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## **TONY BARNES**



#### Good afternoon to one and all and welcome to the AGL Arena for yet another massive game in our quest for promotion.

A very warm welcome to all the supporters, officials and players from our friends and neighbours Ipswich Wanderers and of course to today's match officials.

Thanks also to the league and to our opponents for allowing an early kick off today. It means that many local supporters will not only be able to watch ourselves but also not miss a kick of the Ipswich Town match later at Portman Road.

Talking of Portman Road, after Tuesday's fantastic result over Leiston Town, we hope to be playing the Suffolk Premier Cup final there - all the more likely if Town can secure automatic promotion, therefore avoiding play-offs and freeing up their pitch. We should know more on this in the coming days so please keep up to date through the club's social media outlets.

Last week was certainly a mixed back for the Seasiders, a very disappointing performance and result at Lowestoft, followed by completely the opposite on Tuesday. A squad short on numbers and injuries beginning to take their toll, a patched upside with only 11 senior players available gave everything against the higher league opponents and came away with a thoroughly deserved 2-1 victory. Being a great team performance with everyone playing their part, I would just like to pay tribute to 2 individuals that went above and beyond in the line of duty. Leon Otley-Gooch playing through an injury and determined to put the disappointment of Saturday behind him was absolutely immense at the back, and Josh Hitter without Billy and Noel worked his socks off in midfield.

I am writing these notes on Saturday morning, so things will certainly have changed after our trip to Bury and Lowestoft's trip to Maldon and Tiptree. Today also sees Bury and Lowestoft face off. All we can do is take one game at a time and if we play with attitude and determination shown on Tuesday then we wont be far away from silverware come the end of the season.

Friday was a great day in Ipswich's quest for the title, hopefully Saturday will have been similar for us and then we both win again today - Happy Easter for all of us!!

Off the field, may I just thank Chris and his staff for accommodating my retirement party on Thursday night, it was a total surprise to me but great to see so many friends and family there and I hope the club done well out of tha bar takings!

Enjoy the game. Best wishes, Tony



#### Good afternoon to you all and a warm welcome to both our visitors lpswich Wanderers and of course our faithful supporters who we hope have once again turned up in their numbers.

Our visitors, despite their lowly league position are very dangerous opponents. They are the only team to date to have done the double over current league leaders Lowestoft Town so we know full well the threat they pose, particularly it seems against the higher placed teams in the league.

A really tough game was had last time out at the AGL Arena where a closely contested game finished 1-0 in our favour thanks to a well taken Zak Brown goal. That was followed up by a trip to Lowestoft where we were well beaten on the day. Much has been said about the game, but ultimately we were all disappointed by our own performance and after the game we challenged the players to bounce back Tuesday night against Leiston. Heading into that game we had eleven fit senior players and for them to turn out the performance they did, many out of position, against higher level opposition was outstanding. To reach the Suffolk Premier Cup Final was one of our aims at the start of the season so we are really pleased that we have the chance to make it a great day out

for the supporters and club as a whole.

I mentioned in my last notes about injuries hitting us hard and that got even worse in the Brentwood game where we lost Jack to a ruptured achilles. Jack had played in every minute of every game this season so to lose him was a huge loss but you've probably seen as a result that we've had a busy week in the transfer department. My phone has been busy and to secure the three players we have has been so pleasing. Seth O'Neill from ITFC will give us energy and youthful exuberance whilst Kyran Clements, having spent the last 4/5 years captaining Braintree at Step 2, will bring a wealth of experience and quality to the back line that we believe will be crucial for the remainder of the season. Last but by no means least, we welcome Ben Fowkes to the Seaside. Again, a player from a Step 2 club, he has bags of ability, pace, trickery and has a goal or two in him also - I think you might like this one....

On top of these new signings, Tom Bullard is back with us after some time on the sidelines following an operation so we are once again looking strong with good depth to the group.

One things for certain, even though there are only 5 league games remaining I still see a few twists and turns as yet!

