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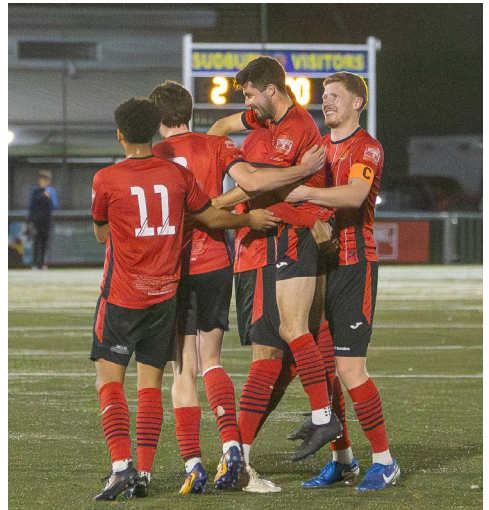
Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the Martello Ground for today's Isthmian League encounter with our Essex neighbours, Maldon & Tiptree.

Last season playing Maldon & Tiptree would have been a battle with a hardworking, organised, mid-table side. A lot has changed over the last 12 months at their club, with new owners, Manager and sponsors, giving the platform for today's opposition to be real contenders for the league title. At time of writing these notes it's a first versus third clash, which we all hope will allow for a classic encounter, with bags of talent on both sides. A big game, yes, a title decider?... far too early in the season for that!

Going back to recent games, our last home game against Heybridge Swifts should have been three points in the bag with the now departed Julian Dick's side in turmoil. However, nature decided to throw us a curve ball and give us the worst conditions of the season with near hurricane winds. Chatting to supporters on the way in I

always felt that the conditions would become a real leveler and then any points would become good points; and so, it was to be. A hard earned point was the result, and in fairness a very fair reflection of a poor game in very difficult conditions.

Moving onto our midweek defence of the Suffolk Premier Cup with what on paper was a difficult away trip to AFC Sudbury. I missed the game through work commitments; however, we ended up 3-2 victors. Jack & Stu mixed up the formation and gave Sudbury some dilemmas they didn't think were coming. Listening to our faithful it was *"Tactical Genius"* and *"The best performance of the season"*, praise indeed and one step closer to retaining the trophy.



Saturday was a game I had been looking forward to for over a year - a trip to Cambridge City. A club that, in the past, had been mismanaged, robbed of money, and left in the mire with only one option: to rebuild. Homeless for many seasons without a permanent ground, but run by a wonderful group of good people.



producing a performance that belied their league position. I haven't seen a game for a long time where the ball was in play so much; I think we only witnessed Hitter's long throws three times!

We went ahead in the first half, leading 1-0 at the break, with Tom capitalising on a defensive error. The second half saw Cambridge grow more and more into the game. The truth is, without several top-drawer saves from the ever-dependable Harry, we could easily have found ourselves behind. With two minutes of normal time remaining, Toby sealed the three points with a cracking free kick - a fitting end to a complete and solid performance from him.

After the game, the biggest debate was the MOTM award. I couldn't decide between Harry and Toby, so I'll let you all argue that one!

Fast forward a couple of years from my first meeting with their committee, and we travelled to their new ground. I'm sure all those who made the trip will agree - if you were going to build and design a new non-league football ground with the opportunity to progress, Cambridge City would be the model. From the floodlit 3G pitch, a second soon-to-be floodlit grass pitch, and an incredible main stadium - in my opinion, it more than covers all bases. The design caters both to current needs and future growth, ensuring it will remain nothing short of first-class. A quick mention must go to all the Cambridge staff and board members, who were the most friendly and welcoming - many thanks to them.

"Let's make the Martello Ground the fortress no side wants to visit."

Back to us and the game itself - league positions were defied as we played our part in a very evenly contested match, with Cambridge



Having spent most of the season so far away from the Martello Ground, we now find ourselves at home for the next four games. Let's make the Martello Ground the fortress no side wants to visit.

Regards, Andy

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JACK
AINSLEY

Good afternoon and welcome to the Martello Ground for today's league fixture against Maldon & Tiptree. I would like to welcome Kev, his team and their supporters to Felixstowe. I would also like to wish them the very best of luck in their FA Cup First Round tie against Port Vale in a few weeks time.

