noel Aitkens, Callum Bennett and Leon Ottley-Gooch all missing the trip to Norfolk, forcing an unusual, albeit fairly strong looking starting line-up. A lack of options was evident on the bench with Lamell Howell and Armani Schaar, both returning from injury



HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Harry Blackburn
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Joe Whight
7. Joshua Hitter
8. Tom Maycock
9. Zak Brown
10. Callum Harrison
11. Charlie Warren

SUBS

12. Armani Schaar
14. Lamell Howell
15. Noah Harewood
16. Meshack O'Connor

ATTENDANCE: 229

Match Report: Stuart Daynes
Photos: Thomas Bradford





and illness the only two recognised faces, with U23 players Noah Harewood and Meshack O'Connor taking their opportunity of a callup to assist the first team.

A regular complaint received is that my match reports are "too positive", I make no excuses for that, I simply state the facts and give my own objective view on the matches. I am a naturally positive person, and let's be frank, we've just all witnessed the best season in the club's history so there's been plenty to be positive about! However, it would be fair to say that Felixstowe definitely had a rare off day on the pitch, struggling to create chances and break down a well organised defence, whilst finding one particular player, Valter Rocha, almost unplayable at times. Anyone who had read Dereham's match reports from their opening three games will be aware of the dangers that he was going to pose, and so it proved. A summer of upheaval with a change of league, change of manager and loss of several key players, all amongst some internal

squabbling in the club had led to a late influx of players to the squad and Rocha had given the new manager a boost with his goals and input so far, scoring from the half way line and again from long distance already this season. From the first minute it was obvious he as going to cause problems defensively all afternoon,





his constant running, turns, and the way he laid the ball off to others was impressive, although it would be fair to say he also needs to work on his finishing, evident in the 4th minute when a ball over the top found the number nine in what looked like an offside position, but with the flag staying down the striker sprinted forward clear on goal only to see his attempt at lobbing Callum Robinson fail and Robbo easily catching the misjudged effort. Rocha again found himself in a good position a minute later, this time side

footing well wide from inside the box. Robinson did well to tip a low, long-range drive round the post in the 10th minute. Felixstowe were trying to play their usual passing game but were finding the combination of a well-drilled defence, fast forwards looking to pounce on every lost ball and the strong wind a real issue, this was evident in the 19th minute when the home side took the lead, a Felixstowe ball forward being held up in the wind and the ball coming out to Rocha who battled his way past Milo Grimes to send in a perfect cross for Ryan Swift to simply finish from 16 yards into the bottom corner. Harry Blackburn was making his league debut for the Seasiders and his 25-yard effort on 28 minutes flew inches over the bar for a rare goalscoring opportunity in a first half that continued to frustrate. On 33 minutes it was two nil to the home side and it was another disappointing goal to concede, a Felixstowe attack breaking down and the ball lost in the centre of the pitch, allowing Mo Hassan to break forward and beat Robinson from a tight angle at the near post. Without wishing to make excuses, the strong wind was making it very difficult for Felixstowe, hampering every





ball forward as they tried to bypass a bus-like defence, that led to a lack of movement up front and some promising build up play petering out way too often with the home side happy to sit back and let it happen, knowing the increasingly obvious frustrations on the pitch were also impacting any chance of a comeback for the away side.

The second half started with Felixstowe looking much brighter and enjoying a wind-free opportunity to start to control the game, for long periods of the half that is what they achieved, dominant in possession but again restricted by a defence that made creating decent chances a rarity and a home attack only too willing to pounce on any lost ball, of which there were plenty! To break forward and try to put the game to bed. Josh Hitter did well to create space on the right and from an impossible angle struck the foot of the near post in the 47th minute. Rocha, with his brother Carlos now also on the pitch, tried one of his trademark long distance efforts on 53 minutes, his 45-yard shot sailing narrowly over the bar. The rest of the half was spent with Felixstowe seeing most of the possession but struggling to create anything of note, only an 88th minute Zak Brown shot

that the goalkeeper did well to save caused an issue for the home side who again were happy to sit back and lap up ball after ball coming their way. Dereham were themselves hampered by the strong easterly wind and they were limited to occasional breaks forward, with the best chance falling to that man again! Rocha wildly lashing the ball wide when in a great position inside the area. Felixstowe's best move and chance of the game came as the clock ticked into injury time, Tom Maycock doing superbly on the right to beat two men and send in a beautiful cross that Armani Schaar got on the end of at the six-yard line but his poke towards goal was again well saved.

