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We welcome their players, management, committee and their supporters and we hope they have an enjoyable evening here at the Recreation Ground.

We also welcome this evening's match officials and ask that they are treated with respect both during and after the game.

Please help us make your visit and enjoyable experience by abiding by the FA Respect rules and the league's Keep It Down campaign.

Great Yarmouth came up last season and will be looking to consolidate at Step 5 this season, they have kept the majority of last season squad and added a couple of experienced players to that, so I am sure they will be a tough nut to crack this evening.

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to join our team of volunteers then please contact club secretary Laura Denniss on email I.denniss@yahoo.co.uk

We club run a Thetford Town Saturday Soccer School with coaching for children aged 4-7 on the Thetford Town pitch on a Saturday morning. For more information please contact Nigel Armes on 07778 929202.

We are at home again this coming Saturday when we take on Step 4 team, Ipswich Wanderers in the F.A. Cup Extra Preliminary Round, your support in this huge match would be ve4ry much appreciated, it is the normal 3.00pm kick-off.

Enjoy tonight's game and have a safe trip back to your homes later.

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#### MANAGEMENT FOR 2023/24 SEASON

**1ST TEAM MANAGER** : Matt Morton

**COACH**: John Taylor

**ASSISTANT COACH**: Colin Rodgers

UNDER 23s TEAM MANAGER : Craig Bibby UNDER 18s MANAGER : Michael & Simon

LADIES MANAGER: Luke Pickford

Thetford Town Football club Youth Managers & Coaches and all contact details can be found on our club website

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#### **MAJOR HONOURS TO DATE**

Norfolk Senior Cup Winners: 1947/48,1990/91

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Ridgeons League Division One Runners-Up: 2011/12 Anglian Combination Division 4 Champions: 1995/96

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#### 1st Team Results and Forthcoming Fixtures For 2024/25

DATE	K.O.	OPPONENTS	H/A	COMP RESUL
27/07/24	3.00pm	Brantham Athletic	Away	League W 2-0
30/07/24	7.45pm	Great Yarmouth Town	Home	League
03/08/24	3.00pm	Ipswich Wanderers	Home	FAC EPR
13/08/24	7.45pm	Soham Town Rangers	Away	League
17/08/24	3.00pm	Long Melford	Away	League
24/08/24	3.00pm	Woodbridge Town	Away	League
27/08/24	7.45pm	Harleston town	Home	League
03/09/24	7.45pm	Walsham Le Willows	Home	League
07/09/24	3.00pm	Stowmarket Town	Away	League
14/09/24	3.00pm	Cornard United	Home	League
21/09/24	3.00pm	Swaffham Town	Home	FAV 2QR
28/09/24	3.00pm	Kirkley & Pakefield	Away	League
01/10/24	7.45pm	Walsham Le Willows	Away	League
05/10/24	3.00pm	Sheringham	Home	League
12/10/24	3.00pm	Hadleigh United	Home	League
19/10/24	3.00pm	Ely City	Away	League
26/10/24	3.00pm	Mulbarton Wanderers	Home	League
02/11/24	3.00pm	Downham Town	Home	League
09/11/24	3.00pm	Great Yarmouth Town	Away	League
16/11/24	3.00pm	Heacham	Home	League
23/11/24	3.00pm	Kirkley & Pakefield	Home	League
30/11/24	3.00pm	Harleston Town	Away	League
07/12/24	3.00pm	Woodbridge Town	Home	League
14/12/24	3.00pm	Soham Town Rangers	Home	League
21/12/24	3.00pm	Cornard United	Away	League
26/12/24	11.00am	Lakenheath	Away	League
28/12/24	3.00pm	Dereham Town	Home	League
04/01/25	3.00pm	Stowmarket Town	Home	League
11/01/25	3.00pm	Downham Town	Away	League
18/01/25	3.00pm	Long Melford	Home	League
25/01/25	3.00pm	Fakenham Town	Away	League
01/02/25	3.00pm	Dereham Town	Away	League
08/02/25	3.00pm	Brantham Athletic	Home	League
15/02/25	3.00pm	Heacham	Away	League
22/02/25	3.00pm	Sheringham	Away	League
01/03/25	3.00pm	Ely City	Home	League
22/03/25	3.00pm	Mulbarton Wanderers	Away	League
29/03/25	3.00pm	Fakenham Town	Home	League
19/04/25	3.00pm	Hadleigh United	Away	League
21/04/25	3.00pm	Lakenheath	Home	League

