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TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2024, 7.45PM
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH PLAY OFF SEMI FINAL

CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



Good evening everybody and a very warm welcome to the AGL Arena for what I hope is our penultimate game of the season, with the play-off final to follow on Saturday afternoon.

A particularly warm welcome to all the match officials and the players, staff and supporters of Bowers & Pitsea and I wish you all a safe journey home later.

It was great to see a large crowd here Saturday as the Seaside ended the regular season in style with a resounding 6-1 victory over New Salamis in what was the visitors last ever senior match having decided to fold the adult team and concentrate on junior and youth football in the future.

It was certainly an eventful afternoon as most of us were keeping a close eye on results from elsewhere wondering where we were going to finish and who and where we would be facing in tonight's play-off semi-final. In various

stages we were 2nd, 3rd, 4th and fifth and playing Bury, Brentwood or Bowers & Pitsea.

Like us Bowers have been a bit up and down, at one stage after 9 successive victories it looked like they might go on to actually win the league, 2 defeats in their last 2 games though saw them eventually finish 4th with us overtaking them on Saturday to earn tonight's home advantage.



The lads will have been buoyed by our 6 goals Saturday and it should stand us in good stead full of confidence for tonight. New Salamis played some nice football in patches but seemed to run out of ideas allowing us to control the game and it was great to see our new addition, Ben Fowkes notch a well-deserved hat-trick. Ben joined us with one job to do - get us promotion! a master stroke by the gaffer and so far, so good. He has obvious quality and could well make the difference both tonight and hopefully on Saturday, providing the little bit of something special and also his experience at higher level football.



defeats in the first 17 matches came in the FA Cup and FA Trophy, scoring 15 goals in the last 4 of them games, it was a real pleasure watching such great football.

'The boys will need you all at your most supportive tonight - you can be that 12th man that see's us over the line and takes us to a mouth watering season finale...'

Ipswich Town's success has had an impact on our own attendances this season and may well have an effect tonight and on Saturday if we are at home, but I am sure the fanbase is slowly growing with a number of new faces appearing each week which is great to see.

A special mention also to young Danny Crump, coming out of retirement to fill in for Josh in the last 3 games, thank you so much Danny, a true clubman! Hopefully you can relax and enjoy watching again tonight as we hope to welcome back Josh who appears to have made a swift recovery after being "taken out" with a nasty challenge against Witham.

Whatever happens tonight and Saturday, I think we as a club can all be very proud indeed of our management and players for the season we have had, maybe a bit patchy at times in more recent weeks, but our only 2

The boys will need you all at your most supportive tonight - you can be that 12th man that see's us over the line and takes us to a mouth watering season finale either here against Brentwood or away at Bury next Saturday. Thank you all for your amazing support and may I also thank all our volunteers, all our staff and all our sponsors, you are all so important so highly valued and have all played your part in our fantastic season.

Best Wishes
Tony



FROM THE DUGOUT:
ANDY CRUMP



Good evening and welcome back to the AGL Arena for the second time in a few days as we welcome Bowers & Pitsea for tonight's play off semifinal.

The fixture schedule gives us very little time to prepare for tonight's fixture but, we come into the game having achieved both a home tie, and a level of performance that left everyone leaving the game Saturday in good spirits. It was the type of performance we have become more familiar with this season and I was delighted to see us play with confidence, freedom and a determination to be at our best.

It goes without saying that we will need to maintain those levels again tonight against a Bowers side that have not only been in fine form but, who have players that have experienced these occasions over the last few seasons. If our two league games are anything to go by, tonight is set up to be a good one!

Going back to Saturday, it was important for us to show our appreciation to you all after

the game. Your support throughout the season has once again been unwavering and our biggest motivation for securing a home tie tonight was to ensure it gave us another chance to pack out the AGL and embrace these types of occasions.

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Thanks must also go to Danny (my Brother, not Son as previously reported 😊), for stepping up in important circumstances and deputising for Josh whilst he recovers from injury. Being thrown into a Cup final in any circumstance is tough, but against a title winning Needham and the following two league fixtures, Danny has played as if he has never been away and we thank him for supporting us at a crucial part of the season.

