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**SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2023, 3PM**  
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

# CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



## **Good afternoon and season's greetings to one and all!**

Today we offer a very warm Seasiders welcome to our friends from Maldon and Tiptree, to the match officials and to all you supporters who we are so grateful to for ditching the Christmas shopping and coming to support Non-League Football.

I hope you all enjoy our hospitality and stay for a drink after the game, or of course a few during the game!

I missed the disappointing 1-1 draw away at New Salmis last week so not much to say, but of course it was great to hear that the lads kept going till the end and it is always nice to grab a late goal to rescue a point, although it is even better when that late goal means three points in the bag!

Last time out at home to Gorleston I thought the lads were exceptional, maybe not so much in the first half when Fordy put us in front with a well taken goal, but

in the second we looked rampant scoring three more goals, which on another day could easily have been more, giving us a very comfortable 4-0 win which took our league goal tally at the time to 41 goals in 14 matches, averaging to nearly 3 goals per game. We'll soon be calling the gaffer "Ange" Boardley if we keep this brand of attacking football up!

At our level, points scored with the bank manager are just as important as those in the league, so here's hoping our exciting and entertaining football attracts even more supporters through the turnstiles - Suffolk football is not only about those high-flying tractor boys just up the road!

That said, what a wonderful time it must be to be a supporter of ITFC and of Felixstowe & Walton United, I'm sure many of you will have made the same wish as you stirred the Christmas cake - "double promotion please"

With two of our next three games being the traditional festive season local derbies that are always so unpredictable it is vital we can go into them buoyed by 3 points today to keep us within touching distance the trawlermen who visit the AGL in 4 weeks time - what a game that promises to be!



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Behind the scenes, poor old Chris has been praying for the rain to stop, a grass pitch that doesn’t drain is an absolute nightmare at this time of year, once again I apologize for all those effected by match postponements, but I can assure you that we do everything we can to get games played, we just have to weigh up both the short term and the long term to ensure we get the pitch through the whole season.

I’ve got one good idea to help us progress

and improve facilities – lets hold a Xmas draw and sell tickets at today’s game and ask everyone in attendance to dig deep – Oh.... we are already doing that!! Please give generously and I hope £500.00 goes to a good and well deserving home. Good luck everybody and thank you so much to all who have donated prizes.

Look forward to seeing many of you again next Saturday as we make the short trip to Humber Doucy lane to visit Ipswich Wanderers, lovely place to go to meet many familiar faces and share a pint and sausage roll!

Finally, it just leaves me to wish all our players, staff, volunteers and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes

Tony

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FROM THE DUGOUT:  
**BOARDS & ANDY**



## Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to the AGL Arena for this afternoon's fixture vs Maldon and Tiptree.

The opening day fixture between the two sides saw us play out a 2-2 draw with second half goals from Billy Holland and Josh Hitter ensuring we came away with an important point that was the start of a ten game unbeaten run for us in the league.

Maldon, then managed by former England manager Peter Taylor have since parted company and with the appointment of Liam Bailey and Jamie Cureton, sit second in the form table behind league leaders Lowestoft.

Today is set to be another big test for the group and we hope the good fortunes of ITFC in the big lunch time kick off will inspire a few more locals to take in a second game of football straight after at the AGL and get right behind the side!

Results wise, it's been a difficult few weeks for the staff and players with 2 defeats and a disappointing point at New Salamis either side of a convincing home performance against Gorleston. We would be naive to believe that Football is always going to be straight forward, and it's a reminder that any success we have as a group comes from an awful lot of hard work. Neither of us can fault the effort and

application of the players over recent weeks and it's been important for us to not overthink things and prepare as we always do for another tough test today.

This is a special group of players who on their day can go toe to toe with the best - let's aim to keep this new run going into new year!

Whilst it's been reported on social media, we both want to acknowledge the contribution of Callum Robinson who has decided to some time out from football. Callum had been a mainstay throughout our time at the club and has regularly put in top performances for the side. Whilst we will miss him over the coming weeks, we also respect and wish him all the very best and hope to see him around the club very soon.

With Robbo's departure, we have had to move quickly and are pleased to welcome Charlie Binns to the club on loan from ITFC. Charlie put in an impressive performance on his debut away at New Salamis last week and we are grateful to Ipswich for making the deal possible.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and players, can we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back here in the new year when we host Stowmarket on New Year's Day! Thanks for your ongoing support!!

**Boards and Andy**



## TODAY'S MASCOTS

Today's mascots leading out the team against Maldon & Tiptree are Riley who plays for the Under 7's and Brody.