Fixtures may change

League - Thurlow Nunn League Premier Division ◆ FAV - FA Vase FAC - F.A. Cup ◆ LCC - League Cup ◆ NSC - Norfolk Senior Cup





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#### Thurlow Nunn League - Premier Division

		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Great Yarmouth Town	1	1	0	0	2	3
2	Hadleigh United	1	1	0	0	2	3
3	Kirkley & Pakefield	1	1	0	0	2	3
4	Mulbarton Wanderers	1	1	0	0	2	3
5	Thetford Town	1	1	0	0	2	3
6	Walsham Le Willows	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Harleston Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
8	Soham Town Rangers	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	Cornard United	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Downham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Fakenham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Lakenheath	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Sheringham	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Stowmarket Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Heacham	1	0	0	1	-1	0
16	Brantham Athletic	1	0	0	1	-2	0
17	Dereham Town	1	0	0	1	-2	0
18	Ely City	1	0	0	1	-2	0
19	Long Melford	1	0	0	1	-2	0
20	Woodbridge Town	1	0	0	1	-2	0



#### League Fixtures Taking Place Tonight

Cornard United	VS	Hadleigh United
Dereham Town	VS	Mulbarton Wanderers
Ely City	VS	Downham Town
Fakenham Town	VS	Heacham
Lakenheath	VS	Soham Town Rangers
Long Melford	VS	Brantham Athletic
Thetford Town	VS	Great Yarmouth Town
Walsham Le Willows	VS	Harleston Town
Woodbridge Town	VS	Kirkley & Pakefield



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## Let's Introduce The Opposition

Great Yarmouth Town Football Club was formed in 1897 with most of the players being drawn from two very successful local clubs, Yarmouth Fearnoughts and Yarmouth Royal Artillery, who between them had won the Norfolk Senior Cup for the previous four years.

The player'S experience obviously told as the new Town club won this trophy in its very first year, defeating Lynn Town 4-3 in a replay after a 0-0 draw.

Then, between 1902 and 1906, Yarmouth were to prove invincible in the same competition, again beating Lynn on each occasion!

In total, Yarmouth have won the Senior Cup thirteen times and have been runners-up a further fifteen times.

Founder-members of the Norfolk & Suffolk League, Yarmouth won this championship in 1914, 1927 and 1928 before joining the newly formed Eastern Counties League in 1935; they have been ever-present members since and are now the only club to hold this record.

During this period Gordon South was smashing in the goals accumulating 298 in a 28 year spell. He is still the all-time highest scorer today.

After the Second World War, the Bloaters - now with semi-professional status - gained national recognition for their FA Cup exploits, reaching the second-round proper twice!

The first-round proper was reached for the first time in 1947 when they lost at home to Shrewsbury Town in front of 4160 spectators. Then in 1952 a Wellesley crowd of 3889 witnessed a first-round proper 1-0 win over Guildford City, but a 1-4 home defeat to Wrexham in the second round (crowd 6963, a new record) dealt that season's exit; in 1953 the Bloaters finest hour saw them defeat League side Crystal Palace 1-0 in the first -round proper in front of a still-record crowd of 8944! Second-round exit came at then-League club Barrow, 2-4.

Other cup exploits over the years include eight appearances in the first round proper of the old Amateur Cup, and one in the second round.

