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POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Wroxham	6	6	0	0	15	18
2	Norwich United	7	5	2	0	9	17
3	Kirkley & Pakefield	7	4	1	2	1	13
4	Walsham Le Willows	6	4	0	2	7	12
5	Hadleigh United	6	4	0	2	5	12
6	Stanway Rovers	8	2	4	2	4	10
7	Brantham Athletic	4	3	1	0	4	10
8	FC Clacton	5	3	0	2	6	9
9	Mildenhall Town	4	2	2	0	4	8
10	Stowmarket Town	4	2	2	0	3	8
11	Ely City	5	2	2	1	2	8
12	Godmanchester Rovers	6	1	3	2	-1	6
13	Whitton United	5	2	0	3	-2	6
14	Gorleston	7	2	0	5	-10	6
15	Newmarket Town	4	1	1	2	-5	4
16	Swaffham Town	7	1	1	5	-8	4
17	Haverhill Rovers	7	1	1	5	-17	4
18	Woodbridge Town	5	0	1	4	-4	1
19	Long Melford	4	0	1	3	-6	1
20	Thetford Town	5	0	0	5	-7	0

as of 08/10/2020

### TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES

PD	10/10/20	Brantham Athletic	Long Melford
PD	10/10/20	Ely City	Hadleigh United
FAV	10/10/20	Gorleston	Downham Town
FAV	10/10/20	Lakenheath	Mildenhall Town
PD	10/10/20	Newmarket Town	Kirkley & Pakefield
FAV	10/10/20	Sheringham	Walsham Le Willows
PD	10/10/20	Stanway Rovers	Godmanchester Rovers
FAV	10/10/20	Swaffham Town	Fakenham Town
FAV	10/10/20	Thetford Town	Norwich United

#### Next Fixture:

Saturday 17th October - Away v Brantham Athletic 3.00pm

## ELY CITY FC: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly



As many of you will know being a football supporter is an up and down roller coaster and we can often be left wondering.....is it worth it? But I can assure you when you see your team score 95th minute winner on a Tuesday night away from home it is most definitely worth it!

So why do we as football supporters put ourselves through these highs and lows? Let's start with the bad and the ugly, thankfully we are a good-looking bunch at Ely City so we don't have to worry about that. But of course, there are always those bad moments we experience in football. A crushing 3-0 defeat away at Downham to knock us out of the FA Vase was pretty ugly. And conceding 3 quick goals in the 2nd half away at Godmanchester after being 1-0 up was pretty bad. But that is football and we have to take the bad times with the good.

Sometimes as well the team may win ugly, football is a results business and most supporters won't mind how the victory is achieved. Sometimes you must dig in and defend for your lives and then catch the opposition on the break. It isn't always just the perfect goal that entertains people. Supporters like to see effort, grit and determination as well, which I am pleased to say we are currently seeing.

Now moving onto the good, the team have made an excellent start to the season a memorable 3-1 victory against Eynesbury Rovers in the FA Cup really lifted the place. There have been some really positive results in the league and people are getting behind the team. It has been great to see so many people coming to the support the club in these difficult times. It is great to see new faces and old faces and people coming together to enjoy football and to enjoy watching Ely City. It is great to see people enjoying football while they can and the club really appreciates the support we are receiving.

The club is really trying to push forward at the moment, and we want as many people as possible to be part of it. Let's keep supporting the team and the whole club and enjoy all of those good moments that come with it.

**UP THE ROBINS!**

*Jamie Cranwell*



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## ELY CITY FC Fixtures 20/21

	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
FAC	02/09/20	19:45	Godmanchester Rovers	Ely City	1-1 FT *Won 4-2 on Penalties
PD	05/09/20	15:00	Stanway Rovers	Ely City	Drew 0-0
<b>PD</b>	<b>08/09/20</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Thetford Town</b>	<b>Won 1-0</b>
<b>FAC</b>	<b>12/09/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Eynesbury Rovers</b>	<b>Won 3-1</b>
FAV	19/09/20	15:00	Downham Town	Ely City	Lost 0-3
<b>FAC</b>	<b>22/09/20</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Biggleswade FC</b>	<b>Lost 1-2</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>26/09/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Norwich United</b>	<b>Drew 0-0</b>
PD	30/09/20	19:45	Godmanchester Rovers	Ely City	Lost 2-3
PD	03/10/20	15:00	Stowmarket Town	Ely City	Postponed
<b>PD</b>	<b>06/10/20</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Swaffham Town</b>	<b>Won 2-0</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>10/10/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Hadleigh United</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	17/10/20	15:00	Brantham Athletic	Ely City	Brantham Leisure Centre
<b>PD</b>	<b>20/10/20</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Godmanchester Rovers</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>24/10/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Haverhill Rovers</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	31/10/20	15:00	Newmarket Town	Ely City	The Tristel Stadium
<b>PD</b>	<b>07/11/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Kirkley &amp; Pakefield</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	10/11/20	19:45	Swaffham Town	Ely City	Shoemakers Lane
PD	14/11/20	15:00	Long Melford	Ely City	Stoneylands
<b>PD</b>	<b>21/11/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Wroxham</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	24/11/20	19:45	Thetford Town	Ely City	Mundford Road
PD	28/11/20	15:00	Whitton United	Ely City	King George V Playing Field
<b>PD</b>	<b>05/12/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Stanway Rovers</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	12/12/20	15:00	Walsham Le Willows	Ely City	The Morrish Stadium
PD	19/12/20	15:00	FC Clacton	Ely City	The Austin Arena
<b>PD</b>	<b>28/12/20</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Newmarket Town</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	02/01/21	15:00	Hadleigh United	Ely City	Millfield
<b>PD</b>	<b>09/01/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Gorleston</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	16/01/21	15:00	Woodbridge Town	Ely City	Notcutts Park
<b>PD</b>	<b>23/01/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Stowmarket Town</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>06/02/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Mildenhall Town</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	13/02/21	15:00	Haverhill Rovers	Ely City	New Croft #1
<b>PD</b>	<b>20/02/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Whitton United</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	27/02/21	15:00	Kirkley & Pakefield	Ely City	Walmer Road
<b>PD</b>	<b>06/03/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Woodbridge Town</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	13/03/21	15:00	Norwich United	Ely City	Plantation Park
<b>PD</b>	<b>27/03/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Brantham Athletic</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>03/04/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Long Melford</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	05/04/21	15:00	Mildenhall Town	Ely City	Recreation Way
PD	10/04/21	15:00	Wroxham	Ely City	Trafford Park
<b>PD</b>	<b>17/04/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>FC Clacton</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
PD	24/04/21	15:00	Gorleston	Ely City	Emerald Park



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# HADLEIGH UNITED FC

## History



Hadleigh United began their Eastern Counties League (sponsored by JEWSONS) adventure on August 17th 1991, in the First Division, with a 1-0 defeat at home to Fakenham Town; Alan Dilloway was First Team Manager, with Welsh Under 21 international Les Tibbott as his assistant.

