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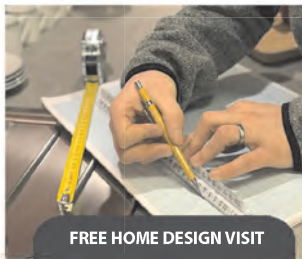
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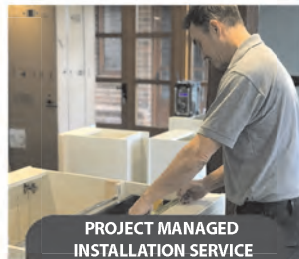
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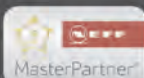
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POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Norwich United	9	7	2	0	11	23
2	Wroxham	7	7	0	0	17	21
3	Kirkley & Pakefield	10	6	1	3	0	19
4	Stanway Rovers	11	4	4	3	9	16
5	Hadleigh United	8	4	2	2	5	14
6	Stowmarket Town	6	4	2	0	5	14
7	Walsham Le Willows	8	4	1	3	6	13
8	Ely City	8	3	4	1	3	13
9	Brantham Athletic	6	3	3	0	4	12
10	Mildenhall Town	6	3	2	1	7	11
11	Newmarket Town	8	3	1	4	-4	10
12	FC Clacton	5	3	0	2	6	9
13	Godmanchester Rovers	10	2	3	5	-6	9
14	Gorleston	8	3	0	5	-9	9
15	Swaffham Town	9	2	1	6	-8	7
16	Whitton United	5	2	0	3	-2	6
17	Haverhill Rovers	9	1	1	7	-19	4
18	Thetford Town	7	1	0	6	-10	3
19	Woodbridge Town	8	0	2	6	-6	2
20	Long Melford	6	0	1	5	-9	1

as of 23/10/2020

### TODAYS OTHER FIXTURES

PD	24/10/20	Godmanchester Rovers	Brantham Athletic
PD	24/10/20	Hadleigh United	Norwich United
PD	24/10/20	Mildenhall Town	Stowmarket Town
PD	24/10/20	Stanway Rovers	Gorleston
PD	24/10/20	Swaffham Town	Newmarket Town
PD	24/10/20	Thetford Town	Long Melford
PD	24/10/20	Whitton United	Walsham Le Willows
PD	24/10/20	Woodbridge Town	Kirkley & Pakefield

## Match Report - Saturday 17th October 2020 BRANTHAM ATHLETIC 1 ELY CITY 1



**Ely starting lineup:** 1: Reynolds, 2: Turner, 3: Brown, 4: Crisp, 5: Williams, 6: Wyman, 7: Revell, 8: Townshend, 9: Gibbs, 10: Robinson, 11: Young

### **Robins collect superb away point after good defensive display!**

Ely had to defend well from the off with Williams and Wyman doing well to keep the scores level. Early on Brantham's number 9 had a stinging shot palmed away by Reynolds and the defence also had to clear off the line from a corner before the twentieth minute. The ball was played in from the right and after pinging around the box, the ball appeared to be going in before Ely did superbly to clear.

There was lots of pressure in and around Ely's goal and the Robins back four played well to deny space and clear away before Brantham genuinely threatened to open the scoring- aside from the aforementioned effort which was cleared off the line.

As much defending as Ely had to do they were always a threat on the counter with Tommy Robinson and Josh Townshend providing chances for strike pair Young and Gibbs.

Ten minutes before the break, Robinson found a pocket of space to drive into from the left hand side of the box and deftly passed to Gibbs who got a good shot away from the edge of the box. Brantham's goalkeeper saved the shot and instead of catching or clearing, pushed the ball straight back in front of him into the path of the onrushing Luke Young who calmly slotted home.

### **Half time: Brantham Athletic 0 Ely City 1**

Second half carried on in the same manner as the first with lots of Brantham pressure and more questions being asked of Reynolds who answered most of what they had to offer.

The equaliser came five minutes into the half when a corner was headed home. It was the least the hosts deserved after so much pressure. A previous corner had already been cleared off the line by Turner and the hosts pressure finally told with the goal.

