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JOINT CHAIRMAN: **MATT HOPE**

Good afternoon, and a very warm welcome to the AGL arena to all players, management, officials and supporters of Hashtag United, as well as the match officials and our own superb set of fans.

Today's match should be a very entertaining, but tough fixture, with third playing seventh in the league. Unfortunately we lost our unbeaten league record away to Grays Athletic last week, losing 3-2 in a hard-fought game, and today's visitors came here on the back of four consecutive wins and sit second in the league form guide, however we hold a 100% home record in the league, and fingers crossed after the referee's final whistle we will have accumulated another three points.

The U23's have had a great start to the season winning three of their opening four league games and currently sit top of the U23 Development North table. I think it is testament to both Ian and Tom's hard work they have undertaken during the summer in recruitment and keeping players at the club which is now resulting in satisfying performances and results.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Sam Ford and Harry Knock to the club, Sam scoring a hat trick for the U23's last night whilst Harry has already been back a few weeks and great to see him back in the red and white again. It is also terrific to see George Clarke back playing first team football after his long injury lay off.



On behalf of the football club and our supporters, huge congratulations to Needham Market for progressing to the 1st round of the FA Cup proper, a wonderful achievement and we wish them all the very best away against League One side Burton Albion.

The forecast for this afternoon looks like producing perfect conditions for football, and the pitch continues to be in divine condition, I hope you all enjoy this afternoon's game, and then we look forward to renewing our local rivalry away to AFC Sudbury on Tuesday evening.

A safe journey home to both sets of supporters, players, management, and today's match officials,

Matt Hope
Co Chairman

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FROM THE DUGOUT:
STUART BOARDLEY



Good afternoon and welcome back to the AGL Arena for a game that promises to be a fiercely contested affair as both sides will be looking to cement their place in the top six.

A good number of you will have seen that last time out at the AGL we ran out relatively comfortable winners against a Maldon and Tiptree side that must surely turn the corner soon and start to pick up points given some of the quality they possess. A good home win in which we didn't reach the heights we know we are capable of but it was a win nethertheless.

Sandwiched between two league games, we had what I felt was one of our best performances of the season away at Chertsey in the Velocity Trophy. This was particularly pleasing given that we changed our system and made a number of personnel changes to allow more game time for those that have found that limited of late. All credit to the lads that came in, all did fantastically well and proved we have a much better strength in depth to the squad this year.



where we were able to create some good opportunities but looked vulnerable at the back. Grays were simply better in both boxes on the day and that made the difference.

This week we've worked hard tactically concentrating on two huge games against high flying opposition in Hashtag today then AFC Sudbury on Tuesday. Both games will undoubtedly provide very stern tests but equally they are games we've been looking forward to for several weeks now.

“All credit to the lads that came in, all did fantastically well and proved we have a much better strength in depth to the squad this year.”

Some of you will have noticed a returning familiar face in the recent signing of Sam Ford who we hope will add to the fire power we already have within the squad and provide a different type of option up top - Welcome back Fordy!

We hope that today's attendance can get close to or even eclipse the 622 that attended this fixture last year. It's always difficult whilst ITFC are riding the crest of a wave to attract big crowds regularly but I'd like to thank each and every one of you that week on week turn out to support us - It really means a lot!

Enjoy today's game - Boards



Aveley's Parkside Stadium has not proved a happy hunting ground for us and that did not change on Saturday against a robust Grays Athletic side. Uncharacteristically poor defending cost us dear on an afternoon

MATCH PHOTOS

PHOTOS
BY THOMAS
BRADFORD

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER
Isthmian North League

Grays Athletic 3

Ottley-Gooch (OG), Bantick, Chukwu

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

Hitter, Holland

HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Joe Whight
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Leon Ottley-Gooch
7. Joshua Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Zak Brown
10. Callum Harrison
11. Charlie Warren

SUBS

12. Stuart Ainsley
14. Oliver Caner
15. Lamell Howell
16. Tom Maycock
19. George Clarke





Grays Athletic are up to second, after winning our match of the day at Parkside by the odd goal in five. Felixstowe and Walton United, in such good form prior to this match, found themselves two down by the third minute – Sam Bantick and an own goal doing the damage. Josh Hitter got one back for the Seasiders, but Bantick, having a fine season, restored the two goal lead with his ninth of the campaign eight minutes before half time. In a match which had ten bookings, Billy Holland got a second for the visitors, but it came too late to make a significant impact on the outcome.







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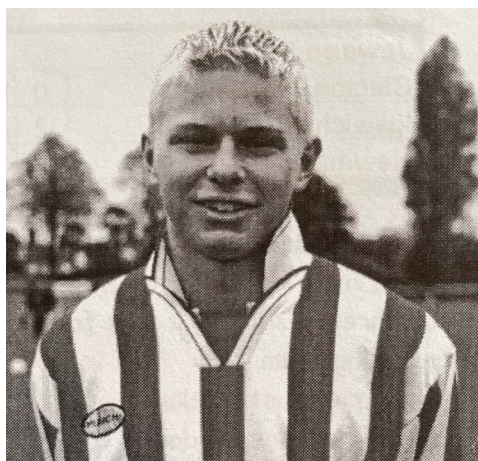
Not many people know this....

Where are they now?

Looking for something 'different' to write about, while still being relevant to what this programme is all about, is not an easy task week on week, but this one was an exception to the rule.

