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VICE CHAIRMAN: **ANDY CLARKE**



Good afternoon, everyone, and a warm welcome to the Martello Ground for today's Boxing Day fixture with Ipswich Wanderers.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festivities.

When it comes to Boxing Day fixtures, I must admit I'm very much a traditionalist and have always favored the old-fashioned 11am kick-off. It allows time for football, beer, and family. However, times change, and here we are with a 1pm start.

Speaking of starts, it's certainly something we didn't manage during Saturday's trip to Yarmouth, where we faced Gorleston. The ground at Yarmouth is one I've personally never been a fan of, whether as a player, manager, or committee member. The playing surface has never been good, and being an athletics stadium, it always seems to lack atmosphere. Coupled with the awful roads to get there, it's not somewhere I'll miss visiting once we gain promotion.

Back to our start—or lack of it—on Saturday, the boys delivered one of the poorest halves of football we've seen this season. We seemed to

lack energy, positivity, and belief, which is very unlike us. However, I'd love to have heard what was said at halftime because we looked like a completely different side in the second half: working harder, moving the ball quicker, and winning the knockdowns and second balls.

Willie got us back in the game with a cool finish from inside the box, and Charlie gave us the lead, finishing off a wonderful piece of flowing football that spanned the entire pitch. After that intense period to take the lead, the game settled down without too much excitement at either end, and the boys held on to take all three points.

So here we are, sitting at the top of the league on Boxing Day and facing a Wanderers side that has endured a difficult season so far, sitting at the bottom of the table. However, with this being Boxing Day, a local derby, and with several ex-Felixstowe players in their squad, this is definitely not a fixture we can take for granted.



It was fantastic to see club captain Billy Holland back in the side on Saturday. It feels like an eternity since we last saw him on the pitch. His physicality and leadership will be vital for our promotion push.

On behalf of Tony and myself, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2025.



**ANDY
CRUMP**

On behalf of the players and management, a very Happy Christmas to you all and welcome to today's Boxing Day fixture vs Ipswich Wanderers.

We go into today's game on the back of a crucial three points picked up away at Gorleston which sees us start the festive fixture programme sitting on top of the league. With some way to go, no one is getting carried away with themselves but standing on the touchline hearing our travelling supporters sing 'we are top of the league' made me proud that we have been able to give something back to the fans in return for their unwavering support both home and away.

We were really pleased with our performance across the 90 minutes and whilst we were fully prepared for the difficult pitch conditions and a team that were consistent at home, the boys still needed to execute an approach that showed our style and quality can be adapted for different opposition. We spoke about being clinical in moments and Willie and Charlie (both assisted superbly by Cameron) certainly were that in the second half. A lot of

praise is rightly given to our forwards, but our defensive unit continues to look more assured. Consistency in personnel has been important and that's seen us keep four clean sheets in the last six games, giving us a solid base to grow into games.

As a unit, they are going to have to be on it again today if we are to hope to come away with another three important points. Over the years, Boxing Day fixtures have thrown up some strange performances and results. I have no doubt that the day before is the most significant contributing factor although I know the group will be focused on maintaining our unbeaten run at home today.

Finally, a warm welcome back to former Seasiders Callum Bennett, Rhys Henry and Henry Barley who will all be lining up against us today. I have fond memories of working with all three and was particularly pleased to see Henry making a return to Step 4. We wish them all the very best for the remainder of the season under newly appointed manager Bruvs.

Merry Christmas to you all!
Andy





SEASIDER PHIL GRIFFITHS

Not many people know this...

I haven't been too well these last couple of months so have been stuck indoors, watching from afar as it were, well three streets away, listening to the live sounds carrying on the wind and watching Football Web Pages for home games and just FWP for away games without the live sounds. Am I here today, I hope so, but it's doubtful!

I've been involved with the club for over 50 years and I've seen some bloody good times, some not so good times and met people who will be friends for life.

To me this club is the very essence of what Non-League Football is all about.