Since our last game at home we've been on the road for two away fixtures. The first of those was a Suffolk Premier Cup clash against AFC Sudbury, where we came away with a very pleasing 3-2 victory.

It was a dominant performance overall, with some of the football we played being an absolute joy to be involved in. On reflection, the scoreline could have been even more comfortable if we're being really picky — we created enough chances to add a few more goals but we are really pleased to be in the hat for the next round.

We found ourselves on our travels again on Saturday, this time to Cambridge City. For me, and I'm sure many others, it was the first visit to their new ground. I think I speak for the majority when I say - it's a great setup. We started the game really brightly and managed to score at crucial moments in the match, we withstood Cambridge's pressure and thanks to some excellent saves from Harry, we stayed in the game until Toby sealed the win with a great free kick, helping us bring all three points back to Felixstowe.

Today's game is the first of four consecutive home matches for us, each one will bring its own challenges, but we're focused on taking it one game at a time

Thanks again for our continued support home and away it doesn't go unnoticed.

Enjoy the game,
Jack





SEASIDER:

PHIL GRIFFITHS



Not many people know this...

I was sitting in the stand at the last home game which ended all square with neither side able to break down the opposing defence, it was the second time we have played out a goal-less draw at the Martello Ground this season.

One of the people sitting in close proximity was the match sponsor and as the game progressed, I began to wonder who they would select for MotM. My view was leaning towards one of our central defenders who had been solid throughout, restricting the visitors to just one real chance which Harry Wright somehow got a hand to, keeping the score level. Then, he did it again, late on in the second half, somehow turning away a goal bound shot with an acrobatic save that secured a point from a game we should have on the basis of chances created, won

comfortably, but thankfully due to Harry's prowess we settled for a share of the points and he deservedly got MotM.

I decided to check Harry's record for us between the sticks last season. He played every minute of every game in every competition we entered, a total of 56 games or 5,040 minutes. In 17 of those games (30.35%) he kept a clean sheet and in a further 21 games (37.5%) conceded a single goal and in just 32.14% he conceded more than one goal.

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Clean sheets this season so far.... Just 8 in 16 games!!!!



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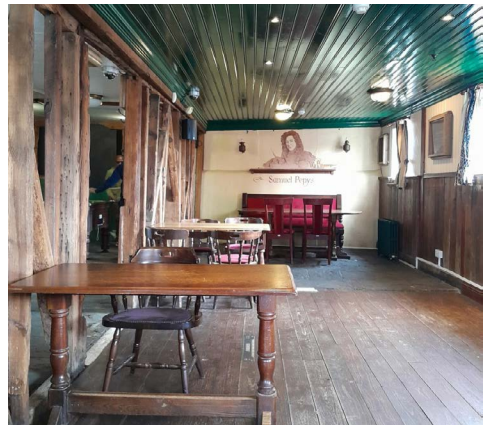
Outside The Worlds End (L-R Big Pete, me, Shaun and Lorro)

Hi everyone, and welcome to the latest instalment of our away day reviews, bringing you the highs and lows of the “Away Day” experience following our club Felixstowe & Walton Utd around the country.

The Saturday alarm bell sounding at an unearthly hour is usually greeted with childlike excitement that another away day has arrived. Less so when our ultimate destination is Chadfields, the rather unglamorous home of Tilbury FC, and their tenants, and today’s opponents, Grays Athletic. But with this being an FA Trophy match, we could put the need for league points to one side and head off to deepest darkest Thurrock for the first time in, checks notes... 3 weeks.

The inconvenience of rail replacements on the Greater Anglia line between Ipswich and Colchester had dictated that today would be a car day, and I was preparing to leave the house

to collect Lorro and Mistley John when, as luck would have it, big Pete knocked on my door to say he and Shaun were now leaving and would meet us in The World’s End pub. I had a rare lightbulb moment and politely enquired if there





was space for 3 “little ones” and Shaun readily agreed so off we set buoyed by the fact that I was no longer driving into traveller land!!!

