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SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024, 3PM
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



Good afternoon to one and all and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for what promises to be a real humdinger of a game against fellow promotion chasing Heybridge Swifts.

A particularly warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Heybridge, I hope you enjoy your time here, although I do hope you return to Essex empty handed.

Fresh from a very impressive win against table toppers, Lowestoft Town, Heybridge will certainly be tough opponents as they strive to make a late surge back into the play-off places.

March is a massive month for the Seaside, today is the first of four league fixtures against fellow top six teams, with a small matter of a Premier Cup semi-final to follow on Tuesday. Win them all and we could be in for a very memorable April!

Last time out at the impressive RDA Stadium in Bishop's Stortford the lads ground out a very hard fought 2-1 victory courtesy of Andre Hasanally making his second debut for the club - welcome back Andre! and super sub

Josh Mayhew scoring the winner with his first touch just seconds after entering the fray - tactical genius Boards, or maybe just luck!

It was cold, windy and the pitch was awful in places but I must say how well we were welcomed and looked after by our Enfield hosts - the burgers were probably the best in the league! Such a shame the club have to play so far away from home which I assume is the reason for such a lack of support, it must have felt like a home game for our lads as the red and white scarfs vastly outnumbered the blue ones. Thanks again for the fantastic travelling support, I know just how much it is appreciated and indeed how important it is to the players and management that you continue in the coming weeks.



That is eight wins on the bounce, five with clean sheets so no surprise to hear that **Josh Blunkell** has been awarded the February



Golden Gloves award from the Isthmian League for our division, very well-done Josh! Another very astute signing by the management team, and one of many

reasons why **Stuart Boardley** has also scooped the manager of the month award, congrats Boards!

Monday night saw us host the Suffolk Senior Cup semi-final between East Bergholt and Trimley Red Devils. Thanks to all the helpers and staff that enabled the match to go ahead – it was well worth it with a crowd of over 300, and a very one-sided game saw our neighbours Trimley Red Devils run out 6-0 victors, many congratulations to all the Trimley lads, very well deserved and I wish you all the very best in the final vs. Leiston U 23's. It was particularly nice to see former seaisiders, Sam Osbourne, Josh Hewitt and Matt West still holding back the years – all still looking very fit and capable, well done indeed!! Fingers crossed both Trimley and Felixstowe will be appearing at Portman Road at the end of the season.

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home this evening.

Best Wishes

Tony

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FROM THE DUGOUT:
STUART BOARDLEY



Good afternoon to you all and a warm welcome to Steve Tilson and his Heybridge Swifts side who visit the seaside on the back of a terrific three points last week against league leaders Lowestoft Town.

The last few weeks it really seems as though we've entered 'the business' end of the season. During and after each game, suddenly I can hear supporters reciting the scores from the other teams at the sharp end of the table and then conversations over who's got who next..... It's fantastic of course that we've put ourselves in a position where we've given ourselves a realistic chance of finishing right near or at the top, BUT, at this stage, that's all it is - a chance. The message to the players of late has been simple. Concentrate on the next game in front of us and don't look beyond that, as there's no truer saying than the most important game is always the next one!

We've had a couple of accolades come our way of late. A well deserved Golden Glove award for Blunks who's been top notch since his January arrival and alongside that, a Manager of the Month award which is recognition of all the hard work and hours put in by our management team. Believe me when I say that Andy, Stu S, Danny, Doug and Charlotte put an incredible amount of hard

work and dedication into our football club and we all should feel grateful to have them because I certainly do. I see the award as not a well done to a single person but more so to us as a club, and that runs through every member of staff, player, volunteer and supporter because everyone's efforts contribute toward our success on a Saturday afternoon.

Onto other matters around the club..... EJA trials have started this week and I think it's fair to say that with a turn out of over 60 boys (across the two age groups - U13's & U15's), the night was well received and the quality on show was really promising. We have two more open trial dates on the 19th March and the 2nd April before a squad is selected for next season, so if you are interested please get in touch.

