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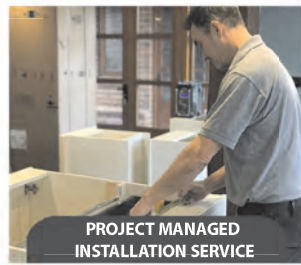
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1	Kirkley & Pakefield	5	4	0	1	4	12
2	Norwich United	4	3	1	0	3	10
3	Wroxham	3	3	0	0	7	9
4	Hadleigh United	4	3	0	1	5	9
5	Brantham Athletic	3	2	1	0	3	7
6	Stowmarket Town	3	2	1	0	3	7
7	Walsham Le Willows	3	2	0	1	1	6
8	Gorleston	4	2	0	2	-3	6
9	Mildenhall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

as of 25/09/2020

TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES

PD	26/09/20	Brantham Athletic	Gorleston
PD	26/09/20	Ely City	Norwich United
PD	26/09/20	FC Clacton	Thetford Town
PD	26/09/20	Kirkley & Pakefield	Stanway Rovers
PD	26/09/20	Newmarket Town	Hadleigh United
PD	26/09/20	Stowmarket Town	Godmanchester Rovers
PD	26/09/20	Swaffham Town	Long Melford
PD	26/09/20	Whitton United	Haverhill Rovers
PD	26/09/20	Woodbridge Town	Mildenhall Town
PD	26/09/20	Wroxham	Walsham Le Willows



THE MAGIC OF THE FA CUP

by Jamie Cranwell

The magic of the FA Cup was well and truly alive in Ely, after the Robins success in the opening two rounds excitement was building. Penalty shoot out success away at Godmanchester set up a tough tie at home to Eynesbury Rovers and what a cup tie it was. An excellent performance from Ely, the whole team pulled together and battled hard for the entire game. A decent sized crowd enjoying the Saturday afternoon sunshine, treated to an emphatic win for the Robins.

There is a sense that the club is on the up, these are exciting times to support and be involved with Ely City Football Club. A lot of hard work is currently going into improving the club in all areas. The clubhouse has received a much-needed makeover and is now looking fantastic. We want to create a friendly welcoming environment for people to come and enjoy. The club rely heavily on the income from the clubhouse and bar and therefore we want to do everything we can to make it successful. In the last round it was great to see people come together, to enjoy themselves, the revamped clubhouse and of course the football. There was genuine excitement and a buzz around the place, and we want that success to continue both on and off the pitch.

The Robins had not reached that round of the FA Cup since 2011, and only narrowly lost a tough battle against Biggleswade. A good FA Cup run makes all the difference for a club like ours financially. Ely famously reached the 1st round proper way back in 1956 as we faced Torquay at our old paradise ground in front of a crowd of over 4000. It would be amazing if the Robins one day reach the 1st round proper again. Why shouldn't we dream, that is what the magic of the FA Cup is all about.

Now that our FA Cup dream is over, it would be great to see people still get behind the Robins for the rest of our league campaign. We want to continue to see success on and off the pitch, Ely City is a great club with great potential.

So, everyone get behind the team for the rest of the season and cheer the Robins onto victory. We can show everyone that Ely City Football Club is a club on the rise. Unity is strength.