It goes without saying that we look forward to seeing you all again this evening, I know you will come in good voice and get right behind the boys as we hope to keep this season going for as long as we can!

Enjoy the game
Andy



ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
C	Lowestoft Town	36	25	3	8	91	41	+50	78
2	Bury Town	36	22	8	6	89	47	+42	74
3	Felixstowe & Walton United	36	22	8	6	78	40	+38	74
4	Bowers & Pitsea	36	23	4	9	70	49	+21	73
5	Brentwood Town	36	22	6	8	69	33	+36	72
6	Walthamstow	36	18	8	10	63	50	+13	62
7	Heybridge Swifts	36	17	9	10	53	45	+8	60
8	Brightlingsea Regent	36	18	3	15	66	51	+15	57
9	Basildon United	36	16	4	16	66	62	+4	52
10	Gorleston	36	14	8	14	55	49	+6	50
11	Maldon & Tiptree	36	15	4	17	68	64	+4	49
12	Wroxham	36	13	9	14	47	47	0	48
13	Redbridge	36	13	8	15	57	60	-3	47
14	Witham Town	36	12	9	15	56	62	-6	45
15	New Salamis	36	9	8	19	58	82	-24	35
16	Grays Athletic	36	9	6	21	46	69	-23	33
17	Ipswich Wanderers	36	8	5	23	38	75	-37	29
18	Enfield	36	6	4	26	33	86	-53	22
R	Stowmarket Town	36	0	6	30	34	125	-91	6

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TUESDAY 30TH APRIL, 7.45PM

Bury Town v Brentwood Town
Felixstowe & Walton Utd v Bowers & Pitsea



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SATURDAY 27TH APRIL ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH Felixstowe & Walton Utd 6 New Salamis 1

Felixstowe & Walton United secured home advantage in Tuesday's playoff semi final with a comprehensive win against a New Salamis side playing their final competitive fixture before their senior side folds. The home side took the lead through **Ben Fowkes** on 17 minutes as he squeezed in his first goal for the Seaside's inside the left post. Joe Waight slotted home an equaliser on 35 minutes. Fowkes hit the post twice and Billy Holland struck the crossbar for Felixstowe before **Sam Ford** scored a beautiful second goal on 39 minutes from the edge of the box. The second half was all Felixstowe and they could have had double figures, but settled for another four. **Fowkes** completing his hat trick on 62 & 68 minutes, his third coming from the penalty spot, after **Josh Mayhew** had made it three on 58 minutes. **Billy Holland** had the final say on the day with a cool finish on 78 minutes.



HOW WE LINED UP

1. Danny Crump
2. Lamell Howell
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Billy Holland
5. Leon Ottley-Gooch
6. Joe Whight
7. Zak Brown
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Josh Mayhew
10. Sam Ford
11. Ben Fowkes

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12. Andre Hasanally
14. Henry Barkey
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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.



ANDRE HASANALLY **FORWARD**

Andre joined the Seaside from his third spell at the club in February from Maldon & Tiptree. Previous clubs include Colchester United and St Neots. A versatile forward with the ability to create as many as he scores.



KYRAN CLEMENTS **DEFENDER**

Kyran signs for the Seaside from Bishop's Stortford. Centre back Kyran has been playing at step two for the last six years, including five years at Braintree Town, and previously featured more locally for AFC Sudbury, Leiston and Bury Town, plus a loan spell with the Seaside in 2015.



SETH O'NEILL **MIDFIELDER**

The 18-year-old right back/midfielder has been on loan with Stowmarket Town for most of this season, captaining the side on a few occasions. Seth has been at Town since the age of 13, joining from AFC Sudbury before becoming a full academy player in the summer of 2021.



BEN FOWKES **FORWARD**

Ben Fowkes signed from Peterborough Sports in National League North. The prolific forward scored 50 plus goals over two seasons at Needham Market and Leiston before signing for the Step 2 side last summer.