Lorro came bearing gifts of hot sausage rolls and beer, and Mistley John also had some liquid refreshment to hand. They are mighty fine chaps. Mind you, we very nearly did not reach Mistley. Our journey through Brantham and Manningtree was delayed a wee bit by members of the Saturday morning Tendring Cycle Club. “Mamils” I believe is the correct terminology (Middle aged men in Lycra) and they go under the collective noun of “A traffic-jam of cyclists”. Driver Shaun was becoming rather frustrated at the speeds they were doing, and the fact that they were riding 2-a-breast, although this practice is now allowed under the highway code 2022 update. As we meandered through south Suffolk towards the Essex border we could see that they were holding around ¼ mile of traffic up.

As we approached the Manningtree railway bridge, the cyclists swept right to go under the track, whilst Shaun dropped 2 gears and headed for the over-the-road route in order to get ahead. All we achieved in that manoeuvre was 4 heads donking the roof of the car as we hurtled over the train track and over the many potholes along that short section of road (I feel sure all 4 wheels left the road) and to raucous laughter as the cyclists beat us to the roundabout to continue their journey still ahead. Our driver wished the cyclists a pleasant day and bid them farewell in what I presumed was a special freemasons secret wave, and we headed for Mistley finally leaving

them in our wake.

When we last visited Tilbury at the end of August we stopped off at Grays for our pre-match natter, so this time we headed into Tilbury itself. For a town of its size there are very few pubs, but one we were aware of was the afore-mentioned The World’s End on Fort Road. Situated next to Tilbury fort and very close to the exotic sounding London International Cruise Terminal. From the outside The World’s End looks like a pub that not everyone that enters leaves. Maybe that’s why the pub is so named? I am pretty sure Sweeney Todd had a job here pot washing before he trained as a barber. But there were 5 of us so we manned-up and opened the creaking door. If Lovebug Starskis Amityville (The House on the Hill) had been playing on the jukebox I would not have been at all surprised.

As it turned out, we had nothing to fear, and the pub, although quiet, was very pleasant indeed. It’s clearly not a busy boozer, as the bar lady greeted us with “It’ll be easier if I tell you what we do have rather than what we don’t” and most of the pumps were covered. But we came, we saw, and we conquered...



Next stop Chadfields, a short delay whilst the Fort Road was cleared of horses and ponies, and we excitedly entered the clubhouse. Sadly this excitement was short-lived as the rather grouchy lady serving told us we were not allowed to take our beers pitch side today as it was an FA match. I cannot verify the accuracy of this claim, and perhaps the function room being hired out on a



match day for a kids party may have been the real reason, as this meant direct access from the clubhouse to the ground was not possible.

As usual when in these parts, it is customary to visit Eat Street, and I still don't know what possessed me to buy a gaffer burger and cheesy chips. The burger took most of the first half to eat. I always enjoy the company of the Grays fans and have no hesitation standing alongside them for a natter, after finishing my burger of course. Mistley John went one better and fully infiltrated their hardcore support...

The match itself was rather uninspiring, and despite the lads best efforts, elimination from the FA Trophy was probably the right result on the

day. There are bigger fish to fry this season, that's for sure. A post-match drink was enjoyed with our hosts, with talk already centred around their visit to the seaside the Saturday before Christmas. It is lovely to hear so many of our opponents fans tell us how much they enjoy coming to our ground.

Thanks to Shaun for driving, a great day out despite the disappointing result. It will soon be time to set that alarm again for another trip to Chadfields in a weeks' time. Before that though, a scouting mission Tuesday night when Brantham host Tilbury, would be rude not too...

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Up the Seaside



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BY SAM EMERY

I CAN'T have been the only one to notice a distinct change in the temperature over the last few weeks as the summer months passed and autumn set in.

With t-shirts and shorts now long packed away in the bottom of the wardrobe, woolly jumpers and thick coats are now the order of the day for bracing a cold afternoon or evening on the terraces.

The autumn and winter months can be difficult periods for Non-League clubs up and down the country. Storm Amy battered our shores and played havoc with the fixture scheduled a fortnight ago, while the likes of Bram, Chandra, Dave and Eddie brewing for the next instalment.