Our latest run which brings us up to 1pm today started on the 19th October at home to Walthamstow, takes in 16 games 12 of which have been wins and four draws (albeit one of

those draws ended in defeat after a penalty shoot out at Boreham Wood) 41 goals scored and just 12 conceded, with the cherry on the cake for all us supporters being that we enjoyed Christmas Day as League leaders as arch rivals Bury Town dropped 3 points at home while we were collecting all three on the wide open spaces of the Wellesley against Gorleston on Saturday.

We have won nothing so far, just a bit of Christmas Kudos and nothing is decided halfway through the season.

Today we start again with what I think is a very tricky week of fixtures, Top V Bottom, 1st V last, one thing is for sure Wanderers won't arrive today ready to roll over, games between our clubs are usually tight affairs and I think today's game will be no different!

Come on you Seasiders!



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3	Charlie Warren	Felixstowe & Walton United	15
4	Alex Hernandez	Tilbury	11
5	Prince Domafriyie	Waltham Abbey	9
6	Andrew Fennell	Heybridge Swifts	9
7	Josh Lee	Newmarket Town / Maldon & Tiptree	8
8	Alejandro Machado	Grays Athletic	8
9	Joshua olaoluwa Osude	Witham Town	8
10	Tendi Quamina	Redbridge	8
11	George Smith	Cambridge City	8
12	Kymani Thomas	Walthamstow / Waltham Abbey	8
13	Sam Bantick	Tilbury	7
14	Teddy Collis	Maldon & Tiptree / Brightlingsea Regent	7
15	Darren Esuka	Basildon United	7
16	Bilal Sayoud	Walthamstow	7
17	Ruben Bartlett-Antwi	Basildon United	6
18	Kai Brown	Brentwood Town	6
19	Joe Gregory	Sporting Bengal United	6
20	Ryan Hawkins	Wroxham	6

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BY JON COUCH

CHRISTMAS time is for giving as they say, well the fixtures computer has certainly served up a festive treat for Non-League fans everywhere this yuletide.

Traditionally, the Boxing Day fixtures are one of the first fans look out for when the schedule is announced – and this year hasn't disappointed with a number of crunch derby clashes taking place up and down the country.

Whatever the level, you just can't beat a derby-day cracker to complete your Christmas, so here are just a few that have caught the eye of our NLP groundhoppers.

The National League always seems to serve up a Boxing Day feast with all the trimmings – and the Aldershot Town v Woking derby is usually at the forefront.

Just 12 miles separate these rival clubs, just across the Surrey/Hampshire border, ensuring there's never any shortage of drama for the big crowds on show.

There's a Tyne-Tees affair when Gateshead and Hartlepool United meet at the International Stadium, while Dagenham v Braintree and Southend United v Ebbsfleet United ensure that Essex and Kent are well represented on the day,

At Step 2, Brackley Town and Leamington looks tasty in National League North, similarly the Derbyshire dual between Buxton and Alfreton Town and an 'Old Farm' East Anglian derby with King's Lynn Town hosting Needham Market.

A big day in the north-east is further demonstrated by Darlington v Scarborough Athletic and Spennymoor Town v South Shields, not to mention Stockton Town v Hebburn Town in the Northern Premier League, Premier Division at Step 3.

The South is equally as intriguing, An all-Hertfordshire clash between Hemel Hempstead Town and St Albans City is a worthy headline act, while Aveley versus Hornchurch and Tonbridge Angels v Maidstone United are big games in Essex and Kent respectively. Chippenham Town v Bath City is often a tasty affair also.

The NPL also serves us up with Matlock Town v Ilkeston Town and Bamber Bridge v Lancaster City, while at Step 4 there are two more all-north east affairs between Bishop Auckland and Consett and Dunston v Newton Aycliffe.

AFC Rushden & Diamonds v Corby Town is always an eagerly-awaited affair in their respective parts of Northamptonshire, while in an ultra-congested Midlands division, packed with local affairs, unbeaten Quorn and Shepshed Dynamo, separated by just seven miles, battle it out in Leicestershire.

All eyes in Manchester will be on Wythenshawe when bitter rivals FC and Town meet at Hollyhedge Park, while Hednesford Town v Stafford Rangers looks a Boxing Day battle of heavyweights to rival Usyk and Fury.