On this day 22nd October 2005, we travelled north to the GER Ground, home of March Town United, for a Ridgeons League Division One encounter. It was the season we were promoted back to the Premier Division and basically the start of our journey to where we are today. And guess what? We have a connection here today from that game which we won 4-2, with goals from Dwayne Edwards, James Buckle (now joint manager at Ipswich Wanderers) and prolific scorer Danny Phillips, who netted twice.

That connection ... Andy Crump, our first team assistant manager and coach, who played in that game and set up one of Danny Phillips' goals.



When I first started checking Andy's record, I found he actually made his club debut in 2000 for the reserves as a 15year old and played alongside Stuart Stevenson, our current first team fitness coach and sometime first aid man. Andy also made his first team debut that season at the ripe old age of 15 years 8 months & 19 days, coming on as an extra time sub at Chapel Road, Tiptree, in a League Cup encounter which we lost 1-0 after extra time.

I'm sure Andy wouldn't throw names about, so I will!!! That season, our first team squad included John Wark, who some may have heard of... he played for Ipswich Town, Liverpool, and Scotland a few times, I understand. Another former Ipswich Town player on the books that season was Kevin Steggles, now one of our Academy coaches.

22ND OCTOBER 2005

While Andy was involved with the Seasideers at March Town United, our manager Stuart Boardley was 46 miles east of March at Fakenham, playing for Long Melford in a 4-2 win, it was Boards last game for the Villagers as the following week he signed for Leiston. Stuart had been released by Torquay in the May of 2005 following their relegation from League One having made 14 appearances for the Gulls – following his short spell with the Villagers he went on to make over 300 appearances for Leiston. Also on his resume is a small fact of scoring for Long Melford in a 5-2 defeat at the Goldstar earlier that season.

March Town United 2 Felixstowe & Walton United 4

RIDGEONS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2005

1. Paul Cudworth
2. James Peachey
3. Jamie Drury
4. Adam Pickering
5. Stuart Simmons
6. Toby Farmer
7. Lewis Pemberton
8. James Buckle
9. Danny Phillips
- 10. ANDY CRUMP**
11. Dwayne Edwards
12. Matt Morgan
14. Matt Buckle
15. Sean Pugh
16. Daniel Carnell
17. Steve Buckle

APPEARANCES 2005/6

Ridgeons League Div One - 11 **Goals - 3**
Ridgeons League Cup - 2
Ridgeons League Reserves - 13 **Goals - 16**
Ridgeons League Res Cup - 3





OUR SQUAD

Introducing the Felixstowe & Walton United playing squad and management team of 2022/2023.



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.

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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.

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KOTRYNA STOKNAITE SPORTS THERAPIST

Kotryna Stoknaite is a BSC Sports Therapy graduate from the University of Essex. During her undergraduate degree she had the opportunity to work as a Sports Therapist for the Colchester Rugby First team, as well as treating patients weekly at the university clinic.

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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 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.

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GARY HAMMOND GOALKEEPER COACH

Gary is in his fifth season with the club. He was part of the double winning team with Walton Utd before the merger with Felixstowe. He has a wealth of experience having previously played for Stowmarket, Woodbridge and Ipswich Wanderers. Gary is also Club Treasurer.

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CALLUM ROBINSON **GOALKEEPER**

Callum joined the club in 2020 from Stowmarket Town. He started his career at Colchester United before playing for Wroxham, AFC Sudbury and spent time on loan at Brantham Athletic.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN **DEFENDER**

Curtis joined in 2020 from Stanway Rovers and has a fine Isthmian league pedigree. Previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Lowestoft Town, Yeovil Town, Cambridge Utd, AFC Wimbledon, Macclesfield Town and Maldon & Tiptree.

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MILO GRIMES **DEFENDER**

Milo joins the Seasiders from Coggeshall Town where he was ever present during the last campaign. A tough tackling centre half but with ability to play out from the back. A good leader and talker for a 22 year old, and sure to become a firm fan favourite.

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HARRY KNOCK **DEFENDER**

Harry joins the Seaside on a permanent deal following his hugely successful loan spell in 2021/22 season. Harry, a former Scholar at ITFC, quickly became a fan favourite and an integral part of the side finishing in the play offs.

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HARRY BLACKBURN **RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER**

Like Charlie Warren, Harry graduated through the Needham Market academy and joins the Seaside predominantly as an attacking fullback. Harry plays with confidence in possession and supporters will enjoy seeing him create chances for our forward players.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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CALLUM HARRISON **MIDFIELDER**

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

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RORY PORTER **MIDFIELDER**

Rory is one of the brightest players in recent years to progress through the youth system at Felixstowe & Walton. Having worked hard in the U23's during the 2021/22 season, Rory progresses permanently into the first team squad for the up and coming season.

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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.

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TOM MAYCOCK **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Former Sudbury youngster Tom joins us following a season at Step 3 with Needham Market. A technically gifted left footed forward who can play a number of positions across the front line.

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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.

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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.

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ARMANI SCHAAR **MIDFIELDER/FORWARD**

Armani played for Felixstowe & Walton back in 2016 before moving on to Leiston and then Lowestoft Town where he helped them avoid relegation. Armani has also had spells at Needham Market and brings with him plenty of experience playing at step 3 level.