Moving swiftly (pardon the pun) back to today's game, I anticipate that Heybridge will provide a really stern test, one that I think will surpass any of our last seven fixtures so we know we are going to have to be at our best to get a result.

Lastly, another big thank you to our loyal band of away supporters who once again have been our twelfth man! Let's keep it up both home and away for the final 8 and let's hope we can get over the line!

Enjoy the game
Boards



TODAY'S MASCOTS

We welcome Felixstowe and Walton's Under 11's reds as mascots for today's game against Heybridge Swifts. We hope you enjoy the game!

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LOOK WHO'S BACK!

Andre Hasanally has signed for the Seasiders on a permanent deal from Maldon & Tiptree. Former Colchester United forward Andre played a significant role in our run to the playoffs in 2022 and also starred for us in the second half of last season.





U12'S GET ON THEIR BIKES!

The Seaside's U12's are fundraising for their Dutch Exchange with V.V. Quintus. There are two ways to assist them.

The boys will be at the AGL Arena on Saturday in the event area and will be cycling on their exercise bikes for the entire game! They won't even stop for half time! Anything you can throw in their collection buckets will be greatly appreciated. There may even be a well known Seaside or two joining them?

They have also teamed up with Felixstowe's finest dessert restaurant, The Waffle Shack at Beach Street, with two football cards being run.

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K-O CHANGE

The local derby on Easter Monday v Ipswich Wanderers at the AGL Arena will now kick off at the earlier time of 12.30pm. The change will allow supporters from both clubs to also attend the Ipswich Town v Southampton fixture at 5.30pm. Our thanks to Ipswich Wanderers and the Isthmian League for agreeing to the new kick off time.





SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

We are into single figures – nine to go, possibly ten if we enjoy good fortune on Tuesday in the Suffolk Premier Cup Semi-Final.

Today we host Heybridge Swifts, the first of our final eight league fixtures that include trips to Bury Town and Lowestoft Town & home games against Brentwood & a seemingly recharged Ipswich Wanderers. Today's visitors are never an easy fixture so basically, we have 8 cup finals to play! Something must give, somewhere

at the top of the table – hopefully it gives in our favour!

Whatever happens over the next two months, this will have been an excellent season – we have been fortunate enough to see a committed group of players wearing the red & white, some excellent football played, several stunning goals and an increase in support year on year, despite the Tractor Boys attracting full houses and looking likely to bring Premiership football to Suffolk next season.



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1	Lowestoft Town	28	20	2	6	75	33	+42	62
2	Felixstowe & Walton United	28	19	5	4	66	32	+34	62
3	Bury Town	26	16	5	5	69	39	+30	53
4	Brentwood Town	25	15	5	5	48	23	+25	50
5	Bowers & Pitsea	26	15	4	7	49	37	+12	49
6	Walthamstow	26	13	6	7	47	39	+8	45
7	Heybridge Swifts	26	13	5	8	42	35	+7	44
8	Basildon United	25	13	3	9	50	40	+10	42
9	Maldon & Tiptree	27	13	3	11	52	45	+7	42
10	Witham Town	27	9	7	11	43	49	-6	34
11	Brightlingsea Regent	25	10	2	13	43	45	-2	32
12	Wroxham	25	8	7	10	37	38	-1	31
13	Gorleston	25	8	6	11	37	40	-3	30
14	New Salamis	25	7	7	11	40	57	-17	28
15	Redbridge	23	5	6	12	34	50	-16	21
16	Ipswich Wanderers	26	6	3	17	28	51	-23	21
17	Grays Athletic	25	4	6	15	32	51	-19	18
18	Enfield	25	5	3	17	26	62	-36	18
19	Stowmarket Town	25	0	5	20	26	78	-52	5

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

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



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SATURDAY 2ND MARCH
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Enfield 1

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

Felixstowe & Walton United made it eight consecutive victories with a hard-fought 2-1 win at Enfield to go joint top of the Isthmian North with just eight games to go this season. **Andre Hasanally** scored the opener just after the break and **Josh Mayhew** nodded in the winner just before the hour mark after the home side had pulled it level.



