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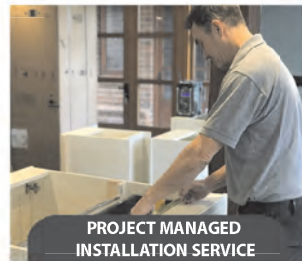
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POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Norwich United	9	7	2	0	11	23
2	Wroxham	7	7	0	0	17	21
3	Kirkley & Pakefield	10	6	1	3	0	19
4	Stanway Rovers	11	4	4	3	9	16
5	Hadleigh United	8	4	2	2	5	14
6	Stowmarket Town	6	4	2	0	5	14
7	Walsham Le Willows	8	4	1	3	6	13
8	Brantham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

as of 19/10/2020

NEXT WEEKENDS FIXTURES

PD	24/10/20	Ely City	Haverhill Rovers
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 playmarker 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



Photos courtesy: @ella_bailey23



Match Report

Saturday 10th October 2020

Ely City 0–0 Hadleigh

Fourth successive home clean sheet secures Robins point against 5th placed Hadleigh

Ely's starting line up:

1: Reynolds, 2: Weinman, 3: Brown, 4: Alsop, 5: Williams (capt), 6: Harrison, 7: Crisp, 8: Townshend, 9: Foster, 10: Robinson, 11: Young

Subs: 12: Darling, 14: Revell, 15: Marshall, 16: Diver, 17: Simpson

The hosts began the game well with right back Sheldon Weinman doing well to provide chances for the likes of Williams and Townshend through throw ins and corners.

Luke Young was played in down the right early on by Weinman and showed great trickery and skill to get beyond his full back but unfortunately because of the heavy rain he slipped over just before he could get into the box.

Before the fifteen minute mark goalkeeper Harry Reynolds came out of his box to play the role of "sweeper keeper". Dangerous build up play from Hadleigh took them past the Robins midfield and with the threat increasing Reynolds did really well to win the ball back just outside the area. The goalkeeper showed confidence to dribble the ball further up the pitch and despite giving it away eventually, Hadleigh could only shoot high over the bar.

This was a game where both sides had good attacking play in their oppositions halves without testing the goalkeeper. Foster and Young upfront for Ely gave them a focal point and both held the ball up well.

Half time: Ely City 0 Hadleigh United 0

Ely began the second half well and on the front foot with the likes of Luke Crisp and Tommy Robinson playing forward passes to Young, Townshend and Young up top.

However it was Hadleigh who had the first real chance of the second half when substitute Yaxley had a shot which clipped the outside of the post.

From this point they looked more likely to score with good attacking play in Ely's defensive areas. The Robins have been really good defensively this season and their excellent defensive shape prevented Hadleigh from getting behind their back line.

This was summed up when late on Hadleigh had a corner from the right hand side but because Ely's defence denied them the space, all the striker could do was chest the ball on the edge of box and shoot straight into the hands of Harry Reynolds who held well.

The final "action" of the game came when Hadleigh player Joel Glover was given a red card for a foul on Tom Williams.

Full time: Ely 0 Hadleigh 0

Ely visit Brantham Athletic on October 17th.

Samir Osman



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PD	05/09/20	15:00	Stanway Rovers	Ely City	Drew 0-0
PD	08/09/20	19:45	Ely City	Thetford Town	Won 1-0
FAC	12/09/20	15:00	Ely City	Eynesbury Rovers	Won 3-1
FAV	19/09/20	15:00	Downham Town	Ely City	Lost 0-3
FAC	22/09/20	19:45	Ely City	Biggleswade FC	Lost 1-2
PD	26/09/20	15:00	Ely City	Norwich United	Drew 0-0
PD	30/09/20	19:45	Godmanchester Rovers	Ely City	Lost 2-3
PD	06/10/20	19:45	Ely City	Swaffham Town	Won 2-0
PD	10/10/20	15:00	Ely City	Hadleigh United	Drew 0-0
PD	17/10/20	15:00	Brantham Athletic	Ely City	Drew 1-1
PD	20/10/20	19:45	Ely City	Godmanchester Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
PD	24/10/20	15:00	Ely City	Haverhill Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
PD	31/10/20	15:00	Newmarket Town	Ely City	The Tristel Stadium
PD	07/11/20	15:00	Ely City	Kirkley & Pakefield	The Demcom Stadium
PD	14/11/20	15:00	Long Melford	Ely City	Stoneylands
PD	17/11/20	19:45	Stowmarket Town	Ely City	Greens Meadow
PD	21/11/20	15:00	Ely City	Wroxham	The Demcom Stadium
PD	24/11/20	19:45	Thetford Town	Ely City	Mundford Road
PD	28/11/20	15:00	Whitton United	Ely City	King George V Playing Field
PD	05/12/20	15:00	Ely City	Stanway Rovers	The Demcom Stadium
PD	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
PD	28/12/20	15:00	Ely City	Newmarket Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	02/01/21	15:00	Hadleigh United	Ely City	Millfield
PD	09/01/21	15:00	Ely City	Gorleston	The Demcom Stadium
PD	16/01/21	15:00	Woodbridge Town	Ely City	Notcutts Park
PD	23/01/21	15:00	Ely City	Stowmarket Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	06/02/21	15:00	Ely City	Mildenhall Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	13/02/21	15:00	Haverhill Rovers	Ely City	New Croft #1
PD	20/02/21	15:00	Ely City	Whitton United	The Demcom Stadium
PD	27/02/21	15:00	Kirkley & Pakefield	Ely City	Walmer Road
PD	06/03/21	15:00	Ely City	Woodbridge Town	The Demcom Stadium
PD	13/03/21	15:00	Norwich United	Ely City	Plantation Park
PD	20/03/21	15:00	Ely City	Walsham Le Willows	The Demcom Stadium
PD	27/03/21	15:00	Ely City	Brantham Athletic	The Demcom Stadium
PD	03/04/21	15:00	Ely City	Long Melford	The Demcom Stadium
PD	05/04/21	15:00	Mildenhall Town	Ely City	Recreation Way
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PD	17/04/21	15:00	Ely City	FC Clacton	The Demcom Stadium
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ELY CITY PEN PICS 20/21

