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# CHAIRMAN: **TONY BARNES**



## **A very good evening to one and all, Happy Good Friday and welcome to The Martello Ground for our penultimate regulation home league game of the season.**

Tonight we offer a warm welcome to Maldon and Tiptree FC, their players, supporters and officials, as well as tonight's match officials - I hope you all enjoy your evening with us and have a safe journey home tonight.

I have to start by saying a massive thank you to our players, management team and our supporters who all played a massive part last week in enabling us to win the Suffolk Premier Cup. It was a fantastic night and a fantastic achievement beating another side from a higher league than us. It was a long time coming but I believe it really demonstrates just how far we have come as a club during the Boardley/Crump era - as a whole club, the best non-league club in the county!

Unfortunately, we failed to follow up the cup success on Saturday, going down away at Grays, just a shame the two games against Grays came

during their incredible spell of form and not earlier in the season when they struggled near the foot of the table. Although it was disappointing, the pitch was very dry, dusty and not conducive to our style of football, it was always going to be a very tight game with very few goals or clear chances, they took one early on and despite enjoying a lot of possession their impressive back line held firm and didn't really give us sniff during the delayed second half. The Brentwood contingent watching certainly left with a smile and I am sure they will have clinched the title earlier today, many congratulations to them - thoroughly deserved and I wish them all the very best in level 3 football next season.

Clearly, we are not going to win the league now, but we still have three games and will be looking for nine points in a bid to gain home advantage in the play-offs. With the recent support from junior Seasiders in particular home advantage could make a massive difference, if not then hopefully all you guys that made the trip to Needham Market can make any further trips we may face to likes of Waltham Abbey or Bury Town. I would urge you all to keep a close eye on social media, in particular if we make the play off final as I'm led to believe it may be an all-ticket affair.

Before the play-offs we have the small matter of a local bank holiday derby at Humber Doucy Lane on Monday, bring your flags, shirts, scarves and let's paint the Doucy red once again!

Now more than ever before the club and the players need your full support, it really is a massive fortnight ahead and what a fitting end it could be for the management team if we can make history and gain Step 3 football.

I hope you all enjoy the game tonight and wish you all a very Happy Easter Weekend.

Tony.



**STUART  
BOARDLEY**

**Good evening and welcome to The Martello Ground for tonight's match against Maldon and Tiptree. A warm welcome to Kevin and his team, and of course, to all of you, the Seasiders faithful, for your continued support.**

We come into today's game knowing that three points is very much our target, not because we 'expect' to beat Maldon but instead this is more driven from our 'need' which is quite simply nine points from our final three games as we try to establish home advantage in the playoffs. Maldon have of course had a major overhaul of late, with new owners, a new management team and of course a revamped playing squad. A significant upturn in form has ensued with a win against league leaders Brentwood alongside a point against Bury Town showing those they weren't aware that Maldon are now a really significant force in the league.

Looking back over the last two weeks, I think last Wednesday evening was a huge moment for our football club. We went from being a side that was in and around competing for honours in Suffolk, to proving that we can get ourselves over the line and win these honours. The SPC has always been a competition we have wanted to win

and fittingly we have secured it at the last time of asking. This trophy, regardless of how this season ends from a league perspective should provide you all with the belief that myself and Andy have harboured these last five years - that Felixstowe is a huge player in non league circles and that the club is now capable of really pushing on. One aspect that reaffirms that belief from my perspective is the absolutely astonishing support we received on the night. Young and old turned out to support us and made it an incredible night for management, players and we hope you supporters too...

One element of our discussions this past week has been how much of a difference the vocal support has made to the players. The noise created of late has been brilliant and we feel that the younger contingent of supporters we've gathered over recent months has possibly given the older generation a new lease of life and together this has really gathered momentum culminating in what we all were part of last Wednesday evening. Well, we need that to continue, we have possibly five games to go and you can be the difference, you were in the Cup Final and I'm sure you can be again....

Enjoy tonight's game! Let's make this a season to remember!

**Boards**





# SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS



## Not many people know this...

**1981** – Our first Premier Cup Final as Felixstowe Town, so good we played it twice, I was there, a two legged final, we lost the first leg narrowly 2-1, but more convincingly we lost the second leg 4-2 giving our opponents Sudbury Town a 6-3 aggregate win, **I was there.**

**1987** – Again, Sudbury Town were the other finalists and again they came out on top winning 2-1 and again **I was there.**

**1995** – The one we should have won, this time it was a replay after we drew 1-1, but once more we were second best losing the replay 1-0. It was the last time Felixstowe Town made it to the final before a name change saw us become Felixstowe Port & Town before merging with Walton United to become Felixstowe & Walton United. **I was there. (twice)**

**2002** – Back to normal in the new century when we reached the final for the first time under our new name against, the newly formed AFC Sudbury following a merger between Sudbury Town & Sudbury Wanderers. Sadly it was the same old story, AFC Sudbury running out winners 4-1... **I was there.**

**2014** – We met Bury Town in the final for the first time after 12 years of pretty mediocre football as the club set about establishing ourselves in our own right. We lost that final 4-1, our biggest defeat in the competition but we were emerging as a club to be taken seriously. **I was there.**