The Southern League Premier Central is always full of crunch local affairs and Boxing Day doesn't disappoint with AFC Telford United and Halesowen Town or Bromsgrove Sporting v Stourbridge arguably the pick.

The Somerset clash between Tiverton Town and Taunton Town always whets the appetite in the west country, while Havant & Waterlooville and Gosport Borough love a battle on the south coast.

And if you're in or around the Beaconsfield area of Buckinghamshire then why not make the trip to Holloways Park where they take on close rivals Flackwell Heath in a lunchtime showdown.

In the Isthmian League, the all-Essex affair between Billericay Town and Canvey Island gets the juices flowing, as does the Sussex derby between Horsham v Bognor Regis Town and the north London clash between Hendon and Potters Bar Town.

Margate versus Ramsgate is undoubtedly the game of the day in Step 4 as the two Kent coast promotion rivals lock horns, while Hartley Wintney v Farnham Town, a local battle of third versus first, is also well worth a visit.

At Step 5 and 6, of course, derbies are a little more commonplace but there are a few, mainly, cross-town affairs that are sure to whet the appetite of the locals.

1874 Northwich v Northwich Victoria ticks all the boxes for a Boxing Day bonanza, as does Newcastle Benfield v Newcastle Bue Star in Ebac Northern League Division One.

And division two produces two more in the form of Chester-le-Street Town versus Chester-le-Street United and Sunderland West End v Sunderland RCA.

The lunchtime affair in the United Counties League Premier North between Newark & Sherwood and Newark Town bares all the hallmarks of a cracker, similarly Northampton ON Chenecks v Northampton Sileby Rangers in Premier South and the Division One fixture between Retford United and Retford.

And, if you're on your holidays on the Isle of Wight and missing your football fix, then how about East Cowes Victoria v Newport (IoW) in the Wessex League.

Wherever you are in the country, you're never far from a crunch local derby to savour. Combining the spirit of Non-League with the spirit of Christmas, it's truly one of the highlights of the football calendar.

But wherever you go and whatever you do, The NLP wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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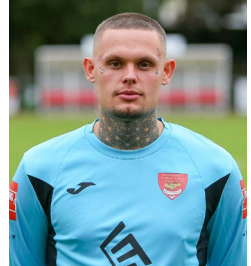
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STUART BOARDLEY – MANAGER

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 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.

ARCHIE DUNNE

Another promising Academy product who has recently been elevated in to the first team squad. An exciting, pacy forward who has scored a hatful of goals for the Youth sections of the club.

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

Signed from Brentwood Town, Rob is a player who has been on Stuart Boardley's radar for some time. Another of our first team group to work within our Academy setup, Rob is a pacy, fit and dynamic wide player who loves to be direct and excite fans.



ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION TABLE 2024/25

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Felixstowe & Walton United	21	15	3	3	49	20	+29	48
2	Bury Town	20	15	2	3	38	19	+19	47
3	Witham Town	21	13	2	6	43	26	+17	41
4	Brentwood Town	20	12	3	5	45	26	+19	39
5	Heybridge Swifts	21	10	6	5	33	28	+5	36
6	Waltham Abbey	20	10	4	6	38	25	+13	34
7	Tilbury	19	10	3	6	30	31	-1	33
8	Brightlingsea Regent	20	9	5	6	27	26	+1	32
9	Grays Athletic	19	9	3	7	31	22	+9	30
10	Walthamstow	19	9	2	8	38	27	+11	29
11	Redbridge	20	7	6	7	38	37	+1	27
12	Concord Rangers	18	7	5	6	24	22	+2	26
13	Maldon & Tiptree	20	7	4	9	21	24	-3	25
14	Cambridge City	20	8	1	11	30	34	-4	25
15	Basildon United	19	7	3	9	24	27	-3	24
16	Gorleston	19	7	2	10	24	27	-3	23
17	Mildenhall Town	19	5	4	10	17	25	-8	19
18	Sporting Bengal United	20	5	4	11	22	39	-17	19
19	Wroxham	19	4	5	10	23	38	-15	17
20	Haringey Borough	21	4	5	12	28	45	-17	17
21	Newmarket Town	20	3	4	13	29	50	-21	13
22	Ipswich Wanderers	21	2	4	15	16	50	-34	10