The first season ended with a mid-table position, in season 1992/93 a sixth place finish was achieved. The 1993/94 season saw us promoted to the Premier League under the Chairmanship of Simon King, who had taken over when long serving Chairman Peter Vardon became Chairman of the Suffolk F.A. Promotion was won by a seven point margin over runners up Woodbridge Town, but the "Woodpeckers" won the Suffolk Senior Cup after overcoming Hadleigh in the semi-final on a snow covered pitch at Felixstowe.

In their first three seasons of Jewson League membership Hadleigh had made a host of big name signings including former Ipswich Town & Chelsea goalkeeper Jason Winters as a full time professional.

Premier Division status saw us finish sixth from bottom in the first season, but Alan Dilloway's team excelled in the F.A.Vase reaching the last 16, before losing at Metropolitan Police on a memorable day, when three coach loads of supporters travelled to support the team. But cash was getting short and at the end of that season, Manager Dilloway and all the senior players, with the exception of Reserve keeper Dickie Mann left the club. For a while the future of the club, formed in 1892, looked in jeopardy after 103 years.

Eventually Scott Clarke took over, with his own set of players from Brantham Athletic, they performed wonders to maintain Premier Division status, with a youthful Ian Gedney one of the heroes, along with keeper Dickie Mann and teenager James Rush. Other youngsters were promoted from the Reserves and soon made their mark. However Scott Clarke was controversially sacked before the end of the season. Donnie Davis then had a brief spell as Manager with Peter Hutchings as Reserve team Manager.

The following season saw the inevitable relegation with no money for the players. Louis Newman took over as First team manager and stayed for eight years. The best season in the league under his reign being fourth position in season 2002/03.

John Chenery was Chairman, whilst Rolf Beggerow was doing a superb job as Treasurer in getting the Club back onto an even keel financially.

Rolf Beggerow then had two seasons in the dual role of Chairman / Treasurer, with John Chenery as Vice Chairman. In 2003/04 season the Suffolk Senior Cup was won after beating Long Melford at Portman Road. In the same season the Reserves came runners up to Heart of Oak in the Suffolk Junior Cup final.

On Louis Newman's departure, Paul Tietjen and Lee Everett became First Team managers, but they moved on to Comard United and were replaced by Reserve team Manager Dean Skinner.

Steve Jay joined Dean Skinner as his assistant, before Dean stood down due to work commitments. Steve Jay taking over as Manager assisted by Kevin Sharman.

John Chenery took over as Chairman again, before handing over to John Whitwell. John stood down during the 2008/09 season with Ken Ramsey taking over the helm.

Steve Jay resigned before the start of the 2009/10 season having secured the Club promotion to the Premier League as runners up in 2008/09 Season. The Club quickly appointed Peter Grant as First Team Manager with Gary Thompson as his assistant. At the end of this season Grant & Thompson both stood down

Ex-player Stuart Crawford with former manager Alan Dilloway took over in June 2010. In their first season in charge Stuart and 'Dilly' steered the first team to a very creditable 9th position.

Ken Ramsey stood down as Chairman and took up the vacant role of Football Secretary for the 2011/12 Season with Rolf Beggerow covering as acting Chairman. The first team finished in 11th position following a very strong run in last 3 months. The Under 18's were runners up in the Ridgeons Youth League following a great season winning their divisional league and play-off match only to lose out to a very strong Dereham Town team in the final.

For the start of 2012/13 Rolf Beggerow was voted back as Chairman and Treasurer. Long serving Clubman John Day was appointed Vice Chairman, Liam Britton joined as Reserves Team Manager following the departure of Jason Curtis and Jim Walker. Stuart Alston became manager of the Under 18's.

The 2012/13 Campaign will be most memorable for the First Teams run in the FA Vase reaching the last 8 of the competition following a series of away wins against opposition up and down the country. This was the furthest the club had ever reached in the FA Vase ended their league campaign in an improved 8th position.

Management stability paid dividends in the 2013/14 season with the club winning not only the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division for the first time, but the Reserves winning their respective league. Another memorable run in the FA Vase ended at the last sixteen stage. Liam Britton resigned as Reserves Manager, Stuart Alston and Andrew Crisp taking over.

Stuart Crawford resigned as Manager in January 2015 and was replaced by ex-Whitton United Manager and Hadleigh 1st team coach Ian Brown. Alan Dilloway remained as Assistant Manager with Steve Downey as Coach. The following two seasons saw respectable 7th place finishes in the league but with no notable Cup success.

Ian Brown and Steve Downey both resigned and Alan Dilloway retired from football at the end of the 2015/16 season which also saw the exodus of all the senior players.

Stuart Alston and Andy Crisp stepped up to first team Manager and Assistant Manager respectively, after a very successful time with the reserves in the previous few seasons. The 2016/17 season saw Hadleigh Utd retain their Premier league status by the "skin of their teeth" which was a great achievement due the fact that the squad was rebuilt from scratch and the amount of youth team players used.

October 2017 saw Stuart Alston step down as first team Manager. Andy Crisp looked after the first team under the title of Interim Manager for 3 matches before Shane Wardley and Ian Cornforth were appointed Manager and Assistant Manager of Hadleigh Utd on 26th October 2017.

The 2017/18 season saw Hadleigh Utd finish in the last relegation position (4th from bottom) and only retained their Premier League status because Haverhill Borough had ground issue's which meant they were the ones to be relegated. There were high hopes for better results in the 2018/19 season with a stronger squad assembled. Ian Cornforth left the club to move to his own Management position at Leiston Reserves in September 2018 and, with the club in 19th position in the table of 20, Shane Wardley resigned from his position in January 2019.

Andy Lambert and Andy Crisp took control of 1st team Management duties for 3 matches (2 wins) whilst a new manager was sought. On 26th January 2019 Christian Appleford was appointed as 1st team Manager and given the task of saving Hadleigh Utd from relegation which was managed with the team finishing in 16th position. Christian appointed Steven Holder as his Assistant in January of 2020. With a strong coaching staff and good player recruitment, the 2020/21 season promises to be an exciting one.





## Hadleigh United Player Pen Pics

**Christian Appleford (Manager):** Christian was appointed Manager of Hadleigh Utd in January 2019. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club from his last two appointments at Mildenhall Town and Bury Town respectively. A highly regarded, hardworking, coach who prides himself on meticulous preparation

**Steve Holder (Assistant Manager/Striker):** Steve joined Hadleigh Utd from Ely City in January 2020 in a player coach role. A very experienced player who still has an eye for goal when on the pitch. His main role will be to support the Manager and get the most out of the playing staff. He has fitted in well, has a great will to win and a calm head.

**Scott Lawrence (Player/Coach):** Scott has played First and Reserve Team football at Hadleigh United in various positions. A loyal and versatile member of the coaching staff who can be relied upon. He has proved to be an asset to the Football Club. Not averse to pulling on the gloves when required.

**Tom Rowson (Physio/Sports Therapist):** Tom joined Hadleigh United in February 2019. A highly qualified and dedicated physiotherapist who has the challenge of keeping the players on the pitch. The players are sure to be grateful for Tom's healing hands.

**Nick Punter (Goalkeeper):** Nick signed for Hadleigh in the 2017/18 season After stints at Stanway Rovers and latterly Westerfield Utd. Nick quickly made the No 1 jersey his own with great saves (especially penalties) and his calm assurance at the back. Regarded as one of the best keepers at this level. Players player award winner 2018/19 and 2019/20.

