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**SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023, 3PM**  
ISUZU FA TROPHY FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

# CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



## **Good afternoon and wishing you all a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena.**

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Brentwood Town FC as well as our match officials and I hope you all enjoy your brief stay with us.

Another week, another cup game and another step along the very long and winding road towards Wembley!

Today is the first qualifying round for the Isuzu FA Trophy with the winners set to bank approx £2000 and earn the right to host a second qualifying round match against either Hertford or Grays in a fortnight's time.

It really is an exciting time at the club with the next two scheduled fixtures also being cup games; a really tough draw in the FA Cup sees us visit a high flying Enfield Town who sit second in the Isthmian Premier League (one division above us) having won four and drawn one of the opening league games. Following that and hopefully after a further

Trophy match, we visit our friends at Lakenheath in the Suffolk Premier Cup on Wednesday 27th September.

On the pitch, I don't think Stuart and Andy could have wished for a much better start. I know we have dropped points at Maldon and also at Stowmarket, but we are still unbeaten and had it not been for an audacious one in a 1000 goal to give Stowmarket the equalizer, we would be sitting in the top three.

It is only the first half of the first game at Maldon where we haven't looked the superior team, so very promising signs of things beginning to gel on the pitch and I must add that things look equally promising throughout the club with the ever increasing number of junior teams and players and the expanding academy giving a clear pathway through to senior football.



We will not rest on our laurels and the club continue to prioritise the return of under 23 football next year, as well as looking

further ahead to hopefully bring EJA football back for certain junior age groups. I still don't think a lot of people realise just how big this club is and what it offers to the community at large for children and adults alike.

The downside is that it gets harder and harder for our amazing coaches, staff and volunteers to find enough hours in the day to keep it all going behind the scenes.

With juniors, youth and academy all starting now it really is all ramping up for everyone around the club and once again the call goes out to anyone that can lend a hand from time to time around the club, maybe helping to marshall crowds, sell a few raffle tickets, help on the turnstiles, just a couple of hours every fortnight would make such a difference to Chris and his team. There is nearly always help required for the juniors on a Saturday morning, seniors on a Saturday afternoon, or Ipswich Town Ladies on a Sunday afternoon - don't be shy come and speak to us!

I sincerely hope today's game is an entertaining and enjoyable game played in the right spirit and that all the supporters are polite and courteous at all times to the players, match officials and to each other!

I have had disturbing comments about unruly crowd behaviour at one or two of our games - as a club this is not tolerated, we take pride in being a friendly family orientated club where people of all ages can enjoy attending, please respect that and refrain from any aggressive actions or insulting or bad language. We all want continued success and everyone can play their part in encouraging people to come along and make it a pleasurable experience cheering on the Seasiders!

Enjoy the game and I hope many of you will stop and share a pint or two with friends afterwards whilst discussing the brilliant game!

Yours, Tony.



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# FROM THE DUGOUT: **STUART BOARDLEY**

## **Good afternoon and welcome back to the AGL Arena for just the second home game of the season.**

We've now played five competitive fixtures, four of which have been away so to still be unbeaten is a great place to be. I mentioned in my last notes before the Bury game that we have not really reached 4/5th gear as yet and although performances have gradually improved we still feel there is more to come.

We welcome Brentwood as our visitors today in yet another break from the league, this time FA Trophy. We have three targets this year with a good run in this competition being one of them (I won't reveal the others just yet). In 2020 and 2021 we had good Trophy runs, only losing to higher level opposition on both occasions in AFC Telford and Basford United so it's a competition we have a bit of history in that we will certainly hope to repeat.

Looking back at the three games since my last column...

**Bury Town** – We were so clinical in this game. We really took the game to Bury and had some decent spells in the game without really dominating to the levels we know we are capable of. It's always nice to beat your local rivals and Bury is certainly top of that tree for me as there has been some fierce rivalry in recent years. As I said after the game, we were simply better in both boxes and that's certainly something I got used to saying last year about our opponents so its lovely the tides have turned (for now anyway).

**Stowmarket Town** – Although absent for this one, I watched most of the game live via a Veo Cam link. It turned out to be a very harsh

and humbling lesson for us, because despite the possession dominance we showed we could not turn our 23 shots on goal into more than a two goal advantage and were then made to pay with some very avoidable goals conceded. The important part of this was simply to put it behind us and bounce back against Woodford because although we were awarded a point, it very much felt like a loss.