Enjoy the game! **Boards** 





# WELCOME TO THE SEASIDE LADS!

It's been a busy couple of weeks at the club which has seen three new players join the ranks and help bolster Stuart Boardley's squad.



#### KYRAN CLEMENTS DEFENDER

Kyran signs for the Seasiders 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 Seasiders 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 has 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. Ben's message to our supporters was a simple one, "Let's get this club to Step 3!"



#### AND THE GOOD NEWS DOESN'T STOP THERE...

Midfielder Noel Aitkens has signed a new long term contract with the Seasiders!
Stuart Boardley - "We're obviously delighted as we believe Noel is one of the best midfield players at this level, by far. It's a great boost for the club and I'm sure it will be for the supporters too".

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MATCH (PHOTOS

SATURDAY 30<sup>™</sup> MARCH ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

#### Bury Town 3 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3

Felixstowe & Walton United came back from a 3-1 halftime deficit to secure a point at fellow promotion challengers Bury Town. Bury made the stronger start but failed to capitalise on half chances created and it was the visitors

who took the lead against the run of play in the 17th minute,

Josh Mayhew's powerful header giving Beckwith no chance after
a pinpoint cross from Stuart Ainsley. The Seasiders were kicking
themselves shortly after when a failed clearance fell kindly to Cemal
Ramadan who had the simple task of levelling the game on 25
minutes. Former Felixstowe favourite Ollie Canfer made it 2-1 on
34 minutes as he connected sweetly with a ball from the right and
Luke Brown struck a low free kick from 20 yards on 43 minutes that
Josh Blunkell could not hold, making it 3-1 on 43 minutes. Felixstowe
started the second half strongly and debutant Ben Fowkes made
a great run on 50 minutes and send in a perfect cross to the near
post, Henry Barley beat Beckwith to it and slid the ball home from
close range. Two minutes later and the scores were level again,
Bury failing to clear the ball from the area twice before a side pass to
Barley was slotted home neatly. Blunkell produced a stunning save







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from Joe White to deny the Blues retaking the lead, but from then on it was the Seasiders who looked the more likely to win the game. With a minute to play of regular time a fine ball over the top led to Zak Brown turning his man and his speed took him away and clear, with the entire 1,285 crowd waiting for ball to nestle in the bottom corner, the shot across goal agonisingly screwed an inch wide to leave the visitors with their heads in hands and both sides taking a point.







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#### ISTI-MIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2023/24

POS		P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Lowestoft Town	32	23	2	7	85	37	+48	71
2	Felixstowe & Walton United	32	20	7	5	70	37	+33	67
3	Bury Town	31	19	6	6	79	45	+34	63
4	Bowers & Pitsea	30	19	4	7	60	41	+19	61
5	Brentwood Town	29	18	5	6	61	26	+35	59
6	Heybridge Swifts	30	15	7	8	47	36	+11	52
7	Walthamstow	31	14	7	10	49	46	+3	49
8	Basildon United	29	15	3	11	57	46	+11	48
9	Brightlingsea Regent	31	15	2	14	53	48	+5	47
10	Maldon & Tiptree	31	14	3	14	58	54	+4	45
11	Gorleston	31	11	7	13	49	45	+4	40
12	Wroxham	31	10	9	12	42	44	-2	39
13	Witham Town	31	10	8	13	49	56	-7	38
14	New Salamis	30	8	7	15	48	67	-19	31
15	Redbridge	27	7	7	13	41	52	-11	28
16	Grays Athletic	30	7	6	17	38	55	-17	27
17	Ipswich Wanderers	30	7	3	20	31	58	-27	24
18	Enfield	30	5	3	22	29	77	-48	18
19	Stowmarket Town	30	0	6	24	28	104	-76	6

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#### ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

#### **MONDAY 1ST APRIL**

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



#### 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 midfield player that loves to get forward and provide the team with both goals and assists.



#### IVAN COSTA MIDFIELDER

Promoted into the first team squad from our Academy after a strong preseason. 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 preseason.