**Kris Rose (Defender):** Kris returned to Hadleigh Utd in October 2017 from Ipswich Wanderers. He had been at Hadleigh for 10 years previously. A no-nonsense defender who can inspire the team with his strong performances and never say die attitude. A crowd favourite at the 'Millfield'. Was part of the title winning side of the 2013/14 season. Kris is the club Captain.

**Matt Paine (Defender/Midfielder):** Matt signed from Stowmarket Town for the 2019/20 season. Matt's quality needs no introduction having previously played for the likes of Boreham Wood, Braintree Town, Billericay Town and most recently Stowmarket Town. Matt's experience and drive undoubtedly helps the team and importantly the young players at the club.

**Ben Elliott (Defender):** Ben is a solid defender. His timing of a tackle has become renowned among supporters and his calmness on the ball is a great asset to the team. He is a major part of the team. Won Managers player of the year award for season 2017/18.

**James Ross (Defender):** James joined Hadleigh Utd in the 2015/16 season and is a quick player on the left or right. He has the ability to change defence into attack with his quick thinking and vision. His hard work gained him the supporters and players award's for season 2017/18

**Dan Knight (Defender/Midfielder):** Dan came through the Youth system at Hadleigh Utd before a move to Needham Market took him away for a few seasons. The pacy left sided player has returned to the Millfield but injury curtailed his 2019/20 season. He is sure to be knocking on the door this season now fitness has returned.

**Marco Makris (Defender):** Marco joined Hadleigh Utd at the beginning of the 2018/19 season from Woodbridge Town. After a bright start to his Hadleigh career he unfortunately suffered a serious knee injury that kept him out of action for 18 months. He has shown a great attitude throughout his recovery and now back fit he has the opportunity to be heavily involved this season.

**Jemel Fox (Defender/Coach):** Jemel is well known in local football as a strong athletic defender. He joined Hadleigh in February 2020 from Haverhill Rovers. Previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Leiston and Stowmarket Town. He is combining his player/coaching role with 'Player Development Officer' within the club to help with player pathways.

**Kerrin Lawrence (Defender):** Kerrin has signed on dual registration from Bury Town in August 2020. He is a hard-working centre half who will add height to the centre of defence. Good in the air and also with the ball at his feet. A good asset to the club.

**Jake Eady (Defender):** Jake is a strong and composed full back or centre half. He joined Hadleigh Utd in September 2020 from Walsham Le Willows. He has previously played at Team Bury and higher level Bury Town.

**Kyle Ferguson (Defender/Midfielder):** Kyle has previously been part of the Hadleigh United team in two separate spells before (2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons). He knows the club well and is a strong and athletic player. Kyle has pace to burn and can look forward to fitting in well with Hadleigh's attacking style of play.

**Gavin Van-oene (Midfielder/Striker):** Gavin joined Hadleigh Utd from Achilles at the beginning of the 2019/20 season. He was just starting to make an impact in the team when he suffered a knee injury that ended his season. Back fit, he has already started to make up for lost time with good, hardworking displays during pre-season.

**Joe Yaxley (Midfielder):** Joe is the older brother of teammate Jack. He signed from Felixstowe and Walton Utd in the Covid summer of 2020. Joe is a tenacious and creative ball playing midfielder with a great will to win. Has also played for Brightlingsea Regent.

**Mason Ransome (Midfielder):** Mason rejoined Hadleigh Utd in January 2020 from Framlingham Town after being with us previously in the 2017/18 season. A fleet footed wideman with a peach of a left foot. Puts opposition defenders under pressure with his pinpoint crossing accuracy, especially from a dead ball.

**Shane Murphy (Midfielder/Defender):** Shane rejoined Hadleigh after having a year away abroad. He has come through the ranks here from the U18's and has proved to be a very versatile player. Can play at the back and is also known for his scoring ability when asked to play higher up the pitch. He has a great engine.

**Max Dinnell (Midfielder):** Max joined Hadleigh in August 2020 from Whitton Utd after playing most of his football at Haverhill Rovers the previous season. An intelligent player who is creative in possession and will add to the attacking style of play that Hadleigh want to play this season.

**Josh Cheatham (Forward/Midfielder):** Josh re-joined Hadleigh from Leiston at the start of the 2019/20 season. Injuries curtailed his appearances last season, but now fully fit we will hopefully see the best of him. He is an attacking midfielder with a great left foot who adds creativity to the team and adds further attacking quality. Josh fits in well with the teams playing style.

**Kade Ivatt (Forward):** Kade joins Hadleigh after playing for Cornard Utd last season. He did play for Hadleigh previously at U15 level before then playing for AFC Sudbury development sides. He is a hard-working forward who has already scored twice during pre-season. An exciting prospect for the team.

**Joel Glover (Forward):** Joel joined Hadleigh from Great Yarmouth at the beginning of the 2019/20 season. He is a tall, powerful but skilful centre forward with an eye for goal. Joel has attracted interest from clubs at a higher level and we are glad that he chose to stay with Hadleigh United. He was top scorer for the club last season.

**Kyle Cassell (Forward):** Kyle returns to Hadleigh after a short spell with AFC Sudbury last season. He is a quick, athletic player who does not let a defender rest. He was top scorer for Hadleigh in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 seasons so goals are a forte. Also plays for the Army Combined Services team.





## ELY CITY PEN PICS 20/21

### **Harry Reynolds - GK**

Signed from Soham Town Rangers in 2015. Harry is vastly experienced having played over 200 games for the club, which makes him an important part of the dressing room and provides valuable leadership.

### **Sheldon Weinman - DF**

Joined the club this season having played for Histon in their title winning side in 2018. Has a great attitude and is already a popular member of squad.

### **Alex Brown - DF**

Re-joined the club from Soham Town Rangers last season. Has become a regular in the team with some impressive performances.

### **Tom Williams - DF**

Re-joined the club this season from Lakenheath. An experienced and commanding centre back with an eye for a goal.

### **Nick Harrison - DF**

Joined the club last season from St Neots Town. Added experience and quality to the squad. Previously played for Thame United

### **Adam Capel - DF**

Adam was part of the Cambridge United Academy System until the age of 16. He then moved to Cambridge City before joining the club in the 2018/19 season. Very popular member of the squad and made over 50 appearances.

### **Jamie Alsop - DF**

Experienced defender in his second spell with the club. Set piece specialist with an exceptional delivery.

### **Harvey Bullin - MF**

An academy graduate from Peterborough United. Strong midfielder full of energy and with an excellent passing range.

### **Luke Crisp - MF**

Joined at the beginning of the 20/21 season from Fulbourn Institute. Hard working midfielder who is now becoming a regular in the side after some impressive displays during pre season.

### **Joshua Revel - MF**

Joined the club from Haverhill Rovers last season. Was very unlucky with a serious injury and only featured in 2 games. Now becoming an important part of the squad after impressing during pre season.

### **George Darling - MF**

George is an experienced centre midfielder who has been with the club for over 5 years. Nearing his 200th appearance. Has great passing ability and is a leader on and off the pitch.

