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VS WITHAM TOWN
TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2025, 7.45PM



CHAIRMAN: ***TONY BARNES***



A very good evening to one and all and welcome to the Martello Ground for our opening home league fixture of the 2025/26 season.

In particular may I welcome all the players, officials and supporters of Witham Town and of course tonight's match officials, I hope you all enjoy your brief stay with us.

Our league campaign didn't get off to the best of starts on Saturday, a hard fought very

competitive match saw us lose by a solitary goal at Waltham Abbey, on the day I didn't think we were quite as sharp as we normally are and I can't really complain about the result, although the Waltham keeper was forced to make a couple of outstanding saves from Jacob Lay and Josh Mayhew to prevent us leaving with a point.

On a positive note, it was great to see our travelling supporters at Waltham in their numbers and giving the lads as much support as possible, it is going to be a very long and very competitive season ahead and your support really does make such a difference.

As you will all know by now, it has been a summer of massive change at the football club with Stuart and Jack taking the reins from Boards and Crumpy, as well as a few changes behind the scenes. However, it is great to see the vast majority of last season's playing staff remain at the club together with a number of new additions in Ethan Garcia, Dan Gilchrist and Jacob Lay as well as the returning Noel and Zak from their trip to the land down under.

One notable absentee this year is of course Charlie Warren who made his competitive debut for Bolton Wanderers on Saturday, of course he will be a massive miss to us, but I'm sure everyone at the club joins me in thanking him for everything



he gave during his time here, and also wishes him every success in his new professional career.

As a club we are still looking for additional volunteers to help out on matchdays, stewarding, turnstiles, media assistance, etc.. as well as hospitality assistance and indeed matchday cooks in the kitchen (paid position) - any interest please don't hesitate to contact either Chris Daynes or myself.

My apologies, we are not yet in a position to open the "Cornerflag hospitality suite" just yet, it has been a struggle getting this completed by volunteers, but thanks in particular to Stuart Stephenson things are moving in the right direction and we'll be open soon.

There have also been many rule and compliance changes introduced by the FA and the league this summer, not ideal when the club secretary has

just stepped down, but all credit to Mike Titchener who has been amazing in helping us meet the challenges and been a fantastic support to new club secretary Ruth Ward, as indeed has Stuart Daynes, Les Soall and Sharon Hills.

One more massive thank you to everyone who has helped out with the pitch sprinklers throughout the summer, the pitch looks great thanks to you guys and I'm sure it will remain so for the season.

To Stuart, Jack and all their support staff and players: The whole club, all the supporters and seemingly the whole town are behind you, and we all wish you all the very best for the season and beyond - Good Luck to you all!

Up the Seaside!!
Best Wishes
Tony

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STUART
AINSLEY

Good evening everyone,
Welcome back to the Martello Ground for this evening's fixture against Witham Town. In my first-ever manager's notes, I would like to thank the Chairman and Board for giving Jack and me the opportunity to manage this great football club. Things moved really quickly over the summer, and Tony has been such a great help over the past couple of months. I would also like to thank Stuart Boardley and Andy Crump for their assistance in helping to make the transition as smooth as possible for us all.

A special mention must go to all of the well wishes we have received from supporters, volunteers, managers, and the local football community - it has been overwhelming, and we truly appreciate the support.

Moving on to the football, we've been really pleased with the squad-building process over the last couple of months. We would like to welcome back to the club Noel Aitkens, Zak Brown, Jacob Lay, Callum Bennett, and Ollie Canfer, who all know the club and its values very well. We also welcome new signings Ethan Garica, Dan Gilchrist, and Usisya Longwe (on loan from Ipswich).

A quick mention, too, for our younger players - Hugo Akhusayin, Olly Martin, Jayden Barrow, Zac Tuvey, and Jack Hudson who have been excellent for us in recent months. Hopefully, they give our youth teams something to aspire to, bridging the gap between the under-18s and the

first team. Pre-season has gone well, with the lads all buying into our new ideas. We've had some good performances and scored plenty of goals, so we hope that continues into the season.

I would also like to welcome Leon Ottley-Gooch into the management team as first-team coach. He is a familiar face to us all and has been a huge help to Jack and me with his coaching and football knowledge. He is another important member of our team alongside Stu, Alex, Craig, and John - without their help, things would be much harder.

I'm writing these notes after our 1-0 defeat at Waltham Abbey on the opening day of the season. We're obviously disappointed with the result and performance, but it's always a difficult place to go, and we'll be hoping for a reaction tonight. It's a long season, and we're not naive enough to think there won't be some bumps in the road. Witham come here after an excellent campaign last season. They have improved hugely over the last couple of years under Garry and mounted a strong play-off push last time out, so we know they won't make it easy for us.

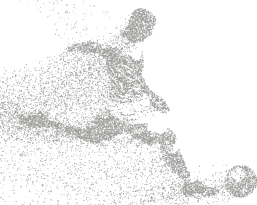
We'll do everything in our power to continue to drive this club forward on and off the pitch, inspiring the younger generation within this great community we have in Felixstowe, and have a football club to be really proud of!

Enjoy the game,
Stu





SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

10 seasons, 389 league games, 776 goals, promotion, play-offs, elation, deflation, what a journey it has been.

10 years ago we kicked off the 2015/2016 season at home to Long Melford in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division in front of 116 supporters and 389 games later we ended the 2024/2025 season at home to Brightlingsea United in the semi-final of the Isthmian League North play-offs in front of 1,106 supporters.

Now I reckon we must be doing something right!