Despite the equaliser, mid way through the second half Ely found their second wind and began to look dangerous on the counter again.

Townshend and Robinson began to play good attacking football with their pace and trickery and Gibbs/Young did well to hold the ball up which in turn alleviated the pressure on Reynolds and the Robins defence.

A point was an excellent result but it could have been a lot more than that for Ely. With five minutes to go, left full back Alex Brown passed to Robinson just beyond the centre circle and the playmaker did brilliantly to set Young clear.

Young got away from the Brantham defence and once inside the box fired a shot to the goalkeepers right but instead of nesting in the corner the ball hit the bottom right hand post and went out.

### **Full time: Brantham Athletic 1 Ely City 1**



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## Match Report

### Tuesday 20th October 2020

# Ely City 2–1 Godmanchester Rovers

#### Ely's starting line up:

1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Capel, 5: Williams (capt), 6: Wyman, 7: Revell, 8: Crisp,  
9: R. Harnwell 10: Robinson, 11: Young

**Subs:** 12: Lewis, 14: Alsop, 15: Turner, 16: Cater,

#### Ely continue their good start to the season with a slender win against Godmanchester Rovers

The hosts began with intensity and they looked very threatening very early on. Ryan Harnwell did superbly to get into the box and shoot but the ball agonizingly hit the post. Fullback Sheldon Weinman was on hand to finish and put the ball into the back of the net but was given offside.

Soon after a Goddy Rovers player was given a straight red for a foul deemed over the top by the referee.

The Robins soon made their one man advantage count when Luke Young blasted home a wonderful effort. From outside the box the number 11 shot goalwards and with help from the cross bar- the ball bounced over the line.

The previous action all happened within the first ten minutes and so it was hardly a shock that the game calmed down soon after. In fairness to Goddy Rovers, they didn't play like they had a man down and were still a threat on the break.

Tommy Robinson and Josh Revell stood out as players who helped midfield ticking over for the hosts with Harnwell and Young a constant threat too.

The latter had an excellent chance to double his goal tally and Ely's lead when the ever impressive Sheldon Weinman headed a freekick back into the six yard box into the path of Young – but despite the striker getting a shot away, the effort flew just past the right hand post.

Despite the man advantage 1-0 at half time was a fair scoreline with the visitors by no means out of the game.

The second half began with Rovers knocking the ball around high up in Ely's half and the hosts playing well on the counter.

Ryan Harnwell in particular was a stand out as he used his skill and pace to get away from the visiting defenders.

Just before the 55th minute, the number 9 received the ball out left and dodged the defenders before getting into the box after a terrific run. A combination of no Ely player to pass to and tight angle meant that Harnwell could only drag the shot wide but it was still good piece of play which even if momentarily- took the pressure off the Robins defence.

Goddy thought they'd equalised when a shot to the right of Ely's box was parried out by Reynolds into the path of another Godmanchester attacker who slotted into the low left but thankfully for everyone of an Ely City persuasion the goal was ruled out for offside.

The visitors played well all half and they got their equaliser soon after their disallowed strike. With twenty minutes to go and after a couple of minutes of the ball pinging around Ely's box, Rovers number 9 turned and finished giving Reynolds no chance.

This Ely team doesn't give up easily though and despite the disappointment of the equaliser retook the lead with 8 minutes of normal time to go.

The ball was thrown in from the right hand side and after getting flicked across the area- eventually found left full back Alex Brown who did wonderfully well to half volley low into the bottom right corner.

A wonderful effort worthy of winning any game.

The stuffing was knocked out of Goddy after the winner (although they did have a chance soon after Ely's second- but could only blaze over) and Ely even had chances to add to the score with a Jamie Alsop free kick and a Lewis effort soon after right at the death.