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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
PD	08/09/20	19:45	Ely City	Thetford Town	Won 1-0
FAC	12/09/20	15:00	Ely City	Eynesbury Rovers	Won 3-1
FAV	19/09/20	15:00	Downham Town	Ely City	Lost 0-3
FAC	22/09/20	19:45	Ely City	Biggleswade FC	Lost 1-2
PD	26/09/20	15:00	Ely City	Norwich United	The Demcom Stadium
PD	30/09/20	19:45	Godmanchester Rovers	Ely City	The David Wilson Homes Ground
PD	03/10/20	15:00	Stowmarket Town	Ely City	Greens Meadow
PD	06/10/20	19:45	Ely City	Swaffham Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	10/10/20	15:00	Ely City	Hadleigh United	The Demcom Stadium
PD	17/10/20	15:00	Brantham Athletic	Ely City	Brantham Leisure Centre
PD	20/10/20	19:45	Ely City	Godmanchester Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
PD	24/10/20	15:00	Ely City	Haverhill Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
PD	31/10/20	15:00	Newmarket Town	Ely City	The Tristel Stadium
PD	07/11/20	15:00	Ely City	Kirkley & Pakefield	The Demcom Stadium
PD	10/11/20	19:45	Swaffham Town	Ely City	Shoemakers Lane
PD	14/11/20	15:00	Long Melford	Ely City	Stoneylands
PD	21/11/20	15:00	Ely City	Wroxham	The Demcom Stadium
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
PD	05/12/20	15:00	Ely City	Stanway Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
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
PD	28/12/20	15:00	Ely City	Newmarket Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	02/01/21	15:00	Hadleigh United	Ely City	Millfield
PD	09/01/21	15:00	Ely City	Gorleston	The Demcom Stadium
PD	16/01/21	15:00	Woodbridge Town	Ely City	Notcutts Park
PD	23/01/21	15:00	Ely City	Stowmarket Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	06/02/21	15:00	Ely City	Mildenhall Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	13/02/21	15:00	Haverhill Rovers	Ely City	New Croft #1
PD	20/02/21	15:00	Ely City	Whitton United	The Demcom Stadium
PD	27/02/21	15:00	Kirkley & Pakefield	Ely City	Walmer Road
PD	06/03/21	15:00	Ely City	Woodbridge Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	13/03/21	15:00	Norwich United	Ely City	Plantation Park
PD	27/03/21	15:00	Ely City	Brantham Athletic	The Demcom Stadium
PD	03/04/21	15:00	Ely City	Long Melford	The Demcom Stadium
PD	05/04/21	15:00	Mildenhall Town	Ely City	Recreation Way
PD	10/04/21	15:00	Wroxham	Ely City	Trafford Park
PD	17/04/21	15:00	Ely City	FC Clacton	The Demcom Stadium
PD	24/04/21	15:00	Gorleston	Ely City	Emerald Park



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NORWICH UNITED FC Player Profiles 20/21

Dillon Alexander - Signed from Anglian combination side Hellesdon fc at the start of 2019 was ever present last season making 37 appearances. Strong, combative is comfortable in defence or midfield.

Sam Applegate - Signed from Great Yarmouth 3 years ago. Recently made vice captain. Planters fans favourite for his tenacity in midfield. Often in referees notebook but also has the odd wonder goal in his locker.

Harry Barker - Former Norwich city youngster signed from Lowestoft Town. Entering his 4th season with the club. A quick powerful right back with bags of energy and very well respected in the dressing room.

Matty Daniels - Former Ipswich town scholar, In his second spell with the club after having 3 years away from the game. Multiple winner in his first spell picking up league and cup double. Box to box midfielder and natural eye for goal.

Haydn Davis - 3rd season for the club after signing from Great Yarmouth Town. Left footed midfielder who covers every blade of grass, exciting footballer who adds goals and assists on a regular basis.

Ryan Dickerson - A young Goalkeeper signed from Norwich city academy at the start of last season. Nicknamed Dr Steel Wrists for his outstanding shot stopping ability. Has a very bright future ahead of him.

Matty Doyle - A recent summer signing from Wroxham fc, after returning from a serious knee injury. A quick powerful forward and deadly in front of goal. In 2017 he scored 36 goals for Norwich CBS.

Andy Eastaugh - Former captain now assistant manager, closing in on 300 appearances over 7 season. 2 time league Winner with the planters with also success in the league and senior cups.

Jordy Forbes - Signed in 2018 from Norwich city academy, son of the legend Adrian. Young exciting wide man with bags of potential. Quick skilful a defenders nightmare.

Mac Gee - Another recent acquisition from Wroxham fc, a strong combative defender with excellent leadership qualities. Comfortable on the ball and gives a attacking threat when driving forward.

Jack Hurrell - A summer signing from Hellesdon fc after scoring 46 goals in four seasons. A big number 9 who can bully defences, strong and direct always putting a shift in for the team.

Adam Probert - Fifth season with club starting when he was only 15. A gifted right back with lots of technical qualities, a willing learner and another with a bright future.

Jayden Snelling - Emerged on the scene last season from the clubs under 18s. A exciting young talent with loads of pace a potential, one to watch.

Natty Stewart - Returns for his second spell with club, after excellent first spell he secured a move to Kings Lynn fc where his chances were limited. After a brief spell at Dereham town last season he returns to plantation park. A hard working quick Striker with bags of quality a really exciting signing for the club.

Sam Watts - Recently made captain after 4 fantastic seasons, a leader on and off the pitch. A physical specimen that doesn't miss a minute of action. A high class defender who constantly puts his body on the line.