League games played	389
League games won	222
League games drawn	65
League games lost	102
League goals scored	776

League goals conceded	460
League goals Difference	+316

In National Cup competitions we have competed pretty well playing 46 games, drawing just 6 winning 21 of them and losing 19, scoring 97 goals while conceding 82 and that's not including a penalty shoot-out against Hashtag United that we lost 13-12

FA Cup Games	21	8	3	10	42-39
FA Trophy Games	21	12	3	6	48-34
FA Vase games	4	1		3	7-9

On Saturday we drew a line under that record and we started again, away at Waltham Abbey FC. Tonight we begin our home fixtures as we host Witham Town.

Most important is the invisible sign that says loud & clear

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Best wishes Stuart & Jack as we kick off the next 10 years!

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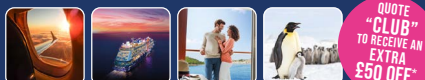


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PLANES, TRAINS & AWAY DAYS

BY NEIL EDWARDS



Good evening everyone, and welcome to a new feature in this seasons Seaside match day programme in which I hope to capture, and recreate in print, the highs and lows of the “Away Day” experience following our club Felixstowe & Walton Utd around the country.

The title has been chosen in the hope that it might well pre-empt a cup match away to Guernsey or Jersey one day soon, but in the meantime, we are on the train, on the coach or in the car!!

The fixture computer gave us an opening league game away to the other side that suffered Play-off semi-final heartbreak at the end of April, Waltham Abbey. Our 3rd longest league trip of the season meant that I was joined by Marc (Lorro) and Big Neil on the 0828 train from Felixstowe, with John joining us at Manningtree from his Mistley home.

Having spent the previous three days at Legoland celebrating my Boy Georges 8th birthday, it was perhaps my own Karma Chameleon that we were herded on to a very busy 09:10 train from Ipswich but were fortunate enough to pick a carriage with a few seats remaining so



settled down for a nice quiet journey to Waltham Cross via Stratford. John boarded at our first stop, and had clearly not read the memo, as he had a carrier bag laden with Czech beers which were reluctantly opened much to the obvious disapproval of the lady in seat C21.

We were in Waltham Cross before 11am, and the sun shone brightly on the seashiders seeking some much-needed shelter from the blistering heat. Thankfully we stumbled across a Wetherspoons (it's almost like the planning paid off) and big Neil was very keen to get the first round of the season in, as he had some CAMRA

vouchers burning a hole in his pocket. 4 pints, £8.70. It really does defy all laws of physics how they can do this. No frills, just a few good cold ones sat in the beer garden talking football, and in particular the Seasiders. We discussed our starting XI and it's fair to say we all came up with our own variation and agreed to disagree with each other. At the end of the day the Ainsley's know best.

Lunch was consumed (2 x fish and chips with mushy peas, 1 x scampi and 1 x pizza) and luckily Neil knows a trick or 2 on how to get pizza spillage out of cream-coloured tops using the remains of our lemons, and the threatening use of urine (don't ask.....)



Lorro had a quick chat with a supporter of "Chestnut" before he headed off to their game with Welling, and will still not accept they are called Cheshunt, and then it was time to wander around the corner to get a cab to the ground, as the walk seemed an unnecessary waste of our already depleting energy levels.

We arrived at the Waltham Abbey clubhouse in plenty of time to enjoy a couple of pre-match beers. The usual sea of red and white was evident, with away fans outnumbering homies I would say.

If you read my piece on the Isthmian League website recently, you'll remember that I do enjoy older style football grounds, and Capershots certainly ticks a lot of boxes. The clubhouse has



an outdoor area with plenty of garden furniture to soak up the sun and pre-match atmosphere.

It is, however, situated away from the actual ground, across the car park, so it is necessary to take your drinks over with you and return to re-fuel as and when the need arises.

One of the best features of the ground is a raised bank of running the entire length of the pitch over the far side. A few years ago, there was a noticeable left to right slope to the pitch, so when the ground was levelled out the displaced earth was left pitch side to make the elevated viewing area. A very nice touch indeed. The main stand is decked out in the club colours of green and white, which makes the sky-blue seats that were once sat on by Manchester City fans at Maine Road seem a little odd.



The game itself was an even contest played in very tough conditions on what looked to my untrained eye to be a very decent playing surface. It bore no resemblance at all to the dust bowl we played on in March, when the sides last met. Waltham Abbey edged the contest 1-0 and perhaps deserved it on the balance of play. Suffice to say



both sides will be in the shake-up come March and April time.

Another cab back to the station and a short wait for the 1801 to Liverpool Street, and plenty of time for Lorro to befriend an Enfield fan who seemed hell bent on reminding us that they knocked us out of the cup the season before last!!!!

I suggested Dirty Dicks on Bishopsgate for a beer before our train home, and John was very excited at this prospect, having not been in that pub this millennium. It's been a regular haunt of mine over the years before England games, but my wallet would have preferred Hamilton Hall and spoons prices, instead of the £29.70 that Dirty Dick wanted for 4 beers.

chips from Maccy D's, a real team effort in hunter-gathering. Our journey was shared with a lovely young man from Cromer on his way home from watching his beloved Cambridge Utd lose 3-1 at Swindon. He even bought us all a bacon roll each from the buffet car in exchange for one of our cans of beer. That's what I call a trade.

Overall, an enjoyable day out, spent with some lovely people. Whilst the result was not what we had hoped for, we will never let it spoil our day. We will do it all again this Saturday, when we hit the Wembley trail with a trip to Newmarket Town. Might go for the 0928 train this time though!!