**2019** – Close encounters at Portman Road, a disappointing night in the end with Leiston winners 3-2, but perhaps our most significant game as it was our first season at step 4. **I was there.**

**2024** – We lost that final 2-0 to a Needham Market side heading for Step 2 National League football who retained the trophy they had won for the previous three seasons. **I was there.**

**2025** – Beat Needham in the semi-final, Harry Wright saved three penalties and produced another save in the shoot out against Leiston in the final after drawing 2-2 in 90 minutes. So after seven failed attempts, nine including replays and two legged games, we finally made the grade. Guess What. ... **I WASN'T THERE!**

Fellow Vice President Chris Ryan could have written this as his attendance record at finals, together with his wife Jayne, matches mine. Looks like we may have to ban ourselves from future finals!



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POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brentwood Town	39	27	4	8	91	42	+49	85
2	Bury Town	39	23	9	7	68	43	+25	78
3	Waltham Abbey	39	23	8	8	77	40	+37	77
<b>4</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>+41</b>	<b>76</b>
5	Brightlingsea Regent	39	22	7	10	65	46	+19	73
6	Tilbury	39	20	6	13	57	52	+5	66
7	Gorleston	39	18	9	12	60	44	+16	63
8	Witham Town	39	19	6	14	67	57	+10	63
9	Grays Athletic	39	18	7	14	57	48	+9	61
10	Walthamstow	39	18	6	15	70	55	+15	60
11	Redbridge	39	16	8	15	73	64	+9	56
12	Cambridge City	39	15	9	15	62	61	+1	54
13	Heybridge Swifts	39	13	12	14	57	63	-6	51
<b>14</b>	<b>Maldon &amp; Tiptree</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>47</b>
15	Concord Rangers	39	13	8	18	56	65	-9	47
16	Mildenhall Town	39	12	10	17	38	49	-11	46
17	Wroxham	39	10	12	17	45	59	-14	42
18	Newmarket Town	39	10	9	20	51	78	-27	39
19	Haringey Borough	39	8	13	18	52	71	-19	37
R	Basildon United	39	7	6	26	38	80	-42	27
R	Sporting Bengal United	39	6	7	26	36	94	-58	25
R	Ipswich Wanderers	39	5	8	26	30	76	-46	23

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## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

### Friday 18th April

Concord Rangers v Haringey Borough  
Felixstowe & Walton United v Maldon & Tiptree  
Wroxham v Brentwood Town

### Saturday 19th April

Basildon United v Ipswich Wanderers  
Brightlingsea Regent v Waltham Abbey  
Heybridge Swifts v Gorleston  
Mildenhall Town v Witham Town  
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BY TONY INCENZO

CROWN dependencies offshore football clubs have become part and parcel of the Non-League Pyramid in recent years with Guernsey, Jersey Bulls and FC Isle of Man all valued members of our National League System.

But I wondered what the arrangements entail for opposition teams flying across to play on these islands, so I joined the official Southall party heading to Guernsey for their Isthmian South Central; fixture last Sunday to find out more.

The build-up saw Guernsey sending travel details to their opponents. In effect, the host club covers the cost of return flights for a group of up to 25 people from Southall plus coach transport to and from Guernsey Airport. This forms part of Guernsey's agreement to compete in mainland competitions.

Here is my diary of how the mammoth matchday experience unfolded...

**7.00am** – Meet up deadline at Gatwick Airport South Terminal. The Southall players arrive on time smartly dressed in club tracksuit tops.

**7.15am** – Southall's enthusiastic chairman Sanjeev Sharma does a final headcount to make sure everyone is present. He grins: "I'm feel like I am the players' dad looking after them all!"

**8.00am** – We are through security and on to the plane. I am sitting next to Southall manager Max Howell. He admirably video calls his young children prior to take-off.

**8.35am** – The Aurigny Airline flight to Guernsey departs on schedule. It's a one-hour journey

spanning 160 miles. Also on board are the three match officials for this afternoon's game. Not surprisingly, they respectfully keep their distance.

**8.50am** – There is escalating merriment amongst the Southall squad because midfielder Chris Mulindwa has fallen asleep with his mouth wide open. So, his crafty teammates rest a coffee stirrer on his lower lip. I take a photo to capture the moment for posterity.

**9.00am** – Max explains his deep-thinking managerial philosophy to me. "My players are chess pieces that I move around the pitch," he says, reflecting on his nine years at Southall as a player, then coach and now manager.

**9.35am** – We touch down in Guernsey and the local coach appears outside the tiny airport. Our driver is a dead ringer for TV personality Bill Oddie. Much to my amazement, he negotiates the narrow island roads by frequently mounting pavements to pass oncoming cars. This time, I am sat alongside chairman Sanjeev. He describes his burning desire to find his beloved club a permanent stadium in Southall. It will end 33 years of nomadic groundsharing following the loss of their spiritual home at Western Road. They are currently based out of the area at Burnham but will switch to Hayes & Yeading next season.