**Woodford Town** – A thoroughly professional away display is probably the best description I could muster. We were clinical, managed the game well and to be honest always felt comfortable throughout that we would return with our name in the hat for the next round of the FA Cup. I have to say (and I don't often single out individuals), on the day, Zak was absolutely unplayable and really was the catalyst for much of our attacking threat which was capped off by a great goal too.



Anyway, back to today.... We hope we can not only pick up from where we left off at Woodford but improve the performance even further and reach the levels I believe we are capable of.

Enjoy the game Seasiders,  
Boards



# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



## Not many people know this...

Today sees us set out, and hopefully progress, on our 6th ISUZU FA Trophy campaign, our visitors will have plans to make sure it is they who progress rather than us, but either way it should be a close affair.

Today is our 13th game in the competition since our induction back in September 2018 when we hosted two-time winners Grays Athletic in the Extra Preliminary round, we lost 3-1 so that first excursion was brief. We fared no better the following season when we travelled to Maldon & Tiptree at the same stage, this time being well & truly beaten 5-0 by the Jammers.

We clearly learnt a lot from our first two skirmishes with the competition as the following season 2020/21 we took on some big guns in the competition and took a couple of noteworthy scalps, plus enjoyed some notoriety with wins over Metropolitan Police and Leatherhead before bowing out to Nottingham based, Northern Premier League, Basford United.

2021/22 proved to be the best season yet in the competition, again reaching the second round before losing to three-time winners Telford United 0-4 here at the AGL Arena.

Arguably our best win to date in the competition is the 3-1 victory at Hastings United in the 3rd qualifying round.

We are of course minnows in a big pond with some pretty big fish looking to snap up easy prey, I think the guys have proved so far that we definitely don't come under the 'easy prey' banner and are capable of going head-to-head with whoever we are drawn against on our day!

Last Season we made the early exit to Burgess Hill here at the AGL arena, we actually drew the game but lost out on penalties.

So today it's welcome to Brentwood Town and hopefully the start of another adventure!

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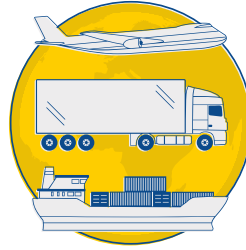
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# MATCH PHOTOS

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SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
ISTHMIAN NORTH

**Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3  
Bury Town 0**

A superb Seasiders performance against rivals Bury Town led to a comfortable 3-0 home victory. Bury had their chances first half and were denied by the crossbar and two brilliant saves from Robinson in the Felixstowe goal, but **Sam Ford** set the home side rolling with a cool finish on 27 minutes and ten minutes later **Callum Harrison** sweetly chipped the advancing keeper to double the advantage, whilst Joe Whight saw his shot cleared off the line. Felixstowe dominated the second half and it was no surprise when the lively **Josh Hitter** broke and scored through the keepers legs on 89 minutes to seal the win. Earlier, Sam Ford, Zak Brown and Henry Barley should have put the game even further beyond the visitors, with the referee somehow only giving a yellow card to the defender when Ford was clear through on goal late on.



## HOW WE LINED UP

1. Callum Robinson
2. Leon Ottley-Gooch
3. Joe Whight
4. Billy Holland
5. Jack Ainsley
6. Tom Bullard
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8. Noel Aitkens
9. Sam Ford
10. Callum Harrison
11. Charlie Warren

## SUBS

12. Henry Barley
14. Zak Brown
15. Stuart Ainsley
16. Harry Blackburn
17. Lamell Howell











# ISTHMIAN NORTH TABLE 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Heybridge Swifts	3	3	0	0	8	2	+6	9
2	Brightlingsea Regent	3	3	0	0	5	1	+4	9
3	Lowestoft Town	3	2	1	0	5	2	+3	7
4	Enfield	3	2	0	1	7	4	+3	6
5	Gorleston	3	2	0	1	6	3	+3	6
6	Walthamstow	2	2	0	0	5	2	+3	6
<b>7</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>5</b>
8	Bowers & Pitsea	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	4
9	Wroxham	3	1	1	1	4	2	+2	4
10	Basildon United	3	1	1	1	6	6	0	4
11	East Thurrock United	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4
12	Redbridge	3	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4
13	Bury Town	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4
14	Maldon & Tiptree	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2
15	Witham Town	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
16	Brentwood Town	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
17	Stowmarket Town	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
18	New Salamis	3	0	1	2	3	7	-4	1
19	Grays Athletic	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1
20	Ipswich Wanderers	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0

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# MATCH PHOTOS

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MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
ISTHMIAN NORTH

## Stowmarket Town 2 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

Felixstowe and Walton United slip to sixth after letting slip a two goal lead to draw at Stowmarket Town. A first half own goal and a third in three for **Sam Ford** had left the Seaside's with only twenty eight minutes to hold out, but Scott Sloots scored for the second Saturday in a row to halve the arrears on sixty nine minutes, and Bart Lorimer soon got an equaliser.