Keehan Whitby - A summer signing who comes across with Steve from Diss Town. A powerful striker with blistering speed, defenders nightmare.

Andy Wilton - Wilts returns for a second spell after moving back to Norfolk. A previous golden glove winner when winning the Isthmian North league title with Bowers and Pitsea. A commanding presence between the sticks who has previously played under Steve with Afc Sudbury and St Neots.

Shaun Wones - Another summer signing returning to club as a player/coach. After having two seasons in with the club in the isthmian North and lifting the Norfolk senior cup Wonesy has spent the last two season at Norwich Cbs. Colossal in the air 'the salmon' is comfortable in defence or midfield.



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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 8th 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 95th 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 2nd 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 1st 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 2nd 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 6th 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 3rd 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 2nd 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 30th 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.*

Written by Simon Barlow



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Today will be the 33rd ECL meeting between the Robins and the Planters, the Clubs having first met in 1989/90.

The full league record of are league meetings are as follows.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	16	8	3	5	30	26
Away	16	6	0	10	19	35
Total	32	14	3	15	49	61

** includes 2019/20 results that were expunged from formal league records due to abandonment of season.*

Best Win

(Home)	1999/00	8 - 2	Edey (4), Moye (3), Eden
(Away)	1995/96	3 - 0	Evason, Eden, Pete Braybrooke

Worst Defeat

(Home)	2014/15	0 - 5
	2018/19	1 - 6
(Away)	2014/15	0 - 7

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

Season	Division	Result (Ely scores first)	
		(Home)	(Away)
2012/13	Premier	2 - 0	3 - 1
2013/14	Premier	0 - 2	0 - 1
2014/15	Premier	0 - 5	0 - 7
2018/19	Premier	1 - 6	1 - 3
*2019/20	Premier	1 - 1	1 - 4

Norwich United – 5-year league record

15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
ECP – 1 st	Isth1N – 9 th	Isth1N – 24 th	ECP 11 th	N/a

ECP – Eastern Counties League - Premier Division

Isth1N – Isthmian League Division 1 North

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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 8th 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 2nd placed Sudbury Town and 3rd 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.

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	40	20	8	12	74	55	48	40	20	8	12	93	76	48
	40	21	5	14	88	54	47	40	19	7	14	68	49	45
	40	17	10	13	68	66	44	40	18	6	15	71	70	44
	40	18	5	17	76	72	41	40	17	7	16	70	79	41
	40	14	9	17	53	57	37							

Best Win (all competitions)
 Worst Defeat (all competitions)
 Leading Scorers (all Comp.)

Ely City 5 Braintree & Crittal Athletic 1 (League)
 Ely City 0 Wisbech Town 3 (League)
 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 Hinchingsbrook 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.



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

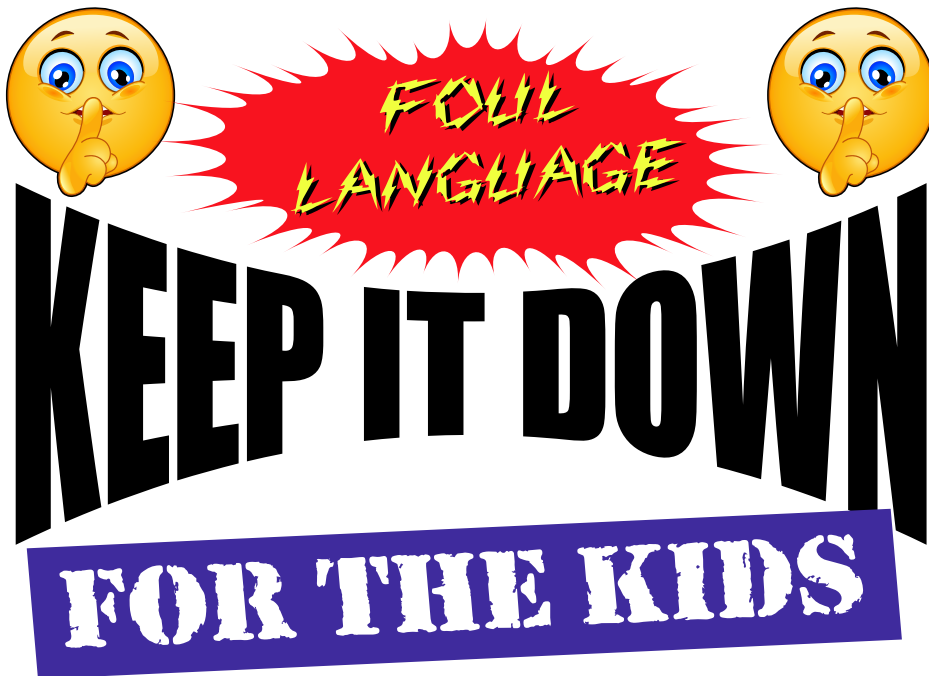
Signed from Kershaw prem champions Great Shelford. Very versatile forward player, who has great pace and skill. Made his debut against Godmanchester Rovers in the Fa cup win.