**10.00am** – We stop off at a very nice hotel where Southall booked pre-match breakfast. It is good to see the players choosing healthy options from the buffet spread although some of us older guys readily tuck into fried eggs and black pudding!

**12noon** – The coach is ready to take us to the game.

**12.30pm** – We pull up at Guernsey’s newly unveiled £10 million Victoria Park Stadium which is staging only its second fixture. The Southall party are warmly greeted by Guernsey directors John Loveless and Nic Legg.

**12.35pm** – I take a peek at the facilities consisting of two excellent grandstands on either side (offering 700 seats combined) and covered terracing behind both goals. I am thoroughly impressed by the 3,000 capacity venue. It is easily up to National League South grading criteria. The Guernsey Football Association offices are here too.

**1.00pm** – Several of the Southall players don’t have football boots compatible with requirements specified by Victoria Park’s artificial pitch manufacturer. However, Guernsey are able to loan replacement boots.

**1.10pm** – I approach Southall director Stephen Harrison for an in-depth chat. His family possess a long association with the club and Stephen outlines how he decided to become a co-owner. In addition, I spot a couple of loyal Southall supporters visiting Guernsey for the weekend.

**2.00pm** – Kick-off in our Isthmian League South Central Division encounter. Guernsey have the wind behind them and dominate pulsating first half exchanges without scoring. Into the second period, Southall muster a great 20 minutes peppering the home goalmouth. All of a sudden, Guernsey break away and Sam Murray decisively shoots into the net. Two minutes later, Southall

are reduced to ten men (Ryan Hope red card) thereby affecting their chances of gaining a positive result.

**3.50pm** – Final score...Guernsey 1 Southall 0, attendance 891. A vital three points for the ‘Green Lions’ in battling against relegation.

**4.20pm** – Guernsey serve a delicious sit-down meal of Thai green curry to the Southall party in a reserved section of the plush clubhouse. Yet the West London players are visibly disappointed by the match outcome and eat in near silence.

**5pm** – The coach returns to take us to the airport ahead of our 6.10pm flight.

**7.10pm** – After the Southall contingent waited patiently in Departures throughout an unexpected one-hour delay, we embark on our plane back to London. I’m seated again beside manager Max who is considerably deflated by this defeat. He gives me a fascinating blow by blow analysis of the match I’ve just watched. I tell him that he can take plenty of positives from his team’s performance.

**8.15pm** - We land at Gatwick Airport to conclude our lengthy day out. There are handshakes all around as the exhausted Southall party go their separate ways freshly anticipating local derbies versus Rayners Lane and Uxbridge over Easter.

Needless to say, I was pretty cream cracked when I eventually arrived home, but the trip will go down as one of my most memorable ever.

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# SEASIDERS PEN PICS

## **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.

## **STUART STEVENSEN – 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 Seasideers 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 ROBINSON – 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 Seasideers in 2019. Her main



focus is overseeing the recovery programmes of injured players through her private practice.

## **ALEX EGELTON – GOALKEEPER COACH / COACH**

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

## **DOUG FRENCH – KIT MAN**

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





## **DEFENDERS**

### **HARRY WRIGHT (GK)**

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

### **ZAC TUVEY (GK)**

Zac has impressed consistently with our U18's and despite his tender age of 16 is playing regularly both for our U18's and Haverhill Borough first team. Zac is Harry's understudy, is a fantastic shot stopper and has a bright future in the game.

### **STUART AINSLEY**

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**

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.

### **JACK AINSLEY**

Rejoined 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.

### **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**

Another new signing for the summer of 2024 and joins his brother Charlie at the club. Signed from Hadleigh United, Tom is an Athletic, strong and pacy full back or winger with a fantastic left foot and keen eye for a goal.

## **MIDFIELDERS**

### **CAMERON FORDE-BROWN**

Cameron joins us on loan from Kings Lynn having impressed the management at previous loan spells with other clubs. A technically gifted and versatile midfielder, Cam has really hit the

ground running this season and continues to impress with both goals and assists that have topped off some exciting displays.

### **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.

### **LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH**

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.

### **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.

### **JORDY MATTHEWS**

"Jordy" rejoins the club following a brief spell in retirement. He made his first team debut at 18 and has been a loyal and trusted midfielder for the club for many years clocking up well over 300 appearances. The term 'club legend' is often used to describe Jordy and he remains a firm fans favourite for his tenacious and all action style.





## CALLUM HARRISON

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

## CHARLIE WARREN

Having initially joined on loan from Needham Market, Charlie made an instant impact on his debut in the FA Trophy win at Hastings in 2021. Following a number of impressive performances, manager Boardley moved quickly to secure the permanent services of one of Suffolk's brightest young players.

# 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.

## WILLIE CLEMONS

After a successful preseason with the Seaside Willie decided that Felixstowe were the club for him despite competition from other clubs. A full Bermudan international with 30 plus caps, Willie's experience, whilst still only 30 years old will be a real asset. An attacking player with bags of quality and creativity is proving to be an exciting signing.