**Full time: Ely City 2 Godmanchester Rovers 1**

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## 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
<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>Drew 0-0</b>
PD	17/10/20	15:00	Brantham Athletic	Ely City	Drew 1-1
<b>PD</b>	<b>20/10/20</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Godmanchester Rovers</b>	<b>Won 2-1</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	14/11/20	15:00	Long Melford	Ely City	Stoneylands
PD	17/11/20	19:45	Stowmarket Town	Ely City	Greens Meadow
<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	08/12/20	19:45	Swaffham Town	Ely City	Shoemakers Lane
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>20/03/21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Ely City</b>	<b>Walsham Le Willows</b>	<b>The Demcom Stadium</b>
<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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# HAVERSHILL ROVERS FC

## A Brief History



Haverhill Rovers were founded in 1886, but their beginnings are shrouded in some mystery. The club first started playing at Hamlet Croft in 1913; previously they played at Seven Acres, an area bordered on two sides by the old railway line and Wrattling Road. They spent the 1908/09 season in the East Anglian League. Other clubs in that league at that time included Clacton Town and Halstead Town.

At the start of the 1924/25 season Rovers joined the Essex & Suffolk Border League but, after finishing bottom at the end of the 1927/28 season, elected to leave that league. Eight years later, in the 1935/36 season, Rovers rejoined the Border League. In 1946/47, Rovers were runners up behind Colchester Casuals; however, the following year Rovers won not only the championship but also the Knock-Out Cup, beating Brightlingsea United 1-0 in the final.

In 1950/51 Rovers were runners up behind Stowmarket Town. In 1962/63 they won the league for the second time, retaining the title the following year, when they also won the Knock-Out Cup again to record their second "double".

In 1964 Rovers joined the Eastern Counties League, finishing a creditable sixth in their first season, also winning the League Cup, defeating Stowmarket Town. The following year, Rovers again reached the final of the cup, but lost out to Lowestoft Town. Rovers finished in the bottom three every year from 1970 until 1977. In 1978, under the guidance of former player Roger Staples, Rovers were champions for the first and, so far, only time, pipping Great Yarmouth Town by one point. A crowd of 1,300, a record at the time, packed into Hamlet Croft to see the last game, the decider, against Chatteris Town. Unfortunately, this proved to be a one off, as the following season saw them finish in the lower half of the table.

After this the club made steady progress: 7th in 1989, 14th in 1990 and an excellent 4th in 1991, the first full season under manager Martin Murray. A glut of injuries at the start of 1991/92 meant a final placing of eighth. In 1988 Rovers reached the final of the League Cup for the fourth time, losing to Braintree Town.

In national competitions Rovers, have never reached the first round of the FA Cup, but reached the 6th Round (Quarter Finals) of the FA Vase in 1986/87, losing 3-1 at home to Warrington Town. The attendance on that day was 1,578, which broke the previous record attendance. The club has never won the Suffolk Premier Cup, losing in the final twice, in 1965/66 2-1 to Bury Town and in 1990/91 3-2 to Stowmarket Town. They have lifted the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup three times. Rovers won the East Anglian Cup in 1990/91, beating Eynesbury Rovers 2-1 at Eynesbury in the final.

Season 1995/96 saw Rovers relegated for the first time in their long history, but this disappointment was sweetened by winning the Suffolk Senior Cup for the first time (at Portman Road) at the end of the 1996/97 season. They were also defeated finalists in the Jewson League Cup, losing 2-0 at Harwich & Parkeston.

1997 saw Rovers win the Suffolk Senior Cup after they defeated Ipswich Wanderers 4-1 at Portman Road. They are also the only team to have lifted the First Division Knock Out Trophy three times (2-1 after extra time against Needham Market in 2001, 2-0 against Kirkley in 2004 and 3-1 against Saffron Walden Town in 2007).

Rovers had an excellent run in the FA Cup in Season 2006/07 included their best result in the past few years when, in the Second Round Qualifying in front of 504 spectators, they defeated Eastbourne Borough 1-0 on 30th September.

Eastbourne were in the Conference South at the time, a huge four divisions above Rovers, but a goal by striker Paul Shaw three minutes into added time at the end of the game was enough to see them through and invoke a roar that was heard all around the town. This was then followed two rounds later with Aldershot Town, who were in the Conference, coming to the Croft in the FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round. Although Rovers lost 4-0 on the day an amazing 1,730 people packed into the ground to become the biggest gate ever as the team's best FA Cup run to date ended at the final hurdle before the First Round Proper.