Seasiders Assistant Manager Andy Crump spoke after the game. "Today was as frustrating as days in football get. We didn't give a good enough account of ourselves and let Dereham control large spells of the game without ever imposing enough of a threat on their goal. As a group we were disappointed with our overall levels of performance, especially given the opportunity the FA Cup gives you to create great memories. Credit to Dereham and we wish them the best for the next round. We now focus on two great opportunities to get back on track next weekend".





SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Now... Not many people know this!

When I sat down to write this page, my general thoughts were simple... something different about Basildon from the usual rhetoric in football programmes - easy, being in my mature years I well remember from my youth, before computers, iphones etc. (yes there was a time!) when people used to write to each other with fountain pens and ink on posh paper, and use blotting paper, put letters in envelopes, get stamps and post them in those big red things you see scattered around towns, they're called "Letter Boxes!"

The posh paper was Basildon Bond (yes I know there's a spoof James Bond using the pseudonym) so I thought this will be an easy piece to write (copy from Wikipedia) until I found the relevant page and discovered Basildon Bond has absolutely nothing to do with the town of Basildon.



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In other news...

- I am older than Basildon the place, although there was a Belesduna' recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086!
- Basildon was one of eight 'New Towns' created in the South East of England after the passing of the New Towns Act. On 4 January 1949 Lewis Silkin, Minister of Town and Country Planning, officially designated Basildon as a 'New Town'.

In other, other news...

Arguably the most famous export from Basildon was 80's Synth-Pop group **Depeche Mode**, who have sold over 100 million records since the group's formation with their top selling single being 'Enjoy the Silence.'



Until the next time... *Seasider*



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

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH DIVISION

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST - 3PM

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Felixstowe & Walton United	v	Basildon United
Gratys Athletic	v	Brentwood Town
Hashtag Unites	v	Stowmarket Town
Heybridge Swifts	v	East Thurrock United
Hullbridge Sports	v	Witham Town
Lowestoft Town	v	Maldon & Tiptree
New Salamis	v	Bury Town
Tilbury	v	Coggeshall Town
Wroxham	v	Gt Wakering Rovers



FIRST TEAM FIXTURES 2022/23

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

3	EMIRATES FA CUP 1 ST Q ROUND		
10	BURGESS HILL TOWN**	H	3PM
17	NEW SALAMIS	H	3PM
20	AFC SUDBURY	A	3PM
24	ISUZU FA TROPHY 2 ND Q ROUND		

OCTOBER

1	WROXHAM	A	3PM
8	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM
15	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM
22	HASHTAG UNITED	H	3PM
29	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	H	3PM

NOVEMBER

5	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM
12	TILBURY	H	3PM
19	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS	A	3PM
26	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

*Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

**Isuzu Fa Trophy First Qualifying Round

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

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IT'S fair to say the 2020s has not been too kind a decade of football clubs thus far.

First, of course, there was the curse of the Covid pandemic, which kicked in within three months of the decade starting and ended up curtailing back-to-back seasons from Step 2 and below, right up until the start of the 2021-22 campaign.

Just when we thought all was well with the world again, we then get hit with the next crisis to engulf society and put our Non-League clubs at threat once again. As energy and fuel bills soar to unprecedented levels, clubs, fans and the game as a whole have been left feeling the pinch. The question is 'what can we do about it?'

In his column in this week's NLP, Northern Premier League chairman Mark Harris acknowledged the extent of the problem and the lengths that league chiefs have gone to cut down costs.

Harris told us that a recent report revealed that around 2,600 grass roots football clubs folded as a result of Covid with a further 6,000 across the UK in grave danger of following suit if we do not address the situation swiftly.

Household energy bills increased by a record 54 per cent in April and are likely to rise substantially again in October. One NPL club, previously paying 15p per kWh, now has to pay over 65p, taking their annual spend up to £100,000.

With that in mind, fellow Pitching In Trident league member, the Isthmian League, issued a statement earlier this month offering its 82 member clubs at Steps 3 and 4 the opportunity



of bringing forward Saturday kick-off times from 3pm to 12.30pm in order to save on costs.

Chairman Nick Robinson explained: "In March, I went to a ground when things were just starting to go up and the clubs said to me 'our energy bills have gone up this amount - can you help us, can we kick off early?'

"I said not this season but we will work it for next season. I haven't forgotten it and everything has got worse since then. "We've done some work as to how much floodlights actually cost, and we know in cup competitions we allow £75 to £85 for floodlights, but is that enough? It used to be.

"What it's going to be on the new energy costings, we don't know - but certainly for league matches if clubs can go to a 12:30 kick-off or even if they just come forward an hour or so, they can save themselves some money."