## ROB HARVEY

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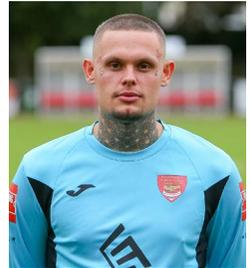


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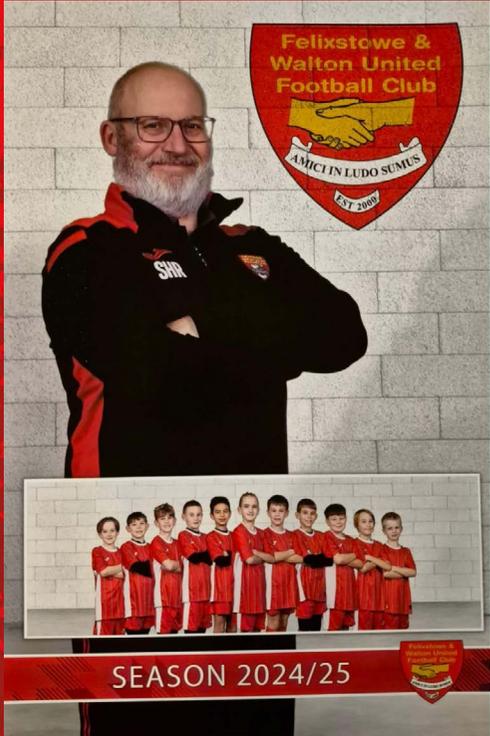


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2	Cemal Ramadan	Bury Town	26
3	<b>Charlie Warren</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>22</b>
4	Alex Hernandez	Tilbury	20
5	Louie Johnson	Walthamstow	16
6	Prince Domafriyie	Waltham Abbey	14
7	Louie Kudiabor	Brightlingsea Regent	14
8	Kai Brown	Brentwood Town/Maldon & Tiptree	13
9	Joe Gregory	Sporting Bengal United/Brightlingsea Regent	13
10	Bilal Sayoud	Walthamstow	13
11	Andrew Fennell	Heybridge Swifts	12
12	Ryan Hawkins	Wroxham	12
13	Tendi Quamina	Redbridge	12
14	George Smith	Cambridge City	12
15	<b>Thomas Warren</b>	<b>Felixstowe &amp; Walton United</b>	<b>12</b>
16	Teddy Collis	Maldon & Tiptree/Brightlingsea Regent	11
17	Luke Hirst	Grays Athletic	11
18	Kamani Mcfarlane	Witham Town	11
19	Tayo Oyebola	Walthamstow	11
20	Kymani Thomas	Walthamstow/Waltham Abbey	11

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Fennell, J Ainsley (OG), Carrington-Alberdi

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# THE OTHER SIDE MALDON AND TIPTREE

In the summer of 2010, Maldon Town & Tiptree United amalgamated to form, Maldon & Tiptree Football Club, under the ownership of Ed Garty. As a result of the amalgamation, Tiptree United withdrew from the Essex Senior League.

Following the retirement of Colin Wallington, Assistant Manager, Brad King and Glen Knight were appointed as the clubs Joint-Manager. As the pair's first managerial role, the new club witnessed wholesale changes with only a handful of players remaining who finished the season with Maldon Town and Tiptree United.

The 2010-11 campaign saw the new club remain in or around the play-off positions for the majority of the season, finishing in eighth place to finish the season with sixty-three points. The 2011-12 season, proved to not be so successful and in November 2011, King and Knight were relieved of their duties. Ex-Charlton professional Mike Flanagan was appointed as Caretaker Manager and remained in place until the end of the season, steering the club to a respectful mid-table finish, managing thirty-three games.

At the start of the 2012-13 campaign, Ex-Stansted & Redbridge boss Terry Spillane was appointed as Manager, and Mike Flanagan departed the club. Ex Tiptree United manager, Jody was brought to the club as Terry's Assistant Manager. The club found themselves at the top of the table but an incredible run by eventual Champions Grays meant Maldon had to settle for a place in the play-offs. Maldon were defeated in the final after losing two goal lead to draw with Thamesmead Town, who then went on to win on penalties. After a disappointing end to the previous season, Terry Spillane oversaw more wholesale changes in the playing squad, Maldon finished the 13/14 campaign in ninth position



with seventy-six points, winning twenty-one games.

More changes to the playing staff, resulted in poor start to the 2014-15 season, and the club parted ways with Spillane in September 2014, with Chairman, Ed Garty taking over as Caretaker Manager, for three games. At the end of Sep 2014, Alan Kimble was appointed as manager and remained in charge for the remainder of the season, Maldon finished the season in nineteenth place with only forty-nine points.

During the 2014-15 season a vote took place for the clubs new nickname and was featured on National Radio station, TalkSport, with the The Jammers winning the vote with over 50%.

Following the completion of the 2015-16 season, the club linked with Colchester United. David Wright was appointed as Manager, remaining in charge until December 2015 until he was appointed Assistant Manager of Colchester United. Moving into 2016, ex-Leiston Manager, Steve Ball was appointed Manager and steered the club to seventh place, only missing out on the play-off places by nine points. In the off season, Steve Ball joined Colchester as their Assistant Manager, and was replaced by ex-Manchester City midfielder, Kevin Horlock. For the majority of 2016/17, the Jammers sat at the top of the table before slipping away to finish in second place. Horlock's side managed to reach the play-off final, however lost to Thurrock one-nil. The following campaign was not quite as successful for Horlock, with Maldon finishing just outside the play-off places in 7th.