In 1952 the East Anglian Cup was won for the only time, and - on what we night term the & domestic front - the Eastern Counties League Cup has been won three times to date, in 1938, 1975 and 1981,

The late fifties saw a return to strictly amateur status but it was not long before a revival of fortunes saw paid players return and with them, finally, the ECL title in season 1968-69: however, this remains the sole occasion so far.

Ex-Norwich, Newcastle and Sheffield United winger Bill Punton then took the reins for what proved to be a 21-year spell, making him the longest-serving manager of the club.

This was also one of the club's most successful periods: although the league title proved elusive, Punton led the Bloaters to two runners-up spots, four Senior Cup triumphs, the two League Cup wins of 1975 and 1981, and to within one goal of Wembley in the FA Vase in 1983.

Then, as the first ECL club to get that far, Yarmouth lost on aggregate to eventual winners VS Rugby in the semi-final, despite a phenomenal goal by prolific striker Neil Hart - a Yarmouth legend - to set up a tense extra-time period in the second leg at the Wellesley in front of another, but now rare, 4000plus gate, the first since those heady days of the fifties.

It was in the last season of Punton's tenure that he introduced a young Paul Tong to his managerial team but 1990 was a year of change with both Punton and Tong moving on to Diss Town and long-serving club official Jack Pegg retiring. Continued.....























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#### Let's Introduce The Opposition – Continued

The club experienced a dip in fortunes in the early nineties until Paul Chick and Donny Pye were appointed, but after two moderately successful seasons this pair also moved to Diss when Punton retired from management.

Ironically, Tong then returned to the Wellesley as first team boss and stayed seven years, making him the second-longest serving manager after Punton.

In this period the club revived its Youth U18 side, and this has been, and continues to be, a successful breeding ground for new talent.

During this first managerial spell at Yarmouth for Tong, the club won the ECL Millennium Trophy, one year after being runner-up, and reached three consecutive Senior Cup finals though disappointingly losing all three.

After Tong left for a second time, the club suffered relegation to the First Division in 2005 and a period of short-lived appointments concluded with appearance record-breaking goalkeeper Nick Banham who formed a unique partnership at the club with his wife Julia as Chairperson.

With the club then heading for financial meltdown in late 2008, an appeal for help in the local media resulted in local businessman Stephen Brierley assisting in the resurrection.

When Banham resigned as first team manager, Yarmouth stalwart Kevin Cruickshank stepped up to the plate and was then joined by the returning Paul Tong, and the pair set about rebuilding the team side of affairs at the Wellesley.

After a difference of opinion, the pairing broke up and Tong remained as sole manager, taking the club back to the Premier Division as Ridgeon's Division One 2009-2010 champions and achieve a first-ever promotion for the Bloaters. And happily, with relations now restored, Cruickshank returned to the Wellesley as Reserve team manager.

However, the fortunes were short lived with the side relegated in 2010-11 which is where they stayed for 5 years.

The brighter side of 2010 also saw the club awarded Charter Club status by the FA, and expansion of the youth programme saw the club running a number of youth sides. This has grown in statue and the club now boast at least 10 youth sides of both boys and girls.

In 2011-12 due to poor committee management the club again hit severe financial problems, which almost ruined the club to extinction, but recent times have seen a dramatic change in fortunes.

In 2014-15 Yarmouth almost gained promotion back to the Premier league but just fell short in 4th and in the same season where runners up in the ECL 1st Division cup, beaten by Sudbury and Woodbridge.

2015-16 with the outgoing manager leaving for fierce rivals and neighbours Gorleston and taking half of his successful squad with him Great Yarmouth Town appointed 2 young managers in Adam Mason & Martyn Sinclair on the back of their local football success.

The pair gained promotion in that season at the first time of asking to return the club to the Eastern Counties Premier League (step 5). In a very positive new era for the club there have also been off the field improvements.

Chairman Kevin Cruickshank who has had over 25 years association with the club in various roles along with Ben Stone as new vice chairman were appointed in February 2017 in a restructure of the management committee.