#### 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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MATCH (PHOTOS

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SUFFOLK COUNTY CUP SEMI FINAL

#### Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2 Leiston 1

The Seasiders storm into the Suffolk Premier Cup final following a superb all round team effort to beat their higher league opposition. The first half was just shaded by Leiston although both sides

played their part in an entertaining and fast paced game. Loza headed in on 38 minutes to take a half time lead. The second half saw a phenomenal performance from Felixstowe, Henry Barley set up Leon **Ottley-Gooch** to fire in the equaliser on 51 minutes and it was Barley again playing in **Callum Harrison** on 69 minutes to finish superbly into the far corner. Leiston grew frustrated and were forced into long balls that the Seasiders defence dealt with and denied them any serious goalscoring opportunities from then on. Crane saw a second yellow to reduce Leiston to ten men for the last five minutes and Felixstowe saw out the lengthy added time brilliantly to send their supporters home happy in the pouring rain.



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- 16. Ivanildo Da Costa
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- Joined the newly formed Eastern Counties Division One 1927 sponsored by Jewsons in 1987 as founder members.
- Home games were played at our present ground at Humber 1994 Doucy Lane, under the name of Loadwell Ipswich. Jimmy Barker became a very influential chairman and he negotiated a name change to Lancaster Ipswich FC before we eventually became Ipswich Wanderers. Jimmy died in November 1994 and his presence is sadly missed. Thankfully after all his work he saw the floodlights switched on in September 1994 in a match against Ipswich Town.
  - Great ground improvements were made in the early years under the direction of Development Officer Roger Woshalo and ground Manager Tim Davey.
- A losing Suffolk Senior Cup appearance in 1996/97 lead to the following season becoming Champions of Division One, under the Chairmanship of Alan Haste, nine points clear of Maldon Town and losing only three league matches all season. Reaping the rewards of a successful youth policy which saw numerous trophies filling the clubhouse cabinet, a well organised side with a good balance between youth and experience saw us establish ourselves as a Premier Division side for a number of seasons until we suffered relegation on the last day of the 2002/3 season at Wisbech.
- The following season saw Jason Dozzell join the Club as 2005 Manager and after a midtable finish in his first campaign, the second season saw the Club sweep to the 1st Division title and with the assistance of Kevin Cunningham and Glynn Hague, the team finished 7th in the Premier Division in 2005/6, with the League's second best defence with home crowds on average exceeding 100.
- At the end of the 2005/6 Jason Dozzell and Chairman David
   Bugg left. Local businessman Ed Nicholls became Chairman and John Clarkson was appointed Manager having arrived with a reputation from the West Country. During the season he guided the club to the final of the Ridgeons League Cup, the 5th round of the FA Vase and a Suffolk Premier Cup Semi Final against loswich Town.
- At the end of the campaign John left the Club and with an exodus of players, the Club appointed ex player Louis Newman to the role, Louis built a young, inexperienced squad and after a poor start to the campaign which included some record defeats, was replaced by another former player Steve Buckle who was brought in to rebuild the squad and hopefully retain the Clubs's premier status. Unfortunately Steve was unable to prevent relegation and the only positive from the season was the Reserves capture of the Chell Trophy defeating Wroxham.
- Despite Steve's best efforts over the following few seasons
   2011 the Club failed to build a promotion push throughout the
   12 campaigns and after a poor start to the 2011/12 season, Steve and Assistant Paul Grainger parted company with the Club. New chairman Terry Fenwick appointed Glenn Read and he brought in his own players and former Stowmarket Town boss Steve Jay as his assistant. He quickly revamped the squad and had the Club climbing the table before the end of the season.