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

The 2019-20 season was one to remember for the club, but for the right and wrong reasons. The club achieved great things in the Emirates FA Cup, reaching the Second Round Proper after being Leyton Orient in the first round. In the 2nd round, Maldon were drawn against Football League side, Newport County with the game

being shown live on National Television – with the Jammers only beaten by the League Two side, with a goal in stoppage time, with the game finishing 1-0. A record attendance of 1876 was recorded.

However, the 2019-20 season will also be remembered for the wrong reasons. The Jammers found themselves top of the Isthmian Division One North, thirteen points clear with four games in hand, when Covid-19 arrived, with all results from the season being expunged, and no promotion or relegation taking place to, from, or within the division.

Following the disappointing end to the 2019-20 season, Wayne Brown remained in charge of the club and wholesale changes in the playing squad occurred again, with a number of last season's squad securing transfers to clubs higher up the football pyramid. In October 2020, Ed Garty stood down as Owner, with General Manager, Ron Dangerfield being confirmed as the new Chairman, with Richard Cowling taking ownership of the football club.

Just like the 2019-20 season, the 2020-21 season was terminated with promotion and relegation denied for all the sides competing in the Division One North. However, prior to the termination the Jammers reached the Emirates FA Cup First Round for the second successive season and achieved their longest ever run in the Buildbase FA Trophy, before losing to Gloucester City. The Jammers were only able to play the five league games.

Heading in to the 2021/22 season, Wayne Brown remained in charge of the First Team and is now recorded as the club's longest serving manager. Midway through the 2021/22 season, Brown was appointed as interim Head Coach at Colchester United, with Paul Abrahams taking over as interim Manager. Abrahams steered the Jammers within touching distance of the play-off semi-finals, however three defeats in the final three games saw the Jammers fall short. At the end of the season, Ron Dangerfield departed and was replaced by Jerry Carter.

In May 2022, Wayne Brown departed on a permanent basis and was appointed as Head Coach at Colchester United, having managed



141 games and a win percentage of 68%. After a positive spell as interim Manager, Paul Abrahams was appointed manager on 17 May 2022.

Over the next couple of seasons, the Jammers experienced a high turnover of managers, following the appointment of Mitchell Cowling as General Manager and Daniel Barber, as Chairman with both men arrived in October 2022. Abrahams left, Adam Flint was appointed and soon sacked, ex-England manager Peter Taylor handed the reigns and remained in charge until August 2023 before he was sacked by Cowling. Liam Bailey was appointed as Taylor's successor and held his position until the following April before returning to Colchester. To commence the 2024/25 season, David Huzzey was appointed but departed the club after 19 games to be replaced by Brett Munyard. In similar fashion to his predecessors, Munyard's spell was short lasting only 10 games before being replaced by Bailey, who was once again appointed as interim Head Coach until the end of the 2024/25 season.



At the start of February 2025, Maldon & Tiptree was successfully acquired by the Drewitt-Barlow Organisation, with Scott Drewitt-Barlow being appointed as General Manager and Kevin Horlock as First Team Manager, returning for his second spell as Jammers boss. Mitchell Cowling moved to the role of Sporting Director with Richard Cowling's tenure of Owner coming to an end.



# FIXTURES 2024/25

## AUGUST

<b>SAT 10</b>	<b>NEWMARKET TOWN</b> <i>C Warren (3), Ford, Forde-Brown, Clemons</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 6-1</b>	<b>ATT 401</b>
SAT 17	BURY TOWN <i>Brown, C Warren</i>	A	3PM	FA CUP	D 2-2	ATT 465
<b>TUE 20</b>	<b>BURY TOWN</b> <i>Harrison (2), Ford, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>FA CUP REPLAY</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 446</b>
SAT 24	WITHAM TOWN <i>Holland, Harrison</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 192
<b>MON 26</b>	<b>BURY TOWN</b> <i>Clemons, Hitter, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 3-1</b>	<b>ATT 624</b>
<b>SAT 31</b>	<b>LEVERSTOCK GREEN</b> <i>C Warren (3), Ford, Whight</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>FA CUP 1ST QR</b>	<b>W 5-1</b>	<b>ATT 218</b>

## SEPTEMBER

<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>BASILDON UNITED</b> <i>Caley-Brown, C Warren (2), T Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>FA TROPHY 1ST QR</b>	<b>W 4-2</b>	<b>ATT 337</b>
<b>TUE 10</b>	<b>WROXHAM</b> <i>C Warren, Whight</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 210</b>
SAT 14	CANVEY ISLAND	A	3PM	FA CUP 2ND QR	L 2-0	ATT 393
MON 16	MALDON & TIPTREE <i>C Warren (2), OG, Aitkens</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-1	ATT 166
<b>SAT 21</b>	<b>ENFIELD</b> <i>OG, Harrison</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>FA TROPHY 2ND QR</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 319</b>
SAT 28	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 255