Indeed, echoes of past storms and multiple postponements that wiped out week-after-week of fixtures sprung to mind as I ventured to a Friday night fixture between Northern League Division One rivals Newcastle Blue Star and Horden Community Welfare a couple of weeks back.

Now, I can't have been the only one expected to arrive at Blue Star's KD Stadium to be told the fixture had fallen foul of the strong winds and heavy rainfall that had battered the north-east and beyond for large parts of the previous 24 hours.

Yet, to my surprise, it was very much business as usual as the two sides made their way out onto a playing surface which looked in pristine condition despite being battered in the hours leading up to the game.

Somehow, amidst howling wind and driving rain, an intriguing contest ensued with the points shared in a 1-1 draw.

Indeed, on reflection, a share of the spoils was quite fitting on a day where the real winners

were the team of Blue Star volunteers who worked tirelessly, without any individual reward, to get the game on in testing conditions.

But it wasn't just the ground staff at Scotswood who deserve credit.

Off the pitch, turnstiles were in use, pints were being pulled in the clubhouse, bins were being emptied, half-time draw tickets sold and the club shop manned.

Then, once the full-time whistle had been blown, the clean-up operation began, both in and outside of the stadium – tasks that the 243 in attendance wouldn't have given a second thought to.

This, of course, is indicative of everyday life at a Non-League club, whatever the level, and got me thinking just how invaluable volunteers are to the day-to-day running of our clubs and how they provide the foundations of their very existence.

Without them, there would be no football clubs, or if we did, they would be unrecognisable from what we can consider ourselves fortunate to have.

From the tea lady to the kitman, the bar staff, to those manning the turnstiles and sweeping up post-match - all are as essential as each other and deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

Their work may go unnoticed, and they may well toil away with unseen hours of graft, but they remain as essential as those representing our clubs on the pitch and the management teams that guide them.

The winter months, as always, will be significant challenges as the bad weather descends - and that is when our volunteers come to the fore and go beyond the call of duty.

Their work is invaluable, whatever the weather.

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Saturday 4th October
Isthmian League North
Photos: Stefan Peck

LINE UP: Wright, Bennett, Warren
Holland (C), Stevenson, Cullum, Brown
Aitkens, Mayhew, Hitter, Garcia

SUBS: Lay, Gilchrist, Ford, J Ainsley,
Caley-Brown











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MANAGEMENT

Jack Ainsley – Manager

Rejoined for a second spell at the club from Stowmarket in 2023. Jack played professionally for ITFC after coming through their academy and went on to make four appearances playing under Roy Keane. Jack went on to have spells at Step 2 with Lowestoft and Step 3 with Leiston but is back at the Seaside as player/joint manager with brother Stuart.

Stuart Ainsley – Manager

Stuart joined the club for his second spell in 2014 from Lowestoft Town. Previous clubs include Chelmsford City, Canvey Island and AFC Sudbury. Stuart spent ten years at Ipswich Town, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2005. Having spent the last 11 years playing for Felixstowe, began his management career alongside brother Jack in May 2025.

Stuart Stevensen – Fitness 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 Seaside 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.



Leon Ottley-Gooch – First Team Coach

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. Was appointed first team coach in May 2025.

John Abbott – Physio

John is a vastly experienced physio, qualifying in 1992 and dedicating 37 years to the NHS. Previous football clubs include Enfield Town, Tottenham and Stevenage before taking early retirement to move to Felixstowe, where he joined the seaside in October 2024.

Alex Egerton – Goalkeeper Coach/Coach

Alex returned to Felixstowe last season 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 Tattingstone, breaking his leg four times in the process. Whilst playing for Ipswich Wanderers vets, Doug finally hung up his boots. Having found his vocation in washing players dirty pants, Doug is excited for another season with the Seasideers.

GOALKEEPER

Harry Wright

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

DEFENDERS

Joe Waight

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.

Ollie Caley-Brown

Ollie was signed in the summer of 2024 from neighbours AFC Sudbury and has played in recent years for Stowmarket and Leiston. An energetic and attacking full back who loves to get forward and create chances and with a wealth of higher level experience to boot.