HOW WE LINED UP

1. Joshua Blunkell
2. Callum Bennett
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7. Josh Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Sam Ford
10. Callum Harrison
11. Andre Hasanally

SUBS

12. Ivanildo Da Costa
14. Zak Brown
20. Joah Mayhew
16. Zac Tuvey









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 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.



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.



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.



JOSHUA BLUNKELL **GOALKEEPER**

Josh joined the club in January 2024. The former AFC Sudbury keeper signed a professional contract with Wycombe Wanderers after impressing in Sudbury's televised FA Cup in 2021. Previous clubs also include AFC Sudbury, Bowers & Pitsea, Braintree Town and Kettering Town.



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.



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 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 midfield 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 midfield 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 Seasiders 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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BY TOM
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SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH **Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3 Grays Athletic 2**

Felixstowe & Walton United made it seven consecutive wins in dramatic style at the AGL Arena. **Josh Mayhew** rose to head home the winner in the 93rd minute to spark jubilant celebrations after two points looked to have been dropped.

The away side scored against the run of play in the 12th minute through Stimson before **Joe Whight** equalised from the spot on 19 minutes following a handball. Cosgrave then put Grays back ahead on 55 minutes as the away side continued to frustrate the Seasiders in all areas of the pitch. Felixstowe threw everything they had at trying to rescue the game and **Billy Holland** fired in another equaliser on 66 minutes. The home side continued to press and the crossbar saved the day for Grays on three occasions, Sam Ford, Josh Mayhew and Jack Ainsley all denied. With time running out and the pressure mounting even further, Josh Hitters long throw was headed clear only for the ball to be sent in again for Mayhew who rose highest and his precision header into the far left of the net deservedly won the points.



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HISTORY:

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Played as Maldon & Heybridge FC from
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Reformed as Heybridge Swifts FC since 1945.

GROUNDS:

1880 Land to east of the Plains near
Heybridge Hall

c. 1890 Bentalls Ground, Colchester
Road, Heybridge.

1962 Sadds FC, The Causeway, Maldon

1965 Scraley Road, Heybridge

LEAGUES:

Pre-War:

North Essex League, Essex & Suffolk Border League

Post War: North Essex League

1949/50: South Essex League

1951/52: Essex & Suffolk Border League

1971/72: Essex Senior League (Founder
Members)

1984/85: Isthmian League Division Two North

1990/91: Isthmian League Division One

1996/97: Isthmian League Premier Division

2009/10: Isthmian League Division One North

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1893, the fans of the Heybridge F.C. were so unhappy with the performance of the referee that they threatened to throw him in the pond. Heybridge FC were fined £2 and banned for six weeks!





HONOURS – LEAGUES:

Isthmian League

Division Two North Champions 1989/90

Premier Division R/Up 2005/06

[Play Off Semi Finalists]

Division One North Play Off Winners: 2018/19

[Not promoted due to FA Step 4 play-off farce!]

Division One North Play Off Semi Finalists:

2013/14, 2017/18

Division One R/Up 1995/96 (Promoted)

League Cup Winners 2000/01 (beat Croydon 3-0)

Essex Senior League

Champions 1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84

Runners Up 1980/81

Essex & Suffolk Border League:

Div. 2W Champions 1920/21

Div. 1 Champions 1930/31.