Thanks for reading, up the Seasideers



We got our train home, with some nice cold cans from M&S and some Cheeseburgers and

Please note there is a WhatsApp group available for supporters to join to discuss all things Felixstowe & Walton Utd. If you would like to join, please send your name and number to 07904 180225 to receive an invite link. Away match day plans are also discussed on this page, so if you are travelling independently, looking for a car share, or would like to go with other supporters this is a good place to start.



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Isthmian League North
Photos: Stefan Peck

LINE UP: Wright, J Ainsley, Aitkens (C)
Brown, Caley-Brown, Canfer, Hitter, Lay,
Mayhew, Stevenson, Warren

SUBS: Bennett, Cullum, Ford,
Gilchrist, Longwe











OUR SQUAD

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MANAGEMENT

Jack Ainsley – Manager

Rejoined for a second spell at the club from Stowmarket in 2023. Jack played professionally for ITFC after coming through their academy and went on to make four appearances playing under Roy Keane. Jack went on to have spells at Step 2 with Lowestoft and Step 3 with Leiston but is back at the Seaside as player/joint manager with brother Stuart.

Stuart Ainsley – Manager

Stuart joined the club for his second spell in 2014 from Lowestoft Town. Previous clubs include Chelmsford City, Canvey Island and AFC Sudbury. Stuart spent ten years at Ipswich Town, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2005. Having spent the last 11 years playing for Felixstowe, began his management career alongside brother Jack in May 2025.

Stuart Stevensen – Fitness 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.



Leon Ottley-Gooch – First Team Coach

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 midfielder player. Was appointed first team coach in May 2025.

John Abbott – Physio

John is a vastly experienced physio, qualifying in 1992 and dedicating 37 years to the NHS. Previous football clubs include Enfield Town, Tottenham and Stevenage before taking early retirement to move to Felixstowe, where he joined the seasiders in October 2024.

Alex Egelton – Goalkeeper Coach/Coach

Alex returned to Felixstowe last season having spent many years coaching within the youth and reserve setups at the club. Alex heads up the Goalkeeping section of the club and works with





joining the Seasiders in the summer of 2024. He has quickly become a firm fans favourite and works within the clubs Academy system.

DEFENDERS

Joe Whight

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.

the Youth section right through to the Seniors and is an important member of the First Team Management structure.

Craig Studd – Kit Man

Craig returns to the club having previously been kit man a few seasons ago. A familiar face and a huge help off the field to the management team and players, going above and beyond to make sure things are run smoothly.

GOALKEEPER

Harry Wright

Harry started his career as a professional at Ipswich Town and left there in 2021 where he then went on to play for Fleetwood Town and Bury before





Ollie Caley-Brown

Ollie was signed in the summer of 2024 from neighbours AFC Sudbury and has played in recent years for Stowmarket and Leiston. An energetic and attacking full back who loves to get forward and create chances and with a wealth of higher level experience to boot.

Hugh Cullum

Hugh is a local lad who left Felixstowe's youth system and progressed through the Needham Market Academy. Hugh signed back with his local club in the summer of 2024 and has immediately impressed with his consistent and confident defending.

Hugo Akhuseyin

Hugo is an academy graduate that is now starting to flourish with his progression into the first team squad. A tough tackling and tenacious defender who likes to get forward.

Thomas Warren

Tom signed for the club in the summer of 2024 from Hadleigh United and played his first season for the Seaside alongside his brother Charlie. Tom is an Athletic, strong and pacy full back or winger with a fantastic left foot and keen eye for a goal, scoring an impressive 17 goals in his debut season.

Callum Bennett

Callum returns to the club in 2025 after a brief spell away. Grew up at Ipswich Town Academy before spending a year at Notts County, returning back to local football with Bury Town in 2013, before signing for Felixstowe in 2014. Callum is in the top five for appearances made in the club's history.





Toby Stevenson

Ex-professional Toby scored a hat-trick on his debut for Charlton Athletic at 18 years old, the strong centre back or left back's previous clubs include Leyton Orient, Watford, Billericay and Braintree. An excellent defender at this level after joining the seashiders in early 2025.

MIDFIELDERS

Billy Holland

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 for the 22/23 season led to him being appointed captain the following year.

Josh Hitter

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.

Noel Aitkens

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

Ethan Garcia

Ethan signed for Felixstowe in the summer of 2025 after a two year spell with Walsham Le Willows where he impressed many at step 5. Only playing football for four years, a tricky winger with an eye for goal.

Olly Martin

Olly is a product of the clubs academy after more than ten years in the youth set up. An energetic and committed midfielder with an eye for a pass.

Usisya Longwe

Usisya signed on loan from Ipswich Town in the summer of 2025, a midfielder with a tenacious side with great passing ability.

FORWARDS

Sam Ford

Having spent a successful period with Arbroath 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 in 2022. 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

Josh joined 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 brings a focal point to our attack as well as a being natural finisher who is a proven goalscorer at this level.

Zak Brown

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.

Dan Gilchrist

Dan's non league career started at Canvey Island before relocating to Suffolk where he went onto play for AFC Sudbury in the FA Cup 1st round, before moving onto Bury Town and Thetford



where he had two impressive goalscoring seasons. A hard working attacking player with an eye for goal.

Ollie Canfer

Canfs returns to the club after 2 season away, gaining promotion with Bury Town, previous clubs include Brightlingsea and Mildenhall. Canfs is a fans favourite after scoring many important goals for the club in his last period with us.

Jacob Lay

Jacob rejoins the club for his second spell, after leaving in 2020, Jacob has gained promotion from step 3 and played at step 2 last season for Needham Market. A tricky winger who has huge energy and workrate.



FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED TEAM 2025/25



BACK ROW

Stuart Stevenson, Alex Egelton, Callum Bennett, Usisya Longwe, Harry Wright, Oily Martin,
Hugo Akhuseyin, John Abbott, Craig Studd

MIDDLE ROW

Hugh Cullum, Josh Mayhew, Billy Holland, Joe Whight, Noel Aitkens,
Ollie Canfer, Tom Warren, Toby Stevenson

FRONT ROW

Ollie Caley-Brown, Daniel Gilchrist, Ethan Garcia, Jack Ainsley, Stuart Ainsley,
Leon Ottley-Gooch, Samuel Ford, Zak Brown, Jacob Lay

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THE OTHER SIDE WITHAM TOWN FC



Origins & Early History

Witham has a history of football teams going back to the 1830's when the first recorded match involving a side representing the town was played at Lanham Green near Cressing. This was before the 'modern' game was codified in England in 1863 following the formation of The Football Association, whose 'Laws of the Game' created the foundations for the way football is played today. The first formation of a Witham side, post-FA creation, was in 1876 when Mr. H. Green, Mr. W. Rust, Mr. F. Bridge and Mr. E. Turner sought permission from a farmer to play football in a field next to the River Brain in the town, close to Saul's Bridge. This site was Witham FC's home for a few seasons with play later being transferred to The Park, a pitch nearby, which was shared with the town's Cricket Club.

The 1885-86 season saw the first Witham player appear for the County side with that honour going to R. H. Stevens. After some years the cricket side objected to the damage being done to the surface of the pitch, so another move was made, in 1894, to 'The Grove'. The Grove itself was a large private house that was built in the late 1600's, which was eventually demolished in 1932. The pitch, noted as one of the best in the county, was located to the rear of the property not far from the old Witham to Maldon Railway line, which roughly corresponds with today's Mayland Road and Abercorn Way. Mr. P. E. Laurence, a local sports enthusiast and President of the club at that time, owned this field. The entrance to the ground was via Chess Lane, which is now a short cut to an industrial estate.

The occupants of the cottages there on 'Finals' days reaped a bonanza from the two pennies charged for bicycles left in their care. Witham's first recorded appearance in a final, that of the very first Essex Junior Cup, came in 1893-94 when they lost 4-1 to Matlock Swifts (later to become Leyton FC). During this time the team enjoyed the reputation of being one of the strongest junior sides in the county and built up a large following. They were known in those days as the 'Red Herrings' because

of their all red kit. Two days after the Great War broke out in 1914 (28th July) the entire team under the guidance of Reginald Brown went to Warley Barracks near Brentwood to enlist in the 5th Battalion of the Essex Regiment.

Between The Wars

Witham FC re-formed in July 1919 after a meeting held at the Spread Eagle Hotel in the town centre. Again, the side played in red shirts, and, in one season, Witham won 24 matches and only lost once.

Postman Mr. Fred Perry used to pay Albert 'Summer' Bickmore one shilling for each goal he scored. Bickmore recalled with pleasure the day he scored five. The re-formed club, which changed its name to Witham Town FC in 1921, won the Braintree & District League Championship in 1920-21, appeared in the Divisional Final of the Essex Junior Cup, won the Braintree & District league again in 1924-25 and secured the Essex Division 2 Shield in 1925-26. During these years the popularity of football seemed to have grown in the town with a Crittall's Athletic team also forming.

Crittall's Windows Works, which opened in 1919, was one of the largest employers in the town and the site of the old factory is now occupied by Morrison's supermarket. For a small town like Witham this was perhaps too much for both these clubs to thrive, and, with waning support largely due to the increasing prominence of the Crittall's team, after less than a decade the re-formed Witham Town disbanded. However, local opinion must have been in favour of a true 'town' team, as after a meeting with the Spread Eagle again forming the backdrop, Witham Town FC re-formed again in July 1933. At this meeting, held by Mr.C.Ingram (who was elected club Chairman), Mr .S. Slinger and Mr .S .Howell (who was chosen to be Hon. Secretary) the decision was made to join two competitions, The North Essex League and the Kelvedon & District Junior League with club colours being red shirts and white shorts.

In 1934-35 Witham reached the final of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup, losing to Tiptree United 4-2, and the following season they became Division 3 Champions of the North Essex League. That same year the club gained the use of the football pitch at Rickstones Road Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, as the clouds of war slowly gathered, and with falling support once more, in 1938 Witham Town folded.

A New Beginning

In 1948 the Witham Town FC of today re-formed thanks to the efforts of a small band of stalwarts who

met in an old British Legion hut under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sid Rice who was the driving force behind the club re-forming. Although the pitch was only a cow pasture with a barn as changing rooms, these basic conditions did not seem to affect the team though as in their first season back playing they became champions of the Chelmsford and Mid Essex League Division 2, winners of the Tiptree Charity Cup and the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup courtesy of a 1-0 win over Feering. During the following season the club moved to the Crittall Windows works ground at The Park in the centre of the town and they also became founder members of the Mid-Essex League Premier Division.

Their first game at The Park was a friendly v Ipswich Town which the Suffolk side won 7-0. That year the Premier Division Cup was won.

After two more seasons in the CMEL, a dispute with the League over a cup match played in blizzard like conditions, saw Witham Town switch to the South Essex League where they spent seven seasons winning the Championship in 1955-56. A supporters club was then formed and in 1958 the decision was made to join the Essex and Suffolk Border League and thus step up to an intermediate level of football.