Hugh Cullum

Hugh is a local lad who left Felixstowe's youth system and progressed through the Needham Market Academy. Hugh signed back with his local club in the summer of 2024 and has



Callum Bennett

Callum returns to the club in 2025 after a brief spell away. Grew up at Ipswich Town Academy before spending a year at Notts County, returning back to local football with Bury Town in 2013, before signing for Felixstowe in 2014. Callum is in the top five for appearances made in the club's history.

Toby Stevenson

Ex-professional Toby scored a hat-trick on his debut for Charlton Athletic at 18 years old, the strong centre back or left back's previous clubs include Leyton Orient, Watford, Billericay and Braintree. An excellent defender at this level after joining the seashiders in early 2025.

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

Tom signed for the club in the summer of 2024 from Hadleigh United and played his first season for the Seashiders alongside his brother Charlie. Tom is an Athletic, strong and pacy full back or winger with a fantastic left foot and keen eye for a goal, scoring an impressive 17 goals in his debut season.





MIDFIELDERS

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.

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.

Noel Aitkens

Noel's signing for the club in 2020 caused a stir amongst the non-league world, joining from step 3 Leiston and being described as "the best midfielder in this area". Noel is quick, strong, can tackle, is athletic and can really play football!

Ethan Garcia

Ethan signed for Felixstowe in the summer of 2025 after a two year spell with Walsham Le Willows where he impressed many at step 5. Only playing football for four years, a tricky winger with an eye for goal.

Olly Martin

Olly is a product of the clubs academy after more than ten years in the youth set up. An energetic and committed midfielder with an eye for a pass.

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.

Zak Brown

A sought after and highly rated young striker with blistering pace and a great goal scoring record. At just 17, Zak penned a two year pro contract with ITFC where he was a regular marksman in the U23's. Zak started life in the Seasiders Youth sections and has returned to lead the forward line as the clubs No. 9.

Dan Gilchrist

Dan's non league career started at Canvey Island before relocating to Suffolk where he went onto play for AFC Sudbury in the FA Cup 1st round, before moving onto Bury Town and Thetford where he had two impressive goalscoring seasons. A hard working attacking player with an eye for goal.

Jacob Lay

Jacob rejoins the club for his second spell, after leaving in 2020, Jacob has gained promotion from step 3 and played at step 2 last season for Needham Market. A tricky winger who has huge energy and workrate.





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JACOB
LAY

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Jacob Lay is the focus of today's **"Getting to Know You"** feature. This is the second in a series of three interviews introducing our new summer signings to the Seasiders faithful.

QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

Name: Jacob Lay

Nickname(s): jlay

Position: Midfielder

Height: 5ft 7"

Previous Clubs: Needham Market,
Ipswich Wanderers

Occupation: Warehouse Supervisor

Team you Support: Chelsea FC

Hobbies: Tennis

Favourite Food: Chinese

Favourite Musical Artist: Gunna

Favourite Film: Interstellar

Matchday Superstitions: Walking the dog

Interesting Fact about you: I can drive
a forklift!



IN A BIT MORE DETAIL...

Jacob, welcome back to Felixstowe & Walton United! How does it feel to pull on the Seasiders shirt again?

Feels good to be playing for my hometown club, everyone is top over here.

What made you decide that now was the right time to return to the club?

After I spoke to Jack and few of the lads it felt like the right time. Hopefully we can achieve something special this season.

How have you found settling back into life at the club?

Yeah pretty easy I knew a lot of the lads anyway, so that definitely helped and the new ones that have come in have all settled in well.

Are there any familiar faces from your first spell, or has the squad changed quite a bit since then?

Think there's a couple, not many now though.

From your first time at the club to now, what's changed the most — on or off the pitch?

I feel myself and the club have gotten bigger and what they done around the club is great and looks amazing.

Do you feel your own game has evolved since your last spell here? If so, in what ways?

Just more experience, stronger and have won a few trophies which helps.

What are your personal goals for the season ahead?

To get promotion that's my aim. I think we are more than capable of achieving that this season with the squad and management we have.

What do you think this squad is capable of achieving this year?

Promotion and winning the Suffolk Premier Cup!

