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PD	05/09/20	15:00	Stanway Rovers		
PD	03/03/20 08/09/20	19:45	Ely City		
FAC	12/09/20	15:00	Ely City		
FAV	19/09/20	15:00	Downham Town		
PD	22/09/20	19:45	Ely City		
PD	26/09/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	30/09/20	19:45	Godmanchester Bovers		
PD	03/10/20	15:00	Stowmarket Town		
PD	10/10/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	17/10/20	15:00	Brantham Athletic		
PD	20/10/20	19:45	Ely City		
PD	24/10/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	31/10/20	15:00	Newmarket Town		
PD	07/11/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	10/11/20	19:45	Swaffham Town		
PD	14/11/20	15:00	Long Melford		
PD	21/11/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	24/11/20	19:45	Thetford Town		
PD	28/11/20	15:00	Whitton United		
PD	05/12/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	12/12/20	15:00	Walsham Le Willows		
PD	19/12/20	15:00	FC Clacton		
PD	28/12/20	15:00	Ely City		
PD	02/01/21	15:00	Hadleigh United		
PD	09/01/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	16/01/21	15:00	Woodbridge Town		
PD	23/01/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	06/02/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	13/02/21	15:00	Haverhill Rovers		
PD	20/02/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	27/02/21	15:00	Kirkley & Pakefield		
PD	06/03/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	13/03/21	15:00	Norwich United		
PD	27/03/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	03/04/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	05/04/21	15:00	Mildenhall Town		
PD	10/04/21	15:00	Wroxham		
PD	17/04/21	15:00	Ely City		
PD	24/04/21	15:00	Gorleston		

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Wroxham	The Demcom Stadium
Ely City	Mundford Road
Ely City Kir	ng George V Playing Field
Stanway Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
Ely City	The Morrish Stadium
Ely City	The Austin Arena
Newmarket Town	The Demcom Stadium
Ely City	Millfield
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Ely City	Walmer Road
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Ely City	Recreation Way
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FC Clacton	The Demcom Stadium
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POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS	
1	Brantham Athletic	2	2	0	0	3	6	
2	Kirkley & Pakefield	2	2	0	0	2	6	
3	Norwich United	2	1	1	0	1	4	
4	Ely City	2	1	1	0	1	4	
5	Stowmarket Town	2	1	1	0	1	4	
6	FC Clacton	2	1	0	1	2	3	
7	Wroxham	1	1	0	0	2	3	
8	Hadleigh United	2	1	0	1	1	3	
9	Gorleston	2	1	0	1	0	3	
10	Whitton United	2	1	0	1	0	3	
11	Stanway Rovers	2	0	2	0	0	2	
12	Mildenhall Town	1	0	1	0	0	1	
13	Newmarket Town	1	0	1	0	0	1	
14	Godmanchester Rovers	1	0	1	0	0	1	
15	Long Melford	2	0	1	1	-1	1	
16	Haverhill Rovers	2	0	1	1	-3	1	
17	Walsham Le Willows	1	0	0	1	-1	0	
18	Woodbridge Town	1	0	0	1	-1	0	
19	Thetford Town	2	0	0	2	-3	0	
20	Swaffham Town	2	0	0	2	-4	0	

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EYNESBURY ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

CLUB HISTORY

Eynesbury Rovers were formed in 1897 and played friendly matches before joining the Biggleswade & District League and then the St Neots Junior League, which they won in 1910/11 and 1913/14. They lifted the Huntingdonshire Senior Cup for the first time in 1914 and won the County Junior Cup in 1921, 1927 and 1932. Whilst the first team competed in the Bedford & District League First Division Eynesbury's Reserves won 2nd Division championships in 1927, 1931 and 1932. In 1934 Eynesbury joined the South Midlands League and promotion was achieved at the first attempt whilst the Scott-Gatty Cup was won, but Senior Cup finals in 1937 and 1939 ended in defeat. The post war era began with Rovers joining the United Counties League and they enjoyed spectacular cup success winning the Hunts Senior Cup and Hinchingbrooke Cup four times each in a five year period. In the 1950-51 campaign a Premier Cup success made it a cup hat trick.

In 1952 Eynesbury joined the Eastern Counties League finishing fourth in their second season. In 1955 a crowd of 4,000 packed into Hall Road to watch a friendly against Fulham with the legendary Stanley Matthews guesting for Rovers. The club continued to enjoy cup success lifting the Senior Cup in 1955 and 1957, the Hinchingbrooke Cup in 1959 and Cambs Invitation Cup in 1962, but they were finding life difficult in the league. In 1963 they reioined the UCL. Successes in the Hinchingbrooke Cup in 1967 and Hunts Senior Cup in 1970 masked a continued decline and relegation was suffered in 1972. A top flight place was regained in 1977 and floodlights were installed in 1981 with Luton Town providing the opposition for the official opening in front of a four figure crowd. The Hunts Senior Cup was won in 1985 before Gary Pilsworth enjoyed great success as manager, leading Evnesbury to a best ever third place in the league, two Hunts Senior Cup wins, a Premier Cup success and two East Anglian Cup finals, and Alan Day kept the momentum going with a 1993 Senior Cup success. Barry Cavilla was next in the hot seat and the 1995-96 campaign saw Eynesbury finish fifth in the league and win both the Senior and Premier Cups. Peter Schofield took over and done well to keep the team in the Premier Division on a small budget. Neil King returned and enjoyed success in the Hunts Senior Cup in 2000 but was followed by relegation a year later. Steve Galbraith took over and in 2002 Rovers again won the Senior Cup beating local rivals St Neots Town 3-0 in the final, while the 2003-04 campaign saw them reach the Huntingdonshire Premier Cup final only to lose 4-2 to Wootton Blue Cross.