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SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER  
EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST QR

**Woodford Town 1  
Felixstowe & Walton Utd 4**

Woodford Town have had a magnificent start to their Essex Senior League campaign. Top of the table, undefeated, and scoring goals for fun - fifteen in their previous three matches - Town came from behind to knock out North Division side Bowers and Pitsea in the last round, so Felixstowe & Walton United needed to be at their best. They were indeed unstoppable, hitting four goals in East London to progress to the next round.

**Billy Holland** put them ahead after twenty four minutes, and seven minutes after half time **Zak Brown** made it two. It was soon three-nil, **Josh Hitter** with that one, and although the hosts got a goal back **Noel Aitkens** made it four right at the end.



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17. Callum Bennett











# OUR SQUAD

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



## STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

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



## ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

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



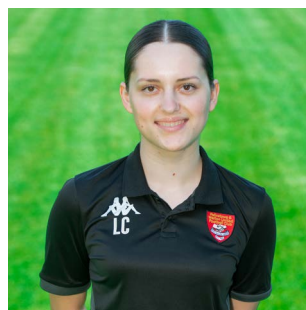
## DANNY POTTER GOALKEEPER COACH

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



## STUART STEVENSON COACH

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



## KOTRYNA STOKNAITE SPORTS THERAPIST

Kotryna Stoknaite is a BSc Sports Therapy graduate from the University of Essex. During her undergraduate degree she had the opportunity to work as a Sports Therapist for the Colchester Rugby First team, as well as treating patients weekly at the university clinic.





## **DOUG FRENCH** **KIT MAN**

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



## **CALLUM ROBINSON** **GOALKEEPER**

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



## **STUART AINSLEY** **LEFT BACK**

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



## **JOE WHIGHT** **DEFENDER**

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



## **CALLUM BENNETT** **RIGHT BACK**

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



## **JACK AINSLEY** **DEFENDER**

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



## **TOM BULLARD** **DEFENDER**

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



## **HARRY BLACKBURN** **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

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



## **BILLY HOLLAND** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **NOEL AITKENS** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **JOSH HITTER** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **CALLUM HARRISON** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **IVAN COSTA** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **KUBI KUSSAN** **MIDFIELDER**

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



## **HENRY BARLEY** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



## **LAMELL HOWELL** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



## **CHARLIE WARREN** **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

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



## ZAK BROWN FORWARD

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



## SAM FORD FORWARD

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



## JOSH MAYHEW FORWARD

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

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# THE OTHER SIDE BRENTWOOD TOWN FC



The original Brentwood FC dates back to the 19th century and the club saw some success in those early days, reaching the quarter-final of the FA Cup in 1886 where they were beaten 3-1 by Blackburn Rovers.

In the 1950s and 1960s the club operated as Brentwood & Warley FC and were three times winners of the Delphian League. In 1965 the club turned 'professional' becoming Brentwood Town FC.

The late 60s saw great success for the club as they rapidly rose to the heights of non-league football. Brentwood Town became a force to be reckoned with in the Southern League Premier Division, reaching the third round proper of the FA Cup in the 1969/70 season. But following their successful run the club subsequently folded and amalgamated with Chelmsford City.

The current club was founded in 1954 as Manor Athletic playing from King George's Playing Fields in Hartswood. From 1957 to 1993 the Club played at Larkins Playing Fields on the Ongar Road.

With help from the local council, Brentwood found a new home at The Brentwood Centre, where they played their first match in October 1993. In 2004 the Essex County FA officially gave the club permission to change its name and re-adopt the title of Brentwood Town FC.

Brentwood FC won the Essex Senior League title for the first time in the 2000/01 season and reached the final of the league cup in the 2005/06 season, losing 2-0 to Hornchurch.