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THE OTHER SIDE BOWERS & PITSEA



After the war years, once stability had come to the nation, many new sporting clubs sprang up. One such club was our own, BOWERS UNITED, started in 1946 by Bert Salmon, playing at Gun Meadow, Pitsea, in the Southend District League as a junior club before moving across to Thurrock & Thameside Combination, he was to be joined a few years later by his brother Len Salmon, who passed away in 2002 and is still sorely missed by everyone within the club. The biggest tribute Bowers Sport & Social Club could give him was to name his beloved football stadium after him.

In 1965 Bowers United entered the Essex Olympian League and this was to be where they stayed until 1974 when the club was successful in their application to join the recently newly formed Essex Senior League. As well as moving to a new League the Club also moved from Gun Meadow (Behind the Gun Pub) into their current ground at 20 Crown avenue in 1975 a Tottenham Hotspur xl helped open the ground on the day, Senior status was granted by the Essex FA in 1978.

Success was just around the corner as in 1980-1981 the club won their first Essex Senior League title under the guidance of ex Southend United winger Malcolm Slater. They also added the League Challenge Cup the following year. Before Slater departed the club.

In 1998-99 a clean sweep of all three cups was achieved as they won the The Essex Senior League title, League Challenge Cup and the Harry Fisher Trophy under Tony Cross's all conquering team. They also won the Don Douglas Trophy for top goal scorer with David



Hope as he scored 52 League and Cup goals that season.

With the club unable to apply for promotion the team was soon broken up and it was not until 2004/05 when we saw a new name on the footballing map when Bowers United took Pitsea Football clubs name to produce BOWERS & PITSEA FOOTBALL CLUB, and with a new start and a new team at the helm success was just around the corner because a strong link was established with the local community, and the clubs facilities that offered the residence a large Clubhouse, Bar and Function room Together with a ground capacity for 3000+ spectators, which includes seating for 400 in a well-appointed stand, excellent floodlighting is also an advantage at a higher level in which to play our football on. This showed that after years of being in the wilderness, Bowers & Pitsea Football Club (formerly Bowers United) now intended to take the football side of the club forward. Michael Barnard and Barry Hubbard joined forces to try to bring success to the club both on and off the field of play.

In season 2015/16 Rob Small topped his haul from the previous season by winning the Essex Senior League Championship, getting to the quarter finals of the Essex Senior Cup but more impressive was reaching the semi-finals of the FA Vase were Bowers were narrowly beaten by eventual winners Morpeth Town 2-1 away after drawing the home leg 2-2.

We finally achieved one of our goals to reach and play in the Isthmian League and we finished our first season in 6th place just three points outside the play-off positions. This followed with a third-place finish in season 2017/18 which saw us narrowly miss out on promotion, losing in the play-offs to Canvey Island.

The 2018/19 season saw us reach the Premier League as we finished the campaign with 92 points, 29 wins, 5 draws and 4 losses with a very healthy 71 goal difference.

Season 2019/20 saw our first ever season



bar and turnstiles things are heading in the right direction.

Season 2021/22 saw us hit another milestone as we reached the FA Cup 1st round, Gallantly losing to Lincoln City 1-0. This was also to be Rob Smalls last season at the managers helm as his departure was to herald a new era for the club.

The summer of 2022 saw the departure of not only Rob Small, but every member of the previous year's playing squad. New Manager James Collins, brought in from Faversham Town, was left with the nigh impossible task of assembling a full squad in time for the new campaign that could compete against relegation.

Despite a valiant effort, including an upturn in form after Christmas, Bowers succumbed to relegation. The 2022/23 season did see some success for James Collins men, as they overcame Grays Athletic 3-2 tin win the Thameside Trophy for the first time in the clubs' history. This despite playing over 80 minutes with midfielder Oscar Shelvey in goal!