In the summer of 2005 Dean Shipp took charge and the following season Rovers reached the final of the South Midlands Floodlit Cup losing 2-1 to Saffron Walden. In December 2007 Rovers appointed the management duo of Al Lenihan and former player Pat O'Keeffe. Season 2008/09 saw Rovers near the top of the table for most of the season but had to settle for 9th place after being deducted six points. Al & Pat resigned at the end of that season and Evnesbury appointed Matt Plumb to take charge for the start of the 2009/10 campaign and with Martin Field he guided Rovers back to the Premier Division in 2013/14. In a record breaking season they finished with a record number of points (98) and goals (118) and recorded a club record 11 consecutive wins. Lee Bassett became the first Eynesbury player to score 50 goals in a season. Matt Plumb took on the role of chairman in the summer of 2015 before Martin Field resigned in October 2015. Mark Ducket was appointed as manager and in four campaigns he has led Rovers to three Hunts Senior Cup Finals, winning 1-0 against St Neots Town in 2017. Whilst in the same season recording 119 league goals whilst equaling their second best ever league placing finishing fifth. Last season Rovers rejoined the Spartan South Midlands League and enjoyed their best ever run in the FA Vase reaching the 4th Round. In January 2020 Mark Ducket left to manage Bedford Town and Rovers appointed Steve Kuhne as his replacement.



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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 hattrick 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.

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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 an defender Charlie Tunnell makes first start of season.
09 Sep	Jordan Foster signs for Newmarket Town. Wide-man Nick Heap also departs after
10 Sep	three seasons. Ely concede a 95 th 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. 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 21 Sep	The Club withdraw the B Team from Cambs league Division 2B due to lack of players. Ely secure a useful point with a 1 - 1 draw against 2 nd 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 st Round with a 2 - 1 defeat at home to Cambs Premier League Cambridge University Press .
22 Oct	Ex-Robin Richard Chadwick joins on a on a dual registration from Milton Cambs League Milton . He makes his second debut in a 2 – 0 defeat at home to Godmanchester Rovers in the 2 nd round of the League Challenge Cup. Midfielder Ardended Hida a new
25 Oct	arrival on a dial registration with Cherry Hinton FC also makes his debut. Ely record a first league win since 6 th August with a 3 - 2 victory at Haverhill Rovers with both Charlie Tunnell and Luke Crisp opening their accounts for the first team.
Novembe	er 2019
O6 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
16 Nov	Cambs Premier League side Eynesbury United. 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 part of the City of the montheme.
23 Nov	sent off as City slip to 3 rd from bottom 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.
Decembe	ar 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 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.

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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 Hinchingbrooke 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 worh 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 youngers 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 a important part of the dressing room and provides valuable leadership.

Sheldon Weinman - DF

Joined the club this season having played for Histon in there 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 a 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 a experienced centre midfielder whose 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.

Babacar Camara - MF

Joined the club last season from Cambridge University Press. Left footed fast attacking midfield player. Made his debut against Woodbridge Town

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 Thurlow Nunn Premier Division Tuesday 8th September 2020 Ely City 1 v 0 Thetford Town

Ely starting lineup: 1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Crisp, 5: Capel, 6: Harrison, 7: Foster, 8: Revell, 9: Harnwell, 10: Camara, 11: Townsend.

Subs: 12: Alsop, 14: Young, 15: Brannan, 16: French, 17: Diver

In their first home league game of the new season, a Sheldon Weinman goal saw Ely beat their Norfolk opposition 1-0.

The hosts started the game on the backfoot and it was Town who had the best chance of the opening stages. After ten minutes a right wing cross was headed low towards goal and Harry Reynolds had to get down low to save.

Five minutes later Ely made a chance for themselves. Camara floated a pass over the top of Thetford's defence to striker Ryan Harnwell who crossed back into the box to Weinman but the defender's shot was cleared away for a corner. From the resultant corner Capel shot well over to keep the scores level.

As the game progressed Ryan Harnwell became more influential. At the half way point he was fouled on the edge of the box and after electing to take the free kick himself the forward struck just over.

Harnwell's best chance of the first forty five came when he was played through. He managed to lob the ball high over the defenders and the goalkeeper but didn't' quite give himself enough space and could only run the ball out of play.