Are there any games you've particularly marked on your calendar?

Every game is as important as each other so I look forward to all of them.

FIXTURES 2025/26

AUGUST

SAT 9	WALTHAM ABBEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE	L 1-0	ATT 302
TUE 12	WITHAM TOWN <i>Garcia, Mayhew</i>	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 388
SAT 16	NEWMARKET <i>Garcia</i>	A	3PM	EMIRATES FA CUP PR	D 1-1	
TUE 19	NEWMARKET	H	7.45PM	EMIRATES FA CUP RR REPLAY	L 2-0	ATT 384
SAT 23	BOWERS & PITSEA	H	3PM	LEAGUE	D 0-0	ATT 340
MON 25	GORLESTON <i>Holland, Hitter, Gilchrist</i>	A	1PM	LEAGUE	W 3-1	ATT 121
SAT 30	GRAYS ATHLETIC <i>Mayhew, Hitter, Gilchrist</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 3-0	ATT 189

SEPTEMBER

SAT 6	HERTFORD TOWN <i>Ford (3)</i>	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY 1QR	W 3-1	ATT 377
SAT 13	NEWMARKET TOWN <i>Ford, Garcia</i>	H	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 502
TUE 16	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC <i>Hitter, Brown, Holland, Gilchrist</i>	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE	W 4-0	ATT 185
SAT 20	GRAYS ATHLETIC	A	3PM	ISUZU FA TROPHY 2QR	L 2-0	ATT 194
SAT 27	TILBURY <i>Mayhew (P)</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 1-0	ATT 295

OCTOBER

SAT 4	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	H	3PM	LEAGUE	D 0-0	ATT 420
TUE 7	AFC SUDBURY <i>Lay, Warren, Gilchrist</i>	A	7.45PM	SUFFOLK PREMIER CUP	W 3-2	ATT 114
SAT 11	CAMBRIDGE CITY <i>Warren, Stevenson</i>	A	3PM	LEAGUE	W 2-0	ATT 563
SAT 18	MALDON & TIPTREE	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
WED 22	BRANTHAM ATHLETIC	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE		

NOVEMBER

SAT 1	TAKELEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 4	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 8	WALTHAMSTOW	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 11	WITHAM TOWN	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 15	CONCORD RANGERS	H	3PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 22	MILDENHALL TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE		
TUE 24	STANWAY ROVERS	A	7.45PM	LEAGUE		
SAT 29	WALTHAM ABBEY	H	3PM	LEAGUE		

DECEMBER

SAT 6	REDBRIDGE	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 13	WROXHAM	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 20	GRAYS ATHLETIC	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 27	LOWESTOFT TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE

JANUARY

SAT 3	GORLESTON	H	1PM	LEAGUE
SAT 10	DOWNHAM TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 17	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 24	CAMBRIDGE CITY	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 31	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	A	3PM	LEAGUE

FEBRUARY

SAT 7	TILBURY	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 14	MALDON & TIPTREE	A	3PM	LEAGUE
FRI 20	STANWAY ROVERS	H	7.45PM	LEAGUE
SAT 28	TAKELEY	A	3PM	LEAGUE

MARCH

SAT 7	WALTHAMSTOW	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 14	WROXHAM	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 21	REDBRIDGE	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 21	DOWNHAM TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE

APRIL

SAT 4	BOWERS & PITSEA	A	3PM	LEAGUE
MON 6	LOWESTOFT TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 11	NEWMARKET TOWN	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 18	CONCORD RANGERS	A	3PM	LEAGUE
SAT 25	MILDENHALL TOWN	H	3PM	LEAGUE



DANUBIAN DREAMS

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Britain rightly claims to have been the birthplace of football, and to have exported the world's most popular sport across the globe as its trading empire and influence spread. But the British game was largely a physical, direct affair: long balls and often brutal challenges that belonged on a rugby pitch almost as much as they belonged on a football pitch. The technical game that we love today, passing, movement, and stylish progression up the pitch, took decades to find fertile soil in the UK. Instead, where it would take root and come to influence and define the modern game, was Central Europe. In the first half of the twentieth century, football matured in Austria and Hungary.