North Essex League

Champions 1902/03 & 1924/25

HONOURS – CUPS:

Essex Senior Cup Runners Up 2015/16

Essex Senior Trophy Winners 1981/82 (beat Witham Town 2-1)

Essex Senior League Cup Winners 1982/83

Essex Junior Cup Winners 1930/31

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1955/56, 1959/60, 1970/71, 1974/75,

2006/07, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17

FA COMPETITIONS:

FA Cup

1994/95: 1st Round: Heybridge Swifts 0

Gillingham 2 (@Colchester United)

1997/98: 1st Round: AFC Bournemouth 3

Heybridge Swifts 0

2002/03: 1st Round: Heybridge Swifts 0

Bristol City 7

2017/18: 1st Round: Exeter City 3 Heybridge Swifts 1

FA Trophy

1996/97: Quarter Final: Heybridge Swifts 0

Woking 1

FA Vase

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£35,000 Simon Royce (Southend United)

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£7,000 Richard Jolly (AFC Wimbledon)

£5,000 Ashley Vickers (Peterborough)

PAID:

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(Essex Junior Cup)

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PLAYER	DEBUT	PREVIOUS CLUBS
Callum CHAFER	14 Aug 2021	Bowers & Pitsea, AFC Hornchurch, Romford, Redbridge
Joe WHITNEY	14 Feb 2023	Barking
Noah PHILLIPS	10 Feb 2024	Leyton Orient, Hornchurch, Bishops Stortford, Maldon & Tiptree
Chiedozie NWUSO	20 Jan 2024	Dartford, Enfield, Harlow, East Thurrock, Hornchurch
Quba GORDON	13 Aug 2022	Hendon, Welling United, Maldon & Tiptree, Brentwood Town, Haringey Borough, Boreham Wood
Ross WALL	6 Aug 2022	AFC Sudbury, Coggeshall Town, AFC Hornchurch, Thurrock, Aveley, Brentwood Town, Maldon & Tiptree, Great Wakering Rovers, Concord Rangers
Lee NOBLE	6 Aug 2022	Tilbury, Cray Valley PM, Dartford, Concord Rangers, Brentwood Town
Rob HARVEY	6 Aug 2022	Brentwood Town, Leiston, Coggeshall Town, Braintree Town, Millwall, Brightlingsea Regent
Tyler BRAMPTON	6 Aug 2022	Coggeshall Town, FC Clacton, Waltham Abbey, Maldon & Tiptree, Billericay Town, Colchester United
Sam CARTER	13 Nov 2021	Great Wakering Rovers, Tilbury, Brentwood Town
Benjamin SARTAIN	29 Sep 2015	Frenford FC, Bowers & Pitsea, Basildon United, Maldon & Tiptree, Grays Athletic
Kieran JONES	21 Aug 2022	Barking, Grays Athletic
Robert BAGNALL	26 Aug 2023	Burnham Ramblers
Danny NESBITT	26 Aug 2023	Maldon & Tiptree, Romford, Witham Town, Stanway Rovers
Kane MUNDAY	12 Aug 2023	Stowmarket Town, Barking, AFC Sudbury, Halstead Town
Sam PARK	25 Feb 2023	Brentwood Town
Myles ANDERSON		Aberdeen, Blackburn Rovers, Monza, Chievo, L'Aquila, Torquay, Hartlepool, Weymouth, Hampton and Richmond, Braintree Town, Beaconsfield
Lewis WATSON	14 Oct 2023	Panerytheaikos(Greece), Hullbridge Sports, Hashtag Utd
Alfie GLADWIN	9 Sep 2023	Southend Manor, Concord Rangers (U19)
Jack ADLINGTON-PILE	17 Nov 2023	Southend Manor, Gt. Wakering Rovers, Basildon Utd, Brentwood Town
Luca ALBON	3 Mar 2024	Canvey Island, Concord Rangers, Cray Wanderers, Bowers and Pitsea
Kojo APENTENG	3 Mar 2024	Brightlingsea Regent, Hashtag Utd, Gt Wakering Rovers, Barking, Brentwood Town, Corinthian Casuals
Steve TILSON Manager		<u>Player</u> : Southend United, Canvey Island, Brentford, Witham Town, Bowers, Basildon United. <u>Management</u> : Southend Utd, Lincoln City, Canvey Island, Basildon Ladies