Gaining Senior Status

During the 1964-65 season Witham won the Essex & Suffolk Border League Championship and they decided to seek new playing facilities suitable for senior football. The following season, 65-66, they won the E&SB League Cup after beating Whitton United 3-0 and were runners up in the E&SBL in 66-67. 1967-68 saw Witham just miss out on their second League Cup honour when they lost 3-2 to close rivals Tiptree United in the final. In 1970, the club was finally offered its present ground at Spa Road, although the move did not happen until after the end of the 1974-75 season due to the allocated plot being under cultivation. The last game at The Park ground was a 1-0 win against Basildon United on the 19th April 1975. In the meantime, Witham Town again won the Essex & Suffolk Border League (in 1970-71), and were invited to become founder members of the Essex Senior League and were the inaugural Champions in 1971-72, pipping Billericay Town to the title by just one point.

Witham went on to spend more than 15 seasons in this league, usually finishing in the top half of the table. In 1981 Witham won the Essex Senior League Cup by defeating Sawbridgeworth Town 4-2 at Chelmsford City's New Writtle Street ground. The mid 1980's provided several top 3 finishes including runners-up in 1984-85 and 1986-87, with the

Championship being won for the second time in 1985-86. March 1985 saw the Spa Road grounds' new floodlights 'officially' switched on in a friendly versus Colchester United. 1986 saw more success as Witham won the Essex Senior Trophy, defeating local rivals Heybridge Swifts 3-2, after extra time. During the following 1986-87 season Town enjoyed their best run in the FA Vase when they reached the last 16 (the 5th round), before losing 2-1 at home to Falmouth, and they also secured the Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy (the predecessor to the Gordon Brasted) after beating Sawbridgeworth Town in the final. This good run of form in league and cup competitions again led the club to seek a higher level of football to play at. They applied to join the Isthmian League and this was accepted in 1987.

The Isthmian Years

Their first match in the Isthmian League (Division 2 North) in 1987-88 saw Witham win 6-0 at Ware which ended with the club finishing in 7th place. During this time, former Southend United manager Steve Tilson started his career with the club before moving on to the Shrimpers as a player. The end of the 1990-91 season would see the two Isthmian Division 2's (North and South) 'de-regionalise', therefore making a top half finish imperative if Witham were to retain their Division 2 status and avoid the drop into what would be the next seasons new Division 3. A good finish saw Witham end up in 6th place, thereby ensuring their position in the restructured division and the club also made a semi-final appearance in the Locitite Associate Members Trophy. In 1993-94 Witham had their highest ever league finish, 5th in the Isthmian League Division 2. Back in the mid-90's there was no 2nd tier to the Conference so this was their best finish at what was then Step 4. Unfortunately, this could not be built upon and Town were relegated at the end of the 1999-2000 season to Division 3 after 13 years in Div 2. However, during the previous season, 1998-99, Witham saw their best run in the FA Cup, to the 3rd Qualifying Round, before losing out to Havant & Waterlooville in a replay. The next few years saw further restructuring of the Isthmian League culminating in a runners-up spot in Division 2 (formerly Div 3) at the end of 2005-06 as Witham took their place the newly formed step 4 Division 1 North. A goal difference of just +1 separated Witham from Brook House and 3rd place. In 2007-08 they achieved their best run in the FA Trophy, making it to the 3rd Qualifying Round. After beating

Chatham Town away 3-0 Spa Road saw a giant killing over Horsham who at that time were leaders of the Isthmian Premier Division. Town crashed out in the next round though after losing at Hayes & Yeading. During 2008, one of Town's rising stars, top scorer Cody McDonald, moved on to Maldon Town and then Dartford, before being bought by the then Championship side Norwich City. This move to the Canaries makes Cody our highest profile ex-player.

A short spell in the Essex Senior League

At the end of the 2008-09 season Witham Town finished 21st out of 22 teams consigning them to relegation to the Essex Senior League. Despite the obvious disappointment at being relegated the club had the chance to start afresh in the same league where their senior aspirations were initiated back in 1971. Off the field, former player Olly Murs became the TV show X Factor's runner up in December 2009. As the 2009-10 season drew to a close, and on the back of eight straight wins, Witham earned the necessary point on the last game of the season at Barkingside in a tense 2-2 draw that guaranteed runners-up position just ahead of Burnham Ramblers. Unfortunately, this was not enough for Town to regain their spot in the Isthmian League.

During the 2010-11 season, for the last 4 games, current manager Garry Kimble took over the reins as the club finished third. In the following campaign, Kimble's first full term in charge, Witham Town enjoyed arguably their most successful season ever as they broke many long standing club records on the way to the Essex Senior League title, last won in 1986, and therefore securing a return to Isthmian football.

In addition to league success, Witham won the League Cup, the Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup. They remained unbeaten away in the league. Striker Billy Hunt secured the Don Douglas Trophy by becoming the league's top scorer, with Rob Whitnell and John Watson coming second and third highest league scorers as well.

The Isthmian Years (Part 2)

The return to Isthmian level began in spectacular style as the club finished 4th in the Isthmian League Division 1 North and qualified for the Play Offs, only going down 3-2 to eventual winners Thamesmead Town. The club also retained the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup beating Heybridge Swifts 4-0.

They went one better in 2013-14, finishing in their highest ever league position, runners up in the Isthmian League Division 1 North. In the play-offs

Needham Market were beaten 1-0 in the semi final and Harlow Town 3-0 in the final as Witham Town secured a place in the Isthmian Premier Division for the first time. A gallant attempt was made to compete at Isthmian Premier level, but this proved too much for a club with limited resources.

Relegation followed in 2014-15. A number of key players moved on after relegation and it was hard to find a settled squad in 2015-16. Garry Kimble left the club towards the end of the season and a new management team was appointed, consisting of Adam Flint and James Robinson.