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GEORGE CLARKE **FORWARD**

George joined the Seasideers from Stowmarket Town in 2020 and has previously played for Ipswich Town, AFC Sudbury, Needham Market, Brightlingsea Regent and Brantham Athletic. George is a powerful and dynamic centre forward that is looking to make his mark following a lengthy spell on the sidelines through injury.

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OLLIE CANFER **FORWARD**

Ollie made a dramatic impact when he joined the club in November 2019, signing from Mildenhall Town. "Canfs" burst onto the scene scoring 9 goals in 13 games. The fans love his non-stop running and desire to cause defensive headaches for the opposition.

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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 Seasideers Youth sections and has returned to lead the forward line as the clubs No. 9.

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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.

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THE OTHER SIDE HASHTAG UNITED FC

Hashtag United Football Club was founded in 2016 by YouTube creator Spencer Owen, initially set up as a group of friends playing a charity match to honour a childhood friend. Over the next two years, Hashtag played friendlies and exhibition matches in an innovative league format devised by Spencer. The team had points targets set for a group of games, and if the targets were achieved, the team would be rewarded by The Chairman and would progress to the next level. The team played in this format across 7 countries against pro football staff teams, fellow YouTube creators, sponsor/brand teams, non-league and Sunday sides.



The squad was bolstered by the addition of YouTube creators Theo Baker and Charlie Morley, and then graduates of the Hashtag Academy talent series which had run on Spencer's channel. Several thousand applicants were whittled down over a series of football challenges which eventually saw 16-year-old Scott Pollock emerge victorious. After impressing for Hashtag, Scott joined Northampton Town, making his senior debut in the 2018/19 season.

During this initial chapter the club also participated in the Next Level 7-a-side YouTube league and were invited to play in front of thousands of fans in the annual Wembley Cup alongside some of their footballing heroes.

In 2018 the club applied for entry into the FA's National League System, looking to make the considerable transition from exhibition team to a competitive club in the 10th tier of English football. They were granted a place in the Eastern Senior League Division 1 (South) for the 2018/19 season and appointed experienced non-league manager Jay Devereux to lead the transition, with home games being played at Haringey Borough's stadium. Despite a tough start, thanks to two long winning runs the team ended the season as champions, ensuring promotion at the first time of asking. The squad for the club's Essex Senior League campaign was further bolstered by the addition of more experienced non-league players and several from the second Academy series including winner Joshua Osude. At the point at which the 2019/20 season was voided, the club sat second with games in hand over the league leaders, and in two cup semi-finals.

The 2020/21 season was curtailed, but not before the club had a chance to make a dramatic debut in the Emirates FA Cup. A narrow victory over Park View in the Extra Preliminary round was followed by an extraordinary game against Felixstowe & Walton United, which ended in the second-longest penalty shoot out in FA Cup history, The Tags winning 13-12. The following round again saw the team pitched against





higher opposition, with the BBC Sport cameras in attendance for the tie against Soham Town Rangers. Another penalty shootout victory followed, setting up a huge challenge against Braintree Town in the Second Qualifying Round. Despite Hashtag taking the lead in the dying minutes, Braintree equalised immediately and then went on to win the shootout, The Tags' penalty luck finally running out.

At the time the league season was suspended, Hashtag sat top of the Essex Senior League, and in May 2021 the FA awarded the club promotion to the Isthmian League Division One North by virtue of their PPG record in 2019-21.

The club's debut season in the Isthmian League North saw them finish a creditable 8th, with the women's team winning the Essex Senior Cup and finishing runners-up in the FA Women's National League Division 1 South East.

Hashtag are also a successful esports (competitive gaming) team, with professional FIFA players competing at the world's top tournaments.

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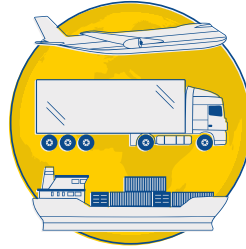
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PLAYER PROFILES

GOALKEEPERS

Anthony Page – GK

Pagey joined us during our 2020/21 Emirates FA Cup run, bringing a wealth of experience from previous clubs including Romford, Heybridge Swifts, Grays Athletic, and Ware.

James Philp – GK

James joined us in pre-season from Haverhill Rovers and will be hoping to push Pagey hard for the number 1 shirt this season.

DEFENCE

Harry Haysom – CB

Harry was brought into the first team fold in summer 2021 after impressing with the Reserves. Now standing at 6ft4, Charlton's Academy staff once told him he was too small to make a centre back!

Eli Benoit – CB

Eli joined us early in the 21-22 season, linking up with old gaffer Joe Keith and cousin Kiernan Hughes-Mason. His previous clubs include Hythe Town, Barking, Basildon Utd and Tilbury.

Matthew Wooldridge – RB

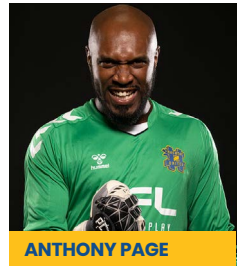
Matt impressed at both ends of the pitch during the 2021 Hashtag Academy series, where he reached the final 4. Previous clubs include Stanway Rovers, AFC Sudbury and Ipswich Town Academy.

Ben Brookes – LB

Ben joined us in early February 2022 after impressing against us for Great Waking Rovers earlier in the season. A former Chelsea and West Ham youth product, Ben has also played for Basildon United. He's caught the YouTube bug and can regularly be found vlogging his footballing experiences.