LAST SIX MATCHES: FORM GUIDE

Bury Town	W 4-1 v STOW..	W 4-2 v MALD..	W 4-1 v BRIG..	W 3-1 v HEYB..	W 3-0 v GORL..	W 4-3 v IPSW..
Felixstowe & Walton	W 1-0 v REDB..	W 2-0 v WALT..	W 2-0 v BRIG..	W 3-1 v WROX..	W 3-2 v GRAY..	W 2-1 v ENFI..
Brentwood Town	W 3-1 v REDB..	W 2-0 v WALT..	W 3-2 v GORL..	L 1-0 v LOWE..	W 2-1 v HEYB..	W 3-0 v NEW..
Walthamstow	D 2-2 v LOWE..	W 2-0 v WROX..	L 2-0 v FELI..	W 4-0 v GRAY..	W 4-2 v BASI..	W 4-2 v GORL..
Lowestoft Town	W 1-0 v BREN..	W 2-0 v ENFI..	W 3-1 v BOWE..	W 5-1 v REDB..	L 2-1 v IPSW..	L 2-1 v HEYB..
Bowers & Pitsea	D 2-2 v HEYB..	W 1-0 v IPSW..	W 3-1 v STOW..	D 1-1 v GORL..	L 3-1 v LOWE..	W 3-2 v REDB..
Witham Town	L 3-1 v GRAY..	L 4-0 v BASI..	D 2-2 v IPSW..	W 2-1 v NEW..	W 3-2 v GORL..	W 5-1 v ENFI..
Wroxham	D 1-1 v GRAY..	L 2-0 v WALT..	W 2-1 v BASI..	L 3-1 v FELI..	W 3-2 v BRIG..	W 1-0 v MALD..
New Salamis	D 2-2 v WALT..	L 2-1 v HEYB..	W 3-2 v GRAY..	L 2-1 v WITH..	W 3-2 v IPSW..	L 3-0 v BREN..
Basildon Utd	L 1-0 v IPSW..	L 1-0 v FELI..	W 4-0 v WITH..	L 2-1 v WROX..	W 2-1 v MALD..	L 4-2 v WALT..
Madon & Tiptree	L 4-2 v BURY..	W 1-0 v ENFI..	W 4-2 v REDB..	L 4-2 v GORL..	L 2-1 v BASI..	L 1-0 v WROX..
Heybridge Swifts	L 3-0 v WITH..	L 2-1 v REDB..	W 2-1 v NEW..	L 3-1 v BURY..	L 2-1 v BREN..	W 2-1 v LOWE..
Ipswich Wanderers	L 1-0 v BOWE..	D 2-2 v WITH..	D 1-1 v STOW..	L 3-2 v NEW..	W 2-1 v LOWE..	L 4-3 v BURY..
Gorleston	L 3-2 v BREN..	D 1-1 v BOWE..	W 4-2 v MALD..	L 3-2 v WITH..	L 3-0 v BURY..	L 4-2 v WALT..
Grays Athletic	L 2-0 v LOWE..	W 3-1 v WITH..	D 1-1 v WROX..	L 3-2 v NEW..	L 4-0 v WALT..	L 3-2 v FELI..
Redbridge	W 2-1 v HEYB..	L 1-0 v FELI..	L 4-2 v MALD..	D 1-1 v BRIG..	L 3-2 v BOWE..	L 5-1 v LOWE..
Enfield	W 1-0 v WROX..	L 2-0 v WALT..	L 1-0 v MALD..	L 2-0 v LOWE..	L 2-1 v FELI..	L 5-1 v WITH..
Stowmarket Town	L 4-3 v NEW..	D 2-2 v ENFI..	L 3-2 v WROX..	L 4-1 v BURY..	L 3-1 v BOWE..	D 1-1 v IPSW..
Brightingsea Regent	L 3-2 v WALT..	L 2-0 v MALD..	L 4-1 v BURY..	L 2-0 v FELI..	D 1-1 v REDB..	L 3-2 v WROX..