### **Ryan Harnwell - CF**

Re-joined the club after playing for Wisbech St Mary last season. A striker with bags of energy and really impressed during pre season. Made his return to club in the win against Thetford Town.

### **Josh Townshend - CF**

Signed from Kershaw prem champions Great Shelford. Very versatile forward player, who has great pace and skill. Made his debut against Godmanchester Rovers in the FA cup win.

### **Jordan Foster CF**

Previous clubs include Great Shelford and Newmarket Town. Another versatile forward player. Returned to the club this season away to Stanway.

### **Luke Young CF**

Signed this season from University of East Anglia. Impressed in pre season after moving back to the area. Made his debut in 1-0 win against Thetford Town.

### **Tommy Robinson AMF**

On loan from Mildenhall Town - Attacking midfielder who has made a great start to life at Ely City - coming back from a broken leg in 2019.



## Ely City FC 2019–2020 Season Diary

### May 2019

- 28 May Voted through unanimously at AGM that Club will proceed with formal merger with Ely Crusaders FC
- 29 May Recycling company Ellgia, who sponsor the ground and first team kits withdraw from 3-year deal after just 2 years.

### June 2019

- 01 June Following promotion FA Women's National League, announced that **Cambridge City Ladies** will play home games at Downham Road.
- 15 June Defender **Adam Capel**, who joined on loan last season from **Cambridge City** signs. Confirmed that majority of last year's squad have re-signed,
- 15 June Cambs County League announce provisional constitution for 2019/20. Having completed merger with **Ely Crusaders** the Club will now have three senior teams in the league. Crusaders who finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the Mead Plant & Grab Division 2B, will now play under the name of **Ely City B**. The A Team won promotion last year move up to Division 1B. The Reserves remain in the Kershaw Premier.
- 16 June Confirmed only one club to be relegated from Premier League. Potentially two clubs to be promoted as result of non-league Pyramid restructure.

### July 2019

- 01 July Defender **Scott Callaghan** joins **March Town United**.
- 04 July **Ash Walter** and **Dan Jeffery** sign for another season. **Chris Lewis** and **Rukky Diejomaoh** depart.
- 16 July After losing their first two pre-season games Ely beat a weakened **Soham Town Rangers** side 8 - 1, with potential new signing **Ryan Harwell** scoring three times.
- 17 July **Michael Harvey** signs. Previously with Mildenhall Town for eleven season he was at **Hadleigh United** last season. Forward **Ryan Harnwell** joins. He was a scholar at **Cambridge United** and has played for **King's Lynn Town** and last season **Wisbech Town**. His father, **Richard Harnwell** had two spells with Ely in the late 1990's early 2000's. **Rhys Mazey** joins **Lakenheath FC**.
- 20 July Ely suffer an embarrassing 4 - 0 reverse at reigning Cambs Premier League champions **Great Shelford**, their third defeat in four pre-season friendlies.
- 22 July **Like Crisp** signs from Cambs Premier Club **Fulbourn Institute**.
- 23 July Ely secure a 0 - 0 draw at Southern Premier Division - Central side **St Ives Town** in penultimate friendly game.
- 26 July **Alex Theobald**, who missed much of last season through injury, damages knee ligaments in pre-season game against **Chatteris Town**.

### August 2019

- 02 Aug Forward **Jordan Foster** signs on eve of the season from **Great Shelford**.
- 03 Aug Ely open season with a 2 - 1 win at **Gorleston**. **Steve Holder** and **Adam Capel**, his first for the Club, scoring.
- 6 Aug **Jordan Foster** scores a hatrick on his home debut in a 3 - 1 win over **Mildenhall Town**.
- 10 Aug Ely proceed to next stage of the FA Cup for the first time since 2012/13 with a 2 - 1 at Minerva South Midlands Premier side **Potton United** securing a winner's fee of £2,250.
- 24 Aug. City come from behind twice to draw 2 - 2 at Step 4 **Wisbech Town** in FA Cup to earn a replay.
- 31 Aug City exit FA Vase at the first hurdle losing to United Counties Premier side **Peterborough Northern Star** 6 - 4 aet. Defender **Joe Brannan** has the dubious honour of being first Ely City player to be sent to the Sin Bin.

### September 2019

- 03 Sep. Ely are brushed aside 4 - 0 by **Wisbech Town** in the FAC Preliminary Round Replay to book a home tie with **Hitchin Town**. **Steve Holder** receives a second half red card on a disappointing night.





- 06 Sep **Harry Farrow** joins on a one-month loan from **Cambridge City**.
- 07 Sep. City battle to a 0 – 0 draw with undefeated **Stanway Rovers**. **Farrow** makes debut and defender **Charlie Tunnell** makes first start of season.
- 09 Sep **Jordan Foster** signs for **Newmarket Town**. Wide-man **Nick Heap** also departs after three seasons.
- 10 Sep Ely concede a 95<sup>th</sup> minute goal in 3 - 2 home defeat to **Newmarket Town**. Ex-Ely captain **James Seymour** is amongst the Jockeys goal-scorers.
- 14 Sep Ely fielding a much-weakened side through injuries and suspensions are beaten 5 – 1 at **Godmanchester Rovers**. Under 18s player **Ollie Ward** scores a late consolation having come on as a substitute to make his debut. **Sam Goodge** also makes first appearance of the season as a second-half substitute.
- 14 Sep The Club withdraw the B Team from Cambs league Division 2B due to lack of players.
- 21 Sep Ely secure a useful point with a 1 - 1 draw against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Norwich United**. The Planters goalkeeper is sent off early in the second half for handling outside the area.

#### October 2019

- 05 Oct **Johnny Herd** and **David Cooper** join on short-term loans from **Peterborough Sports** and **Mildenhall Town** respectively. Both players start in the 1 - 0 home defeat to **Wroxham**.
- 10 Oct Loanee **Johnny Herd** departs after playing just one game to join **Godmanchester Rovers**. **Marco Pereira** joins from **Lakenheath FC**
- 12 Oct **Marco Pereira** makes first appearance for the Club as substitute in a 3 – 1 defeat at **Long Melford**. Ely have now gone 9 league games without a win.
- 15 Oct Ely's sequence of three consecutive CIC finals is halted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round with a 2 - 1 defeat at home to Cambs Premier League **Cambridge University Press**.
- 22 Oct Ex-Robin **Richard Chadwick** joins on a on a dual registration from Milton Cambs League **Milton**. He makes his second debut in a 2 – 0 defeat at home to **Godmanchester Rovers** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the League Challenge Cup. Midfielder **Ardened Hida** a new arrival on a dial registration with **Cherry Hinton FC** also makes his debut.
- 25 Oct Ely record a first league win since 6<sup>th</sup> August with a 3 - 2 victory at **Haverhill Rovers** with both **Charlie Tunnell** and **Luke Crisp** opening their accounts for the first team.