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

Thursday 26th December 2024

Basildon United v Brentwood Town, 12pm

Brightlingsea Regent v Gorleston, 3pm

Concord Rangers v Witham Town, 1pm

Felixstowe & Walton United v Ipswich Wanderers, 1pm

Heybridge Swifts v Maldon & Tiptree, 3pm

Mildenhall Town v Bury Town, 1pm

Redbridge v Waltham Abbey, 3pm

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- 1980 > The Club started as an under 14's boys team in 1980. Two yrs later they entered the lowest division of the Ipswich Sunday League.
- 1987 > Joined the newly formed Eastern Counties Division One sponsored by Jewsons in 1987 as founder members.
- 1994 > Home games were played at our present ground at Humber Doucy Lane, under the name of Loadwell Ipswich. Jimmy Barker became a very influential chairman and he negotiated a name change to Lancaster Ipswich FC before we eventually became Ipswich Wanderers. Jimmy died in November 1994 and his presence is sadly missed. Thankfully after all his work he saw the floodlights switched on in September 1994 in a match against Ipswich Town.
- > Great ground improvements were made in the early years under the direction of Development Officer Roger Woshalo and ground Manager Tim Davey.
- 1996 > A losing Suffolk Senior Cup appearance in 1996/97 lead to the following season becoming Champions of Division One, under the Chairmanship of Alan Haste, nine points clear of Maldon Town and losing only three league matches all season. Reaping the rewards of a successful youth policy which saw numerous trophies filling the clubhouse cabinet, a well organised side with a good balance between youth and experience saw us establish ourselves as a Premier Division side for a number of seasons until we suffered relegation on the last day of the 2002/3 season at Wisbech.
- 2005 > The following season saw Jason Dozzell join the Club as Manager and after a midtable finish in his first campaign, the second season saw the Club sweep to the 1st Division title and with the assistance of Kevin Cunningham and Glynn Hague, the team finished 7th in the Premier Division in 2005/6, with the League's second best defence with home crowds on average exceeding 100.
- 2006 > At the end of the 2005/6 Jason Dozzell and Chairman David Bugg left. Local businessman Ed Nicholls became Chairman and John Clarkson was appointed Manager having arrived with a reputation from the West Country. During the season he guided the club to the final of the Ridgeons League Cup, the 5th round of the FA Vase and a Suffolk Premier Cup Semi Final against Ipswich Town.
- 2008 > At the end of the campaign John left the Club and with an exodus of players, the Club appointed ex player Louis Newman to the role, Louis built a young, inexperienced squad and after a poor start to the campaign which included some record defeats, was replaced by another former player Steve Buckle who was brought in to rebuild the squad and hopefully retain the Club's premier status. Unfortunately Steve was unable to prevent relegation and the only positive from the season was the Reserves capture of the Chell Trophy defeating Wroxham.
- 2011 > Despite Steve's best efforts over the following few seasons the Club failed to build a promotion push throughout the campaigns and after a poor start to the 2011/12 season, Steve and Assistant Paul Grainger parted company with the Club. New chairman Terry Fenwick appointed Glenn Read and he brought in his own players and former Stowmarket Town boss Steve Jay as his assistant. He quickly revamped the squad and had the Club climbing the table before the end of the season.
- 2012 > The 2012/3 season saw the Club just fail to clinch promotion to the Premier Division and lose on penalties in the semi final in the First Division Cup. The season did finish on a high as the Club clinched its first ever Suffolk Senior Cup trophy defeating local rivals Whitton United in the final. It was a remarkable victory coming from a goal down in normal time and then from 3-0 down in the penalty shoot out.