- The 2012/3 season saw the Club just fail to clinch promotion to
   the Premier Division and lose on penalties in the semi final in the
   First Division Cup. The season did finish on a high as the Club clinched its first ever Suffolk Senior Cup trophy defeating local size with the light of the final true as repeticable victors.
  - clinched its first ever Suffolk Senior Cup trophy defeating local rivals Whitton United in the final. It was a remarkable victory coming from a goal down in normal time and then from 3-0 down in the penalty shoot out.
  - 2013/14 saw promotion achieved with two long unbeaten runs ensuring a return to the Premier Division, we also lost a tight Senior Cup final against Whitton United and set a new club record with a 12-1 win over Downham Town.
  - The 2014/15 was mixed as we adapted to Premier Division and finished 9th and enjoyed a good run in the FA Vase but off field the club lost one of its driving forces Roger Wosahlo mid-season.
- In 2015-16 we defeated Canvey Island in the FA Cup and enjoy our best ever FA Vase run but with a heavy fixture backlog, relegation fears were only ended just before the season end.
   Glenn stepped down at the end of the season and for 2016-17 the Club appointed Shane Wardley as Player/Manager.
- Shane's first season saw us almost emulate our highest ever position, however, after a poor start to the 2017-18 season Shane resigned and following a disastrous spell under Mark
   Benterman, club legend Mark Goldfinch took over the side ably assisted by James Buckle and Daniel Thrower. Unfortunately, relegation could not be avoided and in 2018-19 we consolidated and lost in the Senior Cup Semi Final to Cornard.
- In 2019-20 with Stephen Boyle taking over as Chairman, we rebuilt and after a sticky spell in October we were closing in on the promotion pack and reached a Semi Final of the Suffolk Senior Cup before the season came to an abrupt end. With further additions on field and some good improvements off field under Stephen's leadership, we then looked to gain the vital promotion required for us to take the next steps forward with a good squad. The start to the next season was positive and a second Senior Cup trophy was clinched in the delayed final with a single strike from Connor Field clinching the trophy.
- After a couple of Covid-19 disrupted and curtailed seasons, for the 2021/22 season Wanderers went into action in the Thurlow Nunn First Division South. With what became a tight run affair and particular rivalry with Buckhurst Hill also aiming for the title, it went almost to the wire, Wanderers finally having the upper hand, and lifting the trophy with a goal 10 seconds from time in the final home game. With the final of the Suffolk Senior Cup to follow, we finished the season with 26 straight wins, and a well deserved double of league and cup was won!
- The following season started with four cup fixtures in the opening 7 games, and a haul of just 3 points from the first 5 league games meant Wanderers were already playing catch up when our league campaign really got going. A run of 6 wins in an 8 game unbeaten run helped to move us up the table before another rare defeat. More wins followed until in January, we visited top of the table Thetford, which ended in a 1-2 defeat. After this, Wanderers embarked on another 17-game winning run to the end of the season, including coming from behind to avenge the result against Thetford, going above them and ultimately become Thurlow Nunn Premier winners back to back champions and into Step 4 football for the first time in the club's history.