Under the management of Steve Witherspoon and Amin Levitt the 2006/07 was the most successful in the club's history as they won the Essex Senior League championship title and both league cup

competitions to complete a treble. That also meant promotion to the Isthmian League North Division. In the 2007/08 season, the team performed well in the FA Cup and FA Trophy, and closely missed out on a play-off

place, finishing sixth in the league.

The 2014/15 season saw more impressive victories, thanks to 10 players who had progressed through the youth pathway, leading the team to the Ryman North play-offs and achieving promotion to the Isthmian Premier League for the first time. This was the highest league status ever reached by the current Brentwood Town club and was obtained thanks to the skilled guidance of Adam Flanagan, the 2014/15 Manager. Adam subsequently moved on to manage Concord and Dartford in the National League South.

The biggest name in football to have played for the club has to be the great Jimmy Greaves! Jimmy signed for Brentwood in December 1975, aged 34. You could be sure that whenever Jimmy was part of the team, you could add hundreds of additional spectators to the normal gate numbers.

Thanks to the guidance and investment from the current Chairman, Jez Dickinson, the club was awarded a Charter Standard recognition from the FA in 2020 this marked the start of what the club expects to be an exciting journey progressing up the football pyramid.

Rod Stringer took over as manager in October 2021 and took the team to the play-off final where they lost on penalties to Canvey Island. In February 2023 Rod was succeeded by Craig Shipman who returned to the Arena having previously managed Brentwood Town between 2017-19 and had since been Assistant Manager at Great Wakering Rovers and 1st Team Coach at Concord Rangers.

# THE OTHER SIDE PLAYER PROFILES

**Craig Shipman** – 1st Team manager. Craig previously managed Brentwood Town between 2017-19 and has since been Assistant Manager at Great Wakering Rovers and 1st Team Coach at Concord Rangers. Craig returned to the Brentwood Arena for his second spell in February 2023.

**Melvin Minter** – Goalkeeper signed from Bowers & Pitsea in January 2023, Melvin has previously played for Kings Langley, Darlington and Concord Rangers.

**Billy Roast** – Billy joined us from Concord Rangers at the start of the 2023/24 season. His previous clubs include Coggeshall Town, Dartford, Colchester United and Maldon & Tiptree.



**Jake Anderson** – Goalkeeper Jake is one of the youngest in the squad having joined Brentwood two seasons ago and has had some 1st team experience.

**Andy Freeman** – Midfielder Andy came through the youth and under-21 teams and established himself in the 1st team by the end of the 2014/15 season, winning the player



of the year award in 2015/16. Andy moved to National South club Concord Rangers during the 2017/18 season and spent 2018/19 with Aveley before returning to the Arena for the start of the 2019/20 season.

**James Love** – A product of our successful youth system, James made a welcome return to Brentwood for the 2020/21 season. He was an integral part of the club's successful play-off winning squad in 2015. He subsequently went to play for Chelmsford City in the National League South before playing for Aveley. Over the years he has won player of the year awards at numerous clubs and been a fans' favourite for the tireless effort he puts into his performances.

**Martyn Stokes** – Defender. Martyn was a mainstay of the Maldon & Tiptree side for the past four seasons. He previously played for Bowers & Pitsea, winning North Division promotion, making 146 appearances and scoring 18 goals, and was the captain of both sides. He began his career with Brentwood Town, coming through the youth teams and was part of the promotion-winning team in 2015.

**Connor Hogan** – midfielder who came through the club youth system and has also played for Hornchurch, Aveley, Brightlingsea Regent, VCD Athletic and East Thurrock United before returning to Blues in summer 2019.

**Jack Dickinson** – midfielder who has come through the club youth teams and now a regular in the first team squad.



MATT CRIPPS

**Matt Cripps** – Defender Matt spent the last few seasons playing in the Isthmian Premier with Brightlingsea Regent. He was captain of the side and was a key component when they were crowned champions of the Isthmian North division. Matt was duly selected within the league team of the year.

**Jack Humphrey** – Central defender signed from Heybridge Swifts and made his debut against Maldon & Tiptree in October 2021.

**George Craddock** – Experienced midfielder who started his career at Northampton Town. He has also represented Welling United, Margate and East Thurrock at Conference South level. Now in his second season at Brentwood George spent the previous few seasons at Heybridge Swifts where he was club captain.

**Ryan Mallett** – Defender/Midfielder, Ryan has returned to the Blues for the 2023/24 season having previously played for the Club the 2018/19 season. Ryan had previously played for Bowers & Pitsea and was with East Thurrock United last season.