**Enjoy the game boys!**





# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



## Not many people know this...

In nine days, those of us that do, will be, or already have, opened our Christmas presents and hopefully everyone is having a rare Christmas free of football day!

As a life Vice President of the club I think I can speak for everyone involved in the operation of Felixstowe & Walton United FC when I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy & Prosperous New Year. Very few of us have the opportunity and access to a publication of this quality to express our

thanks for your support throughout the year while wishing you the best of times at this special time.

It's also perhaps timely to remember those we have lost in the last twelve months, Ray Stanbridge, Ron Churchyard, Mick Packham, Neil Hollis, Graham Smart and before them 'Spanner' who did so much behind the scenes over more recent seasons

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

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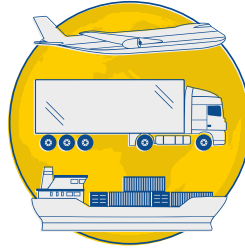
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1	Lowestoft Town	13	11	1	1	39	12	+27	34
<b>2</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>31</b>
3	Bowers & Pitsea	15	9	1	5	28	20	+8	28
4	Basildon United	15	8	3	4	33	23	+10	27
5	Brightlingsea Regent	14	8	1	5	29	22	+7	25
6	Brentwood Town	14	7	3	4	21	13	+8	24
7	Heybridge Swifts	13	7	2	4	21	18	+3	23
8	Walthamstow	14	6	4	4	22	20	+2	22
<b>9</b>	<b>Maldon &amp; Tiptree</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>21</b>
10	Bury Town	13	5	3	5	29	26	+3	18
11	Witham Town	14	4	5	5	20	23	-3	17
12	Wroxham	13	4	3	6	21	20	+1	15
13	Gorleston	12	4	2	6	17	18	-1	14
14	Redbridge	12	3	4	5	22	28	-6	13
15	Ipswich Wanderers	13	4	1	8	12	21	-9	13
16	Enfield	14	4	1	9	18	37	-19	13
17	New Salamis	14	2	6	6	21	33	-12	12
18	Grays Athletic	13	1	5	7	13	26	-13	8
19	Stowmarket Town	13	0	2	11	12	44	-32	2

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## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

### SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

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





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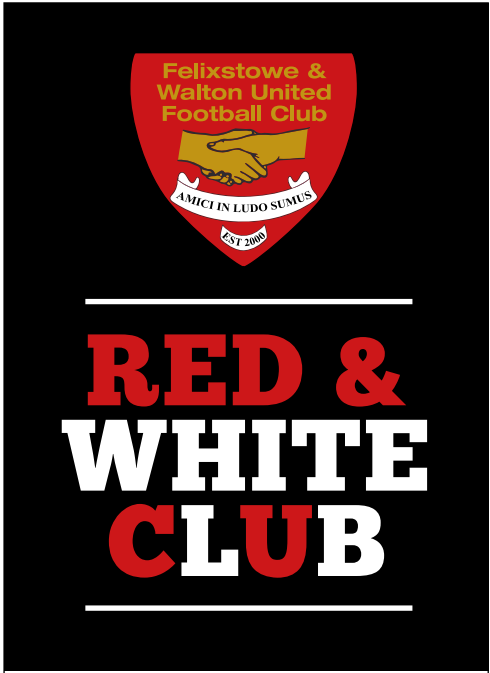


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## SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECeMBER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH **New Salamis 1 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1**

The match started with Salamis having a strong wind behind them, this was causing them problems as most of their forward passes were too strong, going mostly for goal kicks. The Felixstowe defence were well marshalled by Jack Ainsley and Joe Whight. A quiet start by both sides. In the 15th minute Zak Brown burst through the middle went round the keeper and scored. However the flag went up for offside, it appeared to be a very tight decision. The rest of the half the goalkeepers had little to do until the 35th minute when goalkeeper debutant Charlie Binns, pushed for a corner a deflected shot that was heading for the top corner, this was the first corner of the game. 0 - 0 at half and very little between the teams.

The second half started with a bang as Salamis took the lead in the 48th minute when Hercules cottoned onto a through ball and fired across the goal, giving Binns little chance to make a



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1. Charlie Binns
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  8. Josh Hitter
  9. Sam Ford
  10. Callum Harrison
  11. Charlie Warren
- SUBS**
12. Leon Ottley-Gooch
  14. Josh Mayhew
  15. Henry Barley
  16. Callum Bennett
  17. Harry Blackburn





save. 1- 0 to Salmis, Felixstowe were struggling to make any real inroads as Salmis looked well organised and were denying Felixstowe any real chances. With 17 minutes to go Felixstowe brought on subs. Otley-Gooch and Mayhew and changed their formation, going three at the back. The changes did see a resurgence in Felixstowe's performance, spending a lot more time in Salmis half and forcing several corners.