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.



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Match Report - FA CUP 1Q Round Tuesday 22nd September 2020 Ely City 1 v 2 Biggleswade FC

Ely starting lineup: 1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Capel, 5: Williams, 6: Harrison, 7: Darling, 8: Bullinaria, 9: Harnwell, 10: Crisp, 11: Townsend

Subs: 12: Alsop 14: Young 15: Foster 16: Revell 17: Diver 18: Newton

Battling Robins bow out of this years FA Cup to Biggleswade

Despite taking the lead Ely couldn't quite manage to see the job through against opposition one step up the pyramid.

They took the lead very early on when Ryan Harnwell was played in thanks to a fantastic pass from Josh Townsend. The striker took the ball beyond the opposition defence and did brilliantly to curl the ball into the corner of the net and beyond the goalkeeper.

Ely then had another chance two minutes later when Bullinaria was fouled just outside of the box but the ball went straight out of play.

Sadly for the hosts, the game turned at this point when around fifteen minutes into the game Biggleswades striker slotted home a cross which came in from the right hand side.

The away side then threatened to take the lead when twenty minutes into the game, Harry Reynolds did brilliantly to dive low and palm away a goal bound shot before the follow up was put just over the bar.

The half finished with lots of pressure from Biggleswade high up the pitch and it needed great defending from centre half pairing Williams and Harrison to keep the scores level. Up the other end of the pitch Crisp and Bullinaria were doing well to relieve the pressure and get the hosts up the pitch regularly.

Half time: Ely City 1 Biggleswade 1

The second half continued in the same vein as the first with the added negativity this time when striker Ryan Harnwell went off with an injury and then soon after Adam Capel had to go off too.

Biggleswade actually scored just after the defender Capel went off when the striker was played through and slotted well past Reynolds. Probably a deserved winner but the injuries didn't help the Robins cause at all.

Ely had a great chance really late on when a corner found its way to Captain Tom Williams on the edge of the box but the number 5 could only manage to shoot over.

Full time: Ely City 1 Biggleswade 2

The Robins host Norwich United on September 26th and then visit Godmanchester Rovers on Wednesday 30th.

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Ely City Football Club (*formed 1885*) Honours to date...

League

Eastern Counties League (Runners-up) 1969-70, **Premier Division** (Runners-up) 1997-98, 2011-12
Eastern Counties League (1st 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 (1st 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) 1st Round Proper v Torquay United 1956-57 and 4th Qualifying Round v Kettering Town 1972-73
FA Amateur Cup (Best Performance) 1st Round Proper 1955-56 v Alton Town and 1956-57 v Erith & Belvedere
FA Trophy (Best Performance) 2nd Qualifying Round v Alfreton Town 1973-74
FA Vase (Best Performance) 5th Round v Sporting Khalsa 2016/17

Other Cup Competitions

Eastern Counties League Cup (Winners) 1979-80 (Runners-up) 1970-71
Eastern Counties 1st 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



Previous Grounds

1885 – 1890 Various locations in and around Ely
 1890 – 1986 Paradise Recreation Ground
 1986 – Present The Unwin Ground, Downham Road