#### November 2019

- 06 Nov Defender **David Cooper** returns to his parent club, **Mildenhall Town**.
- 09 Nov The mini-revival of two consecutive wins is halted with a 4 - 0 defeat at **Walsham-le-Willows**.
- 10 Nov Goalkeeper **Harry Reynolds** side-lined with a head injury after being attacked in a Nottingham Night Club.
- 14 Nov Midfielder **Joshua Revell (19)** signed from **Haverhill Rovers**. Goalkeeper, **Barney McLaughlin** joins from Cambs Premier side **Cherry Hinton** on a dual registration basis as temporary cover for the injured **Reynolds**. Reserve goalkeeper, **Evan Jeckells** joins Cambs Premier League side **Eynesbury United**.
- 16 Nov **Oliver Shackleton** joins on loan from **Wisbech Town**. **Alex Knowles** signs on a dual registration from **Chatteris Town**, having previously played for the Club in 2014/15 & 2015/16. Both players play, as do other debutants, **Joshua Revell** and goalkeeper, **Barney McLaughlin** in the 1 - 4 home defeat to **FC Clacton**. Defender **Tom Williams** is sent off as City slip to 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom
- 23 Nov More new signings as Goalkeeper, **Craig Foxall**, joins on loan from **Soham Town Rangers** and forward **Charlie Cooke** on loan from **Bury Town**. Both players make their debuts in the 2 - 0 defeat at **Wroxham**.
- 30 Nov Ely lose to bottom-club **Hadleigh United** 3 - 2. Manager **Brady Stone** is red carded for dissent on a poor day for the Club.

#### December 2019

- 02 Dec The Club confirm Manager **Brady Stone** and Assistant Manager, **Martin Grey** will leave at the end of the year. They will remain in post until the end of December to enable the Club to find and appoint a new Manager



- 07 Dec. *Ely make it five consecutive defeats (and nine from the last eleven) with a 1 - 0 loss at **Woodbridge Town**. **William Fox**, **Mitchell Drewitt** and **Branham Ince** all start.*
- 20 Dec ***Luke McAvoy** and **Ben Farmer** appointed as new management team. They will take up their posts after Brady and Martin's final game in Charge against **Haverhill Rovers** on 27 December. The duo join from Kershaw Premier League club **Cambridge University Press**.*
- 20 Dec. *Central defender **Tom Williams** joins ECL Division One side **Lakenheath FC**. Reserve players **Owen Johnson** and **Jordan Johnson** also leave. **Eric Simpson**, who made 323 league and cup appearances for Ely in the 1960's and early 1970's passes away at the age of 79. He also managed the Club for a 3-month spell in 1988.*
- 21 Dec *Ely halt a run of six consecutive defeats with a 1 - 1 draw at **Kirkley & Pakefield**, who score a last-minute equaliser. **Mitchell Drewitt** scores his first goal for the First Team. **Harry French**, signed from Anglian Combination side **Brandon Town** makes debut.*
- 27 Dec *Ely draw 1 - 1 at home to **Haverhill Rovers** in Manager Brady Stone's final game in charge. Midfielder **Harvey Bullinaria**, signed from **Haverhill Rovers**, makes debut.*

### January 2020

- 04 Jan ***McAvoy** and **Farmer's** first game in charge ends in a 3 - 2 defeat at **Whitton United**. **Harry French** scores his first goal for the Club as City recover from two goals down only to succumb to a late winner. **Harry McGregor**, and **Tom Rigby** make their debuts.*
- 05 Jan *Striker **Steve Holder** (32) leaves Club to join **Hadleigh United** as Assistant Player-Manager.*
- 18 Jan *Ely are crushed 7 - 1 at runaway leaders **Stowmarket Town**.*
- 25 Jan *Full back **Alex Brown** re-joins the Club from **Soham Town Rangers**. Defender **Nick Harrison**, currently at **St Neots Town** and who previously played for **Thame United**; plus, midfielder **Babacar Camara** (**Cambridge University Press**) also join. All feature in the 5 - 1 home defeat to **Woodbridge Town** in which **Matthew Simpson** received a first-half red card.*

### February 2020

- 01 Feb *Ely secure first league win since 2 November 2019 with a 1 - 0 success at **Thetford Town**.*
- 08 Feb ***Harry French** scores three times in a 4 - 1 win over bottom-side **Gorleston**. He is the first Ely player to score a league hatrick since **Dan Brown's** triple at **Long Melford** on the equivalent weekend two years ago (10 February 2018).*
- 13 Feb *Defender **Joe Brannan** joins **Lakenheath FC**.*
- 22 Feb ***Ben Marshall** makes debut coming on as a second half substitute in the 4 - 1 defeat at 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Norwich United**.*

### March 2020

- 06 Mar *Ely lose a crucial match against fellow relegation candidates **Thetford Town** 3 - 2 at home. A returning **Luke Brown**, signed from **Soham Town Rangers** and **Alex Shepherd**, signed from United Counties League Division 1 strugglers **Huntingdon Town** feature.*
- 13 Mar *The Eastern Counties League suspend all ECL matches until the 30<sup>th</sup> March with immediate effect as a result of the escalating Coronavirus outbreak. Position to be reviewed at end of the month.*
- 26 Mar *The FA confirm termination of the 2019/20 season due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All results for the season are expunged with no promotion or relegation.*

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## We've Met Before!

Today will be the 38<sup>th</sup> ECL meeting between the Robins and the Brettsiders, the Clubs having first met in 1990/91.

\*Our full league record against them is as follows:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	19	7	3	9	26	34
Away	18	8	6	4	32	26
Total	37	15	9	13	58	60

\* includes 2019/20 H result which were expunged from formal league records due to abandonment of season - Away match not played.

### Best Win

(Home) 2004/05 2 - 0 MacCullum, Chatters  
 (Away) 2004/05 5 - 1 Chatters, G Dewsbury, R Dewsbury (2), A Taylor

### Worst Defeat

(Home) 2013/14 0 - 5  
 (Away) 2003/04 1 - 3 MacCullum  
 2012/13 & 2018/19 0 - 2

Results of the previous five league meetings (home and away)

Season	Division	Result (Ely scores first)	
		(Home)	(Away)
2014/15	Premier	0 - 3	3 - 3
2016/17	Premier	1 - 2	1 - 0
2017/18	Premier	4 - 1	3 - 2
2018/19	Premier	2 - 1	0 - 2
2019/20	Premier	2 - 3	N/A

Hadleigh - 5-year league record

15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
ECP - 7 <sup>th</sup>	ECP - 18 <sup>th</sup>	ECP - 21 <sup>st</sup>	ECP - 16 <sup>th</sup>	N/a

ECP - Eastern Counties League - Premier Division

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## A DIP INTO THE ARCHIVES

### 1976/77 – Magnet & Planet Eastern Counties League

This season marked a short-lived experimental phase in the history of the league with the introduction of a new points system. Four points were awarded for a home win, five points for an away win, one point for a draw and an extra point awarded to teams scoring four more goals in a game. This obscure system meant that champions Wisbech Town gained 137 points, whereas under the old system of 2-points for a win they would have recorded 63. The system was not deemed a success and was quietly shelved at the conclusion of the season.