The team finished in 19th place. Stability was achieved in the next two seasons as the club finished in 13th and 11th place respectively. At the end of 2017-18, Adam and James moved on to manage Bishops' Stortford.

Mark Ashford became the new Witham manager before the start of the 2018-19 season. It proved to be a challenging season and safety from relegation was only assured on the final day of the season at Basildon. Mark Ashford resigned before the start of the following season. He was replaced by Marc Benterman.

After assembling almost a complete squad in a few weeks before the start of 2019-20, the team were in 15th place after 28 games when Covid-19 caused the season to be abandoned. Season 2020-21 only lasted until 31st October 2020 when it was abandoned for the same reason. After an indifferent start to 2021-22 Marc resigned from his role in November 2021. Assistant manager Chris Taylor was appointed manager in January 2022. Automatic relegation was avoided by the narrowest of margins and a 3-0 win against Saffron Walden Town in the Inter-Step play-off match assured safety.

In 2022-23 the club achieved 16th place. Chris Taylor resigned before the start of 2023-24. He was replaced by former manager Garry Kimble, who led the team to a 14th place finish. The club won silverware in the shape of the Tolleshunt d'Arcy Cup after beating Chelmsford City 4-3 in the final.

Garry and his management remained at the helm in 2024-25. Almost the entire 2023-24 squad stayed at the club and much better results ensued. The club spent the entire season in the top half of the table and finished in seventh place. We look forward to season 2025-26 with the same management team in place.

THE PLAYERS WITHAM TOWN FC



Ben Allen is a left-sided midfielder who joined us in July. Last season he played against us twice for Heybridge Swifts and once for Basildon United.

Ollie Bell is a right back who joined us at the start of 2023/24. Ollie was a product of the Billericay Town academy before joining Coggeshall Town.

Ryan Dear is a coach and a defender who joined us at the start of 2023/24. He was a 90th minute substitute on his debut against Ipswich Wanderers and scored with his first touch of the ball.

Rowan Dorling is a defender who was in the academies at West Ham and Dagenham & Redbridge before playing for Coggeshall Town. He joined us at the start of 2023/24.

Sonny Dutton who joined us in January is a forward. His last club was Maldon & Tiptree and he has also represented Hullbridge Sports.

Jordan Elongo is a right-sided midfielder who joined us in July. He has played for Maldon & Tiptree and Heybridge Swifts.

Sergio Guinaudeau who joined us in July is a young defender. His previous club was West London-based Deportivo Galicia from the Combined Counties League.

Joe Gregory is a striker who joined us in July. He played for Sporting Bengal and Brightlingsea Regent last season and has also represented Great Wakering Rovers.

Luke Ige began last season with us and returned to the club in January after a spell at Sutton Common Rovers. He can play in defence and midfield. He has played for Colchester United and Concord Rangers.

Golden Igbineweka is a midfielder who joined us at the start of 2024/25. He is a midfielder whose last club was Romford. He is a former trialist at Hull City and Rotherham United.

Adam Joyce is a young midfielder who joined us at the start of the season. He played for Cornard United in the last campaign.

Goalkeeper **Billy Lawlor** joined us in July. After a two-season contract at Dagenham and Redbridge he spent last season at Brightlingsea Regent. He played against us twice last season.

Freddie King is a midfielder. He joined us in September 2023 from Stanway Rovers, having previously represented Coggeshall Town. He scored on his first start for us against Enfield.

Ryan Mallett is an experienced defender who captained Basildon United last season. He has also played for Brentwood Town and Romford.

Archie McFadden plays in midfield and defence. Last season he played more minutes than anyone else in the squad. He joined us in December 2023 from White Ensign. He has also played for Brentwood Town, Heybridge Swifts and Great Wakering Rovers.

David Ogbechie who joined us in July is a defender who played alongside Ryan Mallett for Basildon United last season.

Leonardo Pedro is a striker who joined us in July. He has played for Little Oakley and Ashford Town (Middlesex).

Jamie Riley is a defender who joined us in August 2024. He has played for Bishop's Stortford, Coggeshall Town and Saffron Walden Town.

Billy Roast is an attacker whose previous clubs have included Concord Rangers, Coggeshall Town and Brentwood Town. He played in the final of the 2020 FA Trophy for Concord Rangers.

Andrew Sesay is a striker who joined us in October 2023. He has played for Tooting & Mitcham, Bowers & Pitsea and Whitehawk.

Isaac Skubich is a midfielder who was a member of the Ipswich Town academy before joining East Thurrock United. He has also played for Ipswich Wanderers and joined us at the start of 2024/25.

Matt Smith is a goalkeeper and our current goalkeeping coach. He joined us at the start of 2023/24.

Bradley Simpson is a goalkeeper who joined us in July. He has played for Harold Hill.

Owen Taylor is a young player who joined us in July. The son of former Witham favourite Sam Taylor, Owen is making his first step up from youth football to the mens' game.

Liam Whipp came through the club's youth and reserve teams before making his first team debut in 2016/17. He plays in defence and midfield and has made well over 100 first team appearances for us.