In October 1902, the match was part of a long running cultural struggle within the late Austro-Hungarian empire, with Vienna and Budapest as the two main, often uncomfortably twinned, centres of power. Different languages, different cultures, but the same emperor and, in the decades after the match, the same school of football. The match itself demonstrated the differences already emerging between the British game and what would become the Danubian school; learning to play in tiny yards between the buildings rather than on large, open playing fields, both Austria and Hungary's players were adaptable and technical. Right from the start, Austro-Hungarian football was more than just physical exercise. It was an intellectual pursuit, a drive for modernity in Fin de Siecle- era Vienna.

The match itself was a dominant victory for the hosts, with Josef Taurer scoring the very first non-British international goal, followed by Gustav Haber and a hat-trick from Jan Studnicka to see off the Hungarian side 5-0. But the result was less important than what it inspired at home; shortly afterwards, both nations set up formal football associations, and the Danubian school was founded.

The First World War, which should have hindered the development of Central European football, actually proved fortuitous. Englishman Jimmy Hogan was trapped in Austria, unable to return home but largely unthreatening. He was given the freedom to find work, and ended up alongside the legendary Hugo Meisl who was beginning to develop something special. It would take over a decade to come to fruition, but when it did, Austria's Wunderteam might have been the best in the world.

Meisl put together a fluid system that had the great Matthias Sindelar as a focal point, dropping deep and dominating play. The formation was ostensibly a 2-3-5, but adaptable enough that in reality it was a proto-WM, ahead of Herbert Chapman. By the 1930s, Austria were arguably the best team in the world, and the Danubian Whirl was leaving opponents in the dirt. Between 1931 and 1933 they lost just one match, and beat England. Austria were one of the favourites going into the 1934 World Cup, playing dazzling

football and putting their near neighbours Hungary out with ease in the quarter-finals. But against hosts Italy in the semis, in atrocious conditions, they were unable to get their passing game going. Not that Italy were much better. The match was decided by a controversial goal when Austrian keeper Rudi Hiden was pushed into the net, and the referee was accused of favouring the hosts. Perhaps not surprising, with Mussolini watching on.

Austria were denied another shot at the trophy in 1938 after being annexed by Nazi Germany. There was an attempt to put together a Greater Germany side, but a number of Austrian players refused, including Sindelar who died soon after, in suspicious circumstances.

That destruction of the Austrian team allowed the centre of football to shift, from Vienna to Budapest. After the war, Hungary embarked on a spectacular footballing project, under the auspices of the visionary Gustav Sebes. Sebes took the principles laid down by Meisl and Hogan, and with communist centralisation funnelling all

of the talent to one club, he made Honved and Hungary the envious of the footballing world.

Gyula Grosics, Sandor Kocsis, Nandor Hidegkuti, and of course the great Ferenc Puskas built upon what Meisl had done, and turned it into something not just extraordinary, but profoundly modern. Total Football may have been given its name in Amsterdam, but it was developed in Budapest. In Grosics, they even had a sweeper-keeper long before Manuel Neuer earned the moniker. They were poetry in motion, and between 1952 and 1956 they became the first non-British team to beat England in England, as well as thumping them in Hungary, and lost just one match. Unfortunately for this Golden Team, it was the one match that mattered, the 1954 World Cup final.

It took half a century, but the Danubian dream so nearly came to fruition. It died, like so many footballing dreams, at the hands of German ruthlessness.