Having had to apply for re-election the previous year, Ely's 8<sup>th</sup> place under the strong leadership of Roger Pauley was considered a very satisfactory one. A large influx of new players had arrived in the Summer with increased emphasis given to making the team more defensively sound and hard to beat. This they achieved conceding just 46 goals in 40 league matches, which included 14 shut outs. On the reverse side, they found goals difficult to come by with just 57 scored. City registered excellent home wins against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Sudbury Town and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Gorleston (both 2 - 0) but conversely registered defeats at Gothic, Felixstowe and Chatteris all of whom finished in the bottom-four. Derek Bryden was top scorer for a second season in a row with 16 League goals (18 in all competitions), four of which came in the 5 - 1 win against Braintree & Crittal Athletic.

City fared less well in the Cup competitions. Having entered the FA Vase for the very first time, they suffered an embarrassing 2 - 1 home defeat to Peterborough Rovers of the Peterborough League. In the FA Cup they lost 3 - 1 at Southern League Midlands Division team Wellingborough Town, and in the Cambs Invitation Club were knocked out by Wisbech Town (3 - 1 aet) in the opening Round.

A typical team for the season was Trevor Frohock (GK), Brian Cox, Bruce King, Ted Carolan, Colin Harrington, Peter Speed, David Hogg, Soapy Edwards, Alan Moore, Derek Bryden, Kettlewell and Roger Pauley.

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Po
1 Wisbech Town	40	26	11	3	78	30	137
2 Sudbury Town	40	23	9	8	78	36	120
3 Gorleston	40	22	7	11	78	52	112
4 Saffron Walden Town	40	20	11	9	65	49	109
5 Great Yarmouth Town	40	18	13	9	67	45	107
6 Lowestoft Town	40	19	9	12	64	45	102
7 Thetford Town	40	18	8	14	76	84	94
8 Ely City	40	17	4	19	56	46	93
9 Histon	40	16	11	13	59	54	91
10 Haverrill Rovers	40	12	15	13	48	49	82
11 Stowmarket Town	40	13	12	15	51	54	81
12 Clacton Town	40	14	10	16	58	68	79
13 Colchester United Res.	40	14	8	18	59	59	78
14 Braintree & Crittal Athletic	40	13	11	16	52	63	78
15 Newmarket Town	40	13	9	18	43	61	76
16 Soham Town Rangers	40	11	12	17	61	73	71
17 Bury Town	40	11	12	17	48	55	70
18 Gothic	40	10	8	22	52	78	60
19 Felixstowe Town	40	9	9	22	42	76	56
20 Chatteris Town	40	9	6	25	55	103	52
21 March Town United	40	7	10	23	40	77	48

Best Win (all competitions) Ely City 5 Braintree & Crittal Athletic 1 (League)  
 Worst Defeat (all competitions) Ely City 0 Wisbech Town 3 (League)  
 Leading Scorers (all Comp.) Derek Bryden (18), John 'Soapy' Edwards (9) & Derek Waters (7)

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## ELY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

### *A Brief History*

Ely City, nicknamed the Robins after their red shirts, are the oldest senior club in Cambridgeshire. They were formed from the original members of a team called Ely St Etheldreda Football and Cricket Club in Circa 1885. For over ninety years the Club played at the Paradise Ground in the centre of the City, before moving to their present Downham Road location in 1986.

Having initially only played friendlies and entered local cup competitions, Ely joined the Cambridgeshire League in 1901. They withdrew prior to the 1902–03 season after a dispute over fees but re-entered the following season. Having merged with local junior side Ely Albion in 1908, City won their first silverware with back-to-back Cambs Senior League titles in 1910-11 and 1911-12.

At the end of World War I, City joined the Isle of Ely Junior League, winning the title in 1920-21 and 1921-22. City returned to the Cambs League in 1922-23, finishing Division 1 runners-up and also claiming the Cambs Challenge Cup with a 2 - 0 win over strong favourites Newmarket Town. In what was a successful period, the Challenge Cup was retained in 1923-24 and another 2nd place achieved in 1924-25. The Cambs league was restructured in 1928-29 with Ely placed in Division One A, where they finished bottom and were relegated to Division One B. Further league restructuring occurred in 1931, which saw Ely promoted to the newly formed Premier Division. The 1930's was a period of struggle and culminated in relegation to Division 1 (Section B) in 1936-37, where they remained until the outbreak of World War II.

At the end of hostilities, City joined and won the 1945/46 Cambs League (Northern Division) title. Now back in the Premier Division, Ely secured a unique double in 1947-48 by winning both the Cambridgeshire Senior Cup competitions - Creake Shield and Cambs Challenge Cup - in the space of a week. Special trains were organised to take around 1,000 supporters from Ely to the two finals played in March and Histon respectively. In 1949-50, City were Runners-up in the Premier Division and again reached the final of the Creake Shield, losing out in both competitions to then dominant local side, Camden United.

In 1951-52, Ely joined the Peterborough and District League Premier Division and in their first season reached the league cup final which was lost to Cambridge United Reserves. Under newly appointed player-manager and ex-professional George King, Ely won the Premier Division in 1955-56 and reached the First Round Proper of the Amateur Cup, a considerable achievement for a club of Ely's size at that time. However, the crowning glory was achieved the following season when having disposed of higher status teams Histon, Cambridge United, Cambridge City, March Town and Sudbury Town, they reached the first Round Proper of the FA Cup, losing 6 - 2 to Division Three (South) high-flyers Torquay United in front of a record crowd of 4,223. In a truly remarkable season, City also finished 2nd in the league and again reached the first round of the Amateur Cup. Another 2nd place finish was achieved in 1957-58, following which the Club took the decision to turn professional and joined the newly formed Central Alliance League (Division One South). Ely finished 8th and 5th in their two seasons and were losing finalists in the 1959-60 league cup.

Having made a number of previous attempts, Ely were elected to the Eastern Counties League in 1960-61. The Club initially struggled to find its feet at this level, and it was not until the appointment of former Northern Irish international Hughie Barr as player-manager in 1967, that the tide turned. Having secured the Club's highest ever league position of 4th in 1968/69, City were runners-up in 1969/70 and 3rd in 1970/71. That season, City also won the Cambs Invitation Cup (CIC) for the first time and were league cup finalists, losing out to Wisbech Town over two-legs. Barr was replaced by ex-Wisbech Town Player-Manager Mel Harnwell in 1971/72 as Ely secured 5th place and also reached the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, losing to a Kettering Town side led by fledgling manager Ron Atkinson. Other than finishing bottom in 1975-76 and having to seek re-election, City remained a predominantly mid-table team for the remainder of the seventies.

Ely's next season of note came in 1979/80 when the Club won the League Cup for the first and so far, only time, defeating Lowestoft Town over two legs. Despite securing 4th place and scoring a century of goals in 1980/81, the remainder of the 80's was a period of perpetual struggle in which numerous



managers came and went and which finally ended in relegation to the recently formed ECL First Division in 1988/89. At the end of 1985/86, Ely had moved from Paradise to the present Downham Road location on the outskirts of the City. Improvements to the ground have continued to be made over the years and the Club now boasts some of the best facilities in the league.