## OCTOBER

<b>WED 2</b>	<b>MILDENHALL TOWN</b> <i>Mayhew, Forde-Brown, C Warren, Ford</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 151</b>
<b>SAT 5</b>	<b>HARINGEY BOROUGH</b> <i>Mayhew (2), Forde-Brown (2)</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>FA TROPHY 3RD QR</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 315</b>
<b>TUE 8</b>	<b>BASILDON UNITED</b> <i>C Warren, T Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 283</b>
SAT 12	TILBURY <i>Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-1	ATT 295
<b>SAT 19</b>	<b>WALTHAMSTOW</b> <i>Mayhew, Hitter</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 269</b>
TUE 22	CAMBRIDGE CITY <i>Ford, C Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 133
SAT 26	BISHOP'S STORTFORD <i>Forde-Brown, OG, Mayhew (2), T Warren, C Warren</i>	A	3PM	FA TROPHY 1ST RP	W 6-1	ATT 339
SAT 29	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC <i>Forde-Brown (3), Ford, T Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFF PREM CUP QF	W 5-1	

## NOVEMBER

<b>SAT 2</b>	<b>BRENTWOOD TOWN</b> <i>T Warren, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 347</b>
<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>CAMBRIDGE CITY</b> <i>OG, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-0</b>	<b>ATT 500</b>
<b>TUE 12</b>	<b>REDBRIDGE</b> <i>Harvey, C Warren, Ford (2)</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 4-0</b>	<b>ATT 279</b>
SAT 16	BOREHAM WOOD <i>Hitter</i>	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	D 1-1 (LOST ON PENS)	
TUE 19	WROXHAM <i>Mayhew, T Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 221
<b>SAT 23</b>	<b>BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT</b> <i>Hitter (2), Forde-Brown</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>D 3-3</b>	<b>ATT 357</b>

TUE 26	CONCORD RANGERS <i>C Warren, J Ainsley, Harrison</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 120
<b>SAT 30</b>	<b>MILDENHALL TOWN</b> <i>Harvey (2), Clemons</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 3-0</b>	<b>ATT 343</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>						
TUE 3	BASILDON UNITED <i>C Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 90
SAT 7	HARINGEY BOROUGH <i>Hitter</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 220
<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>WALTHAM ABBEY</b> <i>Clemons, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-0</b>	<b>ATT 351</b>
SAT 21	GORLESTON <i>Clemons, C Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 139
<b>THU 26</b>	<b>IPSWICH WANDERERS</b> <i>T Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>1PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>	<b>ATT 558</b>
SAT 28	NEWMARKET TOWN <i>C Warren, Forde-Brown, T Warren, Harrison</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 295
<b>JANUARY</b>						
TUE 7	BURY TOWN	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	L 2-0	ATT 803
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS <i>Boswell (2)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 352
<b>SAT 18</b>	<b>SPORTING BENGAL UNITED</b> <i>Holland, J Ainsley, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 3-2</b>	<b>ATT 347</b>
<b>TUE 21</b>	<b>GRAYS ATHLETIC</b> <i>T Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>L 3-1</b>	<b>ATT 312</b>
<b>SAT 25</b>	<b>HARINGEY BOROUGH</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>D 0-0</b>	<b>ATT 413</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
SAT 1	MILDENHALL TOWN <i>J Ainsley</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 240
SAT 8	REDBRIDGE <i>T Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 121
<b>SAT 15</b>	<b>TILBURY</b> <i>Holland, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>	<b>ATT 472</b>
SAT 22	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Ford (2), Harvey</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 5-3	ATT 336
<b>MARCH</b>						
<b>SAT 1</b>	<b>CONCORD RANGERS</b> <i>J Ainsley, Harrison, Hitter, T Warren, C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>W 5-2</b>	<b>ATT 510</b>
WED 5	NEEDHAM MARKET <i>Hitter, T Warren</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREM CUP SF	D 2-2 (WON ON PENS)	ATT 422
SAT 8	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Clemons, Ford</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 3-2	ATT 746
SAT 15	WALTHAM ABBEY <i>C Warren</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 286
<b>SAT 22</b>	<b>GORLESTON</b> <i>C Warren</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>D 1-1</b>	<b>ATT 815</b>
SAT 29	SPORTING BENGAL <i>Stephenson, T Warren (3), C Warren, Ford, Harrison, Forde-Brown</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 8-0	ATT 63
<b>APRIL</b>						
<b>SAT 5</b>	<b>HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS</b> <i>T Warren, Forde-Brown</i>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>L 3-2</b>	<b>ATT 374</b>
WED 9	LEISTON <i>C Warren, Forde-Brown</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP FINAL	D 2-2 WON 4-3 ON PENS	ATT 813
SAT 12	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 269
<b>FRI 18</b>	<b>MALDON &amp; TIPTREE</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.45PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		
MON 21	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
<b>SAT 26</b>	<b>WITHAM TOWN</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>3PM</b>	<b>LEAGUE</b>		