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#### Let's Introduce The Opposition - Continued

In 2019 It was all change with Jack Jay Coming into a new look committee as Chairman, following Adam Mason and Martyn Sinclair stepping down as Managers, replaced by Rob McCombe. 'Mase' and 'Sinny' subsequently taking important positions on the Committee with Adam Mason taking on an 'Operations Director' Role, and Martyn Sinclair coming in as the clubs Vice Chairman.

The new committee fully committed to securing the long term sustainable future of the club, aligned to its core values and philosophy.

New year 2022 saw McCombe replaced by Stuart Larter who guided the club to a mid-table finish, before stepping down at the end of the season.

This time the committee decided to promote from within the club, giving last year's reserve team duo of Dan Nolan and Paul Blissett an opportunity.

Nolan stepped away at Christmas and was eventually replaced by Ryan Honeyman who brings a wealth of experience with him from Leiston and was joined by Rick Cleverly in the close season.

In his 1st full season alongside Paul Blissett, Ryan's experience told, and the season was to prove very rewarding, with a young 'Bloaters' side clinching the Division One North title and promotion to the Premier division as champions for the first time since 2009-10, having lost only 4 out of the 40 league games.

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#### Results & Goalscorers from Saturday

Brantham Athletic	0 - 2	Thetford Town Diggens, Gilchrist.
Great Yarmouth Town Couzens, Deeks.	2 - 0	Long Melford
Hadleigh United Gayfer, Harvey.	2 - 0	Dereham Town
Heacham Williams.	1 - 2	Walsham Le Willows Norman 2.
Kirkley & Pakefield Holt, Phipps.	2 - 0	Ely City
Mulbarton Wanderers Jones, Mackie.	2 - 0	Woodbridge Town
Soham Town Rangers Newman, Sharman.	2 - 2	Harleston Town Turner, Durham (p).

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#### F.A. Cup Draw Involving Thurlow Nunn League Teams

#### (Teams from the Premier Division)

#### FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST 2024

Great Yarmouth Town VS Kirkley & Pakefield

#### **SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 2024**

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VS	Lakenheath
VS	Fakenham Town
VS	Wisbech Town
VS	<b>Mulbarton Wanderers</b>
VS	Hadleigh United
VS	Heacham
VS	Downham Town
VS	Brantham Athletic
VS	Woodbridge Town
VS	Mildenhall Town
VS	Histon
VS	Ipswich Wanderers
VS	Walsham Le Willows
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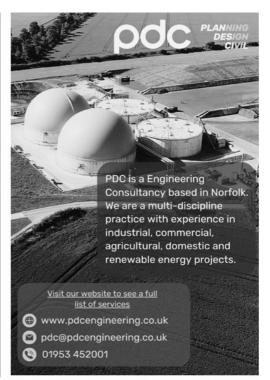


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1966 The Final of the 1966 World Cup Final was played on this very day.

Both teams were strong throughout the tournament. Each won two and drew one of their three matches in the group stages. England did not concede a goal until their semi-final against Portugal.

The match was contested by England and West Germany, with England winning 4–2 after extra time to claim the Jules Rimet Trophy. It was the first – and to date only – occasion that England has hosted or won the World Cup.

England, managed by Alf Ramsey and captained by Bobby Moore, won the toss and elected to kick off. After 12 minutes, Sigfried Held sent a cross into the English penalty area which Ray Wilson misheaded to Helmut Haller, who got his shot on target. Jack Charlton and goalkeeper Gordon Banks failed to deal with the shot which went in, making it 1–0 to West Germany.

In the 18th minute, Wolfgang Overath conceded a free kick, which Moore took immediately, floating a cross into the West German area, where Geoff Hurst rose unchallenged; his downward glancing header went into the net and levelled the scores at 1-1.

The teams were level at half-time, and after 77 minutes England won a corner. Alan Ball delivered the ball to Geoff Hurst whose deflected shot from the edge of the area found Martin Peters. He produced the final shot, beating the West German keeper from eight yards to make the score 2–1 to England.