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Walthamstow	L 3-0 v WITH..	W 1-0 v ENFL..	W 3-0 v STOW..	W 5-1 v HEYB..	D 1-1 v BURY..	W 4-2 v BOWE..
Lowestoft Town	W 2-0 v FELL..	W 3-2 v MALD..	D 0-0 v BURY..	W 2-1 v WITH..	W 3-1 v NEW..	L 2-1 v BREN..
Bury Town	D 3-3 v FELL..	D 0-0 v LOWE..	W 1-0 v MALD..	D 1-1 v WALT..	W 6-0 v ENFL..	W 2-1 v REDB..
Redbridge	W 4-1 v GRAY..	W 1-0 v GORL..	L 4-1 v IPSW..	W 5-0 v IPSW..	W 1-0 v ENFL..	L 2-1 v BURY..
Wroxham	W 2-0 v IPSW..	L 1-0 v GORL..	W 2-1 v NEW..	L 1-0 v BREN..	W 1-0 v HEYB..	W 2-0 v BOWE..
Bowers & Pitsea	W 2-0 v GRAY..	W 1-0 v ENFL..	W 3-1 v BREN..	W 2-1 v BASI..	L 4-2 v WALT..	L 2-0 v WROX..
Brentwood Town	W 3-1 v GRAY..	L 3-1 v BOWE..	W 1-0 v WROX..	W 1-0 v BASI..	L 2-0 v BRIG..	W 2-1 v LOWE..
Witham Town	W 3-0 v WALT..	D 0-0 v BREN..	L 2-1 v LOWE..	L 1-0 v FELL..	W 2-0 v GRAY..	W 4-3 v MALD..
Gorleston	L 2-0 v GRAY..	W 1-0 v WROX..	D 3-3 v BASI..	L 1-0 v REDB..	W 1-0 v FELL..	W 1-0 v BRIG..
Felixstowe & Walton	L 2-0 v LOWE..	D 3-3 v BURY..	D 1-1 v IPSW..	W 1-0 v WITH..	L 1-0 v GORL..	W 6-1 v NEW..
Heybridge Swifts	W 1-0 v MALD..	D 0-0 v REDB..	L 5-1 v WALT..	D 2-2 v BRIG..	L 1-0 v WROX..	W 2-1 v BASI..
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Basildon Utd	D 3-3 v GORL..	L 1-0 v REDB..	L 2-1 v BOWE..	L 1-0 v BREN..	W 4-3 v STOW..	L 2-1 v HEYB..
New Salamis	L 3-2 v BOWE..	W 4-0 v BASI..	L 2-1 v WROX..	D 2-2 v MALD..	L 3-1 v LOWE..	L 6-1 v FELL..
Enfield	L 1-0 v WALT..	L 1-0 v BOWE..	D 0-0 v IPSW..	L 6-0 v BURY..	L 1-0 v REDB..	W 4-0 v STOW..
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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH: LEADING GOALSCORERS

1	Cemal Ramadan	Bury Town	30	11	Charlie Stimson	Grays Athletic	15
2	Jake Reed	Lowestoft Town	30	12	Joshua Olaoluwa Osude	Witham Town	14
3	Harvey Sayer	Lowestoft Town	23	13	Ben Williamson	Bowers & Pitsea	14
4	George Smith	Maldon & Tiptree	19	14	Callum Harrison	Felixstowe & Walton United	13
5	Louis Britton	Maldon & Tiptree	18	15	Mekhi McKenzie	Brentwood Town	13
6	Samir Ali	Basildon United	16	16	Olly Sotoyinbo	Brightlingsea Regent / Walthamstow	13
7	Luke Brown	Bury Town	16	17	Jack Adlington-Pile	Heybridge Swifts	11
8	Matt Price	Bowers & Pitsea	16	18	Ryan Curtis	Gorleston	11
9	Joe Waight	New Salamis	16	19	Adam Hipperson	Lowestoft Town	11
10	Ryan Hawkins	Wroxham	15	20	Luke Johnson	Gorleston	11



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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	D 0-0	ATT 455
SAT 16	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Brown</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 302
SAT 23	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 971
TUE 26	LEISTON <i>Ottley-Gooch, Harrison</i>	A	7.45PM	SPC SF	W 2-1	
SAT 30	BURY TOWN <i>Mayhew, Barley (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 3-3	ATT 1,285