Colours

Home Red with White Trim
 Away Blue with White Trim

Nickname

The Citizens (pre-war), The Robins

MANAGERS

Pre 1955 team selected by Committee

1955 - 1959 George King* 1959 - 1961 Tommy Savage* 1961 - 1964 Jimmy Munro* 1964 - 1967 Maurice Smith*
 1967 - 1972 Hughie Barr* 1972 - 1975 Mel Harnwell* 1975 - 1976 Brian Symonds 1976 - 1979 Roger Pauley
 1979 - 1980 Roger Crane* 1980 - 1982 Lester Newell* 1982 Jon Tippett* 1982 - 1983 Ted Robbins* 1983 - 1986 Roger Crane*
 1986 - 1987 Andy Parker* 1987 - 1988 Roger Pauley 1988 Derek Warwick 1988 Eric Simper 1988 - 1989 Derek Warwick
 1989 - 1992 Tom Finney* 1992 Alan Biley* 1992 - 1994 Steve Clark* 1994 - 1998 Dave Pinkowski and Tony Lyes 1998 Mel Mattless
 1998 - 1999 Alan Biley* 1999 - 2001 Steve Taylor 2001 - 2002 Kevin Pritchard 2002 Rob Swain and Jerry Hutton
 2002 - 2003 Rob Swain 2003 Martin Pammenter* 2003 Martin Pammenter* and Steve Taylor 2003 - 2005 Steve Taylor
 2005 - 2006 Steve Taylor and Dennis Lightning 2006 - 2009 Dennis Lightning 2009 Trevor Munns 2009 - 2010
 Dennis Lightning 2010 - 2014 Alan Alsop 2014 *Brady Stone and Ben Lawrence 2014 - 2019 Brady Stone
 2020 Luke McAvoy and Ben Farmer
 *Denotes Player-Manager

Playing records

Best League Win (Eastern Counties League) Ely City 9 Gothic 0 (1973-74)
 Worst league defeat (Eastern Counties League) Lowestoft Town 13 Ely City 1 (1964-65)
 Best Home Win (any Competition Post War) Ely City 12 Upwell Town 0 – Peterborough Premier League (1956-57)
 Best away win (any competition Post War) Downham Town 1 Ely City 11 – Peterborough Premier League (1957-58)

Attendances

Record Home League Attendance 2,292 v Newmarket Town – Peterborough Premier League (1957-58)
 Record Home Attendance in any competition 4,223 v Torquay United – FA Cup 1st Round (1956-57)
 Record attendance for any game involving the club 6,993 v Cambridge City (A) FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round (1956-57)

MISCELLANEOUS

- The club were required to seek re-election in their first three seasons in the Eastern Counties League (1960/61 – 1962/63)
- Cambridgeshire's premier cup competition the Cambs Invitation cup has been won by the club on four occasions (1969-70 2001-02, 2011-12 and 2012-13). They have been runners-up a further six times.
- In the 2001-02 Cambs Invitation Cup final Ely defeated Histon 1 – 0 at the Abbey Stadium in front of 423 spectators. Histon were lying 4th in the Dr Martens Southern League (Eastern Division) at the time. Ely had beaten Cambridge City of the Southern League Premier Division in the semi-final. They also defeated higher grade opposition in the two following finalis in 2012 (Soham Town Rangers – Ryman League Division 1 Central) and 2013 (Cambridge City – Southern League Premier).
- Ely appointed their first manager in June 1955. Prior to this team selection had been decided by committee.
- Former Cambridge United, Derby County and Portsmouth striker, Alan Biley managed the club on two separate occasions. He was at the helm when the club's depleted squad were relegated from the Eastern Counties Premier League in 1998-99.**
- Ely first wore numbered shirts in the 1946-47 season.**
- The Club turned semi-professional when they joined the Central Alliance (1st Division South) in 1958.