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# PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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Seven points clear for Brentwood with three games remaining, Abbots go third, and we've wins for Gorleston, Grays, Wroxham and Borough as the Bees see relegation confirmed

Leaders **Brentwood Town** hosted sixth place **Tilbury** on Friday evening hoping to steal a march on their title rivals - and they did just that, opening up an eight point lead prior to Saturday's matches. The Blues fell behind on twelve minutes, the Dockers goal coming from a familiar source - Alex Hernandez scoring his twenty third of the season - but Brentwood have their own goals machine, Daniel Ogunleye, and twelve minutes later he levelled with a thirty ninth of the campaign. It was one-one for only four more minutes before Benas Vaivada put the hosts ahead for the first time, and it was a lead they held on to, to the delight of most of the seven hundred and thirty six in attendance.

Brentwood ended the evening eight points clear - and the weekend with a seven point lead. Tilbury ended the night six points away from fifth spot with only three matches remaining - and that increased to seven after Saturday's results.

Onto Saturday, and second place **Bury Town** hoped to get back to winning ways as they welcomed **Redbridge** - but they couldn't manage it. Nine hundred and sixty six watched on, but neither set of fans had a goal to cheer. Bury stay second, but slip to seven points behind the leaders.

**Felixstowe and Walton United** picked up their first trophy of the season in midweek, winning their County Cup, and hoped to use that as inspiration as they travelled to take on **Grays Athletic** - their hosts in superb form. The Seasideers had won only one of their last five in the league, and had fallen to six points behind the leaders as a consequence, whilst Athletic had won seven in a row - and were hoping to do a Seasideers double after a three-one win in January.

Athletic made the breakthrough on twenty seven minutes, Louie Remi taking his total for the season into double figures, and despite the best efforts of the visitors there was no way back. Felixstowe slip to fourth, Grays are ninth.

Fourth place **Waltham Abbey** got back to winning ways last time out, victory at **Basildon** ending a three match winless run (although only one of those was a defeat). The Abbots played host to **Concord Rangers**, the travelling Beachboys with only one win - and four defeats - from their previous five, but comfortably safe in fourteenth place. The Abbots won the first meeting between the sides three goals to two but would have to play most of this one with only ten men after a thirty third minute red card for Ace'a Laurent, but it didn't seem to matter as Kymani Thomas put them ahead in first half stoppage time. On sixty seven minutes the ten men were awarded a spot kick, Prince Domafriyie putting it away for two-nil, and five minutes from time they added a third, Aaron Eyoma the scorer. Deep in added time Sherquan Toussaint got a goal back for the visitors, but it was no more than

a consolation and the Abbots climb to third.

The race for play off home advantage sees Bury Town a point clear of the Abbots, and two points clear of Felixstowe.

**Brightlingsea Regent** kicked off in **Cambridge City** with a six point advantage over sixth place Tilbury, but were rather keen to get back to winning ways. Regent's defeat against Grays last weekend ended a three match winning run, and they fell behind in this one just before the half hour, Jahkyah Ebanks-Blake giving the hosts the lead. The visitors drew level nine minutes before half time, Fin Adams with the equaliser, but City looked to have won the match when Jayden Gipson put them ahead once more twenty minutes from time. Deep, deep in added time, Regent were awarded a spot kick - and Louie Kudiabor kept his cool to grab a point for his side, and given them a seven point advantage over sixth place Tilbury.

**Witham Town** knew that they could hammer a final nail into **Basildon United**'s survival hopes as the sides met at the Simarco Stadium. The Bees, who had gone twenty seven matches without a win, were soon behind in this one as Kamani Mcfarlane scored from the spot on seven minutes, but they levelled four minutes into the second half, Mohammed Ali getting the equaliser. The winner wouldn't arrive for either side - and the Bees are confirmed as relegated.

**Gorleston** have been in superb form. In eighth place at kick off but twelve points away from the top five, they are looking to deliver their highest ever finish - and wanted to increase their unbeaten run to a massive eighteen matches as already relegated **Sporting Bengal United** headed to the seaside. The Greens were ahead after only nine minutes, Alby Matthews the scorer, and made it two in the early stages of the second half, Jake Reed with that one. Matthews added a third with 22 minutes remaining, and completed his hat trick a minute from time to seal a comfortable four-nil victory.

**Walthamstow** travelled to **Maldon and Tiptree**, fifteenth v ninth. The Jammers had lost only one of

eight, whilst Stow ended a seven match winless run with victory over Redbridge last weekend, and the two sides couldn't manage a goal in the first half - but they delivered one within three minutes of the second, Tyrone Baker putting Stow ahead. The equaliser arrived five minutes from time, Kai Brown with his seventh goal in his last twelve matches - and that, finally, was that.

Four points from safety at kick off with only four matches left, **Haringey Borough** are in danger of a second successive relegation, and very much needed a victory as **Heybridge Swifts** came to call. Borough were without a win in seven, but rather bizarrely had drawn their last five, and hoped for three points when they went ahead just after the hour, Derek Asamoah the scorer. The home fans could finally relax a little when Matthew Young added a second nine minutes from time, and finally Borough had that win - and they cut the gap between themselves and Newmarket Town to just two points.