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1	Maldon & Tiptree	10	9	1	0	24	6	+18	28
2	Wroxham	12	7	3	2	22	13	+9	24
3	Felixstowe & Walton United	10	7	2	1	17	2	+15	23
4	Gorleston	11	7	1	3	22	17	+5	22
5	Bowers & Pitsea	11	5	5	1	24	12	+12	20
6	Redbridge	12	6	2	4	21	16	+5	20
7	Newmarket Town	10	6	1	3	22	13	+9	19
8	Concord Rangers	12	6	1	5	19	15	+4	19
9	Waltham Abbey	9	4	3	2	14	10	+4	15
10	Witham Town	9	4	2	3	9	10	-1	14
11	Walthamstow	10	3	4	3	15	13	+2	13
12	Mildenhall Town	11	4	1	6	16	20	-4	13
13	Stanway Rovers	9	3	3	3	16	11	+5	12
14	Grays Athletic	11	2	6	3	12	14	-2	12
15	Lowestoft Town	10	3	3	4	16	19	-3	12
16	Heybridge Swifts	12	2	5	5	9	17	-8	11
17	Takeley	12	3	2	7	10	22	-12	11
18	Downham Town	11	3	1	7	11	23	-12	10
19	Tilbury	10	2	3	5	8	14	-6	9
20	Cambridge City	12	2	2	8	11	23	-12	8
21	Brightlingsea Regent	9	2	1	6	10	12	-2	7
22	Brantham Athletic	11	0	2	9	9	35	-26	2

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THE OTHER SIDE **MALDON &** **TIPTREE FC**

In the summer of 2010, Maldon Town & Tiptree United amalgamated to form, Maldon & Tiptree Football Club, under the ownership of Ed Garty. As a result of the amalgamation, Tiptree United withdrew from the Essex Senior League. Following the retirement of Colin Wallington, Assistant Manager, Brad King and Glen Knight were appointed as the clubs Joint-Manager. As the pair's first managerial role, the new club witnessed wholesale changes with only a handful of players remaining who finished the season with Maldon Town and Tiptree United.

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

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



finished the 13/14 campaign in ninth position with seventy-six points, winning twenty-one games.

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

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

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

After managing 112 games, Kevin Horlock departed in the closed season and was replaced



by ex-Colchester defender, Wayne Brown. In Brown's first season in charge, the 2018-19 season, the Jammers finished in second place and reached the play-off final, but lost on penalties against local rivals, Heybridge Swifts.

The 2019-20 season was one to remember for the club, but for the right and wrong reasons. The club achieved great things in the Emirates FA Cup, reaching the Second Round Proper after being Leyton Orient in the first round. In the 2nd round, Maldon were drawn against Football League side, Newport County with the game being shown live on National Television – with the Jammers only beaten by the League Two side, with a goal in stoppage time, with the game finishing 1-0. A record attendance of 1876 was recorded.

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

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



the new Chairman, with Richard Cowling taking ownership of the football club.

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

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

In May 2022, Wayne Brown departed on a permanent basis and was appointed as Head Coach at Colchester United, having managed 141 games and a win percentage of 68%. After a positive spell as interim Manager, Paul Abrahams was appointed manager on 17 May 2022.

Over the next couple of seasons, the Jammers experienced a high turnover of managers,



following the appointment of Mitchell Cowling as General Manager and Daniel Barber, as Chairman with both men arrived in October 2022. Abrahams left, Adam Flint was appointed and soon sacked, ex-England manager Peter Taylor handed the reigns and remained in charge until August 2023 before he was sacked by Cowling. Liam Bailey was appointed as Taylor's successor and held his position until the following April before returning to Colchester.

To commence the 2024/25 season, David Huzzey was appointed but departed the club after 19 games to be replaced by Brett Munyard. In similar fashion to his predecessors, Munyard's spell was short lasting only 10 games before being replaced by Bailey, who was once again appointed as interim Head Coach until the end of the 2024/25 season.

At the start of February 2025, Maldon & Tiptree was successfully acquired by the Drewitt-Barlow Organisation, with Scott Drewitt-Barlow being appointed as General Manager. Mitchell Cowling was handed the role of Sporting Director, with Richard Cowling's tenure of Owner coming to an end. The new owners immediately re-branded the club and completed a range of much-needed stadium improvements. Before

the season concluded, Kevin Horlock returned as the Jammers First Team Manager following a successful spell at Needham Market. Horlock guided the club towards a mid-table finish, with plans being put in place for the 2025/26 season.

In preparation for what promises to be a blockbuster season, Maldon & Tiptree's pre-season was a busy one. This year however, there was an extra dimension- Maldon & Tiptree's first ever women's side. Jody Buckley was announced as the first ever Ladies manager, in between a Jammers Academy also being launched. More stadium enhancements were completed throughout the summer, with the Jammers planning for success on and off the pitch in 2025/26.



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