- 8 Ron Atkinson was in his first managerial position (player-manager) when Kettering Town visited Ely in the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in 1972-73.**
- 9 Stan Woodgett, Ely's goalkeeper of the late 1940's and early 1950's was the club's designated penalty taker. He scored one of Ely's goals in the 2 - 3 defeat against Cambridge United Reserves in the Peterborough Senior Cup Final (1951-52). This was the first time that a club making its debut in the Peterborough league had reached the final of the league's cup competition.**
- 10 England World Cup winner Martin Peters played as a sweeper against Ely at the Paradise Ground in a 2 – 2 draw during the 1981-82 season. He was booked.**
- 11 In the 1982-83 league campaign Ely lost 37 of their 42 games, winning just 2 and drawing the other 3. They amassed a total of 7 points (2 points for a win) for the season, only one of which came away from home. They scored a total of 21 goals and conceded 129. Although finish rock-bottom the club were re-elected.
- 12 The club's final game at the Paradise Ground was a 2 - 3 defeat against Felixstowe Town on 5th May 1986. Nigel Fuller scored Ely's final goal on the ground.**
- 13 The first competitive game played at the Unwin Ground, was a 1 – 4 FA Cup defeat against Tiptree United in on 13 September 1986. Kevan Cambridge scored Ely's first goal at their new home.**
- 14 Floodlights were erected in the 1986-87 season. The first competitive game played under the lights was a 1 - 0 league win over Thetford Town. New lights were erected for the 2016/17 season.
- 15 Ely's 120 seat stand, The Roger Pauley Stand, was officially opened prior to the 0 - 1 league defeat against Downham Town on Boxing Day 1993.
- 16 Ely City, then a 1st Division club, defeated Arlesey Town 6 - 0 in the final of the Hinchingsbrooke Cup in 1995-96. Arlesey went on to win the Minerva South Midlands Premier League that season. It was Ely's first mainstream honour since lifting the Eastern Counties League Cup in 1980.
- 17 In their 1st Division championship season of 1996-97 Ely won the league by a margin of 13 points over Histon. They lost just 2 of the 34 matches played in the league that season.
- 18 In 1997-98, their first season back in the Premier Division since relegation in 1988-89, Ely finished runners-up to Wroxham by 2 points, despite amassing 95 points. A 0 - 2 defeat at Wroxham in the penultimate game of the season was watched by a crowd of 900+, was ultimately the deciding factor between the two teams. Second place equalled the club's previous best league position achieved in 1969-70. This position was achieved again in the 2011-12 season when Ely again finished runners-up to Wroxham.
- 19 Ely's best run in the FA Vase ended in the 5th Round in 2016/17 with a 3 – 0 home defeat against Sporting Khalsa of the Midlands Premier League in front of a crowd of 646.
- 20 Johnny Fretwell and Lester Newell, members of the 1971 Cambs Invitation Cup winning team, were also in the Ely side that won the Eastern Counties league Cup in 1980.
- 21 Mike Dixon, father of ex-England international Kerry Dixon, played one season for the club in 1968-69. The centre forward, renowned for his heading ability, finished the season as top scorer with 32 goals. He subsequently left to play for Bedford Town. Kerry Dixon was manager of the Letchworth side that knocked Ely out of the 2001-02 FA Vase.**
- 22 Goal scoring centurions for the club are: P E Newstead (1920's), A E 'Nibs' Ellingham (1930's), Albert Butcher (1930's, 40's & 50's), Jack Lockwood (1930's, 40's & 50's), Tony Green and George King (1950's), Lester Newell (1960's, 70's & 80's), Maurice Smith (1960's & 70's) Karl Simper (1980's & 90's) and Matthew Eden (1990's & 00's)
- 23 Eric Simper played over 500 games for the club between 1958 and 1973. He also had a short spell as manager. In the 1 His son, Karl was a centre forward for Ely in the late 1980's and early 1990's – scoring a total of 109 goal. He is one of only ten goal scoring centurions for the club.**
- 24 A number of ex-league players have turned out for the club, including George King (Newcastle United, Carlisle United and Barrow), Lindsey Smith (Cambridge United), Alan Biley (Cambridge United, Derby County and Portsmouth), Tom Finney (Cambridge United & Northern Ireland) and Trevor Quow (Peterborough United and Northampton Town).



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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.

Player, match and matchball sponsorship are available, ask any club officials for more information.

Finally, please consider taking on one of our popular pitchside adboards for your business, see any club officials for more info.

We are also renewing our white pitch fence and you can buy a metre with your name on it for £30, see website or club officials for more information.

Enjoy the game and keep safe!!

Gary Creak



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Saturday 26th September 2020 – Kick Off 3.00pm

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NORWICH UNITED FC
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Blue Socks



From

- 1 Harry Reynolds
- 2 Sheldon Weinman
- 3 Alex Brown
- 4 Nick Harrison
- 5 George Darling
- 6 Luke Crisp
- 7 Jordan Foster
- 8 Josh Revell
- 9 Ryan Harnwell
- 10 Josh Townshend
- 11 Luke Young

From

- Dillon Alexander 1
- Sam Applegate 2
- Harry Barker 3
- Matty Daniels 4
- Haydn Davis 5
- Ryan Dickerson 6
- Matty Doyle 7
- Andy Eastaugh 8
- Jordy Forbes 9
- Mac Gee 10
- Jack Hurrell 11

- 12 Jamie Alsop
- 14 Joe Brannan
- 15 Harvey Bullinaria
- 16 Adam Capel
- 17

- Adam Probert 12
- Jayden Snelling 14
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