With 10 minutes to go the Robins took the lead that their good play deserved. A superb left wing Josh Townsend corner was met well by influential full back Weinman who gave the goalkeeper absolutely no chance with a powerful header.

Josh Revell had a decent chance for Ely right at the end of the half but his low drive was held by the away goalkeeper.

Half time: Ely City 1 Thetford 0

The second half began with lots of Thetford pressure who started the restart very well. They played very high up the pitch and created two good chances for the strikers but Nick Harrison and Capel did well to clear away. Josh Revell and Camara in midfield kept the game ticking over for Ely and their passing meant that the hosts always had an outlet when Thetford put the pressure on.

Twenty minutes into the half, Alsop came on for Josh Townsend and his first action was to narrowly put the ball over when Ely were awarded a free kick on the edge of the opposition box.

Thetford's best chances were coming down the right and this continued with twenty left when a dangerous cross was whipped into the box but central defender Nick Harrison continued his good game as he headed well clear and even earnt a free kick as he was fouled when doing so.

In the eightieth minute Thetford worked the ball down that right hand side again but thankfully for Ely the shot was curled just over the bar.

Ely earnt themselves a brilliant chance to put the game beyond Thetford's reach when sub Luke Young was fouled in the penalty area. Ryan Harnwell stepped up to take the penalty but could only blaze over high and wide.

The penalty miss was disappointing but it didn't matter in the end as Ely held on to win 1-0.

After a 0-0 draw at Stanway the Robins have four points from two games and sit fourth in the league.

Next up for Ely is a home FA Cup tie against Eynesbury on September 12th.

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 Elv 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 Elv 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





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 - 1961Tommy Savage* 1961 - 1964 Jimmy Munro* 1964 - 1967 Maurice Smith* 1967 - 1972 Hughie Bart* 1972 - 1975 Mel Harrwell* 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 Pauley1988 Derek Warwick1988 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 2sd Qualifying Round (1956-57)

MISCELLANEOUS

1 The club were required to seek re-election in their first three seasons in the Eastern Counties League (1960/61 - 1962/63)

- 2 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.
- 3 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).
- 4 Ely appointed their first manager in June 1955. Prior to this team selection had been decided by committee.
- 5 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.
- 6 Ely first wore numbered shirts in the 1946-47 season.
- 7 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 Hinchingbrooke Cup in 1995-96. Arlesey went on to 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 fornt 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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FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round - Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Godmanchester Rovers 1–1 Ely City

Ely City win 4-2 on penalties

Godmanchester Rovers 1 Ely City 1 (Ely win 4-2 on penalties)

Ely team: 1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Capel, 5: Williams (c), 6: Harrison, 7: Darling, 8: Crisp, 9: French, 10: Camara, 11: Townsend

Penalty save heroics from Ely goalkeeper Harry Reynolds ensured they advanced to the next round of the FA Cup after drawing 1-1 in normal time.

Ely began the game brightly with Camara finding Weinman early on down the flnaks but despite earning a free kick (taken by Brown) Nick Harrison's resulting header was parried away by the goalkeeper.

Midfielder Darling then found himself on the left hand edge of the box and put a rasping cross low and hard across the area but the effort was caught well by the keeper again.

As the game moved into the twentieth minute Goddy ramped the pressure up and a free kick on the edge of Ely's area was placed just past the post. Camara also had a good chance soon after when Weinman won the ball back high up in Goddy's half and passed it to the number 10. Camara dribbled into the box but couldn't quite release the pass and the ball was cleared.

In the final fifteen minutes of the half Rovers were starting dominate with constant pressure on the Ely goal- with good passing and shooting inside the area but they didn't take their chances.

The final real action of note in the half came when Josh Townsend was scythed down on the edge of the box and Brown shot just over the bar.

Half time: Goddy Rovers 0: Ely 0

The second half saw the hosts increase the pressure with two shots straight after the restart but Harry Reynolds and his defence did well to clear and save.

However there was nothing Ely could do about the opener nine minutes after the restart. Goddy full back Reece King received the ball just beyond the center circle and drove forward before unleashing a fantastic shot through the crowd of players past Reynolds into the corner of the net. A fantastic strike.

Despite Rovers looking constantly dangerous so did Ely on the counter attack and with thirty minutes left defender Harrison found himself on the right hand side and hooked a great cross into the box. If the keeper had got his positioning wrong Townsend and French would have had tap ins but Goddy's number 1 claimed it well.

The hosts thought they'd doubled the lead when a similar shot to the goal was deflected into the net but thankfully from a Robins point of view it was chalked off for offiside.

Ely then made a sub late on with Darling and French leaving the field to be replaced by Revell and Alsop.

The Robins scored a memorable equaliser when a Jamie Alsop free kick was played into the box and the ball was deflected into the back of the net- I'm unsure of the goalscorer as it could have been anyone who got the final touch but I think it was Tom Williams – just going by his celebrations.

Harry Reynolds was the undoubted hero in the resulting shootout as he saved Goddy's second and fourth penalties with the Robins penalty takers scoring all theirs.



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