Felixstowe & Walton United FC



Felixstowe & Walton United Football Club aka *'The Seasiders'* were formed in 2000 following the merger of Felixstowe Town and Walton United.

Formed in 1895, Walton United played at The Recreation ground in Recreation Way Walton while Felixstowe Town, formed five years earlier played at The Town Ground, Dellwood Avenue. The amalgamation in 2000 looked a good marriage for the right reasons. Walton United had just won the Suffolk Senior Cup and were on the up but with nowhere to go as the Recreation ground at Walton could not accommodate Eastern Counties League standard facilities. Felixstowe Town had been renamed Felixstowe Port & Town due to their sponsorship by the Port, but when that was withdrawn in 1999/2000 it left the Town club struggling to recover and maintain Eastern Counties League football. It looked and proved to be a good decision by both clubs that they therefore merged with Dellwood Avenue becoming their home Venue.

It was a struggle in the early years after the merger with relegation coming in 2002, but it offered the chance for the club to regroup and focus on the future with a growing youth set up and getting the basics right off the pitch and the club regained Premier Division status in 2006 when they finished runners up in Division One.

Tied by what can be done at their present home the club always found it difficult to compete with the top sides in the Premier Division with what was the unique task of raising and lowering of the floodlights before and after games and the restrictions placed on the club by the local authorities. The Seasiders remained positive throughout and now have the lights permanently erected during the football season and have an excellent youth set up including junior non-competitive youngsters at under 8 plus four girls sides and provide sporting facilities on The Peninsula from six through to adulthood.

At the end of the 2016/17 season a new clubhouse opened up pitch side to replace the old one which has transformed the club and by the end of the 2017/18 season, the Seasiders gained promotion to the Isthmian North Division at Step 4 for the first time in the clubs history and finished a respectable mid-table position.

FIRST TEAM INFORMATION

MANAGER - STUART BOARDLEY (Right)
ASSISTANT MANAGER - ANDY CRUMP (Left)



CALLUM ROBINSON

Goalkeeper – Callum joined the club in the summer from Stowmarket Town. He started his career at Colchester United before playing for Wroxham, AFC Sudbury and spent time on loan at Brantham Athletic last season.

DANIEL DAVIS

Centre Back - With over 300 appearances for the club 'Denzil' is a powerful centre back with a no nonsense approach to the game. Great in the air and a strong tackler. A very popular member of the squad, loved by the fans and swept the floor winning all 3 senior player awards in 2019.

STUART AINSLEY

Defender/Midfielder - Stuart joined the club for his second spell in the summer of 2014 from Lowestoft Town after their promotion to the Football Conference due to work commitments. A former youth player at Ipswich Town Stuart has a sweet left foot and a great work ethic.

JOSH KERRIDGE

Midfielder - Josh joined the club from AFC Sudbury four seasons ago. Comfortable on the ball, strong in the air, Josh likes to chip in with his share of the goals and was recently announced as the new club captain.

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 nonleague football. Callum has plenty of experience from his time at Ipswich U18s, Stoke City U21s and Notts County.

MILES POWELL

Forward - 'Milo' spent the 2014/15 season with Whitton United returning to the Seasiders where he learnt his trade. There has never been any doubt in his natural football ability but Milo has now become one of the most prolific goal scorers the club has ever had.

JORDAN MATTHEWS

Midfielder – Jordy, a one club man and a manager's dream. Equally happy in midfield or in the No10 shirt. Always gives 110% and somehow covers every blade of grass. With his fair share of goals and tackles he is a great all round player.

JAMAL WIGGINS

Midfielder - Joining the Seasiders from the SIL in 2015/16, 'Jamma' soon established himself as a first team regular becoming an integral part of the squad. A technically talented footballer and very comfortable on the ball.

CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN

Centre Back – Curtis joined the club during the summer, leading to much excitement from the supporters. He has a fine Isthmian league pedigree having started his career with AFC Sudbury before moving on to Lowestoft Town. Curtis was signed by then EFL club Yeovil Town and also spent time at Cambridge United, AFC Wimbledon & Macclesfield Town. More recently he has been playing for Maldon & Tiptree and last season for Stanway Rovers.

ARMANI SCHAAR

Armani played for Felixstowe & Walton back in 2016 before moving on to Leiston Town and then Lowestoft where he helped that club fly away from relegation in the 2018/19 season. Armani has also had spells at Needham Market and brings with him plenty of experience playing at step 3 level.

LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH

Midfielder – Leon signed for the club during the summer 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.

KYLE JOPLING

Defender - Kyle joined the club in the summer of 2019 after spending part of the previous season on loan from Colchester United. Another player for the future, Kyle is already a hit with the supporters after his classy displays at the back.

HENRY BARLEY

Midfielder – 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.

NICK INGRAM

Forward – Nick returned to the Seaside in 2019. He was originally in the ranks of Ipswich Town as a youngster before joining Bury Town. His first spell for the Seasiders started in October 2016 and he made a huge impact in the Thurlow Nunn league. He joined Mildenhall Town the following year and also spent time at Needham Market in the Isthmian Premier.

OLLIE CANFER

Forward – Few players in the clubs history would have made as dramatic an impact as when Ollie joined the club in November 2019, signed from Mildenhall Town, "Canfs" burst onto the scene and scored 9 goals in 13 games as the Seasiders battled at the lower end of the league. The fans not only love his goals! They also love his non-stop running and desire to cause defensive headaches for the opposition.

SAM NUNN

Defender – Sam originally joined on loan from Stowmarket Town midway through last season, he has previously played at a higher level for Lowestoft Town, Bury Town and Needham Market and has now signed permanently for the Seasiders. Sam suffered with injuries last season but Boards and Crumpy had already seen enough to make his signing a must.

GEORGE CLARKE

Forward – George signed at the same time as Sam Nunn, also from Stowmarket Town and has previously played for Ipswich Town, AFC Sudbury, Needham Market, Brightlingsea Regent and Brantham Athletic. A powerful player with speed to match, George is expected to make a big impact this season.

NOEL AITKENS

Centre Midfielder – Noel's signing for the club in the summer certainly 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! Noel turned down advances from other clubs at a higher level and for more money so obviously likes what he sees at the Goldstar Ground.

LAMELL HOWELL

Winger – Signed from Brightlingsea Regent in the summer, Lamell will bring something different to the top part of the pitch for us this season, 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 LC and Brantham Athletic.

RHYS HENRY

Forward – Rhys re-joined the Seasiders in the summer of 2020 after a season at Leiston. He played a crucial role in the 2018-19 side playing at step 4 for the first time and has previously played for Ipswich Town, Southend United, Maldon & Tiptree, Needham market, AFC Sudbury & Bury Town.

TYGER SMALLS

Winger – 17yr old Tyger joined the Seasiders during the summer and has a highly promising future in the game, creating quite a stir in the football world with some dazzling goals and performances for Saffron Walden and Haverhill. Tyger is one of three brothers and started at Tottenham Hotspur Youth and also had a trial at Arsenal in March 2020.

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