Harry Reynolds - GK

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

Sheldon Weinman - DF

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

Alex Brown - DF

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

Tom Williams - DF

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

Nick Harrison - DF

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

Adam Capel - DF

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

Jamie Alsop - DF

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

Harvey Bullin - MF

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

Luke Crisp - MF

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

Joshua Revel - MF

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

George Darling - MF

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

Ryan Harnwell - CF

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

Josh Townshend - CF

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

Jordan Foster CF

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

Luke Young CF

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

Tommy Robinson AMF

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



Ely City FC 2019–2020 Season Diary

May 2019

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

June 2019

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

July 2019

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

August 2019

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

September 2019

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



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

October 2019

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

November 2019

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

December 2019

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



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

January 2020

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

February 2020

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

March 2020

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

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A DIP INTO THE ARCHIVES

1977/78 – Magnet & Planet Eastern Counties League

Still under the management of Roger Pauley, followed up last season's 8th place with another satisfactory mid-table position. City had sought to increase its fire-power in pre-season with the signing of striker Graham Duguid, who went on to form an effective partnership with fellow forward Derek Bryden. Between them they contributed 42 goals to the Robins total league goal count of 75. Ely struggled to compete with teams in the higher echelons of the the table and actually failed to win any of their games against the top-five, although they did secure a creditable 1 - 1 draw at home to champions elect Lowestoft Town. Notable victories were registered at home to 6th place Thetford Town (5 - 3) and away to Histon (5 - 1) in which Duguid registered a hatrick in both matches. A welcome double was also achieved over local rivals Soham Town Rangers, who endured a dreadful season and finished in bottom place.

In the national cup competitions an early exit was made in the FA Cup with a 2 - 1 home defeat to Holbeach United. In the Vase, Ely also fell at the first hurdle. This time away to lower-level side Diss Town (3 - 2). City did reach the semi-final of the Cams Invitation Cup with a fine 3 - 0 win over Wisbech, but then went down 2 - 1 in a closely fought contest against Cambridge City of the Southern League. Ely made initial progress in the league cup with victory over Gorleston, but were knocked out by Sudbury Town in the next round. There was some end of season consolation, as Ely defeated Newmarket town and hosts Soham Town Rangers to win the Soham Charity Cup for the first time since 1966/67.

On the financial front, the Treasurer's annual report stated the Club's resources had been stretched to the limit and that it had been necessary to secure a loan from the President, Dough Unwin, to avoid financial embarment during the season. This would herald cuts being made to the Team's playing budget in the next and subsequent seasons.

A typical line-up this season was (v Wisbech Town 04.10.20)

Trevor Frohock (GK), Roger Pauley, Bruce King, Ray Brown, Roger Crane, Peter Speed, Kevin Everett, Derek Waters, Derek Bryden, Mick Bloxham, Graham Duguid (Sub: Soapy Edwards)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Po
1 Lowestoft Town	40	30	7	3	108	27	67
2 Great Yarmouth Town	40	27	7	8	95	45	81
3 Bury Town	40	20	11	8	74	41	57
4 Gorleston	40	22	12	6	99	38	56
5 Wisbech Town	40	20	8	12	74	55	48
6 Thetford Town	40	20	8	12	93	76	48
7 Haverhill Rovers	40	21	5	14	88	54	47
8 Colchester United Res.	40	19	7	14	68	49	45
9 Clacton Town	40	17	10	13	69	56	44
10 Saffron Walden Town	40	18	6	15	71	70	44
11 Ely City	40	18	5	17	75	72	41
12 Sudbury Town	40	17	7	16	70	79	41
13 Braintree & Cressing Athletic	40	14	9	17	55	57	37
14 Stowmarket Town	40	12	8	20	43	59	32
15 Histon	40	12	8	20	46	67	32
16 March Town United	40	12	7	21	55	89	31
17 Felixstowe Town	40	11	7	22	44	74	29
18 Gothic	40	10	3	27	30	106	28
19 Chatteris Town	40	8	5	27	60	117	21
20 Newmarket Town	40	9	2	29	44	104	20
21 Soham Town Rangers	40	4	8	28	39	110	18