# LAST SIX MATCHES: FORM GUIDE

Brentwood Town	W 2-1 v HEYB	W 3-0 v NEW	W 1-0 v ENFI	L 1-0 v FELI	W 9-0 v STOW	W 3-2 v MALD
Brightlingsea Regent	W 1-0 v NEW	W 2-1 v LOWE	L 1-0 v GRAY	W 2-0 v WALT	W 1-0 v GORL	W 4-1 v ENFI
Bowers & Pitsea	L 3-1 v LOWE	W 3-2 v REDB	W 3-0 v MALD	W 4-2 v WITH	W 1-0 v BURY	W 3-2 v NEW
Bury Town	W 4-3 v IPSW	W 2-0 v WITH	W 2-1 v NEW	L 1-0 v BOWE	W 3-1 v BASI	D 3-3 v FELI
Heybridge Swifts	L 2-1 v BREN	W 2-1 v LOWE	D 0-0 v FELI	W 3-1 v ENFI	W 2-0 v GRAY	D 0-0 v WROX
Felixstowe & Walton	W 3-2 v GRAY	W 2-1 v ENFI		W 1-0 v BREN	L 2-0 v LOWE	D 3-3 v BURY
Gorleston	W 2-1 v IPSW	W 6-0 v STOW	D 0-0 v WALT	W 4-1 v ENFI	L 1-0 v BRIG	L 2-0 v GRAY
Witham Town	W 3-2 v GORL	W 5-1 v ENFI	L 2-0 v BURY	L 4-2 v BOWE	D 1-1 v STOW	W 3-0 v WALT
Lowestoft Town	L 2-1 v IPSW	L 2-1 v HEYB	W 4-0 v WROX	L 2-1 v BRIG	W 2-0 v FELI	W 3-2 v MALD
Grays Athletic	L 3-2 v FELI	L 2-1 v BASI	W 2-0 v REDB	W 1-0 v BRIG	L 2-0 v HEYB	W 2-0 v GORL
Basildon Utd	W 2-1 v MALD	L 4-2 v WALT	W 2-1 v GRAY	W 3-0 v ENFI	L 2-1 v IPSW	L 3-1 v BURY
Wroxham	L 4-0 v LOWE	L 2-0 v WALT	W 3-0 v NEW	D 0-0 v REDB	D 0-0 v HEYB	W 2-0 v IPSW
Redbridge	L 3-2 v BOWE	L 5-1 v LOWE	W 2-0 v WALT	L 2-0 v GRAY	D 0-0 v WROX	W 5-0 v STOW
Walthamstow	W 4-2 v GORL	L 2-0 v REDB	W 2-0 v WROX	D 0-0 v GORL	L 2-0 v BRIG	L 3-0 v WITH
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#### **LEADING GOALSCORERS**

1	Jake Reed	Lowestoft Town	28	11	Ben Williamson	Bowers & Pitsea	1
2	Cemal Ramadan	Bury Town	26	12	Jack Adlington-Pile	Heybridge Swifts	1
3	Harvey Sayer	Lowestoft Town	23	13	Adam Hipperson	Lowestoft Town	1
4	George Smith	Maldon & Tiptree	18	14	Mekhi McKenzie	Brentwood Town	1
5	Luke Brown	Bury Town	16	15	Joe Waight	New Salamis	1
6	Samir Ali	Basildon United	14	16	Ryan Curtis	Gorleston	1
7	Louis Britton	Maldon & Tiptree	14	17	Ryan Hawkins	Wroxham	1
В	<b>Callum Harrison</b>	Felixstowe & Walton United	13	18	Luke Johnson	Gorleston	1
9	Matt Price	Bowers & Pitsea	13	19	Joshua Mayhew	Felixstowe & Walton United	1
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<b>AUGUS</b>	T					
SAT 12	MALDON & TIPTREE  Holland, Hitter	Α	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 211
SAT 19	WELLINGBOROUGH Ford, Harrison, Holland, Warren	Α	3PM	EMIRATES FA CUP	W 4-1	ATT 135
SAT 26	BURY TOWN Ford, Harrison, Hitter	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 401
MON 28	STOWMARKET TOWN OG, Ford	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 433
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SAT 2	WOODFORD TOWN Holland, Brown, Hitter, Aitkens	A	3PM	FA CUP FIRST QR	W 4-1	ATT 225
SAT 9	BRENTWOOD TOWN Whight (P), Aitkens	H	3РМ	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 Warren, Harrison, Ford	Н	7.45PM	ISTHMIAN LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 263
SAT 23	HERTFORD TOWN Harrison (2), Holland, J Ainsley, Barley	<b>H</b> , Mayhew	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	W 6-3	ATT 225
WED 27	LAKENHEATH Mayhew, Warren (2), Barley	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREM CUP	W 4-1	O STATE OF THE STA
SAT 30	BASILDON UNITED Whight, Bullard, Warren, Brown	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-2	ATT 112
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SAT 7	BILLE <mark>RICA</mark> Y Mayhew (2), Ford	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	L 4-3	ATT 527
TUE 10	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT Mayhew (3), Ottley-Gooch, Ford	Н	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 5-3	ATT 402
SAT 14	WALTHAMSTOW Mayhew	А	3PM	LEAGUE	D1-1	ATT 434
TUE 24	REDBRIDGE Warren (2), Ford, Harrison	Н	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 313
SAT 28	GRAYS ATHLETIC Aitkens, Brown, Hitter	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 226
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SAT 4	ENFIELD Harrison (3), Warren, Ford	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 5-1	ATT 360
WED 8	HADLEIGH UNITED Hitter, Warren	Н	7.45PM	SP CUP QF	W2-1	ATT 208
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS Warren, Harrison (2)	Α	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 310
TUE 14	WROXHAM	Н	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 467
SAT 25	WITHAM TOWN Harrison (2)	Α	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 168