After relegation steady progress was made during the early nineties under the initial management of ex-Cambridge United man Tom Finney and then Steve Clark. Management duo David Pinkowski and Tony Lyes were appointed in 1994/95, and they secured City's first piece of silverware since 1980 by winning the Hinchingsbrooke Cup in 1995/96. City then romped to the 1996/97 First Division title by a margin of 15 points over closest challengers Histon. The following season, Ely defied all expectations by finishing second in the Premier Division, just two points behind Wroxham – who effectively won the title following a winner-takes-all match-up in the penultimate game of the season. This however proved to be a brief period of success for Ely as Pinkowski and Lyes - and nearly all the squad – left at the end of the season. Ex-professional Alan Biley stepped into the breach at late notice but City almost inevitably finished in bottom-place and were relegated.

Under Steve Taylor, Ely secured an immediate return to the Premier and also won the First Division KO Cup in 1999/00. Having re-established themselves in the top-tier City, now managed by Kevin Pritchard, went on to win the Cambs Invitation Cup for a second time against higher grade Histon in 2001/02. Following the departure of Pritchard, the Club were again relegated at the end of a disastrous 2002/03 campaign. The Club would have to wait until 2007/08 before securing another promotion, this time under the astute management of Dennis Lightning. In the interim, the Club won the First Division KO Cup a further two times in 2004/05 and again in 2007/08. Alan Alsop took-up the managerial reins in 2010 and in only his second season (2011/12) led unfancied City to runners-up spot, once again behind Wroxham. The CIC was also won that season against local rivals Soham Town Rangers and retained the following year (2012/13) with a 3 - 0 win over Southern Premier League side Cambridge City. That season City also reached the 4th Round of the FA Vase.

Following Alsop's departure in January 2014, senior players Brady Stone and Ben Lawrence took charge for the remainder of the season and somewhat against the odds steered the team away the relegation zone. With a severely reduced budget, Stone, now assisted by Martin Grey was unable to repeat the trick in 2014/15, and Ely were unsurprisingly relegated. However, the seeds of a young and talented squad had been sown, and City secured promotion at the first attempt as runners-up in 2015/16 in a campaign that included a club record run of 14 consecutive league wins.

Back in the Premier for 2016/17, City secured a creditable 13th place and reached the fifth round of the FA Vase, a best ever performance in the competition, finally bowing out to Midlands side Sporting Khalsa in front of a crowd of 646 - a record attendance for the ground. City were also runners up in the CIC, losing to Cambridge City in the final. In 2017/18 the Club finished 14th and won the CIC for a fifth time, defeating Cambridge United Development with a stoppage-time winner at the Abbey Stadium. Although City struggled for much of 2018/19, they staved off relegation in exciting fashion in the penultimate game of the season by scoring twice in injury time to defeat 3rd placed Godmanchester Rovers. Remarkably, City also reached the CIC final for a third year in a row, this time defeating ECL Champions, Histon 2 - 1 to retain the trophy.

Brady Stone and Martin Grey stood down in December 2020, to end a successful six-year tenure. The new joint management team of Luke McAvoyn and Ben Farmer were embroiled in another relegation battle when the season was declared null and void in March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2020/21 season will provide the new management team with the opportunity to put their own stamp on the team to and write their own chapter in Ely's long history.

The Club currently run a Reserve side, A Team and Under 18 side. In May 2020, City formally merged with local junior side Ely Crusaders to form a new Club Ely City Crusaders. The vision of the merger being to create a clear pathway into senior football for local youngsters in the City and surrounding area. The Club is affiliated with the Cambridgeshire FA and is an Associated Member of the Football Association.





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## Match Report

### Tuesday 6th October 2020

### Ely City 2–0 Swaffham Town

**Starting line up:** 1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Alsop, 5: Williams, 6: Crisp, 7: Revell, 8: Townsend, 9: Ryan Harnwell, 10: Robinson, 11: Young

**Subs:** Simpson, Darling, Ben Harnwell

Goals from Alex Brown and Josh Townsend secure Robins their second win from opening five games

The first half was a scrappy affair with neither Harry Reynolds or Swaffham's goalkeeper having to make a save.

Ryan Harnwell looked like he had won Ely a penalty after getting pushed in the box with fifteen minutes on the clock but it wasn't enough for the referee to blow his whistle and point to the spot.

#### Half time: Ely City 0 Swaffham Town 0

Ely started the second half with the upper hand and had two really good opportunities to open the scoring before they eventually did.

New signing Tommy Robinson was instrumental in getting Ely on the front foot from midfield- passing the ball into dangerous areas and creating chances for the likes of Young and Harnwell.

The first chance came when Jamie Alsop played the ball in beautifully from a free kick out wide into the box. The ball was met by a powerful header from Tom Williams but instead of finding the back of the net, the ball went just over the top of the cross bar.

The second chance came when a cross field pass bounced in front of Josh Townsend- on the edge of the box- but it didn't quite fall for the number 8 and he wasn't able to get a shot away.

Ely opened the scoring around twenty minutes in to the second half, when left full back Alex Brown picked the ball up out wide and drove into the box. He did really well to drill the ball into the far bottom corner of the goal and give the hosts the lead.

Ten minutes or so later it got even better for the Robins when a cleverly worked free kick from Robinson was scrambled past the goalkeeper by Josh Townsend.

The final incident of note in the game came when Swaffham's goalkeeper was sent off for fouling Ryan Harnwell on the edge of the box and without a sub goalkeeper it was up to one of their outfield players to don the gloves.

#### Full time: Ely City 2 Swaffham Town 0

**Swaffham player Sam Garner suffered a last second injury and was taken to hospital and was found to have sustained an ankle fracture and ligament damage - all at Ely City FC wish him a speedy recovery and come back stronger !**

Ely host Hadleigh on October 10th and then visit Brantham Athletic on the 17th.

Samir Osman





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### League

**Eastern Counties League** (Runners-up) 1969-70, **Premier Division** (Runners-up) 1997-98, 2011-12  
**Eastern Counties League** (1<sup>st</sup> Division) (Winners) 1996-97 (Runners-up) 1999-00, 2007-08, 2015-16  
**Peterborough League** (Premier Division) (Winners) 1955-56 (Runners-up) 1956-57, 1957-58  
**Cambridgeshire League** (Senior Division) (Winners) 1910-11, 1911-12 (Runners-up) 1901-02  
**Cambridgeshire League** (Premier Division) (Runners-up) 1949-50  
**Cambridgeshire League** (1<sup>st</sup> Division) (Runners-up) 1922-23, 1924-25  
**Cambridgeshire League** (Northern Division) (Winners) 1945-46  
**Isle of Ely Junior League** (Winners) 1920-21, 1921-22

### National Cup Competitions

**FA Cup** (Best Performances) 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper v Torquay United 1956-57 and 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying Round v Kettering Town 1972-73  
**FA Amateur Cup** (Best Performance) 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper 1955-56 v Alton Town and 1956-57 v Erith & Belvedere  
**FA Trophy** (Best Performance) 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round v Alfreton Town 1973-74  
**FA Vase** (Best Performance) 5<sup>th</sup> Round v Sporting Khalsa 2016/17