APRIL

MON 1	IPSWICH WANDERERS <i>Hitter</i>	H	12.30PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 513
SAT 13	WITHAM TOWN <i>Brown</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 393
TUE 16	NEEDHAM MARKET	A	7.45PM	SPC FINAL	L 2-0	ATT 604
SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 123
SAT 27	NEW SALAMIS <i>Fowkes (3), Ford, Mayhew, Holland</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 6-1	ATT 469

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It's often said that we should keep politics out of football. It's an understandable impulse, our game has enough problems without bringing in the problems of the world to cause division and conflict. But football and politics so often go together, despite FIFA's best efforts to keep them separate. But sometimes, choosing not to engage in politics is itself a political choice. When Chile legend Carlos Caszely – a socialist who was scoring goals for fun for Colo-Colo – saw his country fall to a dictatorship led by General Pinochet, his politics was definitely engaged. Some small acts of defiance would turn him into a national hero.

Caszely was born in Santiago in 1950, and was picked up as a kid by Colo-Colo's youth sides. In 1967, he made his debut for the first team, and over six years he scored 66 goals in 123 games, firing them to two league titles.

In 1973, Colo-Colo entered the Copa Libertadores. At home they were indomitable, scoring 15 goals in three games, and conceding just two. It made up for some inconsistent away form where two draws made the group closer than it should have been. Caszely was the star, leading the scoring charts and firing his team into the semi-finals. They were given a lucky draw, against Paraguayan champions Cerro Porteno, who they beat twice, and Brazilian side Botafogo, who they failed to defeat, and squeezed through the group. It set up a final with reigning champions Independiente.

Independiente were a different prospect. In Argentina, they managed to hold them to



a 1-1 draw, and in the return leg in Santiago neither side could find the net. A third tie was hastily arranged in Uruguay, and despite Caszely's goal in Montevideo, they couldn't contain the Argentine side any longer. Independiente won the tournament, and then to underline their dominance won it twice more to become the only side to have won four Libertadores in a row. Regardless, it was a high point in Caszely's career, about to be followed by the lowest of lows.

Just a few months after that final, with the Chilean economy in ruins and the military marching on the capital, Marxist President Allende was replaced by the military junta of General Pinochet. Caszely, a socialist who was a member of the players union and of Allende's party, saw the writing on the wall. After top scoring in the Libertadores, he arranged a move to Levante, and later Espanyol. But he still answered the call when his country needed him.

The national stadium in Santiago was quickly turned into a prison camp by Pinochet, as football made way for the political. Music was played over the PA system to mask the screams as his political opponents were tortured. When it was selected as the venue for a World Cup qualifying playoff against the Soviet Union, the Soviet's refused to play there. Despite FIFA's best efforts to find a solution, including a neutral venue, the Soviet's pulled out.

Pinochet still wanted his showpiece, however, and arranged a humiliating spectacle. Without opponents and in a sparsely populated stadium, Chile kicked off the 'playoff' game. They passed it around a bit, and then put the ball in an empty net. Caszely played after threats to his family, and later called it 'the most ridiculous thing in history'. The humiliation was deep, and when Pinochet arrived to see the team off to the World Cup the following year, Caszely started his small acts of defiance. He refused to shake the dictator's hand.

It sounds so simple, but the effect was large. It was the first public act of defiance against the Pinochet regime. Caszely may have thought his profile would protect him, but singers and writers across the country were mysteriously disappearing, so that was no guarantee. In the end, it wasn't Caszely who was punished, but his mother. She was taken and tortured for her son's disrespect.

The punishment seemed only to strengthen Caszely's politics. He returned from Spain in 1985, and his star had dimmed after two difficult World Cup campaigns, but still he wouldn't submit to the junta. When he

met the dictator again, wearing a red tie, Pinochet intimated that he would cut the communist symbol. Caszely replied that 'you may do it, but my heart will always stay red'. Just three years later, Pinochet agreed to a plebiscite on his rule, one he was sure would be an easy victory.