Tom Anderson – CB/MF

Tom rejoined us in February 2022 after spells at Aveley and most recently Great Waking Rovers. Counting Tilbury, East Thurrock and Basildon Utd amongst other former clubs, Tom was a member of the side awarded promotion from the ESL after the two Covid-affected seasons.



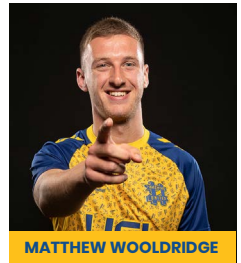
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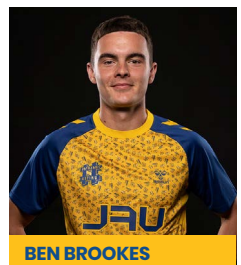
HARRY HAYSOM



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Joe Debell – CB

Utility player Joe joined us in summer 2021 from Heybridge Swifts and has played for us more or less all over the pitch...but has yet to feature in goal. Aside from his varied skills on the pitch, he also has the honour of making club history with his sister who previously played for our women's team.

Billy Willis – RB

Billy joined us in pre-season from fellow Isthmian North side Witham Town, who he captained. His previous clubs include Tilbury, Canvey Island and Heybridge Swifts.

Greg Halford – CB/RB/MF

Greg joined the club in August and comes with a wealth of experience, with over 400 pro appearances as high as the Premier League for clubs such as Wolves, Sheffield United, Portsmouth, Nottingham Forest and Colchester United, where he started his career. Greg made the PFA League One team of the year in 2006.

MIDFIELD

Joni Vukaj – CM

Joni joined us in summer 2021 as the runner-up in the club's 3rd Academy series, although he had already caught our eye when playing for Woodford Town and Clapton. Joni also had a spell in the pro game in Albania and Kosovo.

Lewis Watson – CM

Lewis joined the club in late 2021 from Hullbridge Sports, after having spent much of his footballing life so far playing in Greece. His dominant performances in early 2022 led to his being given the armband for the 22-23 campaign.

Percy Kiangebeni – MF

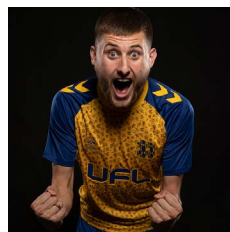
Percy, or PK Humble as he's far better known, joined The Tags in the 2022 close season after starring for Enfield Town in the Isthmian Premier last season. He brings playing experience up to Step 2, as well as a magnetic personality off the pitch, and when he's not featuring in our content, he can be seen as part of the Filthy Fellas team. Previous clubs include St Albans City and Concord Rangers.

Max Cornhill – CM

Max joined us in summer 2022 from landlords Bowers & Pitsea, where he starred in their historic 21-22 FA Cup campaign. Max brings a huge amount of experience in the centre of the park, having played as high as Conference Premier with Dartford, plus the likes of Chelmsford City, East Thurrock United and Romford.



THOMAS ANDERSON



JOE DEBELL



BILLY WILLIS



JONI VUKAJ



LEWIS WATSON

Eman Okunja – CM

Often called the non-league Kante, Eman is another summer signing, and another familiar face to local football fans, having previously played for Hullbridge Sports and Walthamstow.

Mekhi Hyde – MF

Mekhi joined in the summer of 2022, having played for Stanway Rovers, as a scholar at Dagenham & Redbridge, and a spell in Sweden in the past.

FORWARDS

Kojo Apenteng – Wing

Having spent time at both West Ham and Southend United when younger, Kojo joined in the summer of 2021. His other previous clubs include Corinthian Casuals, Brentwood Town, Barking and Great Watering Rovers.

Jermaine Francis – Forward/Wing

Jermaine joined the club in February 2022 after impressing against us whilst at Coggeshall Town. A tricky winger, Jermaine represented Chelsea and QPR at academy level.

Toby Aromolaran – Forward/Wing

A sentence we never expected to write...but Toby rejoined us early in the 21-22 season after a stint – and a runners-up finish – in the Love Island villa! He initially joined the club in the 20-21 season, notably scoring key goals in our first FA Cup appearances, and has previously played for Tilbury, Coalville Town and Loughborough Uni.

Pedro Carvalho – Wing

Pedro joined with Max from hosts Bowers & Pitsea in summer 2022. A tricky winger, he has also played for Romford, Haringey Borough as well as a spell in Portugal.

Alex Teniola – Striker

Another familiar face on and off the pitch, Alex “Teniola Time” Teniola joined in the summer of 2022 after playing with Jermaine for Coggeshall Town last season. Alex also has higher level experience and has played for the likes of Dulwich Hamlet, Tonbridge Angels, Heybridge Swifts, Aveley and Chelmsford City. Off the pitch, he is an accomplished content creator, and will be familiar as a member of the Baiteze Squad.

Olly Miles – Striker

Olly joined the club in September 2022, and comes with Isthmian Premier experience, having been at East Thurrock last season.



PERCY KIANGEBENI



MAX CORNHILL



EMAN OKUNJA



MEKHI HYDE



KOJO APENTENG

COACHING STAFF

Jay Devereux – Manager

Jay has had 25 years experience of non-league football, having coached and played at every level of the non-league pyramid. His playing career was cut short due to injury so he moved into coaching with Barking, then managed the reserve side at Dagenham & Redbridge and also Redbridge. He also spent 7 seasons at East Thurrock United as assistant manager, where he helped them to progress to National League South and 2 FA Cup 1st round appearances.