DANIEL OGUNLEYE

**Daniel Ogunleye** – Forward. After academy spells at Southampton and Forest Green, Daniel returned to the club last season, scoring eight goals in the team's run to the play-off final. He started this season at Coggeshall Town before returning to The Arena in November 2022.

**Matt Price** – Striker Matt scored seven goals for Heybridge Swifts last season, after returning to the club in February. This will be his third Brentwood spell.

**Jack Adlington** – Midfielder Jack had a spell with Brentwood Town in 2016 and has since played for Heybridge Swifts, for whom he made over 100 appearances, and Great Wakering Rovers.



JACK ADLINGTON

**Harrison Chatting** – Midfielder Harrison made 44 AFC Sudbury appearances last season and weighed in with five goals. That play-off victory was his second in a row, as he was previously part of the Canvey Island side who were victorious- against his new club, Brentwood Town- at the end of the 21-22 campaign.

**Kingdom Dawson** – Defender Kingdom came through Brentwood's youth and U23 system and is now part of the first team squad.

**Sam Deering** – Midfielder Sam brings a wealth of experience to Brentwood Town having previously played for football league teams such as Oxford United and Cheltenham Town.





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# FIXTURES 2023/24

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

SAT 2	WOODFORD TOWN <i>Holland, Brown, Hitter, Aitkens</i>	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QR	W 4-1	ATT 225
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>BRENTWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>ISUZU FA TROPHY FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND</b>		
SAT 16	ENFIELD TOWN	A	3PM	FA CUP SECOND QR		
WED 27	LAKENHEATH	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP		
SAT 30	BASILDON UNITED	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

## OCTOBER

<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>REDBRIDGE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
<b>TUES 10</b>	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 14	WALTHAMSTOW	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND		
<b>SAT 21</b>	<b>WROXHAM</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>ISUZU FA TROPHY FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND</b>		
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND		

## NOVEMBER

<b>SAT 4</b>	<b>ENFIELD</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 18</b>	<b>EAST THURROCK UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 25	WITHAM TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

## DECEMBER

<b>SAT 2</b>	<b>GORLESTON</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 16</b>	<b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
TUE 26	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 30	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

## JANUARY

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

## FEBRUARY

SAT 3	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE
<b>SAT 10</b>	<b>WALTHAMSTOW</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>
SAT 17	WROXHAM	A	3PM	LEAGUE
<b>SAT 24</b>	<b>GRAYS ATHLETIC</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

<b>MON 1</b>	<b>IPSWICH WANDERERS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>
SAT 6	EAST THURROCK UNITED	A	3PM	LEAGUE
<b>SAT 13</b>	<b>WITHAM TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>
SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE
<b>SAT 27</b>	<b>NEW SALAMIS</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>

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# GREENS, SEASIDERS, WITHAM AND REGENT MARCH ON

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

## Wroxham and Walthamstow get to try again, on a Cup day of extremes for our North sides

**Bedford Town**, top of Pitching In Southern Division One Central, had won every match they'd played this season prior to the visit of **Walthamstow**, but that came to an end as Stow earned a goalless draw, and will be confident in the replay.

**Biggleswade Town**, mid table in Pitching In Southern Division One Central, were the hosts for **New Salamis** - and they weren't feeling very hospitable, winning five-one. It was three-nil at the break, four-nil before Micah Jackson got the consolation for the visitors, and there was still time for Town to add a fifth.

**Billericay Town** welcomed **Stowmarket Town** to New Lodge. The Blues favourite scoreline this season prior to this match had been one-nil, but it seemed they'd just been saving all their goals for Stow, as they hit SEVEN without reply. Ade Azeez and Bradley Stevenson made it two-nil at the break, and two goals in two minutes soon after the restart saw Brooklyn Kabangolo and Ade Azeez make it four. During the last fifteen minutes Moses Emmanuel added two more, and in between those Brad Stevenson also got a second. Aaron Okpolokpo saw red for



the visitors with the score at four-nil, but we're not sure whether than made much of an impact.

**Brightlingsea Regent** have had a fine start to the season, and took a one hundred percent league and cup record into their match with **Sawbridgeworth Town**. A goal in each half meant that they retained that record and moved into the Second Qualifying Round, Dominic Locke and Zack Littlejohn doing the honours. Our image comes from the wonderful world of Mr Non League Crowds.