Germany pressed for an equaliser in the closing moments, and in the 89th minute Jack Charlton conceded a free kick for climbing on Uwe Seeler as they both went up for a header. The kick was taken by Lothar Emmerich, who struck it into George Cohen in the wall; the rebound fell to Held, who shot across the face of goal and into the body of Karl-Heinz Schnellinger. The ball deflected across the England six-yard box, wrong-footing the England defence and allowing Wolfgang Weber to level the score at 2–2 and force the match into extra time.

The game went into extra time, in which Geoff Hurst scored a controversial goal in the 101st minute in which some people thought the ball did not fully cross the line although the referee did agree it was a goal, to make the score 3-2 after the first 15 minutes of extra time, until Hurst scored again in the final minute to complete his hat-trick, ending the game 4-2 after the extra 30 minutes.

He was the only man to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final until Kylian Mbappé scored one in the 2022 final.

The match is remembered for England's only World Cup and first and only major international title, Geoff Hurst's hat-trick – the first scored in a FIFA World Cup final – and the dubious third goal awarded to England by referee Gottfried Dienst and linesman Tofiq Bahramov.

The England team became known as the "wingless wonders", on account of their then-unconventional narrow attacking formation, described at the time as a 4–4–2.

In addition to an attendance of 96,924 at the stadium, the British television audience peaked at 32.3 million viewers, making it the United Kingdom's mostwatched television event ever.

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#### Looking back to 2016/17 v Great Yarmouth Town

#### Saturday 19th November 2016 Thurlow Nunn Premier Division

Gt Yarmouth Town 2 Thetford Town 1

#### Great Yarmouth Town - Alphabetically

Adrian Ager

Robin Andersen

Sam Applegate Goal YC

Nicholas Bailey

Charlie Bartram YC

Tomas Cullumbine

Connor Deeks

Mitch Forbes Elvijs Putnins

Payton Swatman Goal

Stephen Taylor

Subs Used Jamie George

#### Thetford Town - Alphabetically

Ben Anderson Ross Bailev

Kingsley Barnes

Sam Bond

Johnny Conroy Cameron King

Max Melanson

Alex McIntosh

Ryan Sanders

Elliott Smith Bruno Tavares

Subs Used Robbie Priddle

Bradley Sandell

Joshua Tucker

YC - Yellow Card

#### **Tuesday 10th March 2017**

Thurlow Nunn Premier Division

Thetford Town 1
Gt Yarmouth Town 1

#### Thetford Town - Alphabetically

Luke Bailey

Ross Bailey

Kingsley Barnes

Sam Bond YC

Johnny Conroy Ryan Fuller

Cameron King

Alex McIntosh YC
Robbie Priddle Goal
Rvan Sanders YC

Elliott Smith

Subs Used Ben Anderson

Cruise Nyadtaya Bruno Tavares

#### Great Yarmouth Town - Alphabetically

Robin Andersen

Sam Applegate YC

Haydn Davis

Mitch Forbes

Chris Holmes YC

Kyle Howell

Charlie McAra

Sean Perfect Goal

Elvijs Putnins

Oliver Savage

Alex Sawyer

Subs Used

Ross Catchploe

Thomas Hunter YC

Tom Sims

YC - Yellow Card

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## The Other Two Thurlow Nunn North & South Divisions

#### **FIRST DIVISION NORTH**

		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Framlingham Town	1	1	0	0	6	3
2	Haverhill Borough	1	1	0	0	3	3
3	Holbeach United	1	1	0	0	3	3
4	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers	1	1	0	0	1	3
<u>5</u>	Haverhill Rovers	1	1	0	0	1	3
6	FC Peterborough	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Diss Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Pinchbeck United	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	Wivenhoe Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
10	Harwich & Parkeston	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Holland FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Leiston U23s	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Whitton United	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	FC Parson Drove	1	0	0	1	-1	0
15	Gorleston Reserves	1	0	0	1	-1	0
16	AFC Sudbury Reserves	1	0	0	1	-1	0
<u>17</u>	Stanway Pegasus	1	0	0	1	-1	0
18	Needham Market Reserves	1	0	0	1	-3	0
19	Whittlesey Athletic	1	0	0	1	-3	0
20	Swaffham Town	1	0	0	1	-6	0