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH: LEADING GOALSCORERS

1	Jake Reed	Lowestoft Town	25	11	Matt Price	Bowers & Pitsea	11
2	Harvey Sayer	Lowestoft Town	22	12	Ryan Curtis	Gorleston	10
3	Cemal Ramadan	Bury Town	21	13	Adam Hipperson	Lowestoft Town	10
4	George Smith	Maldon & Tiptree	17	14	Jack Adlington-Pile	Heybridge Swifts	9
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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

SAT 2	WOODFORD TOWN <i>Holland, Brown, Hitter, Aitkens</i>	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QR	W 4-1	ATT 225
SAT 9	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Whight (P), Aitkens</i>	H	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	W 2-0	ATT 371
SAT 16	ENFIELD TOWN	A	3PM	FA CUP SECOND QR	L 3-0	
TUE 19	BOWERS & PITSEA <i>Warren, Harrison, Ford</i>	H	7.45PM	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 263
SAT 23	HERTFORD TOWN <i>Harrison (2), Holland, J Ainsley, Barley, Mayhew</i>	H	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	W 6-3	ATT 225
WED 27	LAKENHEATH <i>Mayhew, Warren (2), Barley</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREM CUP	W 4-1	
SAT 30	BASILDON UNITED <i>Whight, Bullard, Warren, Brown</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-2	ATT 112

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

SAT 4	ENFIELD <i>Harrison (3), Warren, Ford</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 5-1	ATT 360
WED 8	HADLEIGH UNITED <i>Hitter, Warren</i>	H	7.45PM	SP CUP QF	W2-1	ATT 208
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Warren, Harrison (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 310
TUE 14	WROXHAM	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 467
SAT 25	WITHAM TOWN <i>Harrison (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 168

DECEMBER

SAT 2	GORLESTON <i>Ford, Hitter, Warren, Harrison</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 223
SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS <i>Harrison</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 78
SAT 16	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 341
SAT 23	IPSWICH WANDERERS <i>Ford, Barley</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 232
SAT 30	BOWERS & PITSEA <i>Holland</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-1	ATT 302

JANUARY

MON 1	STOWMARKET TOWN <i>Holland, Whight</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 561
SAT 6	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Aitkens, Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 246
SAT 13	LOWESTOFT TOWN <i>Mayhew, Holland, Harrison</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 431
SAT 27	BASILDON UNITED <i>Whight</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 340

FEBRUARY

SAT 3	REDBRIDGE <i>Bullard</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 83
SAT 10	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Ford, Hitter</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 373
TUES 13	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT <i>Mayhew, Barley</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 128
SAT 17	WROXHAM <i>Warren (2), Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-1	ATT 181
SAT 24	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Whight, Holland, Mayhew</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 299

MARCH

SAT 2	ENFIELD <i>Hasanally, Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 132
SAT 9	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 12	LEISTON	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP SF @IPSWICH WANDERERS		
SAT 16	BRENTWOOD TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 23	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 30	BURY TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

APRIL

MON 1	IPSWICH WANDERERS	H	12.30PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 13	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 27	NEW SALAMIS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Another defeat for Lowestoft as Swifts reignite their play off chase, Felixstowe go level at the top with victory, Bury win a seven goal thriller, Brentwood climb to fourth, and Wroxham defeat the Jammers