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SAT 2	<b>GORLESTON</b> Ford, Hitter, Warren, Harrison	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 223
SAT 9	NEW SALAMIS Harrison	А	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 78
SAT 16	MALDON & TIPTREE	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 341
SAT 23	IPSWICH WANDERERS Ford, Barley	А	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 232
SAT 30	BOWERS & PITSEA Holland	А	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-1	ATT 302
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MON 1	STOWMARKET TOWN Holland, Whight	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 561
SAT 6	BRENTWOOD TOWN Aitkens, Mayhew	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 246
SAT 13	LOWESTOFT TOWN Mayhew, Holland, Harrison	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 431
SAT 27	BASILDON UNITED Whight	H	3РМ	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 340
FEBRU	ARY					
SAT 3	REDBRIDGE Bullard	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 83
SAT 10	WALTHAMSTOW Ford, Hitter	Н	3РМ	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 373
TUES 13	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT Mayhew, Barley	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 128
SAT 17	WROXHAM Warren (2), Hitter	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-1	ATT 181
SAT 24	GRAYS ATHLETIC Whight, Holland, Mayhew	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-2	ATT 299
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SAT 2	ENFIELD Hasanally, Mayhew	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 132
SAT 9	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	D 0-0	ATT 455
SAT 16	BRENTWOOD TOWN Brown	Н	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 302
SAT 23	LOWESTOFT TOWN	Α	3PM	LEAGUE	L2-0	ATT 971
TUE 26	LEISTON Ottley-Gooch, Harrison	A	7.45PM	SPC SF	W 2-1	
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SAT 20	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 27	NEW SALAMIS	Н	3PM	LEAGUE		

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#### SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH

#### Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1 Brentwood Town 0

Felixstowe & Walton United finally took top spot in the league after sitting in second place for the last five months. The first half was a scrappy affair with neither side taking care of the ball in possession, with the visitors Brentwood

Town having the best of the few opportunities that were created. George Sykes raced clear on 5 minutes with Josh Blunkell in the home goal managing to get a leg in the way of his goal bound effort. From the resultant corner Romel Aarons Royal should have done better with his bullet header that flew just over the bar. Andrew Freeman fired over the bar from distance for the Blues on the 16 minute mark and Felixstowe saw Jack Ainsley's header cleared to safety shortly after. The Seasiders were forced into a change at half time with Noel Aitkens feeling his hamstring. Brentwood were limited to very few breaks forward whilst the home side continued to suffer an unusual lack of quality in key areas, the one time they did produce a flowing move on the hour mark, the winning goal was the end result. Sam Ford brilliantly turned his man just inside the visitors half



## HOW WE

- 1. Joshua Blunkell
- 2. Lamell Howell
- 3. Joe Whight
- 4. Billy Holland
- 5. Jack Ainsley
- 6. Leon Ottley-Gooch
- 7. Zak Brown
- 8. Noel Aitkens
- 9. Josh Mayhew
- 10. Sam Ford
- 11. Josh Hitter

#### SUBS

- 12. Callum Bennett
- 14. Henry Barley
- **15. Stuart Ainsley**
- 16. Callum Harrison
- 17. Andre Hasanally





and set man of the match **Zak Brown** off towards goal, he rounded the keeper and fired in a cracking finish past a defender to lift the roof off the stadium. The home side nearly increased their lead ten minutes later but Mayhew screwed his shot just wide. Brentwood saw more of the play in the final minutes with a nervous home crowd having to endure a nail biting ten extra minutes, with a stooping header cleared away and a shot towards goal that was deflected wide by his own player the closest they came to salvaging a point.