But it's not just energy costs which are hitting clubs in the pocket. Travel costs have also sky-rocketed to the point where coach travel is now a thing of the past for Non-League clubs. That leaves players having to pay for their own fuel and between 10-15 extra cars on

the road for each away journey. Hardly ideal when it comes to protecting our environment, is it?

To combat this, Harris revealed that coach travel expenses that clubs can claim for the FA Cup, FA Trophy and FA Vase have been increased by 20 per cent this year to ensure all fixtures are fulfilled.

While slight tweaks such as changing kick-off times and increasing travelling expenses will make a difference in balancing the books, clubs and volunteers can also play their part. Creating a safe and comfortable environment amid the parameters of your stadium goes a long way and helps to enhance community engagement which in turn has an effect on your club's ability to generate secondary income from clubhouse/refreshments and merchandise etc.

But let's not start to panic just yet, however. Average attendance figures across Non-League remain as healthy as ever and there are no



indications as yet that the cost of living crisis is preventing the average fan from clicking through the turnstiles.

It's the actions of the loyal supporter which are keeping Non-League club self-sustainable in comparison to their EFL counterparts and that's what makes football at this level unique.

We've united before and beaten off the effects of Covid, now we can do it again.

By Jon Couch



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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Trawler Boys Top and New Salamis hit six!

Lowestoft Town went to the top of the table last night with a two-one win over highly-fancied **Stowmarket Town**. Chris Henderson gave the Trawler Boys the best possible start, scoring in the third minute, and Jake Reed doubled the advantage on twenty seven, but the visitors wouldn't roll over and got one back twelve minutes from time, Tom Bullard finding the net. The finale didn't come with an equaliser, and Stow slip to seventh.

AFC Sudbury had to scrap against **Witham Town**, and only a Josh Mayhew penalty seven minutes before half time got past Rhys Madden in the Witham goal.

Tilbury will feel it is two points dropped as they were held two-all by **Basildon United**. Isaac Nkosi gave the Dockers a twentieth minute lead only for Dan McCulloch to quickly cancel it out for the Bees, but a Roman Campbell spot kick seven minutes before the break restored the hosts lead- and they held it until the very last minute. To add to the drama, the Dockers got a last minute penalty to clinch their win, saw it saved, and the Bees went straight up the other end and equalised, Kye Jude with the all-important goal.

Heybridge Swifts eased to a comfortable win over **Coggeshall Town**, Quba Gordon and Jack Adlington-Pile scoring on sixty five and seventy seven minutes respectively, a result which sees Swifts up to fourth.

Wroxham welcomed **Bury Town**, and neither could find the net but both found a red card, Ryan Curtis for the hosts and Lewis O'Malley for the visitors departing together, but we suspect not happy in each other's company.

New Salamis travelled to fellow new boys **Gorleston** and emerged with a three-two win on Saturday, but on Wednesday night they welcomed promotion favourites and last season's defeated Play Off Finalists **Brentwood Town**, so we thought we'd see what they were made of. The answer, it appears, is rather decent stuff, as they delivered a second win in a row and moved up to third. The only goal came in the first half, and it came from the spot, Pap Jawara converting. The Blues are thirteenth.

Another set of Blues, **Grays Athletic**, started with a draw at **Coggeshall Town**, and welcomed **Maldon & Tiptree** to Parkside. The two met at Parkside on the last day of last season, Athletic winning three-two, and we had another home win last night. Courtney Homans gave Athletic the lead eleven minutes before the break, and twenty minutes from time Correy Davidson made sure for the hosts. That's four points for Athletic, none yet for the Jammers.

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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21	HARINGEY BOROUGH	A	7.45PM
28	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	7.45PM

DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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23	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	7.45PM
31	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	7.45PM

FEBRUARY

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15	BRENTWOOD TOWN	A	7.45PM
20	HARINGEY BOROUGH	H	7.45PM

BY MARTYN GREEN, THE UNTOLD GAME

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Argentinian football has a reputation for ruthless efficiency that, at least on the world stage, was forged in the 1966 World Cup and Antonio Rattin's refusal to leave the pitch after getting sent off against England. Helenio Herrera certainly helped that reputation, introducing the *Catenaccio* that wrought victory in the most defensive of fashions. And yet, when we look at the great Argentinian players – Messi, Maradona, di Stefano – they don't fit with this image. They are the maverick geniuses around whom entire dynasties have been built. They obey no rules, they follow no system, they just embody what is beautiful about the game. They come from the forgotten Argentinian school of Guillermo Stabile.