This paid dividends in the 85th minute when **Callum Harrison** beat the keeper with a shot from the edge of the penalty area that flew into the bottom corner of the net giving the keeper no chance. Felixstowe were well on top now but couldn't find a winner.

Charlie Binns looks a good acquisition in goal on loan from Ipswich Town. New Salmis belied their lowly position in the league and a loss on today's performance would have been harsh on them while Felixstowe will be disappointed with how they played apart from the last quarter of the game.









# OUR SQUAD

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



## **STUART BOARDLEY** MANAGER

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



## **ANDY CRUMP** ASSISTANT MANAGER

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



## **DANNY POTTER** GOALKEEPER COACH

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



## **STUART STEVENSON** COACH

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



## **CHARLOTTE LONG** SPORTS THERAPIST

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



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

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



## **CHARLIE BINNS** **GOALKEEPER**

Charlie joined the club on loan from Ipswich Town. The 18-year-old has featured for Town's U18s and U21s this season having joined the Blues in the summer on a two-year professional deal.



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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





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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



## ZAK BROWN FORWARD

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



## SAM FORD FORWARD

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



## JOSH MAYHEW FORWARD

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

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## SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH **Felixstowe & Walton Utd 4 Gorleston 0**

A superb second half from the Seasideers as they get back on track with three points. **Sam Ford** finished brilliantly on 23 minutes after Callum Harrison's through ball. **Josh Hitter** heads over the keeper on 52 minutes for number two and **Charlie Warren** made in three on 74 minutes, his mazy run and cool finish delighting the freezing cold crowd. **Callum Harrison** gets the cherry on the cake on 82 minutes, cutting in from the right after beating everybody and curling into the top corner!



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# THE OTHER SIDE MALDON & TIPTREE



Maldon & Tiptree FC was formed in 2010 when Maldon Town and Tiptree United were amalgamated by owner Ed Garty playing in the Isthmian Division One North.

The newly formed Clubs first season ended with them finishing in 8th place however the following season was not as successful and joint Managers, Brad King and Glen Knight were replaced by ex- Charlton professional Mike Flanagan steering the Club to a respectful mid-table finish.

At the beginning of the 2012-13 campaign, ex-Stansted & Redbridge manager Terry Spillane was appointed as Manager and ex-Tiptree United manager, Jody Brown joined as Spillane's assistant. The Club earned a place in the play-offs losing to Thamesmead Town on penalties in the final.

In 2014 Alan Kimble was appointed as Manager and it was a difficult season finishing the season in 19th place.

During the 2014-15 season a competition was run with supporters voting for a Club nickname. The Jammers was the clear winner with over 50% of the vote.

In 2015 the Club formed a relationship with Colchester Utd and David Wright was appointed as 1st Team Manager however in December 2015 Wright moved to Colchester Utd and Liam Bailey took charge of the team on a temporary basis. During 2016, Steve Ball was appointed Manager and led the club to a respectable 7th place just missing out on the play-offs. As the season ended Ball moved to Colchester Utd Kevin Horlock was brought in to replace him ending the season in 2nd place. Horlock's side reached the play-off final, where they lost to Thurrock.

After managing 112 games, Kevin Horlock departed and was replaced by ex-Colchester defender, Wayne Brown for the 2018-19 season. In Brown's first season, the Jammers finished in 2nd place and reached the play-off final, where they agonisingly lost on penalties against local rivals, Heybridge Swifts.

The 2019-20 season was one to remember for



the Club. An incredible run in the Emirates FA Cup saw the Jammers reach the First Round proper with Maldon & Tiptree travelling to League Two side, Leyton Orient, joined by over 600 fans.

Goals from Danny Parish and a superb solo goal from Jerome Slew saw victory for the Jammers earning then a home fixture against Football League side Newport County in the Second Round proper. The match was televised live on national television and attracted a record home attendance at Park Drive of 1,876 seeing the Jammers only beaten by the League Two side with a goal in stoppage time.

With Maldon & Tiptree riding high in the league, finding themselves top of the Isthmian Division One North, 13 points clear with four games in hand, disaster struck with the season being expunged as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Club were denied a chance of promotion.

In October 2020, Club owner and Chairman, Ed Garty stood down from his position. General Manager, Ron Dangerfield was confirmed as the new Chairman, with Richard Cowling taking ownership of the Club.