Bury Town, in third place, welcomed the recent conquerors of leaders Lowestoft Town, **Ipswich Wanderers**. Town have been in magnificent form, with six wins in a row and nine wins in ten, and they went ahead in this one on twelve minutes, Ollie Canfer's sixth goal in thirteen matches opening the scoring - and it was quickly two-nil, Max Maughn taking only four more minutes to make it two-nil. It was three-nil and looked to be game over nine minutes before the break, Ethan Mayhew heading home, but Wanderers then got a goal back, Jamie Eaton-Collins leaving them with twenty seven minutes to mount a salvage job. On seventy eight minutes the visitors got another, Adam Dunnage pulling it back to three-two, and the home fans were stunned when the visitors drew level, Eaton-Collins making an Eaton-Mess of the Town defence when making it three-three with three minutes to go. Could anyone get a winner? They could, and it was the hosts. A minute into added time Mayhew somehow managed to make it four-three, and this time they held on to take three points. The seven hundred

and sixty nine watching on will have bitten their fingernails down to their elbows!



Enfield was the destination for second place **Felixstowe & Walton United** - or rather Bishop's Stortford was the destination, as that's the E's home base. After a goalless first half the Seasiders struck almost immediately, Andre Hassanally- back with the club after half a season at Maldon - having a perfect debut - but it was a lead the visitors held for only two minutes, Jack Leech quickly responding for the hosts. The visitors were ahead once more on fifty six minutes, Josh Mayhew finding the back of the home net, and this time they held onto it to join Lowestoft on sixty two points at the top. Image courtesy of **Stefan Peck**.

Heybridge Swifts welcomed leaders **Lowestoft Town**, the Trawler Boys desperate to quickly put that defeat against Ipswich Wanderers behind them- but it didn't go their own way

in the first half, and they fell behind seven minutes before the break, Jack Adlington-Pile getting his eighth Swifts goal of the season, but perhaps by accident, as his cross was misjudged by the visiting keeper. Three minutes into added time the Trawler Boys were holed below the waterline once more, Adlington-Pile adding another, expertly finding the bottom corner. Could they recover? A red card for the hosts Ben Sartain with fifteen minutes to go gave them hope, and they finally got on the scoresheet five minutes into added time, Travis Cole getting a goal back. It was too little, too late- Swifts up to sixth, Town now only holding onto top spot on goal difference.

New Salamis welcomed fifth place **Brentwood Town**, the visitors having won six of their previous seven but been without a game for a fortnight. The time off didn't seem to have done the Blues any harm as they took only

three minutes to go ahead, Andy Freeman with the first North goal of the afternoon. The visitors doubled their advantage midway through the first half courtesy of George Sykes fourth Blues goal of the campaign, and they were out of sight when Sykes did it again, making it three-nil with twenty five minutes left. That was that, the Blues up to fourth.

Wroxham, with two wins from three, welcomed **Maldon & Tiptree**, the Jammers promotion chances having been hit by two defeats in a row. The Yachtsmen went ahead with twenty three minutes remaining, Joao Rangel with the opener, and that turned out to be the only goal of the game- even the introduction of Jamie Cureton five minutes before the end couldn't get the Jammers a goal.

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RESERVES ON A CUP RUN

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Every so often, the idea of fielding Premier League reserve teams in senior competitions resurfaces. Regardless of the arguments against it and the feelings of football fans outside the hallowed summit of the game, like a bad penny, it returns again and again. The argument is made that in some European countries – notably Spain – reserves are tested against senior opposition in genuinely competitive fixtures. The benefit, it follows, is that those young players are better prepared for senior football, and therefore a World Cup victory is guaranteed. Ignoring that Spain have a single World Cup in their trophy cabinet, a larger problem arises. What if those reserve teams end up playing against their senior counterparts. In Spain, in 1980, that's what happened, in the most prestigious match in the Iberian peninsula.

The Copa del Rey, The King's Cup, is the oldest national competition in Spain, and before 1991, reserve teams were allowed to take part in senior competitions. This opportunity never got them far, with most going out of the cup in the first round. Until 1980, when one – Real Madrid's Castilla – nearly went all the way.