- 2013 > 2013/14 saw promotion achieved with two long unbeaten runs ensuring a return to the Premier Division, we also lost a tight Senior Cup final against Whitton United and set a new club record with a 12-1 win over Downham Town.
- 2014 > The 2014/15 was mixed as we adapted to Premier Division and finished 9th and enjoyed a good run in the FA Vase but off field the club lost one of its driving forces Roger Woshalo mid-season.
- 2015 > In 2015-16 we defeated Canvey Island in the FA Cup and enjoy our best ever FA Vase run but with a heavy fixture backlog, relegation fears were only ended just before the season end. Glenn stepped down at the end of the season and for 2016-17 the Club appointed Shane Wardley as Player/Manager.
- 2017 > Shane's first season saw us almost emulate our highest ever position, however, after a poor start to the 2017-18 season Shane resigned and following a disastrous spell under Mark Benterman, club legend Mark Goldfinch took over the side ably assisted by James Buckle and Daniel Thrower. Unfortunately, relegation could not be avoided and in 2018-19 we consolidated and lost in the Senior Cup Semi Final to Cornard.
- 2019 > In 2019-20 with Stephen Boyle taking over as Chairman, we rebuilt and after a sticky spell in October we were closing in on the promotion pack and reached a Semi Final of the Suffolk Senior Cup before the season came to an abrupt end. With further additions on field and some good improvements off field under Stephen's leadership, we then looked to gain the vital promotion required for us to take the next steps forward with a good squad. The start to the next season was positive and a second Senior Cup trophy was clinched in the delayed final with a single strike from Connor Field clinching the trophy.
- 2021 > After a couple of Covid-19 disrupted and curtailed seasons, for the 2021/22 season Wanderers went into action in the Thurlow Nunn First Division South. With what became a tight run affair and particular rivalry with Buckhurst Hill also aiming for the title, it went almost to the wire, Wanderers finally having the upper hand, and lifting the trophy with a goal 10 seconds from time in the final home game. With the final of the Suffolk Senior Cup to follow, we finished the season with 26 straight wins, and a well deserved double of league and cup was won!
- 2022 > The following season started with four cup fixtures in the opening 7 games, and a haul of just 3 points from the first 5 league games meant Wanderers were already playing catch up when our league campaign really got going. A run of 6 wins in an 8 game unbeaten run helped to move us up the table before another rare defeat. More wins followed until in January, we visited top of the table Thetford, which ended in a 1-2 defeat. After this, Wanderers embarked on another 17-game winning run to the end of the season, including coming from behind to avenge the result against Thetford, going above them and ultimately become Thurlow Nunn Premier winners - back to back champions - and into Step 4 football for the first time in the club's history.
- 2023 > The 2023/24 season, the first for the club in the Isthmian League North came with added pressure - both on and off the pitch. A poor start to the season on the pitch brought a change in September, with the departure of Mark Goldfinch & James Buckle. Glen Driver came in as manager, with the task of keeping the club clear of relegation. Off the pitch was a mammoth job with a huge amount of work needed to pass the ground grading requirements to stay at this level. The inspection in April brought a great deal of relief, and along with the efforts of Glen and his team on the pitch, meant the aims for the season were achieved. Now to move forwards into 2024/25 and properly compete...