The 2020-21 season was terminated with promotion and relegation denied again. Prior to the termination of the season, the Jammers reached the Emirates FA Cup First Round proper for the

Maldon & Tiptree Football Club – History. 1 second successive season, this time losing to Morecambe 1-0 in front of the television cameras and achieved their longest ever run in the Buildbase FA Trophy before losing to Gloucester City.

Midway through the 2021-22 season, Brown moved to Colchester Utd having managed 141 games and a win percentage of 68% and his former assistant, Paul Abrahams, took over steering the Jammers to 9th place.

At the end of the season, Ron Dangerfield left the club and Jerry Carter came in as Chairman from Braintree Town.

A difficult start to the 2022-23 season saw Paul Abrahams departing with Liam Bailey again stepping up as interim-Manager. Adam Flint became manager for a short tenure of just 9 matches.

Daniel Barber was named as new Chairman in December 2022 and shortly afterwards Peter Taylor was appointed as team Manager. Peter Taylor departed the Club in August 2023 and Liam Bailey was appointed on a permanent basis as his replacement with Rui Costa joining shortly afterwards as his assistant.



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

## OCTOBER

SAT 7	BILLERICAY <i>Mayhew (2), Ford</i>	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	L 4-3	ATT 527
<b>TUE 10</b>	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b> <i>Mayhew (3), Ottley-Gooch, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 5-3</b>	<b>ATT 402</b>
SAT 14	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 434
<b>TUE 24</b>	<b>REDBRIDGE</b> <i>Warren (2), Ford, Harrison</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 313</b>
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Aitkens, Brown, Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 226

## NOVEMBER

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

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

## DECEMBER

<b>SAT 2</b>	<b>GORLESTON</b> <i>Ford, Hitter, Warren, Harrison</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 223</b>
SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS <i>Harrison</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 78
<b>SAT 16</b>	<b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
SAT 23	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>		
<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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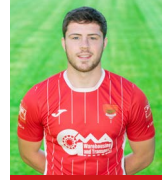
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BY IAN TOWNSEND, TAKEN FROM [WWW.ISTHMIAN.CO.UK](http://WWW.ISTHMIAN.CO.UK)

We had a late winner for Bowers, a Witham comeback win, whilst the Seasiders and Bees had to settle for a point against New Salamis and Swifts—our Pitching In Isthmian North round up

**Witham Town**, fresh from winning our Performance of the Month Award for their eight goal hammering of Stowmarket Town, were full of confidence as **Maldon & Tiptree** headed to the Simarco Stadium on Friday evening. They went ahead on twenty seven minutes, Josh Osude making it four goal in three matches, but the Jammers quickly hit back and were ahead by the break, Louis Britton with his tenth and eleventh of the campaign - in eleven matches.

Town weren't downhearted, and Osude scored again to equalise eleven minutes after the restart, and then the hosts went ahead, Liam Whipps making it three-two with twenty two minutes to go. Try as they might, the Jammers couldn't get an equaliser, and Witham climbed to eleventh with their third league wins in a row.

Most of Saturday's programme was washed away, but second place **Felixstowe and Walton United** had the chance to narrow



the gap between themselves and leaders Lowestoft Town as they travelled to North London to face **New Salamis**. The Seasiders put their two match losing streak behind them last Saturday to hammer Gorleston, whilst at the same time their opponents this weekend were on the receiving end of a six-one hiding at Lowestoft, so United were undoubtedly the favourites, but they needed a late equaliser just to get a share of the points. Wranyel Hercules got his third of the season just after half time, and the visitors ensured they got something from the game when Callum Harrison levelled with five minutes left.

**Basildon United**, still without a manager, made the trip to Scraley Road to take on seventh place **Heybridge Swifts**. This was the Bees first match since their narrow defeat at Bowers & Pitsea on November 25th, which was their first loss in eight matches – and the Bees looked back to their best early on, Ben Allen scoring the opening goal of the game on nine minutes. It looked like three points were secure, and they were ahead as we entered added time, but then Kane Munday made the visiting fans a little miserable with a last-gasp leveller. That's six matches between the sides since the Bees last defeated Swifts – but they've never been closer to ending that run. The Bees drop to fourth, Swifts stay seventh.

Fifth place **Bowers and Pitsea** welcomed **Wroxham** to the Len Salmon. Bowers knew that they could climb as high as third place if they could win for the fourth match in a row,

and they took the lead on the half hour, Tosan Popo with the opening goal. The Yachtsmen wouldn't take that lying down and Harry Barker levelled half an hour later – and within six minutes the visitors were ahead, Jordan King with the goal. Bowers his back with eighteen minutes left on the clock, Benas Vaivada on from the bench for his fifth of the campaign, and when the visitors were reduced to ten men shortly afterwards the hosts scented blood– Travis Dodsworth the man dismissed.