#### **FIRST DIVISION SOUTH**

		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
<u>1</u>	Harlow Town	1	1	0	0	7	3
2	Basildon Town	1	1	0	0	3	3
3	Southend Manor	1	1	0	0	3	3
4	Dunmow Town	1	1	0	0	3	3
5	Burnham Ramblers	1	1	0	0	2	3
6	Hoddesdon Town	1	1	0	0	2	3
7	Hackney Wick	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	May & Baker EC	1	1	0	0	1	3
9	Rayleigh Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
10	Barkingside	1	0	1	0	0	1
11	NW London	1	0	1	0	0	1
12	FC Baresi	1	0	0	1	-1	0
13	Hutton	1	0	0	1	-1	0
14	Enfield Borough	1	0	0	1	-1	0
15	Brimsdown	1	0	0	1	-2	0
16	Coggeshall Town	1	0	0	1	-2	0
<u>17</u>	Cannons Wood	1	0	0	1	-3	0
18	St Margaretsbury	1	0	0	1	-3	0
19	AS London	1	0	0	1	-3	0
20	Newbury Forest	1	0	0	1	-7	0

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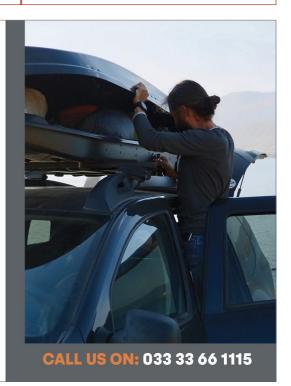
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#### **Thetford Town**

Tom Smith Santi Davies Sam Bond Adam Laker Ryan Haylett Josh Wells Dan Gilchrist Malachi Wright Elliott Smith Jake Mann Cameron King George Diggens Callum Olpin **Kieran Money** Dylan Grove Liam Levy Twomey Harvey Lott Jaydyn Lott Matt Morton

#### **Gt Yarmouth**

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#### Let's Meet Our 'Brecklanders' For 2024/25

**Tom Smith** - Goalkeeper who signed from UEA and became the regular keeper in his first season. Now entering is 3rd season at the club, rated as one of the best keepers in the league.

**Sam Bond** - Team captain, long serving defender who plays right back or centre half. Always gives 100% every game. A favourite with both sets of fans and referees !!!!.

**Elliot Smith** - Normally plays in midfield but can also play at Centre half. A great tackler who rarely loses a 50/50. Also represents the RAF team.

**Dan Gilchrist** - Striker who was previously with AFC Sudbury and Bury Town. Another player entering his 3rd full season with the Town. Was the leagues top scorer in his first full season.

**Cam King** - Midfielder, A former Scotland U21 international. Cam returned to the club after stints at Shamrock Rovers and King's Lynn. Had a great season creating chances for his team mates and scoring goals as well. On his day worth the entry fee just to watch him.

**Jake Mann** - Plays in centre midfield good tackler and passer of the ball also chips in with his share of goal.

**Adam Laker** - Signed 3 seasons ago from Mildenhall Town and was a regular last season playing in several positions but mainly at right back. Can also get the odd spectacular goal.

**George Diggens** - Signed from Sheringham 2 season ago. He has formed a great partnership up front with Dan Gilchrist.

**Kieran Money -** Talented midfielder. Likes to get forward and scores his share of goals. Last seasons supporters player of the season.

**Ryan Haylett** - Highly rated full back who became a fans favourite with his tough tackling and attacking play up the wing.