The jubilation of the cup run resurfaced at the end of the season when, on the last day, Rovers managed by Steve Taylor secured promotion back to the Premier Division after a ten year absence with a nail biting 3-2 win over March Town United that saw them finish second in the First Division.

Rovers' time at Hamlet Croft came to an end at the end of 2009/10 with the building of The New Croft, a fantastic brand new community stadium built to encompass the many teams at several levels that are now a part of the club.

The pitch is currently and professionally maintained with the assistance of Parkers Pitches and in 2020/21 had an irrigation system put in place.

Their arrival at the new ground seemed to spur them on to greater heights, the team finishing an extremely credible 8th in the Ridgeons Premier League in the first season at their new home after being in the top four for the first two thirds of the season.

The 2012/13 season was tumultuous but, despite having three different first team managers in four separate spells, the team still finished 10th. Then, in 2013/14 under new permanent first team manager Dean Greygoose, Rovers who were in 2nd place at Christmas, still finished 7th in his first year in spite of several key injuries at the start of 2014; Dean left the club soon in to the 2014/15 season not long after that successful season and after a below par start the following season, he left the club in September to be replaced by local player Michael Shinn. A difficult season followed where Rovers finished the season in 17th place.

Shinn left in January of 2016 with the club in 12th place, to be replaced by Peter Betts and Dan Pilcher on a temporary basis. Despite the departure of several first team players, Rovers managed to remain in 12th place at the end of the season.

A familiar face came in for Rovers loyal fans after this, with former player Ben Cowling taking over the reins at The New Croft with Rod Gaffan at his side. That season Rovers finished in 16th, never really finding a long run of form to guide them up the league.

Rover's inconsistent form continued into the 2017/18 season and eventually saw Cowling leave the club. He was replaced by long-time Rovers favourite, Marc Abbott, with the club languishing towards the bottom of the table. Marc and his players eventually finished comfortably outside of the relegation zone in 19th, one position above local rivals Haverhill Borough.

Rovers began the 2018/19 season in exciting fashion, with a cup run. Their first match vs the team next door, Haverhill Borough, was screened live on the BBC online. An exciting run followed, beating Maldon and Tiptree and then Long Melford after a thrilling replay. However, it was not to be as Rovers fell at home to Isthmian League Premier Division side, Leatherhead FC.

A solid season 2018/19 looked all set for Rovers, but this was rocked by the departure of Abbott in February of 2019 to manage at Step 3 St. Neots Town. Despite this, caretaker managers, ex-player and Saffron Walden Town boss Stuart Wardley and Dario Seminerio, managed to see Rovers finish respectably in 12th place in the league.

2019/20 began with ex Walsham-Le-Willows Assistant Manager Fergus O'Callaghan at the helm, after a very bright start to the season Rovers tailed off and Fergus only a few months into the season when the manager's position at his old club became available. He was replaced by the youthful James Bloomfield, but Rovers continued to struggle throughout the season before Bloomfield left by mutual consent.

This however saw the return and homecoming of Abbott after his year long stint at St Neots and Rovers fortunes soon turned around, losing only one game in nine before the season was brought to an abrupt end by the outbreak of Coronavirus as we were lying in 14th position.

Now with Marc back at the helm for his second spell as first team player/manager with Jonny Butler and Dominic Ankers as assistants, with an excellent set up around him, the sky is the limit for this Rovers side...

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**Marc Abbott** – midfielder and player/manager in his third spell with the club. Dictates the game and retains possession well.

**Callum Anderson** – central midfielder. Former Colchester United Academy player.

**Charlie Bell** – good all round technical young goalkeeper with a bright future.

**Ben Bradley** – attacking midfielder who is also in his third spell with the club after re-signing in December.

**Johnny Butler** – central midfielder. A fantastic acquisition with a wealth of experience. Joined us from Biggleswade F C.

**Alfie Carroll** – versatile young defender/midfielder signed from AFC Sudbury in December 2017. Composed on the ball, strong and a born leader.