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Time flies when you're having fun, as they say, and before you can say 'Isuzu FA Trophy and Vase' The National Game Awards are back to signal the business end of another spell-binding Non-League season.

With plenty still to play for, of course, this year's NGAs are very much up for grabs so why not get your votes in early to give your team, star man, top fan or most valued volunteer the best chance of being honoured in Non-League football's most prized ceremony.

Our NGAs will held at AFC Wimbledon's plush new Plough Lane Stadium on Wednesday May 22 and, once again, we are delighted to confirm that Isuzu UK have agreed to become title sponsors again this year, adding The NGAs to their current sponsorship of Non-League's two premier cup competitions.

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We remain proud and hugely grateful for their support and look forward to working closely with the Isuzu UK team when it comes to selecting the winner of our much-loved Unsung Hero Award.

This year, we welcome two new backers to the party. Our friends at 1000GBP are pulling up trees with their ultimate daily football quiz (see advertising wrap) and they are getting involved by sponsoring our Community Club of the Year award.



PLAYER MACAULAY LANGSTAFF

Also on board are UK teamwear and clothing company Moving Forward Sports, who will be honouring the Player of the Year for their outstanding contribution to the season.

Huck Nets have once again put their name to the Goal of the Season accolade, while Reusch are also back — they couldn't wait to once again get their hands on the sponsorship for this season's Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Sports Ground Development are back for a second year running to present the Manager of the Year award, while the Acerbis Team of the Year will be as hotly contested as ever.

Our friends at Sportsbeat sign up once again – they didn't need asking twice to support the Young Player of the Year, while SK Kits will honour Non-League's top goal getter with the Golden Boot gward.

The NLP Lifetime Achievement award is one of our personal favourites, while The Football Supporters' Association Away Day Experience of the year recognises the efforts clubs make to cater for travelling fans.

The FA are also back on board to acknowledge the winner of the Cup Run of the Year, judged on the FA Cup, Trophy and Vase. Can anyone knock Maidstone United off their perch?

It's not too late to get involved. We have sponsorship opportunities available for our Step 3&4 Player of the Year and Fan of the Year awards, so get in touch if you'd like to join the biggest Non-League party in town.

Keep an eye on The NLP over the coming weeks for award-by-award guides and all the information you need to ensure the decanters end up in the right hands and send your votes to: NGAvotes@greenwayspublishing.com

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#### HERE'S LOOKIN' AT JUST, KID

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When we talk about Casablanca, everybody thinks of the same thing. The dark charisma of Humphrey Bogart, the unparallelled beauty of Ingrid Bergman, and some of the greatest lines ever delivered on the silver screen. We don't, as a rule, think about one of the most prominent players in World Cup history. But until 1955 Morocco was part of the French empire, and so its players could be called up by the European nation. And so, a short, powerful striker who started his career in Casablanca went to the 1958 World Cup as a Frenchman, and became the highest scoring player at a single tournament ever. And he wasn't even supposed to play.

Just Fontaine grew up in Casablanca as one of seven children, and showed enough talent with a ball at his feet to join the local team in 1950, at the age of 17. He made an immediate impact, and over the next three years he made nearly 50 appearances for USM Casablanca, scoring 68 goals. It was enough to capture the attention of clubs in France, and Fontaine was ambitious enough to want, desperately, to play there. In 1953, he made the move to Nice. He also made his first appearance for the French national team, scoring a hat trick against Luxembourg, but didn't play for Les Bleus again for another year.

His time in Nice was interrupted by the requirement to complete two and a half years worth of national service, exacerbated by the Algerian War that was raging. But even

with his military commitments, he found the time to score 42 goals in 69 appearances.