**Callum Olpin** - Joined on a permanent deal from Wroxham last season after a loan spell. Had a great season and was voted managers and players player of season.

**Dylan Grove** - Can play left wing or left back with bags of pace and skill, this is his second season at Town.

Malachi Wright - Youngster who broke into the first team end of last season.

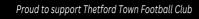
**Josh Wells** - Skilful defender who returns to the club after spells with Middlesborough, Lakenheath and Newmarket Town.

**Santi Davis** - Youngster who spent end of last season at Long Melford to gain some first team experience, great to have him back. Looking to get a regular start this season.

**Matt Morton** - Former Town player now manager. Has gradually improved the team over his time in charge with a 2nd and 4th finish in last 2 seasons.

**John Taylor** - First team coach with lots of experience. He is a legend at Cambridge Utd where he made over 500 league appearances, scoring over 150 goals. Is a great asset to the club.

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#### Looking Back On The Eastern Counties League

#### THE ECL - THE BEGINNING

Extracts taken from The Eastern Counties Football League History by Mick Blakeman

On Sunday February 17th 1935 a meeting of representatives of a few Est Anglian Football Clubs was held at The Picture house in Ipswich to discuss a proposed new league.

Although the meeting was described as 'preliminary' it seems that the determination of those clubs behind the idea was so strong that there was little doubt from the outset that this time the league would come into being.

In that meeting were representatives from Cambridge Town, Colchester Town, Crittal Athletic (from Braintree), Gorleston, Great Yarmouth Town, Harwich & Parkeston, Ipswich Town, Kings Lynn, Lowestoft Town and Norwich Church of England Young Men's Society (known as CEYMS).

Amongst the resolutions agreed were that a maximum of three 'permit' players (i.e. professionals who had been permitted to return to amateur status) were to be allowed to appear in any side and a proposal championed by the three best supported clubs that visiting teams would not receive any share of home gate money.

Professional clubs were to be allowed to join the league but on the condition that the teams they fielded consisted solely of amateurs.

Chelmsford had already been identified as one club who should be invited to join the 10 at the meeting and this last resolution paved the way for an invitation to be sent out to Norwich City 'A' as well, thus forming a 12 club league.

Several delegates had to report on the meeting to their clubs committees and so a follow-up meeting was arranged at the same venue for the following Sunday.

Chelmsford happily accepted their invitation to join the league but Norwich City 'A' declined, deciding instead to remain loyal to the Norfolk & Suffolk League.

It was also noted that Kirkley were hesitant about joining because their existing 5 year lease on their Recreation Ground was soon to end and they considered that any rent increases—allied to the inevitable increases in travelling costs - might make membership too expensive. They therefore wanted a delay about joining until clarification could be sorted.

Meanwhile two of the original 10 Cambridge Town and Norwich CEYMS also had doubts. CEYMS stated they were unhappy with the decision that the home teams should keep all their own gate receipts!.

It is also interesting to read how this was addressed in the local papers with the Norwich Chronicle commenting 'Any organisation formed in selfishness must eventually prove a failure simply because the pure interest of sport has not been considered' With the league now in its 90 + season it is safe to say the Chronicles logic was at fault or more likely that selfishness was not the prime motivation behind its formation.

At that meeting it was decided that the headquarters of the League should be at The Golden Lion in Ipswich, however within two weeks that was changed to read 'The meetings will take place in Ipswich. Subsequently most meetings thereafter were at The Picture House, Ipswich.