Joe Keith – First Team coach

In joining Hashtag, Joe reunited with his old East Thurrock United colleague Devs. Joe brings a wealth of experience to the club, having previously also coached at the likes of Aveley, Canvey Island and Tilbury after a playing career including Colchester United, Leyton Orient and Brentford.

COACH: LARRY BAYFORD

GOALKEEPER COACH: BEN SEWELL

PHYSIO: TYLER OVERTON

KITMAN: MIKEY RUMIN

LAST FIVE LEAGUE MATCHES

15/10/2022 v Heybridge Swifts (H) **Won 2-0**

20/09/2022 v Maldon & Tiptree (A) **Won 2-0**

17/09/2022 v Tilbury (H) **Won 3-1**

29/08/2022 v Brentwood Town (A) **Won 3-1**

27/08/2022 v Stowmarket Town (H) **Drew 1-1**



JERMAINE FRANCIS



TOBY AROMOLARAN



PEDRO CARVALHO



ALEX TENIOLA



GREG HALFORD

ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2022/23

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Lowestoft Town	9	8	1	0	25	3	+22	25
Grays Athletic	8	6	1	1	16	6	+10	19
Felixstowe & Walton United	8	5	2	1	21	10	+11	17
Stowmarket Town	8	5	2	1	16	8	+8	17
Heybridge Swifts	8	5	2	1	12	6	+6	17
AFC Sudbury	6	5	1	0	17	7	+10	16
Hashtag United	7	5	1	1	13	5	+8	16
Brentwood Town	10	5	1	4	13	11	+2	16
Bury Town	9	4	3	2	9	6	+3	15
Witham Town	8	4	1	3	15	11	+4	13
East Thurrock United	9	3	2	4	12	15	-3	11
New Salamis	8	3	2	3	12	17	-5	11
Tilbury	9	3	2	4	8	13	-5	11
Great Wakering Rovers	10	3	1	6	14	18	-4	10
Basildon United	9	2	2	5	7	14	-7	8
Hullbridge Sports	10	2	2	6	9	17	-8	8
Wroxham	9	1	3	5	11	20	-9	6
Coggeshall Town	9	0	3	6	5	16	-11	3
Gorleston	9	1	0	8	10	26	-16	3
Maldon & Tiptree	9	0	0	9	6	22	-16	0

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH DIVISION

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER - 3PM KO

Basildon United	v	AFC Sudbury
Brentwood Town	v	Witham Town
Bury Town	v	Hullbridge Sports
Coggeshall Town	v	Maldon & Tiptree
East Thurrock United	v	Gorleston
Heybridge Swifts	v	Tilbury
Lowestoft Town	v	Grays Athletic
New Salamis	v	Wroxham
Stowmarket Town	v	Great Wakering Rovers



FIXTURES 2022/23

AUGUST

13	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>Hitter</i>	A	D 1-1
16	GORLESTON <i>Warren, Harrison, Canfer</i>	H	W 3-2
20	DEREHAM TOWN*	A	L 2-0
27	BASILDON UNITED <i>Howell, Holland</i>	H	W 2-0
29	COGGESHALL TOWN <i>Aitkens, Harrison, Hitter</i>	A	W 3-1

SEPTEMBER

13	BURGESS HILL TOWN** <i>Whight, Harrison</i> <i>Burgess Hill Town win 3-2 on pens</i>	H	D 2-2
17	NEW SALAMIS <i>Harrison 2, Canfer 3</i>	H	W 5-0
27	WITHAM TOWN*** <i>Holland 2, Maycock</i>	H	W 3-1

OCTOBER

1	WROXHAM <i>Brown, Harrison</i>	A	D 2-2
8	MALDON & TIPTREE <i>Hitter, Holland, Whight</i>	W	3-1
11	CHERTSEY TOWN**** <i>Brown, Holland</i>	W	2-0
15	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Hitter, Holland</i>	L	3-2
22	HASHTAG UNITED	H	3PM
25	AFC SUDBURY	A	7.45PM
29	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	H	3PM

NOVEMBER

5	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM
8	ENFIELD TOWN*****	H	3PM
12	TILBURY	H	3PM
19	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS	A	3PM
26	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM

DECEMBER

3	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM
10	BURY TOWN	H	3PM
17	EAST THURROCK UNITED	A	3PM
27	COGGESHALL TOWN	H	1PM

JANUARY

2	STOWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM
7	BRENTWOOD TOWN	H	3PM
14	GORLESTON	A	3PM
21	LOWESTOFT TOWN	H	3PM
28	TILBURY	A	3PM

FEBRUARY

4	HULLBRIDGE SPORTS	H	3PM
11	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	A	3PM
14	AFC SUDBURY	H	7.45PM
18	MALDON & TIPTREE	A	3PM
25	WROXHAM	H	3PM

MARCH

4	NEW SALAMIS	A	3PM
11	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM
18	HASHTAG UNITED	A	3PM
25	BASILDON UNITED	A	3PM

APRIL

1	EAST THURROCK UNITED	H	3PM
8	BURY TOWN	A	3PM
10	STOWMARKET TOWN	H	3PM
15	WITHAM TOWN	A	3PM
22	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM

*Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

**Isuzu FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

***Velocity Trophy First Round

****Velocity Trophy Second Round

*****Velocity Trophy Third Round

MATCH PHOTOS

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER
ISTHMIAN NORTH

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 3

Hitter, Holland, Whight

Maldon & Tiptree 1

The old cliché “the sign of a good team is that they win when not playing well” could be attributed to the Seasideers after a rather lacklustre game still produced a seventh successive home victory and extended their unbeaten start to the Isthmian North season. First half goals from Josh Hitter and Billy Holland were followed by a Joe Whight penalty midway through the second half before a late consolation for the visiting Maldon & Tiptree side that slumped to their eighth consecutive league defeat.



HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Callum Bennett
3. Joe Whight
4. Billy Holland
5. Milo Grimes
6. Harry Knock
7. Joshua Hitter
8. Noel Aitkens
9. Zak Brown
10. Callum Harrison
11. Lamell Howell

SUBS

12. Charlie Warren
14. Tom Maycock
15. Stuart Ainsley
16. Leon Ottley-Gooch
19. George Clarke



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MATCH PHOTOS

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TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER
Velocity Cup Second Round

Chertsey Town 0

Felixstowe & Walton Utd 2

Brown, Holland

HOW WE LINED UP:

1. Callum Robinson
2. Harry Blackburn
3. Stuart Ainsley
4. Noel Aitkens
5. Harry Knock
6. Joe Whight
7. Tom Maycock
8. Callum Harrison
9. George Clarke
10. Zak Brown
11. Charlie Warren

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ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME



THERE'S just something about the FA Cup first round proper draw – you dare not miss it.

Growing up, the hazy memory is listening on the radio but now it's a prime time live TV event, usually beamed from a clubhouse of one of the lucky Non-League teams to have got through.

Despite the wider national interest being piqued at this stage, we of course all know what goes into reaching even this round

If the FA Cup fourth round qualifying at the feeling of the first round proper draw, then Monday night's first round was a blockbuster.

Recency bias perhaps, but it's hard to remember one in recent seasons that has pulled out so many mega ties – it will be hard for the TV execs to make their live pics

that's for sure.

Bracknell Town drew League One title chasers Ipswich Town, Hereford are at home to Portsmouth, the winners of the reply between Torquay and Hampton & Richmond host Derby County, Coalville – who stunned Notts County – are off to Charlton Athletic, Alvechurch at Cheltenham Town, South Shields welcome Forest Green, Woking have a home date with Oxford United, Curzon Ashton take on Cambridge United, first round debutants Needham Market travel to Burton Albion...the list goes on and on.

I've written here before about the annual FA Cup-bashing that will start in January, frustration with the elite clubs who want to cancel all replays because of so-called fixture congestions as if it's the solution and the bad wrap the competition, at times, receives.

But on Monday we could see in full swing

how good the FA Cup is. How much it means. From a packed-Alvechurch clubhouse – where the draw was held – oohing and ahing every time a ball close to theirs was drawn. To the scenes of the Bracknell squad jumping around when they drew Ipswich, or Coalville players celebrating their pairing with former Premier League outfit Charlton – there just can't be a competition in the world quite like it.

Every fan and club dreams of having that special run. One that you can dine out on for years. Heroes are made in the FA Cup. And the exciting thing for the players still in this year's cup, they still have that chance to make it them this time.

Some clubs will have less high-profile first round draws but they are often the winnable ties that lead to bigger days further down the line.

The limelight will fall on many over the next few weeks. For some it will shine even brighter as they have to ready their grounds for big crowds, television cameras and all the circus that comes with it.

There will be hundreds of hours put in at Bracknell, for example, as they prepare their intimate Bottom Meadow – home of Sandhurst Town – for the might of Ipswich Town. Only in the FA Cup. There's just something about it.