### Other Cup Competitions

**Eastern Counties League Cup** (Winners) 1979-80 (Runners-up) 1970-71  
**Eastern Counties 1<sup>st</sup> Division KO Cup** (Winners) 1999-00, 2004-05, 2007-08  
**Cambs Invitation Cup** (Winners) 1970-71, 2001-02, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2017-18 & 2018-19 (Runners-up) 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1963-64, 1969-70, 1971-72 & 2016-17  
**Hinchingbrooke Cup** (Winners) 1995-96  
**Hunts Premier Cup** (Runners-up) 2001-02  
**Peterborough Senior League Cup** (Runners-up) 1951-52  
**Central Alliance League Cup** (Runners-up) 1959-60  
**Cambridgeshire Challenge Cup** (Winners) 1922-23, 1923-24, 1947-48 (Runners-up) 1931-32, 1951-52  
**Creake Shield** (Winners) 1947-48 (Runners-up) 1949-50  
**Cambs Junior Cup** (Runners-up) 1898-99, 1899-00  
**Upwell Nursery Cup** (Winners) 1921-22, 1922-23, 1951-52, 1952-53  
**Cottenham Cup** (Winners) 1949-50, 1950-51  
**Chatteris Challenge Cup** (Winners) 1949-50 (Runners-up) 1948-49  
**Chatteris Engineering Works Cup** (Runners-up) 1934-35  
**Wisbech Charity Cup** (Runners-up) 1912-13  
**Isle of Ely Junior Cup** (Runners-up) 1921-22, 1922-23  
**Scott Gatty Cup** (Winners) 1949-50  
**Soham Charity Cup** (Winners) 1966-67, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1994-95, 1996-97, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01 (Runners-up) 1962-63, 1967-68, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1988-89, 1990-91, 2001-02  
**Soham Nursery Cup** (Runners-up) 1933-34, 1968-69, 1969-70  
**Soham Coronation Cup** (Runners-up) 1952-53  
**Townsend Cup** (Runners-up) 1949-50, 1951-52, 1953-54, 1959-60  
**Cranfield Cup** (Winners) 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1958-59, 1966-67, 1969-70, 1971-72 (Runners-up) 1952-53, 1957-58, 1963-64, 1970-71, 1972-73  
**Ely Invitation Cup** (Winners) 1962-63, 1963-64, 1988-89, 1996-97 (Trophy Shared) 1957-58 (Runners-up) 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1991-92, 1994-95, 1997-98

### Previous Leagues

1885 – 1901 Not affiliated to any league  
1901 – 1951 Cambs League (Excluding 1902-03 and duration of WWI and WWII)  
1951 – 1958 Peterborough League  
1958 – 1960 Central Alliance League  
1960 – Present Eastern Counties League



## ELY CITY RESERVES CAMBS KERSHAW PREMIER 20/21 SEASON

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	West Wrating First	5	3	1	1	7	10
2	Comberton United First	5	3	0	2	2	9
3	Eynesbury United First	4	2	2	0	6	8
4	Great Shelford First	4	2	2	0	6	8
5	Foxton First	4	2	2	0	4	8
6	Eaton Socon First Team	5	2	2	1	2	8
7	Cherry Hinton First	4	2	1	1	1	7
8	Over Sports First	5	2	1	2	-1	7
9	Hemingfords United First team	3	2	0	1	1	6
10	Cambridge University Press First	5	1	2	2	-1	5
11	Witchford 96 First	5	1	2	2	-4	5
12	Ely City Reserves	5	1	1	3	-5	4
13	Linton Granta First	3	1	0	2	-2	3
14	Gamlingay United First	4	0	2	2	-3	2
15	Fulbourn Institute First	5	0	0	5	-13	0

**Next Fixtures:**

**Saturday 10th October - Away v Witchford 96 3.00pm**

**Saturday 17th October - Home v West Wrating 3.00pm**

### Saturday 3rd October - What a game!



**ELY CITY RES 5**  
 Will Crisp  
 Matt Simpson x 2  
 Dan Jeffrey  
 Luke Young  
**EYNESBURY UNITED 5**  
 #Robins





## ELY CITY A CAMBS DIVISION 1B 20/21 SEASON

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Swavesey Institute First Team	4	3	1	0	7	10
2	Outwell Swifts First	3	3	0	0	5	9
3	AFC Walpole First	2	2	0	0	5	6
4	Hemingfords United Reserves	4	2	0	2	3	6
5	Burwell Swifts Firsts	4	2	0	2	-1	6
6	Chatteris Town First	4	1	1	2	3	4
7	Alconbury First	3	1	1	1	-1	4
8	Godmanchester Rovers Reserves	2	1	0	1	-1	3
9	Fenstanton First	4	1	0	3	-3	3
10	Ely City 'A'	3	1	0	2	-7	3
11	Over Sports Reserves	3	0	1	2	-5	1
12	Gamlingay United Reserves	2	0	0	2	-5	0

### Next Fixtures:

Saturday 17th October - Home v Gamlingay Utd Reserves 2.30pm

Saturday 24th October - Away v Outwell Swifts 3.00pm

## ELY CITY U18s

### THURLOW NUNN YOUTH LEAGUE 20/21 CAMBRIDGE DIVISION

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bury Town F.C. U18 (Thurlow Nunn)	2	2	0	0	4	6
2	Newmarket Town F.C U18	2	2	0	0	6	6
3	Royston Town FC U18	2	2	0	0	7	6
4	Histon FC U18	2	1	1	0	3	4
5	Saffron Walden Community Youth U18 Town	3	1	1	1	-1	4
6	Ely City U18	3	1	0	2	-4	3
7	Haverhill Rovers F.C. U18 Boys	1	0	0	1	-1	0
8	Mildenhall Town F.C. U18 (Thurlow Nunn Y	1	0	0	1	-5	0
9	Lakenheath F.C. U18	2	0	0	2	-4	0
10	Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18	2	0	0	2	-5	0

### Next Fixtures:

Thursday 15th October - Home v Walsham le Willows U18 7.45pm



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## Bits & Bobs is back !!!

Hi all!, I hope I find you all well and keeping safe in these strange times for us humans. On the subject of covid-19 I would ask that you help us be covid safe by doing track&trace, using the hand sanitizer provided and also social distancing. Please use the one way system in the clubhouse, all of this will help us keep having fans at the games, something we all want I'm sure!!.

Speaking of the clubhouse I hope you are enjoying the revamped facilities, a lot of time and hard graft went into this project, well done to all involved!. You may have also noticed a very nice young lady serving you your drinks etc, this is the newest member of the robins family Amy, welcome to the club!.

Another new (sort of) face is Geoff, normally found doing the raffle and numerous other jobs on matchdays and behind the scenes on non match days. Geoff has just moved back into Ely having been living in spellbrook (near bishops Stortford), he was involved with Stortford football club before moving back, it's great to have him here (esp cause he is my best mate!), Bungle & Zippy ride again!!.

Ok time for the usual we need more volunteers at the club, anything you can do would be great, just speak to any club officials, we are a friendly bunch!.

You may have noticed that the 100 club has restarted, now run by Len Cutchey. £5 a month buy's you a number in the draw with 4 cash prizes each month. Info is available in the clubhouse.

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*Gary Creak*



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- 6 Luke Crisp
- 7 Jordan Foster
- 8 Josh Revell
- 9 Ryan Harnwell
- 10 Josh Townshend
- 11 Luke Young
  
- 12 Jamie Alsop
- 14 Harvey Bullinaria
- 15 Adam Capel
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