**Charles Davies** – Midfielder. Previously associated with Saffron Walden F C.

**Ryan Geoghegan** – Centre Back/right back – returns to the club following a spell at Linton Granta First F C.

**Luke Haines** – central midfielder who came back to the club three seasons ago after playing for the youth system. Has previously captained the first team. Known for his sheer determination on and off the ball and a mean free kick.

**Aaron Hudson** – young talented midfielder previously associated with St. Neots Town F C and Dunstable Town F C.

**Rory Jebb** – forward. Product of our youth development system. Recently returned to the club.

**Jacob Joseph** – extremely talented midfielder. Young and dynamic known for his attacking fast pace. Part of successful U18 St. Neots Academy.

**Adrian O'Hara** – Defender – Also associated with St. Neots and Eaton Socon F C.

**Daniel Olive** – versatile fallback. Particularly good on the ball. Good eye for a pass.

**Reiss Oteng** – left back who re-signed for Rovers in February. Good going forward, strong and good header of the ball.

**Joseph Osborn** – left back/centre midfielder - Previously associated with AFC Sudbury and Saffron Walden F C.

**James Philp** – goalkeeper who returned to the club after a spell at St Neots. An excellent shot stopper with good distribution.

**Lawrence Porter** – central defender signed from Bury Town U23s. Strong in the challenge and the air.

**Joseph Rider** – striker – talented and pacey forward, on work experience from Cambridge United.

**Thomas Rigby** – centre midfielder – on loan from Cambridge City F C.

**Stevan Shaw** – centre back – on loan from Cambridge City F C.

**Rhys Shulver** – defensive midfielder re-joins us for another spell. Came through our youth development system.

**Tom Stoker** – young striker who scored on his debut at Ely in December. Good feet and strikes the ball well.

**Spencer Sykes** – attacking midfielder. An exciting youth player. One to look out for in the future.

**Dan Toyer** – Midfielder. Came through the Cambridge United FC Youth Academy and joins us from Biggleswade F C.

**Ryan Weaver** – Striker. A familiar face to many, returning to the club from Lakenheath F C.



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### **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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the pre season. Made his return to club in the win against Thetford Town.

### **Josh Townshend - CF**

Signed from Kershaw Premier 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 the pre season after moving back to the area. Made his debut in a 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 Harwell** joins. He was a scholar at **Cambridge United** and has played for **King's Lynn Town** and last season **Wisbech Town**. His father, **Richard Harwell** 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 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 **Ardended 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 hattrick 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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## A DIP INTO THE ARCHIVES

### 1978/79– Town & Country Eastern Counties League

In the year the league adopted a new sponsor, City secured a commendable sixth placed finish in player-manager Roger Pauley's s third season at the helm. Bizarrely, given this relatively high position Ely still contrived to register a minus goal difference (-7). There were surprise champions as Haverhill Rovers appeared from nowhere to claim the title for the first, and thus far, only time in their history. How very timely that Rovers should be our visitors today!

City were unable to record any victories against the top three, with a 0 - 0 draw at home to Lowestoft Town being the best return. City did however defeat 4<sup>th</sup> placed Bury Town (2 - 0) at home and also secured a first league win at Gorleston since they entered the league in 1969/70, courtesy of a Peter Speed goal (we would have to wait until 2006/07 for the next win!). Top scorer for a 4<sup>th</sup> season in a row was Derek Bryden with 16 league goals (19 in all competitions). He was also the only player to register a hattrick, scoring all three in a 3 - 2 win over Stowmarket Town at Paradise. An always pleasing league double was achieved against mid-table Soham Town Rangers, 2 - 0 at home and 2 - 1 at Julius Martin Lane.

There was limited success in the national cup competitions as City defeated Clacton Town in the 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round of the FA Cup before losing narrowly to Lowestoft Town (2 - 1) in the next round. Similarly, Ely brushed aside Peterborough League side Leverington 3 - 0 in the Preliminary Round of the FA Vase before losing 2 - 0 at Rushden Town. Sudbury Town knocked us out of the League Cup at the 1<sup>st</sup> Round stage and Wisbech Town did the same in the Cambs Invitation Cup. However, City had a good run in the East Anglian Cup, defeating Chatteris Town, Soham and then March Town United in the Area Final to reach the overall Semi-Final, where we finally went down by four goals to two at Ware FC.