**Newmarket Town** played host to **Mildenhall Town**. The Jockeys were three unbeaten, and made it four, but ended up with one point when they really needed three after an added time equaliser for the visitors. Isaac Maynard put the hosts ahead with only fifteen minutes left, but they then went down to ten men, Ally Conway sent off six minutes later, and they couldn't hold out. Ben Nolan's ninety second minute equaliser earned Hall a point. The Jockeys are two points above the drop zone, their visitors now confirmed as safe.

**Wroxham** travelled to take on already relegated **Ipswich Wanderers**. With three wins and three defeats from their previous six Wanderers were in their best form of the season, whilst the Yachtsmen, who were five points clear of the drop zone, were looking for a third win in a row. The opening goal took an hour to arrive and it came from the spot, Ryan Hawkins putting the visitors ahead, and that turned out to be the only goal, keeping the visitors five points clear of danger with three matches left.

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# KINGS OF THE CASALE

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When you think about the great Italian champions of the past, you think of Juventus, Internazionale, Milan. Those of a nostalgic persuasion may think of Diego Maradona's Napoli or Francesco Totti's Roma. Some - especially if you have been reading me for a while - might be able to pluck the name Pro Vercelli, a pub quiz answer if ever there was one, but a pub quiz answer with seven titles (as many as Roma, Lazio and Fiorentina combined). But not many people would have been able to name regional minnows Casale, in the small Piedmont town of Casale Monferrato.

Now nestled in the regional amateur leagues in Serie D, Casale doesn't immediately leap out as a team that would have once found success. But it was one borne out of rivalry, as are so many great achievements. With so many competing Duchies in Italy, often militarised powers, it's unsurprising that there are many deep and lasting injustices that are carried now into calcio. In the case of Casale, they broke free of their own Duchy to try to go it alone, and thrived for nearly two decades before a combined force of nearby rivals burned the city to the ground. Among that force was an army from Vercelli. And 700 years later, when Pro Vercelli won their first Scudetto, an answer had to be given.

Casale were founded in 1909, the year after that first Vercelli win. The town was in fertile footballing land, located right in the middle of the burgeoning calcio scene between Vercelli, Genoa, Turin and Milan, where the powerhouses of the early game resided. An abortive attempt to found a team floundered, lasting two years from 1904 to 1906, but after Vercelli found success a more concerted effort was made, and Casale started life in the

lower regional leagues in Piedmont. They didn't intend to be there for long.

Under the auspices of Raffaele Jaffa, a local professor who had been entranced when watching his first football match, and club legend Luigi Barbesino, they quickly secured promotions into high divisions. Within two years, they were invited to play with the big boys, and joined Serie A. But momentum, once found, is difficult to stop. They weren't content with merely making up the numbers.

The *Prima Categoria*, as the top flight was called at the time, was very different to today's Serie A. It was still regionalised, and Casale found themselves in the Piedmont-Liguria division with teams still plying their trade in Italy's lower leagues; Savona, Alessandria (with whom they now have a heated rivalry), Andrea Doria. But also powerhouses like Genoa, Torino, and of course the hated Vercelli.

In 1913, Casale gave a little hint of what was to come. The bastion of football greatness was still the UK, and England and Scotland in particular. Touring sides from the home of football were frequent and prestigious, however successful they might be at home. The year before the First World War broke out, the visitors were Reading, and while they showcased their talent dispatching Italian teams with ease, Casale broke the mould. Beating them 2-1, they became the first ever Italian side to defeat an English one. It augered well for the season ahead.

It seems odd to say, over a century later, but the Piedmont-Liguria group was probably the most difficult in Italy at the time. Genoa, Torino and Vercelli were probably stronger than their counterparts in Milan and Lombardy, and both groups were significantly stronger than the other

four. It shocked the calcio world, then, when Casale managed to win a tight contest with Genoa to progress to the second stage of the competition, winning every home game and losing just two away. Even better for Casale fans, favourites Vercelli failed to qualify, a victory over their close rivals proving the difference between success and failure.

A combined northern group followed, with only one qualification place to the final against the southern champions. Again, Casale were up against it, but having won the toughest regional group they were confident. And rightly. As in the previous round, they kept a 100% record at home, proving the foundation for their success. Defeats to Juventus and Vicenza weren't enough to stop them pipping Genoa to top spot, underlining both the strength of the team and the dominance of football in Piedmont over their Milanese counterparts.

A unifying final against the southern champions, Lazio, turned into a farcical formality. Casale continued their dominant home form and dispatched the Romans 7-1 in the first leg, before finishing the job with a 2-0 win in the capital. It was Casale's first title, and delivered in such style that nobody could doubt there would be more.

Fate, however, has a habit of intervention. Casale secured their title on the 12th July, 1914. They hoped to carry that momentum into the following season, but less than three weeks later, the world erupted into war. Alongside the millions dead and injured, there was another, largely insignificant casualty. Casale never found that kind of form again. But when you look at the list of Italian champions, there they are, proudly on the trophy.

Enjoy the game.

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