FIXTURES 2025/26

AUGUST

SAT 9	WALTHAM ABBEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 302
TUE 12	WITHAM TOWN	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 16	NEWMARKET	A	3PM	EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND		
SAT 23	BOWERS & PITSEA	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
MON 25	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 30	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

SEPTEMBER

SAT 6	HERTFORD TOWN	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND		
SAT 13	NEWMARKET TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 16	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 20	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 27	TILBURY	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

OCTOBER

SAT 14	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 11	CAMBRIDGE CITY	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 14	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 18	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
FRI 24	STANWAY ROVERS	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		

NOVEMBER

SAT 1	TAKELEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 8	WALTHAMSTOW	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 11	WITHAM TOWN	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 15	CONCORD RANGERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 22	MILDENHALL TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 29	WALTHAM ABBEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

DECEMBER

SAT 6	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 13	WROXHAM	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 20	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 27	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

JANUARY

SAT 3	GORLESTON	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 10	DOWNHAM TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 17	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 24	CAMBRIDGE CITY	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 31	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE

FEBRUARY

SAT 7	TILBURY	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 14	MALDON & TIPTREE	A	3PM	LEAGUE
FRI 20	STANWAY ROVERS	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE
SAT 28	TAKELEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE

MARCH

SAT 7	WALTHAMSTOW	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 14	WROXHAM	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 21	REDBRIDGE	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 21	DOWNHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE

APRIL

SAT 4	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	3PM	LEAGUE
MON 6	LOWESTOFT TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 11	NEWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 18	CONCORD RANGERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 25	MILDENHALL TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE





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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Maldon get five, Grays, Witham and Gorleston win with three, and we've victory for Downham, Lowestoft, Mildenhall, Newmarket, Wroxham and the Abbots, too

Bowers and Pitsea's last three seasons have ended in relegation, promotion and relegation, and they hoped that pattern would continue for one more campaign as they kicked off against newly promoted **Downham Town**. It looked as if the first half would end without a goal, and then Dylan Edge decided otherwise, putting the visitors ahead- but Bowers were level with twenty five minutes remaining, Michael Faulkner with the equaliser. They'd hardly finished celebrating, however, when Matt Castellan restored the Downham lead- and this time, they held on to it.

Brightlingsea Regent, Play Off Finalists last season, are understandably many people's favourites to go one better. They kicked off at The Taydal against **Newmarket Town**, but first blow went to the Jockeys, who went ahead after eleven minutes through Fin Whiteley- and the visitors struck second, too, Louis Jenkins doubling their lead fourteen minutes from time. Regent got a goal back five minutes from time, Callum Harrison scoring from the spot - could they? They couldn't, the points heading back to Newmarket.

Cambridge City started their first season in their own home for many years as they welcomed

Lowestoft Town, but they were too welcoming in the early stages, allowing Aaron Bullent to put the Trawler Boys ahead just after the quarter hour mark. A minute into the second half the hosts were level, Alex Warman the scorer, and it looked like both sides would have to take a point, but deep in added time up stepped Kyle Haylock for the visitors, sealing three points.

Concord Rangers welcomed **Gorleston** to their particular seaside. The visitors ended last season with a long, long unbeaten run- and started this season with a five-one Cup win last weekend- so headed to Canvey looking to remain unvanquished for the twenty third competitive match in a row. It was the Beachboys, however, who broke the deadlock, Khris Oti the scorer on thirty two minutes, but the lead lasted only two minutes before Dominic Docherty levelled for the Greens. Gorleston took the lead just after the hour, Alby Matthews the scorer, and Ryan Curtis added a third for the visitors with eighteen minutes left- but the hosts weren't finished, Sherquan Toussaint quickly pulling it back to two-three. That, however, was that- twenty three unbeaten for the Greens.

Grays Athletic were magnificent at the end of last season, and hoped to start this campaign in a similar manner as newly promoted **Takeley** travelled to Chadfields. Athletic went ahead on twenty minutes, a goal from Casey Nolan-Samuels giving those in blue something to shout about, and they had more to shout about just before half time, Callum Fitzer making it two from the spot. On sixty four minutes Jayden Silcott-Brown got a

third for the hosts, and that was that, three points and three goals for the hosts.

Maldon & Tiptree seem to be everyone's favourites for promotion this season, and were looking to prove the tipsters correct as they welcomed **Redbridge**. They looked good value for their favourites tag when they went ahead after only two minutes, Louis Arrowsmith from the edge of the box, and within twenty minutes they had three on the scoreboard, Cameron James and Freddie Sears with the other two. In first half added time goal number four arrived, Dylan Williams scoring it, and surely the game was won. Darren Esuka got a consolation for the travelling Motormen sixteen minutes from time, but the next goal was a fifth for the Jammers, Tevan Allen with it, and finally the torture ended for the visitors. Maldon leap to the top of the table- will they still be there at the end?

Tilbury narrowly missed out on a Play Off spot at the end of last season, and headed to **Mildenhall Town** looking for a strong start to 25-26. The Dockers fell behind just before the half hour, Ryan Sharman scoring for Hall, and that looked to be that, but the visitors had other ideas and levelled in added time, Ollie Spooner the scorer. And that was that...only it wasn't! With five added minutes played, Hall's Ryan Swifts delivered a winner for the hosts, two-one the final score.

Two of our new boys faced each other as **Stanway Rovers** played host to **Brantham Athletic**. Both sides started the season in good form, both victorious in the FA Cup, and Rovers started this match on the front for, going ahead after only a minute courtesy of Joe Debell. Athletic didn't let their heads drop and levelled six minutes before half time, William Jones with the equaliser, but in the closing stages they saw themselves reduced to ten men, William Fletcher seeing red. Could the hosts capitalise? In a word, no- one-one was the final score.

Our match of the day saw Play Off Semi-Finalists meet at Capershots, as **Waltham Abbey** played



host to **Felixstowe and Walton United**. Both sides are highly fancied for success this time around, unsurprisingly, and they delivered a stalemate in the first half, but the breakthrough wasn't long in coming. Six minutes after the break Aaron Eyoma put the Abbots ahead, and that turned out to be the only goal. That didn't stop the visiting fans enjoying themselves, however!