The Reserves topped a satisfactory season by winning promotion to Cambs Division 1B as runners-up to Newmarket Town Reserves, under the management of Frank Fay.

An example of a City line this season was (at Lowestoft Town 23.12.78): Pat Murray (GK), Bruce King, Lenny Dawkins, Ray Brown, Roger Crane, Peter Speed, Lester Newell, Mick Hennerbry, Derek Bryden, Soapy Edwards, Graham Duguid: and Roger Pauley (Sub).

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A	Po
1 Haverhill Rovers	42	29	9	4	90	36	67
2 Great Yarmouth Town	42	28	10	4	112	44	88
3 Lowestoft Town	42	24	16	2	89	40	64
4 Bury Town	42	27	7	8	99	56	61
5 Sudbury Town	42	19	11	12	78	50	49
6 Ely City	42	18	11	13	50	57	47
7 Gorleston	42	21	4	17	74	67	46
8 Braintree & Cressing Athletic	42	18	9	15	78	72	45
9 Wisbech Town	42	17	11	14	68	69	45
10 Brantham Athletic	42	18	11	15	62	61	43
11 March Town United	42	16	9	17	85	69	41
12 Cambridge United Res.	42	18	9	17	58	67	41
13 Soham Town Rangers	42	18	4	20	70	74	40
14 Thetford Town	42	14	9	19	79	76	37
15 Histon	42	15	6	21	61	73	36
16 Saffron Walden Town	42	13	9	20	64	68	35
17 Felstowe Town	42	11	10	21	43	64	32
18 Colchester United Res.	42	11	8	23	54	76	30
19 Stowmarket Town	42	10	9	23	62	64	29
20 Clacton Town	42	8	13	21	38	62	29
21 Chatteris Town	42	10	7	25	60	120	27
22 Newmarket Town	42	5	4	33	34	107	14

Best Win (all competitions)	Clacton Town 0 Ely City 4 (FA Cup) and Chatteris Town 0 Ely City 4 (East Anglian Cup)
Worst Defeat (all competitions)	Bury Town 5 Ely City 0 (League)
Leading Scorers (all Comp.)	Derek Bryden (19), Lester Newell (15) Graham Duguid (7)

*Simon Barlow*



## WE'VE MET BEFORE!

Today will be the 85<sup>th</sup> league meeting between the Robins and Rovers having first met in the 1964/65 season

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
Home	42	22	7	13	77	59
Away	42	13	6	23	65	88
Total	84	35	12	36	142	147

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

### Best Win

(Home)	1970/71	6 - 2	Lawrence, Newell (3), Barr, Wells
	1999/00	4 - 0	Pammenter, Baker (p), Egan, Hipwell
(Away)	1972/73	5 - 0	Biggs (2), M Smith (2), K Murray

### Worst Defeat

(Home)	1964/65	1 - 4	Jeffries
	1982/83	0 - 3	
(Away)	1964/65	0 - 5	
	1966/67	1 - 6	OG

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

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

Haverhill Rovers – 5-year league record

15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
ECP – 12 <sup>th</sup>	ECP – 16 <sup>th</sup>	ECP – 19 <sup>th</sup>	ECP – 12 <sup>th</sup>	N/a

ECP = Eastern Counties League Premier

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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 McAvoy 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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# 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** (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  
**Hinchingsbrooke 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 Wrattling First	7	5	1	1	10	16
2	Eynesbury United First	6	4	2	0	8	14
3	Great Shelford First	6	4	2	0	8	14
4	Foxtan First	6	3	2	1	4	11
5	Eaton Socon First Team	7	3	2	2	3	11
6	Over Sports First	6	3	1	2	0	10
7	Comberton United First	7	3	0	4	-1	9
8	Witchford 96 First	7	2	3	2	-1	9
9	Cherry Hinton First	4	2	1	1	1	7
10	Linton Granta First	5	2	0	3	0	6
11	Hemingfords United First team	4	2	0	2	-1	6
12	Cambridge University Press First	6	1	2	3	-4	5
13	Ely City Reserves	7	1	2	4	-6	5
14	Gamlingay United First	6	0	2	4	-5	2
15	Fulbourn Institute First	6	0	0	6	-16	0