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AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

SAT 7	BASILDON UNITED <i>Caley-Brown, C Warren (2), T Warren</i>	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 1ST QR	W 4-2	ATT 337
TUE 10	WROXHAM <i>C Warren, Whight</i>	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 210
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
SAT 21	ENFIELD <i>OG, Harrison</i>	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 2ND QR	W 2-1	ATT 319
SAT 28	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 255

OCTOBER

WED 2	MILDENHALL TOWN <i>Mayhew, Forde-Brown, C Warren, Ford</i>	H	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP W 4-0		ATT 151
SAT 5	HARINGEY BOROUGH <i>Mayhew (2), Forde-Brown (2)</i>	H	3PM	FA TROPHY 3RD QR	W 4-0	ATT 315
TUE 8	BASILDON UNITED <i>C Warren, T Warren</i>	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 283
SAT 12	TILBURY <i>Mayhew</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 2-1	ATT 295
SAT 19	WALTHAMSTOW <i>Mayhew, Hitter</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 269
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

SAT 2	BRENTWOOD TOWN <i>T Warren, C Warren</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 347
SAT 9	CAMBRIDGE CITY <i>OG, C Warren</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 500

TUE 12	REDBRIDGE	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 279
<i>Harvey, C Warren, Ford (2)</i>						
SAT 16	BOREHAM WOOD	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY	D 1-1 (LOST ON PENS)	
<i>Hitter</i>						
TUE 19	WROXHAM	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 2-2	ATT 221
<i>Mayhew, T Warren</i>						
SAT 23	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	3PM	LEAGUE	D 3-3	ATT 357
<i>Hitter (2), Forde-Brown</i>						
TUE 26	CONCORD RANGERS	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 120
<i>C Warren, J Ainsley, Harrison</i>						
SAT 30	MILDENHALL TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 343
<i>Harvey (2), Clemons</i>						

DECEMBER

TUE 3	BASILDON UNITED	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	D 1-1	ATT 90
<i>C Warren</i>						
SAT 7	HARINGEY BOROUGH	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 220
<i>Hitter</i>						
SAT 14	WALTHAM ABBEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 351
<i>Clemons, C Warren</i>						
SAT 21	GORLESTON	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-1	ATT 139
<i>Clemons, C Warren</i>						
THU 26	IPSWICH WANDERERS	H	1PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 28	NEWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

JANUARY

WED 1	BURY TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 4	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 11	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 18	SPORTING BENGAL UNITED	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 25	HARINGEY BOROUGH	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

FEBRUARY

SAT 1	MILDENHALL TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 8	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 15	TILBURY	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 22	WALTHAMSTOW	A	3PM	LEAGUE		

MARCH

SAT 1	CONCORD RANGERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 8	BRENTWOOD TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 15	WALTHAM ABBEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 22	GORLESTON	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

APRIL

SAT 5	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 12	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 19	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
MON 21	IPSWICH WANDERERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 26	WITHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

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Giorgio Chinaglia was born into the postwar defeatism of an occupied Italy, and raised in the care of his grandparents until, aged just eight years old, he set off across Europe alone to join his parents in Wales. A child of exceptional talent, and exceptional arrogance, his career struggled to take off in England as he rejected Cardiff City and struggled with discipline at Swansea Town. Then he got a letter from the Italian government, calling him up to national service, and his career turned around.

His time in the army was spent in a special footballers battalion, meaning his only duties were to train every day, and to get a special pass when the club he joined - Massese - had a match. By his own admission, without that letter, he probably would have spent his life getting drunk in Wales. Not that it all went swimmingly for him, at the start.

Having played abroad, he was banned from joining a Serie A club for three years. Massese were in the third tier, as were his second club, Internapoli. He was seen as a very British player, big and physical, but technically lacking. It was in his two seasons at Internapoli that he earned the nickname Long John, after John Charles, and also a reputation as a busy forward with a good strike rate. When his three-year exile was up, he got his wish to play in the top flight. Along with Darlington-born Joseph Wilson, he was signed by Lazio.

His first seasons in the capital were a struggle. Chinaglia managed 21 goals across his first two campaigns, and Lazio were relegated, before he found his form in Serie B and fired them back to the top table. But the Lazio dressing room was split, although it was claimed that it was on



personality rather than politics. It didn't stop Chinaglia showing his support for the heirs to Mussolini's fascists. Such was the dislike in the squad that the factions changed separately, and all bought guns. According to goalkeeper Felice Pulci, the cabin whenever they flew was like an armory.

On their return to Serie A, the rivalry seemed to inspire them. They missed out on the Scudetto by two points. The only place Chinaglia was more popular than on the Curva Nord was in Rome's bustling nightclubs. He enjoyed time away from football so much, he even released a single.

The following season saw Chinaglia called up to the national side to play at Wembley, where he set up the winner for Fabio Capello. That same season, after scoring the winner against Roma, he celebrated in front of their supporters. He received so many death threats, he started carrying his magnum everywhere, not just to training. But he revelled in the intensity, and in the return fixture, he did the same again, just to rub it in. He scored the winner in the final game of the season, as Lazio secured the title.