The Spanish FA had prepared for this eventuality. Throughout the competition, clubs couldn't be drawn against each other, and if it happened then they had to be redrawn. Of course, when a reserve side came up against



one of the Spanish giants, or even a few of them consecutively, their inexperience and lack of quality would see them out of the competition. But Castilla didn't follow that logic.

Hercules were the first of the bigger teams to underestimate them. Having won the first leg 4-1, they were complacent. With the senior Real Madrid side not playing, nearly 10,000 fans turned out to watch Castilla. When Paco, who plied his senior trade at Racing Santander and Real Betis, scored two early goals, the comeback was on. Gallego leveled the tie in injury time, forcing extra time, where Valentin Cidon fired home a winner.

Despite the shockwaves the result sent through Spanish football, Athletic Club were probably feeling pretty confident when they drew the reserves in the last 16. A 0-0 draw in Madrid should have been a warning sign, but in the return leg in Bilbao, Castilla

dominated. A two goal lead was halved in injury time, but it was enough to reach the quarter-finals.

Castilla were given a tricky tie against league leaders Real Sociedad. The second Basque side they had faced were far more prepared, and dominated the first leg. The reserves were lucky to escape back to Madrid with just a 2-1 defeat, but the senior team had failed to beat Sociedad, losing 4-0 in San Sebastian. But in the Bernabeu, in front of a reported 100,000 fans (more than the senior side achieved in any game that season), Paco and then Sanchez Lorenzo scored to give Castilla the lead. The young side faced an onslaught from the league leaders, but held on to progress. Excitement was an understatement.

Castilla were becoming Spain's team. Real Madrid fans, disappointed at the senior's struggle (though they would, eventually, win the league) adopted the youngsters as the epitome of Real Madrid. Elsewhere, where Real Madrid were hated, the youngsters represented the new, post-Franco Spain of excitement and possibility.

The reserves lost the first leg of their semi-final against Sporting Gijon, third in La Liga, but once again in front of a raucous home crowd, Castilla showed their quality. Unbelievably, they had made the final. More astoundingly, so had the senior side. Real Madrid v Real Madrid. The Copa del Rey was heading to the Bernabeu.

The occasion was more of a pre-season friendly than a final. The two sides played each other on the training pitch every week, and the fans had no apprehension, because

Real Madrid had already won. Whether that was the reason, or whether the seniors knew just how good they had to be, there was no risk of Castilla actually winning the trophy. Real Madrid - the senior side - won out 6-1 victors, but at the final whistle all 22 players celebrated together.



Castilla had one more adventure though. Reaching the final, against the league champions, meant they had qualified for the Cup Winner's Cup, becoming the first and only reserve side ever to play in Europe. They lost to West Ham over two legs in the first round, but their legacy was far longer.

Alfredo di Stefano became Real Madrid manager shortly after the Cup final. Inspired by Castilla's run, he promoted five of them to the senior team, where they would become legends. For nearly two decades, until the arrival of Florentino Perez, Real Madrid were one of the greatest promoters of youth in the game.

Castilla making their way to the final is a great story, and unlikely to ever repeated. At least, until the FA give in to Man City and Liverpool.

Enjoy the game.

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Saturday 9th March 2024, 3pm



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Stuart **Ainsley**



Noel **Aitkens**



Henry **Barley**



Callum **Bennett**



Joshua **Blunkell (GK)**



Zak **Brown**



Tom **Bullard**



Sam **Ford**



Callum **Harrison**



Andre **Hasanally**



Josh **Hitter**



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Lamell **Howell**



Josh **Mayhew**



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Kojo **Apenteng**



Robert **Bagnall**



Tyler **Brampton**



Sam **Carter**



Callum **Chafer (GK)**



Alfie **Gladwin**



Quba **Gordon**



Rob **Harvey**



Kieran **Jones**



Kane **Munday**



Danny **Nesbitt**



Lee **Noble**



Chiedozie **Nwuso (GK)**



Sam **Park**



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