### Next Fixtures:

**Saturday 24th October - Away v Over Sports 3.00pm**

## Saturday 17th October - What a game again!

### Ely City Reserves 3 v 4 West Wrattling

Despite having 10 players unavailable for various reasons the reserves put up a very strong show against one of teams fancied to win the league.

Despite a bright start a goal midway through the first half and a goal on the stroke of half time saw the reserves go in 2 down at half time.

A CJ Lewis goal put us back in the game and he had a chance to level things up but couldn't get past the visiting goal keeper.

2 counter attacks against the run of play saw Wrattling go 4-1 up but goals from Jack Loveday and Charlie Tunnel set up a tense last 10 minutes but West wrattling held out to take all 3 points.

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



POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Swavesey Institute First Team	6	4	1	1	5	13
2	AFC Walpole First	4	4	0	0	13	12
3	Hemingfords United Reserves	6	4	0	2	10	12
4	Outwell Swifts First	4	4	0	0	6	12
5	Alconbury First	5	2	1	2	0	7
6	Ely City 'A'	4	2	0	2	-3	6
7	Burwell Swifts Firsts	6	2	0	4	-7	6
8	Over Sports Reserves	6	1	2	3	-3	5
9	Godmanchester Rovers Reserves	3	1	1	1	-1	4
10	Chatteris Town First	6	1	1	4	-4	4
11	Fenstanton First	6	1	0	5	-7	3
12	Gamlingay United Reserves	4	1	0	3	-9	3

### Next Fixtures:

**Saturday 24th October - Away v Outwell Swifts 3.00pm**

### ELY A v GAMLINGAY RESERVES

Ely went into the match on the back on a recent win and continued their fine form with a convincing 4-0 victory.

There was not a lot between the sides in the early stages but then midway through the first half the young robins took control of the game. After some fine play from the back Josh Howlett was set free down the right and his excellent cross was fo signed perfectly by Dan Pullar.

It wasn't long before the road was doubled when Ben Marshall got on the end of a Ian Walters through ball and Ben beat the keeer before rolling the ball home. At this stage Ely took control of the game and it was 5 minutes before half time when the made it 3 with this time a replica of the first goal but this time it was Ben Marshall from the left who crossed for Pullar to get his second of the game.

On the stroke of half time Gamlingay was awarded a penalty when Lewis Perry was penalised for holding the Gamlingay striker. However it was the second game running that Owen Goode was the Penalty hero in guessing right and diving to his right to beat the penalty away and the follow up was superbly cleared on the line by Dylan Marshall. So at the half the robins lead 3-0.

The second half continued in the same vane with the robins have the majority of the ball with some lovely play. 10 Mins into the second half the game was put out of sight when it was Ben Marshall who 'Thiery Henry' style wiggled his way in the box after some fine footwork from Mitch Drewitt, Marshall curled into the bottom corner.

That was the end of the scoring it what was a thoroughly deserved win for the Ely A team which again was great to see packed with young squad. Next week the robins are on their travels to Outwell who are unbeaten so far.





## ELY CITY U18s THURLOW NUNN YOUTH LEAGUE 20/21 CAMBRIDGE DIVISION

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

### Next Fixture:

Thursday 29nd October - HOME v Mildenhall Town U18 7.45pm

### Ely City U18 0-1 Walsham Le Willows U18

Our recent home game against Walsham Le Willows was undoubtedly our best performance of the season. Unfortunately we found ourselves on the end of a 1-0 defeat.

A moment's lapse in concentration in the first half saw Walsham score early on.

From then on, the lads did everything but score. Two chances missed from inside the 6 yard box, a goal disallowed for offside, a goal line clearance and Ben Marshall smacked the cross bar late on.

Great performance but ultimately a frustrating result



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