24 goals in just 30 games ensured he was called up to the World Cup squad in 1974, but his



temperament got in the way. He was substituted in the first game against Haiti, and made it clear to staff that he would play the full game or no game at all. They obliged, and refused to play him for the next game, which flared his temper even more. He ended up storming out of the squad, as Italy failed to deliver an expected World Cup.

Lazio's fortunes also faltered, finishing fourth in 1975 and fighting relegation in 1976. Chinaglia had run out of road in Italy, and when his American wife moved home to the States, he followed. Landing in New York, he marched into the offices of the Cosmos and declared that they

would sign him, or he would start his own team and play for them. The Cosmos signed him.

Anyone who thought playing alongside such luminaries as Pele and Franz Beckenbauer hadn't been paying attention. In his own mind, he was the star. He reportedly made Pele cry at one point, after forcefully making that point. But Cosmos fans loved him as Lazio fans had, and he repaid their idolisation with 231 goals in 234 appearances. They won the championship four times with him at the head of their attack, before he eventually retired.

Chinaglia tried his hand at management, but his personality was not well suited to that field. But at Lazio, he is a legend. In the famous Ristorante di Sabatino there is a picture of Saint Padre Pio, who claimed to have physically fought Satan and his demons. And just above him is a picture of a man, arms outstretched, in the blue of Lazio. Not that he was ever a saint.

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PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH ROUND UP

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

Onto Saturday now, and leaders **Bury Town** were back at their own Ram Meadow to face ninth place **Brightlingsea Regent**. The Blues started the day two points clear at the top, and searching for a seventh successive victory, and they had a fabulous start, Cemal Ramadan - always reliable in front of goal- putting them ahead on six minutes with his seventeenth goal of the season. Regent levelled midway through the first half, Teddy Collis with his eighth goal in fourteen matches, and on sixty four minutes the visitors silenced the home crowd once more, Jake Clowsley giving them the lead. Despite the best efforts of their hosts, Regent would not be moved - and climb to eighth with three points, whilst Bury slip to second.



IMAGE FROM NEIL PAYNE

Felixstowe were on the road to a different seaside, Great Yarmouth, where they took on **Gorleston**. The Seasiders had last lost a league match on October 12th, so were looking to take their unbeaten run up to thirteen matches, but they fell behind on eleven minutes, Christy Finch taking his tally for the season to eighth. The visitors

drew level in the early stages of the second half, Willie Clemons with the equaliser - his third goal in four matches - and just after the hour Charlie Warren did what he does best, taking his tally to twenty four for the season and putting the Seasiders two-one up. They held onto their lead, and now we shall have to see if they can hold onto the summit, as they climbed above Bury Town by one point, albeit having played one game more.

Witham Town were also on the road, our third place side making what looked like a tricky trip to face seventh place **Waltham Abbey**. It looked even more tricky when Lewwis Spence put the Abbots ahead on twelve minutes, and trickier still when Aaron Eyoma made it two on the half hour. Immediately after the start of the second half the visitors got a goal back, Andrew Sesay scoring it, but the Abbots soon reestablished their two goal lead, Nathan Koranteng making it three-one just after the hour, and right at the end they added a fourth, Eyoma sealing a fine victory. The Abbots climbed to sixth, Town remain third.

Brentwood Town kicked off our Pitching In Isthmian North weekend against **Maldon and Tiptree** on Friday evening, and the Blues main man, Daniel Ogunleye, put them ahead on twelve minutes- his twenty second goal of the season. Brentwood had won five in a row and hoped to make it six, but the Jammers were also in good form, six unbeaten, and earned a point when Josh Lee levelled five minutes after the break. Brentwood are fourth, the Jammers thirteenth.

Heybridge Swifts were at home, worst luck. Our fifth place side have been magnificent on the road, and indeed only they and league leaders Dover Athletic were still unbeaten away from home as we kicked off - but at Scraley Road had a record which matched that of second bottom Newmarket Town, only two wins from ten. It looked like the visit of **Basildon United** might provide more of the same when Reon Smith-Kouassi put the Bees ahead after just seven minutes, but two minutes before half time Mark Chidi put Swifts ahead and in added time just three minutes later they got a penalty, Andrew Fennell converting. What they had, they held - a rare home victory clinched, and perhaps that might end their home hoodoo! Swifts remain fifth, two points above Waltham Abbey having played an extra match. The Bees haven't defeated Swifts in eight attempts.