Witham Town played some fine football last season, finishing only two places outside the top five, and hoped for a positive start to their new campaign as **Heybridge Swifts** came to call. The first goal would positively have delighted the home faithful, Ernest Okoh with it from the spot on sixty five minutes, and there was more delight when Ben Allen made it two with eighteen minutes left. Okoh added a third twelve minutes from time, and the scoring stopped there.

Wroxham welcomed **Walthamstow** to the Norfolk Broads, and they also welcomed the first goal of our North season. It went to the Yachtsmen's James Moore, and it took less than one minute! The next moment of note happened on eighty four minutes, a red card for the hosts Harry Barker, and that was quickly followed by an equaliser for the East Londoners as Harvey Livings-Corbin scored from the spot. Deep in added time the ten men somehow found a winner, James Everett with it, and Stow had a long journey home with nothing to show for their efforts.

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

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Some stories remind us that, in the big scheme of things, the problems at our clubs are really not life and death. Throughout history, however, there are moments when life and death really are the factors at play in a player's trajectory, often with deeply tragic conclusions. And this was true of German football Julius Hirsh, a talented player, who represented his nation both on the football pitch and in the battlefield. He should have been venerated as a hero, but when murderous fascists took over his country, his life took a different road, and the feats of yesteryear were forgotten in the horror of evil.

On 9th April, 1933, Julius Hirsch listened with horror as the Nazi regime announced some of its earliest race laws, including the banning of Jewish players from German football clubs. The following day, Karlsruhe seemed to gleefully acknowledge this law, "joyful and resolute to join the national government... when considering the removal of Jews from sports clubs." Hirsch was, understandably, hurt by this announcement. His playing days were behind him, but he had two German title medals in his cabinet, one won with Karlsruhe. The former winger pulled out a sheet of paper and a pen, and wrote to his club that same day, resigning his membership rather than await the ignominy of being banned.

Hirsch was born in 1892, and grew up playing 'English tail games' with his brothers, quickly excelling. He joined KfV as a teenager, developing into the senior side quickly, gaining a reputation

as a hard worker who never stopped running, and standing out in the nascent years of German football for his ability to use both feet. He had a powerful shot, and in 1910 at the tender age of 21, was integral to Karlsruhe securing the German Championship. The following year, he was selected to play for the national side.

This was two decades before the Nazis, but anti-semitism was still rife across Europe. It was a moment of honour for Hirsch when he became just the second Jewish player to be selected to represent his country, something he did seven times over the next two years. Included in that tally are his appearances at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, at the time the highest level of football available, before the World Cup was inaugurated in 1930. That same year, he put four goals past the Netherlands, the first German ever to score four goals in an international game.

In 1913, he joined SPvGG (now Greuther) Furth. His attacking ability was on full show once again, as he helped the side to his second German Championship in 1914, under English manager William Townley. That connection would prove ironic just a couple of months later, as the First World War erupted.

Hirsch and his brothers joined up happily, believing they were defending their fatherland. He was commended many times for his bravery, and eventually awarded the Iron Cross for valour. He was, by any definition, a war hero by the time the conflict came to a close in 1918. It had claimed

the best days of his playing career, and millions of lives, including that of his brother Leopold. He decided to return home, and rejoined Karlsruhe.

Hirsch's playing career continued for another seven years, until he retired in 1925. But his love affair with football wasn't finished, and he was a youth coach at the club until the Nazis forced him out. Even then, he joined one of the many Jewish only clubs that had sprung up in defiance of the Nazi orders.

As conditions worsened for Hirsch and his family, he turned to his former footballing contacts. His textile business, by which he supported his family, struggled due to a lack of custom; non-Jewish Germans encouraged to use non-Jewish shops, while all Jewish customers were finding their employment options limited and their incomes squeezed. In 1935, he was forced to close it down. Fortunately, former teammate Lorenz Huba helped him with food and supplies, and even snuck him in to watch the odd Karlsruhe game, in contravention of the Nazi's laws.

It would be good to leave it there, with Hirsch defiantly continuing his love of football in spite of the government, but history is rarely so kind. In 1939, he was enlisted into forced labour on the outskirts of the city. He tried to divorce his non-Jewish wife to spare her the horrors to come, but his children were already deemed to be of impure blood. In 1943, he was transported east, for the 'Employment of Labour'. He sent a birthday card for his daughter's 16th birthday, postmarked from Dortmund. 'My darling, I have arrived safely, and everything is well!' Dortmund was a stop on the line to Auschwitz, and Hirsch was on the last transport out of Karlsruhe. It was the last anyone ever heard of him.

His was a small story amongst the millions of horrors of the Nazi regime, but an important one. A sporting hero, a war hero, deeply integrated into his community and with friends who would risk their lives to help him. And yet, still, he was a victim of the slaughter. A symbol that, when evil finds root, nobody is guaranteed to be spared. Enjoy the game.



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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	MALDON & TIPTREE	1	1	0	0	5	1	+4	3
2	GRAYS ATHLETIC	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	3
3	WITHAM TOWN	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	3
4	GORLESTON	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	3
5	DOWNHAM TOWN	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
6	LOWESTOFT TOWN	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
7	MILDENHALL TOWN	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
8	NEWMARKET TOWN	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
9	WROXHAM	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
10	WALTHAM ABBEY	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
11	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12	STANWAY ROVERS	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13	CONCORD RANGERS	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
14	BOWERS & PITSEA	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	CAMBRIDGE CITY	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
17	TILBURY	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
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