**Canvey Island** have had an inconsistent start to their Pitching In Isthmian Premier campaign, but they hit form as **Lowestoft Town** came to call. The Gulls took the lead on the half hour through Evans Kouassi, and doubled their advantage three minutes before the break,

Bradley Sach making it two. Ten minutes after the break Conor Hubble added a third, and with fifteen minutes left Jamie Salmon made quite sure there was no chance of a Trawler Boys comeback. The visitors did get a consolation, Harvey Sayer with it, but the last word went to Luke Deslandes in the last minute, the substitute making it five-one.

**Concord Rangers** came into their match with North Division **Wroxham** looking for a first win of the season – but they almost suffered another defeat. The Yachtsmen, who hadn't lost since opening day, took the lead on fourteen minutes through Josh Hazell and held onto it until four minutes from time, Max Hudson earning them a replay.

**Hashtag United** let go of their unbeaten record at **Hornchurch** on Monday, but they got back to winning ways against Brentwood Town. It wasn't easy, but an own goal eight minutes from time turned out to be the only goal of the game.

**Heybridge Swifts** and **Gorleston** met in a clash of two of our in-form Pitching In Isthmian North sides, and the Swifts one hundred percent record for the season departed with the Greens. Home advantage saw Swifts a goal up at the break, Kieran Jones scoring it seven minutes before the break, but the second half was entirely one way traffic, and the light was green. Luke Johnson levelled from the spot four minutes after the break, before red cards for Lee Noble and Connor Deeks saw both sides reduced to ten men.

The visitors coped much better with that handicap, and Johnson added two more on seventy four and ninety minutes to claim a match ball and a victory.

### **Kirkley & Pakefield** hosted **Witham Town**.

The Lowestoft club sit thirteenth in the Eastern Counties Premier, but they'll have to concentrate on the league after Town knocked them out of the cup. Jeffrey Cobblah opened the scoring on fifteen minutes, and although the hosts levelled the winner came soon after the restart, Abdul-Rasheed Ajani-Salau with the winner.

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YOU can't beat a good feel-good story and Alex Fletcher's return to playing football certainly is one.



You may remember the 24-year-old was involved in a shocking incident last November while playing for the Romans against Dulwich Hamlet.

Fletcher collided with a perimeter wall during the game and had to be rushed to hospital where he spent five days in a coma.

Recovery has been long and arduous. He even had to learn how to walk again. But there were plenty of people in his corner with messages of support from across the game, including England manager Gareth Southgate and new Fulham signing Raul Jimenez, who himself suffered a serious head injury.

For us on the outside it's almost impossible to imagine what a tough period it has been for Fletcher.

We all read about the incident at the time,

then heard of his recovery, but the hours away from the spotlight getting ready to come back with the support of his club must have been gruelling. That's why it's so nice to see.

In last week's NLP, Fletcher told Bath City reporter — and NLP Step 2 results guru — Mark Stillman about his road back to the pitch, one he was determined to make.

And he did just that a fortnight ago, coming on as an 85th-minute substitute for good friend Cody Cooke. It was a poignant moment for Fletcher, his family and all at the National League South club.

"It was a bit emotional getting back out there," said Fletcher. "I can't really describe the words to say how it felt. It was goosebumps.

"I've played the situation so many times over in my head, just being here again. For it to finally happen felt surreal.

"The reception I got from everyone in the ground, including the Hampton players, meant so much to me.

"I've got over that hurdle. It's a massive milestone reached for me and now it's about building my minutes up but not rushing it, it's important for my body that I don't do that."

Jerry Gill's side have started the season well as they look for a return to Non-League's top flight.

Fletcher, who now wears a protective headband, added: "Hopefully I can start putting myself in contention for what's been a great start to the season though it might be tough as we've got such good attacking players, which can only be good for the team."

Good for Bath but also good for Alex. It's great to see him back doing what he loves.