Best Win (all competitions) Ely City 7 Chatteris Town 1 (League)

Worst Defeat (all competitions) Clacton Town 6 Ely City 0 (League)

Leading Scorers (all Comp.) Derek Bryden (25), Graham Duguid (21) & Derek Waters (11)

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ELY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

A Brief History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

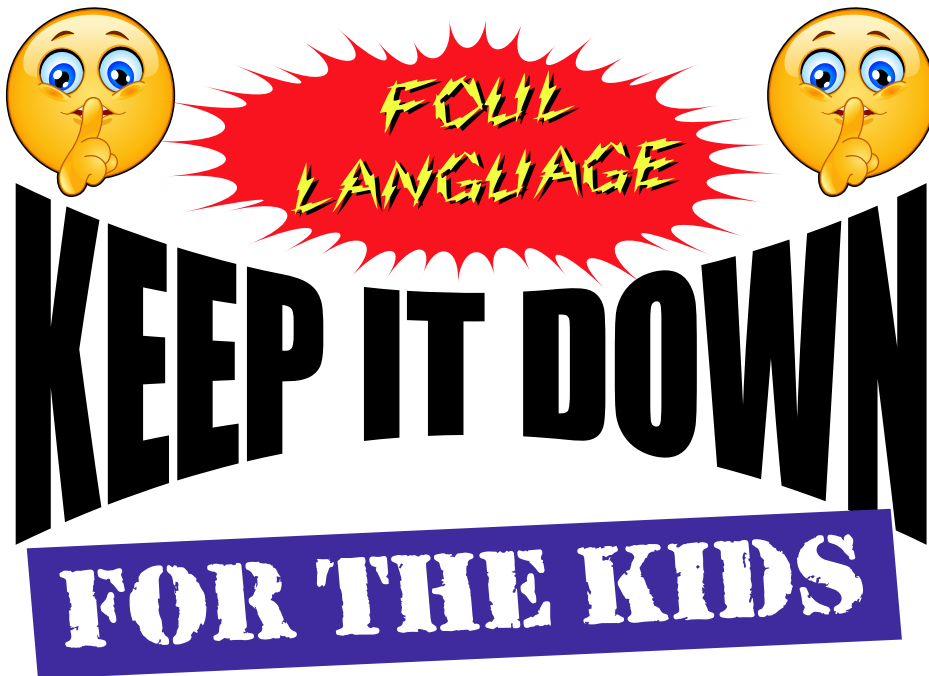
Following Alsop's departure in January 2014, senior players Brady Stone and Ben Lawrence took charge for the remainder of the season and somewhat against the odds steered the team away the relegation zone. With a severely reduced budget, Stone, now assisted by Martin Grey was unable to repeat the trick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

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

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

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

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



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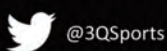
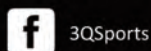
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League

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

Next Fixture:

Thursday 22nd October - AWAY v Saffron Walden Community 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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THURLOW NUNN PREMIER DIVISION
Tuesday 20th October 2020 – Kick Off 7.45pm

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Red Shorts
Red/White Socks



GODMANCHESTER ROVERS FC
Navy/Light Blue Shirts
Navy Shorts
Light Blue Socks



From

- 1 Harry Reynolds
- 2 Sheldon Weinman
- 3 Alex Brown
- 4 Nick Harrison
- 5 George Darling
- 6 Luke Crisp
- 7 Jordan Foster
- 8 Josh Revell
- 9 Ryan Harnwell
- 10 Josh Townshend
- 11 Luke Young
- 12 Phil Turner
- 14 Brett Wyman
- 15 Jamie Alsop
- 16 Ryan Gibbs
- 17 Adam Capel
- 18 Tommy Robinson
- 19 Finn Cater
- 22 Miles Smith
- 21 Matty Simpson

Luke McAvoy
Ben Farmer
Physio
Vinne Scarrow



From

- Niall Conroy 1
- Bailey Baker 2
- Reece King 3
- Dan Moyes 4
- Cav King 5
- Matt Briggs 6
- Simon Unwin 7
- Bubba Camara 8
- Tom Wakley 9
- Mike Hyem (c) 10
- Jack Chandler 11
- Chris Osbourne 12
- Keani Fairbanks 14
- Julinho Gomes 15
- Scott Sims 16
- Luke Lindsey 17
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