Matt Price (pictured) has found his Bowers shooting boots of late, scoring three goals in his last two matches – and right at the end he continued that run, scoring a winner and sending his side up into that third spot.

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Allan Simonsen was undeniably a great footballer. The Dane was European Footballer of the Year in 1977, beating out the likes of Kevin Keegan and Johan Cruyff to the award. He played for Barcelona, had been their top goalscorer and found the winning goal in the Cup Winners Cup final, securing a much needed European trophy for the Catalan side. But when they paid a world record fee for Diego Maradona in 1982, it threw his position into doubt. Spanish football at the time allowed only two European players on the pitch at the time. The Argentine would obviously start, and when it became clear that Bernd Schuster would as well, Simonsen took his leave of the club for new pastures. Nobody could have expected those pastures to be... Charlton Athletic.

Simonsen had offers from across Europe, but the front runners turned out to be Barcelona's hated rivals Real Madrid, and Tottenham Hotspur. Given the tensions between the two Spanish sides, North London seemed the most likely prospect for the Dane, where Spurs had just achieved their highest finish in a decade and were looking at pushing beyond the fourth place they had found themselves in the previous season. But then Simonsen threw a spanner into those plans, stating that he would enjoy a more relaxed footballing environment, something that White Hart Lane didn't really offer. Struggling at the wrong end of the Second Division, Charlton owner Mark Hulyer took his chance, blowing both Tottenham and Real Madrid out of the water with a £325,000 bid. Barcelona accepted on one condition: all of the money was paid up front. They didn't trust in Mark Hulyer's vision any more than anyone else.

The Valley at that time could take 75,000, but hadn't seen even 40,000 for 35 years. Charlton averaged 7000 fans for their home games, but Hulyer wasn't content to sit at that level. The colossal bid for Simonsen, with high salary (by Second Division standards) and no bank to help finance the deal, was a gamble, but the interest he would generate, and the success he would bring, would boost attendances so considerably that he would soon repay the money on the pitch. It was an idea with sadly predictable consequences.

Initially, Hulyer was right, to an extent. 4000 fans turned up for the reserve game where Simonsen would first kick a ball in a Charlton shirt, and more than 10,000 saw him play his first game for the first team, a gate increase of 50%. And Simonsen, European Footballer of the Year only five years earlier, took to his new team with ease. That first game ended in defeat against Middlesbrough, but Charlton fans saw their star signing score his first goal, and create chance after chance for his teammates.

Having dropped from the pinnacle of European Football to the Second Division, the Dane's first 16 games for the club saw a slight upturn in fortunes for Charlton. He scored nine goals, providing more for his teammates, and usually won man of the match; not a huge surprise for a player deemed a peer of Johan Cruyff. But it was also a frustrating experience for Simonsen. His new teammates were not up to his speed, and incisive through balls, inch-perfect crosses, and magical moments were wasted by teammates who were always behind him. He couldn't do it alone, as evidenced by a 7-1 drubbing against Burnley.

Simonsen did have bright moments, the most notable against Chelsea following that Burnley game. Charlton took a two goal lead in the first half, but let it slip before the hour. Simonsen took charge of the game after that, gliding around the pitch as though he were still a Barcelona player, beating Chelsea defenders that, like most in the Second Division, were far below his level, and scoring two goals, creating another, for a 5-2 win. He had also doubled the attendance at Charlton, to a peak of 13000, but it wasn't enough. Just five months after signing him, the south London galactico was causing financial problems. Hulyer was looking to sell.

Offloading a Ballon d'Or winner was a simpler, but much less profitable, prospect for Charlton than it had been for Barcelona. Fearing this exact situation, Simonsen's agent had put a

release clause into the contract he had signed. When Hulyer approached him to explain that they couldn't afford his wages, the agent triggered the clause and Simonsen left the club in January of 1983. He went back to his homeland, and joined his childhood club VB to see out his relaxed career. Things for Charlton were not so cosy.

Facing the massive financial losses of the Simonsen experiment, Charlton were soon also given an even bigger tax bill of more than £400,000. The club finished that season five places lower than they had the previous, and facing bankruptcy. The club was placed into administration and forced to leave The Valley altogether, to share Selhurst Park with Crystal Palace.

So the signing of Allan Simonsen did have the huge impact on Charlton that Hulyer had claimed, just not the one he had hoped for.

### **Enjoy the game.**





# MATCHDAY SQUADS

Isthmian League North  
Saturday 16th December, 3pm



## Felixstowe & Walton Utd FC

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## Maldon & Tiptree FC

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