When French champions, and European Cup finalists Reims lost star player Raymond Kopa to Real Madrid, they turned to Fontaine. The Moroccan, free of national service and able to focus on his football, was flying. He was top scorer in the French league over the next two seasons, which was enough to get him back into France squad. But Kopa was ahead of him, as was his Reims teammate Rene Bliard. He went to the 1958 World Cup as a reserve, not expecting to play very much. But when Bliard picked up an injury, he started the first game alongside Kopa. It was the start of a beautiful friendship.



He had to borrow a pair of boots for the opening game against Paraguay, and the South Americans scored first, but from then on it was all about the magic Fontaine and Kopa could work together. The Moroccan scored a hat trick, three of France's seven, as their

forward line clicked into gear. They lost to Yugoslavia in the next game, but Fontaine got another two. He and Kopa got one each in their final group game against Scotland, after which Scotlish wing half Tommy Docherty described the pair as 'greased lightning'.

The quarter final against Northern Ireland saw the greased lightning working again, as Kopa worked his magic to create four goals. Fontaine got two of them, and their opponents couldn't find a response. It was a magnificent performance, which set up an exciting semi-final against a rampant Brazil, and their 17 year old wonderkid, Pele.

One of football's great 'what might have been' questions comes in the form of French defender Robert Jonquet. Fontaine scored early, but at 1-1 Jonquet clashed with Brazilian forward Vaya, which fractured his fibula.

No substitutions were allowed in 1958, and remarkably, with the aid of a painkilling injection, Jonquet played on. But a hobbling passenger was no match for arguably the greatest player to ever play the game. Brazil ran out as 5-2 winners, the same scoreline by which they would beat Sweden in the final.

France had one more chance to play for some pride, in the third placed playoff final against reigning champions West Germany. The Germans had injuries of their own to contend with, and couldn't cope with the magic of the French attack. Fontaine scored first, and West Germany equalised, but then France ran riot. Fontaine won a penalty which he allowed Kopa to take, and then scored his

second. Germany pulled one back in the second half before France added three more, Fontaine getting four of the six. Their opponents added a consolation late on. That took Fontaine's total to 13, a record that has never been beaten. He was the only French top scorer at a World Cup until Kylian Mbappe.



The year following the World Cup, Fontaine was top scorer in the European Cup as well, firing Reims back to the final. But of all the teams in all the world, it was Real Madrid, inspired by one Raymond Kopa. The Spanish side won their fifth trophy in a row, and that summer Kopa rejoined Reims. The two played together for three more years, until Fontaine broke his leg and was forced to retire.

He ended his career with four league titles and two French cups, alongside 21 international caps with 30 international goals. But those 13 in 1958, those are what he'll be remembered for.

Enjoy the game.

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Kyran Clements
Sam Ford
Ben Fowkes
Callum <b>Harrison</b>
Andre <b>Hasanally</b>
Josh <b>Hitter</b>
Billy <b>Holland (C)</b>
Lamell <b>Howell</b>
Josh <b>Mayhew</b>
Seth O'Neill
Leon Ottley-Gooch
Charlie <b>Warren</b>
Joe Whight

Charley <b>Barker</b>	
Matt <b>Blake</b>	
Craig <b>Brand (GK)</b>	
Paulo <b>Coelho</b>	
Danny Cullum (GK)	
Adam <b>Dunnage</b>	
Jamie <b>Eaton-Collins</b>	
Omar <b>Eisa</b>	
Andy <b>Fennell</b>	
Ollie <b>Fraser</b>	
Jamahl <b>Godward</b>	
Ben <b>Haddoch</b>	
Lewis <b>Kincaid</b>	
Jack <b>Ladbrook</b>	
Teon <b>Leggett</b>	
Ryan <b>Marsh</b>	
Matthew <b>Paine</b>	
Zachary <b>Pedro</b>	
Kris <b>Rose (C)</b>	
Rasheed <b>Salau</b>	
Isaac <b>Skubich</b>	
Billy <b>Walsh</b>	