Caszely saw one more chance to thumb his nose at the junta, and joined the campaign against Pinochet, appearing in television adverts. The Junta underestimated the discontent across the country and the power of television, and lost. Chile's nightmare was over, and Caszely's legend was secure.

It can be easy to think that keeping politics out of football is for the best, but it's impossible, and attempting to do so simply supports the prevailing ideology. Carlos Caszely showed the world that small acts of defiance are not just desirable, they're necessary.

Enjoy the game.



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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

We now know how the Play Offs will look, whilst elsewhere Enfield get four, Witham win from three down, whilst Grays, Wroxham, Greens and Swifts also take three points

The final Saturday of the regular Pitching In Isthmian North season didn't come with a great deal to decide. We already knew the champions, and we already knew that Stowmarket Town were relegated, the only club to go down due to the sad demise of East Thurrock United. All that was outstanding was to find out who would take home advantage in the forthcoming Play Offs.

Second place **Bowers & Pitsea** had a two point advantage over Bury and Felixstowe at kick off, but a significantly poorer goal difference than both clubs, so needed to win at **Wroxham** to guarantee second place. The Yachtsmen, however, had other ideas, and a goal in each half for Ryan Hawkins gave them three points and saw Bowers slip to fourth, a trip to the seaside their reward.

Bury Town were on the road to in-form **Redbridge**. The Blues had lost only one of their last twenty four matches, but the Motormen had won five of their last six and hoped to spring a surprise, and were ahead at the break, Solomon Ogunwomoju scoring after just eight minutes. The second half saw Bury bounce



IMAGE BY SHIRLEY WHITLOW

back quite quickly, Ollie Cancer equalising only three minutes after the restart and Cemal Ramadan getting what proved to be the winner five minutes later. Bury finish second, and will host Brentwood Town in midweek.

Brentwood Town ended the campaign in fifth, but they also ended it with victory against the champions, and will travel to Bury Town in the Play Off Semi Final. The Blues headed to **Lowestoft** ready to impair the Trawler Boys party, and they went ahead on seventeen minutes, Andy Freeman with the opener. Lowestoft hot shot Jake Reed's thirty fifth of the season drew them level just before the break, but fourteen minutes from time Mekhi McKenzie sent the visitors into the play offs with a fine victory under their belts.

Brightlingsea Regent were in superb form, with only one defeat - and eight wins - from their previous ten, and looked for three more points as **Gorleston** came to call - but they

ended up with none. A red card for Regent keeper Lewis Green was followed by a penalty converted by the Greens Luke Johnson, and that turned out to be the only goal of the match. Goelsteen end the season in tenth, and have a second Norfolk Senior Cup Final in a row to look forward to.

Basildon United and **Heybridge Swifts** met at the TLM Environmental Stadium, and Swifts left with the points. An own goal gave them the lead just before the break, and although Samir Ali levelled for the Bees with seventeen minutes left, that left enough time for Kieran Jones to get a winner.

Maldon & Tiptree went three-nil up against **Witham Town**, and must have thought that victory was sewn up, yet somehow Town came back to win four-three! George Smith, Matt Yates and Louis Britton provided the three goal lead, but an own goal got the visitors back into the match just before the break, and the

second half saw two from Josh Osude draw the visitors level, before, deep in added time, Andrew Sesay got a Witham winner.

Grays Athletic lost a two goal lead against **Ipswich Wanderers** only to get a winner right at the end. A Charlie Stimson double gave them that lead, but Jamie Eaton-Collins and Jamal Goodward looked to have sealed a point for the visitors, before Jack Wilson got an Athletic winner three minutes from time.

Finally, we had a bottom two clash at Bishop's Stortford, as **Enfield**, who had lost nine of their last ten, welcomed **Stowmarket Town**, who were still without a win all season. After a goalless first half the E's ran riot in the second, Robert Clark, Adam Vyse, and a Sam Bantick double delivering a four-nil victory.

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