Wroxham welcomed **Tilbury** to the Norfolk Broads. The Yachtsmen started the day in nineteenth, four points from safety, and lost narrowly in Brightlingsea last time out, but were three unbeaten prior to that and had looked much improved of late- and they looked likely to continue that improvement when Josh Harvey put them ahead eleven minutes before half time. The second half saw no further goals- although it did have a Dockers penalty which hit the post- a result which takes Wroxham to within a point of safety and sees the Dockers slip to seventh.

Grays Athletic saw **Walthamstow** arrive at Chadfields - and they probably wish that the East Londoners had stayed away. Athletic had slipped to eighth after losing their previous two matches, whilst Stow had only one defeat from seven and three wins from four- so perhaps it was no surprise when Bilal Sayoud Tayo Oyebola put the visitors ahead midway through the first half. Tayo Oyebola almost immediately added a second, and twenty minutes from time it was three-nil, Jordan Peart with that one. Callum Ibe made it four-nil two minutes from time, and finally the Athletic agony stopped, their visitors now only one point and one place behind them.

Redbridge welcomed **Cambridge City** to East London. The Motormen started the day in tenth,

only four points away from the top five, and took an early lead in this one as they looked to climb closer to a play off place, Oscar Shelvey-Negus the scorer on fourteen minutes. City delivered an equaliser just after the hour, Samrai Gebrai the scorer, and right at the end the visitors grabbed a winner, George Smith making it two wins from two and lifting his side to fourteenth.

Bottom side **Ipswich Wanderers** found themselves eight points from safety at kick off against **Concord Rangers**, and, although they had been showing improvement, had not been able to pick up many points - indeed, their previous nine matches had brought only one. After a goalless first half it looked as if we were going to have a goalless second half, too, but there was another hammer blow for the hosts thirteen minutes from time, Thomas Stagg putting the Beachboys ahead. They tried for an equaliser, but a minute from time Stagg struck again, Rangers climbing to twelfth, the gap between Wanderers and safety now up to nine.

Mile End found **Sporting Bengal United**, in eighteenth, facing the side who were above them only on goal difference, **Mildenhall Town**. United had picked up one point from their previous five matches, Hall were looking to avoid a third consecutive defeat, and they traded early goals, Ben Nolan putting the visitors ahead on fourteen minutes only for Joe Gregory to immediately equalise. The scoring, as it turned out, stopped there.

Haringey Borough welcomed the side one place and one point behind them in the bottom four, **Newmarket Town**. Borough went ahead on twelve minutes, Bobson Bawling the scorer, and in the early stages of the second half added a second through Derek Asamoah, but the nerves will have set in amongst the home faithful when Ryan Cole got a goal back with twenty two minutes left, such has been their inability to protect a lead this season. On this occasion, however, the Coles Park faithful were allowed to celebrate, as the lead was maintained- Borough now two points from safety.



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Harry **Wright (GK)**

MATCHDAY SQUADS

Isthmian League North
Thursday 26th December 2024
Kick-off 1pm



Ipswich Wanderers FC

Manager: Michael Brothers
Assistant Manager: Jack Wignall

Owen **Andrews**
Henry **Barley**
Charley **Barker**
Callum **Bennett**
Craig **Brand (GK)**
Max **Brownsdon**
Warren **Burwood (GK)**
Chris **Casement (VC)**
Kai **Fletcher**
Zach **Gayfer**
Rhys **Henry**
Lewis **Kincaid**
Teon **Leggett**
Jack **Madley**
Zach **Pedro**
Kris **Rose (C)**
Jose **Santa De La Paz**
Ollie **Sims**
Ben **Stannard**

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MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Mr Reece Pinchback **Assistant Referees:** Mr Rian Staddon & Mr Jarrod Dobing