By Matt Badcock, Editor-at-large

LEAGUE FORM GUIDE

Lowestoft Town	W 4-0 v COGG..	W 3-0 v WROX..	W 3-0 v WITH..	W 6-1 v GORL..	W 2-0 v TILB..	D 0-0 v HULL..
AFC Sudbury	W 4-2 v EAST..	W 1-0 v WITH..	W 5-2 v GORL..	D 2-2 v BURY..	W 3-1 v NEW..	W 2-0 v HULL..
Hashtag Utd	W 2-1 v EAST..	D 1-1 v STOW..	W 3-1 v BREN..	W 3-1 v TILB..	W 2-0 v MALD..	W 2-0 v HEYB..
Grays Athletic	W 3-0 v BREN..	L 2-1 v WITH..	W 3-2 v NEW..	W 2-0 v WROX..	W 2-0 v TILB..	W 3-2 v FELI..
Brentwood Town	W 3-0 v GORL..	L 1-0 v EAST..	W 3-1 v MALD..	W 1-0 v COGG..	W 2-0 v BASI..	W 2-1 v GREA..
Stowmarket Town	D 1-1 v HASH..	W 1-0 v WROX..	D 2-2 v EAST..	W 2-0 v BASI..	W 3-2 v MALD..	W 2-0 v GORL..
F&W Utd	W 2-0 v BASI..	W 3-1 v COGG..	W 5-0 v NEW..	D 2-2 v WROX..	W 3-1 v MALD..	L 3-2 v GRAY..
Heybridge Swifts	W 2-0 v EAST..	W 2-1 v MALD..	D 2-2 v NEW..	W 1-0 v GORL..	L 2-0 v HASH..	W 2-0 v WITH..
East Thurrock Utd	L 2-1 v TILB..	W 1-0 v BREN..	D 2-2 v STOW..	D 1-1 v HULL..	W 1-0 v BURY..	W 3-2 v WROX..
Witham Town	W 3-1 v HULL..	W 2-1 v GRAY..	W 4-0 v GREA..	L 3-0 v LOWE..	D 2-2 v COGG..	L 2-0 v HEYB..
Bury Town	D 2-2 v AFC..	W 1-0 v BASI..	W 2-0 v GORL..	L 1-0 v EAST..	W 2-1 v COGG..	L 1-0 v TILB..
Hullbridge Sports	W 3-0 v TILB..	W 1-0 v GREA..	D 1-1 v EAST..	L 3-2 v WROX..	D 0-0 v LOWE..	L 2-0 v AFC..
Gt Wakering Rovers	L 4-0 v WITH..	L 2-1 v BASI..	L 1-0 v HULL..	W 3-0 v MALD..	W 2-1 v COGG..	L 2-1 v BREN..
Basildon Utd	W 1-0 v HULL..	L 1-0 v BURY..	W 2-1 v GREA..	L 2-0 v STOW..	L 2-0 v BREN..	L 3-1 v GORL..
Tilbury	W 2-1 v EAST..	L 3-1 v HASH..	L 3-0 v HULL..	L 2-0 v GRAY..	L 2-0 v LOWE..	W 1-0 v BURY..
New Salamis	D 1-1 v BURY..	W 2-1 v GREA..	L 5-0 v FELI..	L 3-2 v GRAY..	D 2-2 v HEYB..	L 3-1 v AFC..
Wroxham	L 1-0 v STOW..	L 3-0 v LOWE..	L 2-0 v GRAY..	D 2-2 v FELI..	W 3-2 v HULL..	L 3-2 v EAST..
Gorleston	L 3-0 v BREN..	L 2-0 v BURY..	L 6-1 v LOWE..	L 1-0 v HEYB..	W 3-1 v BASI..	L 2-0 v STOW..
Coggeshall Town	L 3-1 v FELI..	L 4-0 v LOWE..	L 1-0 v BREN..	L 2-1 v GREA..	L 2-1 v BURY..	D 2-2 v WITH..
Maldon & Tiptree	L 2-1 v HEYB..	L 2-0 v HASH..	L 3-1 v BREN..	L 3-0 v GREA..	L 3-1 v FELI..	L 3-2 v STOW..

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Grays climb to second, Tags and Brentwood join the top five, and Gorleston get their first win

Hullbridge Sports became the first side to take a point from **Lowestoft Town**, holding the ten man Trawler Boys to a goalless draw and removing their one hundred percent record in the process. Kyle Haylock saw red for the visitors eighteen minutes from time, but they remain six points clear at the top.



Hashtag United ended the **Heybridge Swifts** unbeaten record with a two-nil win at the Len Salmon. Both goals came before the break, Jermaine Francis and Ben Brookes earning them the victory. The Tags are fourth, Swifts

down to eighth, and our fine headline image comes from the long lens of *Nashyphoto*,

Brentwood Town are back in the top five, courtesy of a narrow win over **Great Wakering Rovers**. The Blues fell behind after just two minutes, Callum Boylan with the goal, but were quickly level through Correy Davidson and then ahead by the midpoint of the half, Marlon Agyakwa with what proved to be the winner.

Stowmarket Town climbed to seventh, after they came from two-nil down to defeat **Maldon & Tiptree**, leaving the Jammers rock bottom and without a point. Laste Dombaxe and Harvey Sayer gave Maldon that advantage, before Josh Curry started the fightback just before the break. On sixty two minutes Reggie Lamb drew the visitors level from the spot, and five minutes later Jack Ainsley got what proved to be the winner.

AFC Sudbury are ninth, with as many as five games in hand over the sides above them. The Yellows defeated **New Salamis** three-one, three of the goals coming in the last ten minutes. Josh Mayhew opened the scoring for the hosts seven minutes after half time, and when Nnamdi Nwachuku made it two nine minutes from time that seemed to be that. The visitors sparked into life, however, and Ryan Herval immediately struck back and it took until the very end for Sudbury to make sure of the points, Nwachuku getting his fourteenth of the campaign.

East Thurrock United came from two goals down to take victory at **Wroxham**. A double from Ryan Miles gave the Yachtsmen a comfortable lead, but it proved less comfortable when Harry Critchley got one back, and not comfortable at all when Ryan Hawkins got sent off. Roman Michael-Percil equalised for the Rocks with nineteen minutes left, and then Jack McQueen also saw red to make it ten v ten. The visiting ten then got a late winner, Brian Moses sending them home with three points - although the ten became nine when Jordan Peart also saw red before the end.

Bury Town's chances of jumping into the top five were thwarted at **Tilbury**, who scored the only goal of the game eight minutes into the second half. Darnell Kithambo got it, and the Dockers climbed to thirteenth.