Guillermo Stabile was an attacking player, sometimes a winger, sometimes a striker, who earned the nickname of "the infiltrator" in his days at Huracan, where he scored 102 goals in 119 appearances in the 1920s. Despite this, he struggled to get into a national side that was considered one of the best in the world at the time. Argentina has secured four South American championships in the 1920s (the forerunner to the Copa America) as well as winning the silver medal at the 1928 Olympics. So despite making the squad for the 1930 World Cup, he wasn't expected to make much of an impact.

And then fate intervened. After the first match of the tournament, star striker Roberto Cherro cited nerves, and withdrew. Stabile was handed his opportunity, and he didn't disappoint. In the second game, against Mexico, he scored a hat trick in a 6–3 win. He got two more against Chile and then another



brace against the USA in the semi-final. Argentina went into the final against Uruguay in high spirits, and when Stabile gave them the lead before half time, a nation began to believe. It wasn't to be, with Uruguay coming back to win the first ever World Cup (and cement a bristling rivalry with the La Albiceleste that continues today), but Stabile's eight goals won him the golden boot, and a place in history.

He moved to Genoa (then known as Genova) after the competition, where his impressive goalscoring continued, and Mussolini made approaches to include him in the Italy side for the 1934 World Cup, but injuries brought that possibility to an end, and he brought his career to end at Parisian side Red Star as a player-manager. He moved back to Argentina at the outbreak of the Second World War, taking the national team job in 1939 and adding

the Huracan job in 1940.

Financial difficulties in the building of a new system limited the success he could achieve, but he was able to shepherd Huracan through the period and oversaw the development of a number of great players, chief among them Alfredo di Stefano. When he left for Racing Club, Huracan immediately dropped to the bottom of the table and only survived relegation through a playoff. Under his tutelage, Racing won the Primera Division for the first time in 30 years, and then twice more to become the first Argentinian side to win three in a row.

But it was as national team manager that he was forging his legacy. Argentina won four South American championships in the 1940s, including three in a row as well; still the only side to have achieved the feat. In 1947, di Stefano played his only six games for Argentina, and won his only international tournament, scoring six goals, before the 1949 players strike saw him and the cream of Argentinian football leave for Europe, excluding themselves from the national side. Stabile oversaw a rebuild, and despite withdrawing between 1949 and 1953, won the South American Championship again 1955 and 1957, as well as finishing third in 1956. Six championships out of eight contested is some record.

But Argentinian football always has a sense of tragedy. In 1958 Stabile took his side – The Angels with Dirty Faces – to the World Cup in Sweden. It was supposed to be his greatest moment, the showcase of his decades of success and development. Instead, it was a horror show. They lost 3-1 to West Germany, and then 6-1 to Czechoslovakia, and went home humiliated. They got some redemption by winning the South American Championship again in 1959, but it wasn't enough.

And so Stabile's legacy was overshadowed by the more ruthless Argentinian game. But he believed in the romanticism of football, and you can see echoes of him every time Lionel Messi steps onto a pitch.

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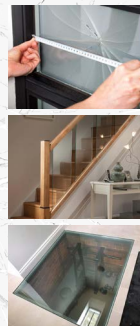
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MATCHDAY SQUADS

PITCHING IN Isthmian North League
Saturday 27th August, 3pm



MATCH SPONSOR:

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Felixstowe & Walton United FC

Manager: Stuart Boardley
Assistant Manager: Andy Crump
Coach: Stuart Stevenson
Goalkeeper Coach: Gary Hammond

Basildon United FC

Manager: Marc Benterman
Assistant Manager: Matthew Hanning
Head Coach: Alex O'Leary
Goalkeeper Coach: Paul Daley

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

■ □ □	Joshua Adjei
■ □ □	Michael Agboola
■ □ □	Fred Agyemang
■ □ □	James Askew (GK)
■ □ □	Jake Chaplin
■ □ □	Jerold Cobblah
■ □ □	Joseph Durrant
■ □ □	Jordon Fisher
■ □ □	Charlie Heatley
■ □ □	Kye Jude
■ □ □	Flavio Jumo
■ □ □	Kahlil Kirwan-Meade
■ □ □	Oliver Lonton
■ □ □	Daniel McCulloch
■ □ □	Jack Nolde
■ □ □	Marius Patru
■ □ □	Shane Temple
■ □ □	Sidney Walker
■ □ □	Alfie Whiteaker
■ □ □	Mekael Williams

red/yellow - goals - played

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr Ben Green **Assistant Referees:** Mr Alexander Shipp and Mr Stephen Tovey