By Matt Badcock, Editor-at-large



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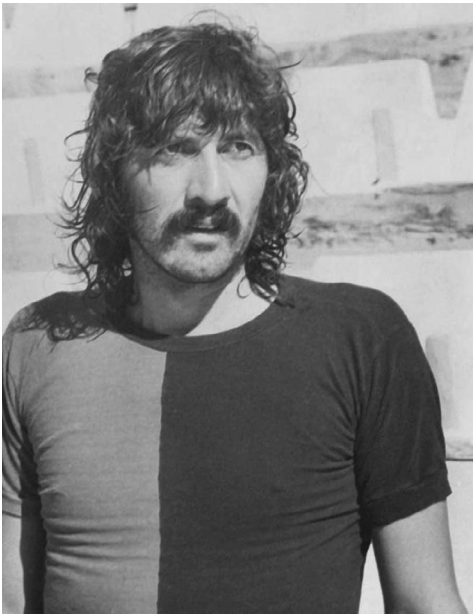
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Diego Maradona was not known for his modesty. The diminutive Argentinian had the biggest presence in football, and won just about everything. So when he told a player that had spent the majority of his career in the Argentine Second Division, had never played for Argentina, and had never left the country, that 'you were better than me', it caused quite a stir. But Tomas Carlovich was not your average Second Division player, and El Trinche certainly didn't suffer from a lack of opportunity.

Carlovich was born in Rosario in 1946, and spent the majority of his life there. He never

liked to be far from his parents' home, his favourite bar, or his adoring fans. What little footage there is of him looks like a cross between Andrea Pirlo and Mick Jagger; six feet tall, gangly, with flowing hair and an insouciance on the pitch that only the very best possess. He spent the majority of his career at Central Cordoba and Rosario Central, both in Rosario, both (mostly) in the Second Division, and never sought anything more. But that didn't stop his legend growing. He was paid a bonus for every nutmeg. He was paid extra for every double nutmeg; slipping it through the defender's legs and, as they turned, putting it back through again. Usually, this would be followed by a sublime 40 yard pass to an open teammate. It delighted the home crowds, who cried out for more and more, and drew in fans that wanted to see The Fork do his thing. To add to the mystery, nobody seems to know where his nickname came from.

Growing up in 1970s Rosario, football was everywhere, and it was easy to become obsessive. It's the cauldron that shaped Marcelo Bielsa, but it was Carlovich who made him dream. For four years, in his childhood, he went to every possible game to watch his local hero. Ironic for someone famous for such a frenetic style to idolise a player who seems never to have played at anything more than a walking pace. A player so good that he never had to. And Bielsa wasn't the only one entranced by the Second Division magician.



French clubs came calling, but none were willing to relocate to Rosario, so he declined them. Realistically, he might have struggled in a more professional atmosphere. He turned up late for training, when he turned up at all. He forgot to go to matches so often that the team coach used to detour to his house to pick him up. And as Argentinian football started to focus on fitness and physicality, he refused to change. He only played two games in the top flight. But he wouldn't have said his lack of professionalism cost him anything. He was exactly where he wanted to be.

After rejecting another call up for the 1974 World Cup, Argentina arranged a friendly with a representative team from Rosario. It was supposed to be a confidence builder, the best of Argentina against players who hadn't made the cut. But not for Carlovich. He came alive, at his brilliant best, and spent 45 minutes destroying the national side. He barely moved all game, and yet no defender could get near him. At half-time, with the score 3-0 to Rosario, the national team

manager Vadislao Cap begged for him to be taken off. He was, and the game finished 3-1.

It was probably the highlight of Carlovich's career, but he shrugged it off and went back to doing his own thing. His was a career of brilliance, but never the kind of recognition it could have been. Jose Pekerman, Argentina manager at the 2006 World Cup, called him the greatest midfielder he had ever seen. Cesar Luis Menotti, who won their first ever World Cup, described him as a kid whose 'unique toy has been a ball since they were born.' One suspects he saw a kindred spirit. Pele even invited Carlovich to join him in New York. As always, he declined.

When Diego Maradona signed for Newell's Old Boys in 1993, a journalist asked him what effect having the greatest player of all time would have on the region of Rosario. 'The best footballer has already played in Rosario', he replied, 'and his name is Carlovich.' Years later, El Trinche presented him with a shirt.

Enjoy the game.



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- Callum **Bennett**
- Harry **Blackburn**
- Zak **Brown**
- Tom **Bullard**
- Sam **Ford**
- Callum **Harrison**
- Josh **Hitter**
- Billy **Holland (C)**
- Lamel **Howell**
- Josh **Mayhew**
- Leon **Ottley-Gooch**
- Callum **Robinson (GK)**
- Charlie **Warren**
- Joe **Whight**

- Jack **Adlington**
- Harrison **Chatting**
- George **Craddock**
- Matt **Cripps**
- Kingdom **Dawson**
- Sam **Deering**
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- Connor **Hogan**
- Jack **Humphrey**
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