The next article - 1935 to 1948 - THE STRUGGLES TO KEEEP GOING





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#### Under 23s & U18s Round-Up Page - Season 2024/25

#### **THURLOW NUNN U23s LEAGUE - NORTH DIVISION**

		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Diss Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Framlingham Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Ipswich Wanderers U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lakenheath U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Needham Market U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Soham Town Rangers U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Stowmarket Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Thetford Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Walsham Le Willows U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Whitton United U23	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Woodbridge Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **NEXT FOUR FIXTURES - SEASON 2024/25**

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Kick-Off
07/09/24	Woodbridge Town U23	Away	League	3.00pm
14/09/24	Framlingham Town U23	Away	League	3.00pm
28/09/24	Diss Town U23	Home	League	3.00pm
05/10/24	Stowmarket Town U23	Away	League	3.00pm

#### THURLOW NUNN YOUTH LEAGUE - CAMBRIDGE DIVISION - 2024/25

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		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bury Town U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Downham Town U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Lakenheath U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Newmarket Town U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	PBS U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sporting 87 U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Swaffham Town U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Thetford Town U18	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Walsham Le Willows U18	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **NEXT FOUR FIXTURES - SEASON 2024/25**

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Kick-Off
22/08/24	PBS U18	Away	League	7.45pm
29/08/24	Sporting 87 U18	Away	League	7.45pm
26/09/24	Swaffham Town U18	Away	League	7.45pm
02/10/24	Walsham Le Willows U18	Home	League	7.45pm

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#### Thetford Ladies Up-Date Page - Season 2024/25

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TTLFC is a team which welcomes players from all over Norfolk and Suffolk, from ages 16+. New players are welcome at any point, and if interested, please contact the club or management team.

Thetford Town Ladies are an ambitious and keen footballing group, and would welcome any new players on board.

With a 3 year plan put in place and continuous support from the club, the ladies team have targets and goals set out to achieve.

If you'd like to continue to follow the TTLFC further and keep an eye on upcoming games and news, then please check out our Twitter page

#### **EASTERN REGION WOMENS LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE NORTH - 2024/25**

		PL	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	AFC Dunstable Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Biggleswade United Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Harpenden Town Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Histon Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Kings Lynn Town Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Mulbarton Wanderers Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Newmarket Town Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Real Bedford Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Stevenage Women Development	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Thetford Town Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Whittlesey Athletic Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Wootton Blue Cross Lionesses	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES - SEASON 2024/25**

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Kick-Off
18/08/24	Harpenden Town Women	Away	League	2.00pm
25/08/24	Mulbarton Wanderers Ladies	Away	League	2.00pm
01/09/24	Real Bedford Ladies Reserves	Away	League	2.00pm
08/09/24	AFC Dunstable Women	Home	League	2.00pm
15/09/24	Histon Ladies	Home	League	2.00pm
22/09/24	Stevenage Women Development	Away	League	2.00pm
29/09/24	Whittlesey Athletic Ladies	Home	League	2.00pm

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#### The 'Brecklanders' Half Time Quiz

- 1. Who scored England's Goals in the 2-1 win over Holland in the 2024 Euros?
- 2. Which country scored the most goals in the 2024 Euros?
- 3. Which country had more percentage of the ball than any other team in the 2024 Euros?
- 4. Which England player won most tackles in the 2024 Euros?
- 5. Which country had the most clean sheets in the 2024 Euros?
- 6. Between which of these15 minutes spells in the game did the most gaols come in the 2024 Euros, 23 goals being scored 16' to 30', 46' to 60' or 75' to 90'?
- 7. During the competition only 4 England players played all 690 minutes in the 2024 Euros, can you name 3 of them?
- 8 How many goals and assists did Ronaldo have for Portugal in the 2024 Euros?
- 9 Which Spanish player had the most assists in the 2024 Euros?
- 10 How many goals were scored during the Extra Time Period (in both halves) in the Whole of the 2024 Euros?

#### **Answers to Half-Time Quiz Below**





#### The 'Brecklanders' Half Time Quiz - Answers

- 1. Harry Kane (Pen) and Ollie Watkins
- 2. Spain (15)
- 3. Portugal (64.8 %)
- 4. Jude Bellingham (24)
- 5. France (4)
- 6. 16' to 30'
- 7. Rice, Walker, Stones & Pickford.
- 8. 0 Goals 1 Assist
- 9. Yamal with 4
- 10. Two







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