Witham Town are in tenth, whilst visitors **Coggeshall Town** are still looking for their first win - but the Seed Growers did pick up a third point and a third draw of the campaign. Coggeshall went ahead on the half hour through Junior Nkwonka, but the hosts turned the game around after the break, Adam Vyse levelling on sixty five minutes and an own goal giving them the lead with twelve minutes left. Right at the end the Seed Growers went down to ten men, Lewis Soraf dismissed, but the depleted side still managed a late equaliser, Mike Osei getting it.

Gorleston will be delighted to have their first win of the campaign. Connor Deeks gave them a very early lead against **Basildon United**, scoring from the spot on seven minutes, and although the Bees equalised midway through the half through Daniel McCulloch parity lasted only a minute before Jamie North restored home advantage. Seven minutes after the break it was three-one, George Keys getting the third, and Gorleston are off the bottom.

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GOALSCORER STATISTICS

Callum Harrison	●●●●●
Billy Holland	●●●●●
Josh Hitter	●●●●●
Ollie Canfer	●●●
Zak Brown	●●
Joe Whight	●●
Noel Aitkens	●
Charlie Warren	●
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SEPTEMBER

12 BURY TOWN H L 4-0

OCTOBER

3 HARINGEY BOROUGH H W 2-0

Clarke (P), Curtis

12 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT A W 7-2

17 BRENTWOOD TOWN H W 3-1

Ford(3)

31 BURY TOWN A 7.45PM

NOVEMBER

16 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS A 7.45PM

21 HARINGEY BOROUGH A 7.45PM

28 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT H 7.45PM

DECEMBER

7 BRENTWOOD TOWN A 7.45PM

12 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS H 7.45PM

JANUARY

18 HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS A 7.45PM

23 BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT H 7.45PM

FEBRUARY

6 BURY TOWN H 7.45PM

15 BRENTWOOD TOWN A 7.45PM

20 HARINGEY BOROUGH H 7.45PM

LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS
F&W Utd	4	3	0	1	9
Heybridge Swifts	3	2	1	0	7
Bury Town	4	2	0	2	6
Brentwood Town	5	2	0	3	6
Haringey Borough	3	2	0	1	6
Brightlingsea Regent	5	0	1	4	1

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

ANDREW WATSON

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In 2004, when Nigel Quashie ran out at the Lillekula Stadium in Tallinn, Estonia, he was something of a rarity. Having switched his allegiance from England earlier in the year, he was making his international debut, and represented something that nobody at home or in the stadium had seen in their lifetime; a black footballer turning out for Scotland. But Quashie wasn't the first black player to represent Scotland. That honour went to Andrew Watson, but his story began almost 150 years earlier.

Andrew Watson was born in Glasgow in 1856 to a wealthy sugar planter and a local British Guianese woman. Little is known of his early childhood, but he was sent to school in Halifax, and at the age of just 13 lost his father. With his sizeable inheritance, he moved on to King's College School in Wimbledon, where his love of sports was fostered. Football, unsurprisingly, was his passion, and something he continued when he moved back to Scotland to attend the University of Glasgow.

While at university, he started his playing career at local side Maxwell, where he excelled as a full-back playing on either flank. He moved on to Parkgrove in 1874, where he also took up the position of match secretary, becoming the first black administrator in football. He stayed at Parkgrove for six years and continued to impress, eventually drawing the attention of one of Britain's, and the world's, biggest clubs: Queens Park.

The Glasgow giants (as they were then) were the dominant force in football, having



provided the entirety of the Scotland side in 1872, and developed the combination (passing) game that revolutionised the game that was mostly played with straight line running, a hangover from its evolution from rugby. He led the side to two Scottish Cups, becoming the first black player to win a major trophy, and *The Scottish Football Annual of 1880-81* described Watson as 'one of the very best backs we have' recommending that he would be very worthy of a call up to an international side.

That call up wouldn't be long in coming, and Watson made his first appearance for the Scotland representative side in March 1881, captaining the side to a humiliating 6-1

win over the auld enemy, still a record defeat for England and a chastening lesson in the way football would develop over the following century and a half. He made his second appearance a few days later, in another dominant victory, this time over Wales. A year later he made his third appearance, again a 5-1 victory, against England again, before moving back to London. As the Scottish FA only picked players based in Scotland, this ended his international career.

One of the “Scotch Professors”, a group of Scottish players who moved south of the border as English football professionalised, he joined Slough side Swifts and became the first black player to play in the English FA Cup, helping the side to an 8-1 over holders Blackburn Rovers, as well as turning out for Clapton based Pilgrims, Brentwood, and London Caledonian, a side in the capital for Scottish players. Along with the other Professors, he introduced the passing game to England, despite the level of abuse and vitriol aimed at him. He moved back to Queen’s Park in the middle of the decade but sadly was injured at the next opportunity for international representation. In 1887, he made one final move, to Bootle. Historian Tony Onslow described the move as ‘the biggest coup in Merseyside’ and, as Bootle paid him, Watson became the first professional player in England, predating Arthur Wharton by almost a decade. He retired five years later,



and lived out his days in London.

Upon the opening of the Scottish Football Museum in 2001, the founder Ged O’Brien commemorated Watson as ‘the most influential black footballer of all time. There is nobody who comes close.’ The first black Scotland player, the first black football administrator, the first black player to win a major trophy, and the first black player to be paid to play. It’s safe to say, Arthur Watson is deserving of that praise.

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