

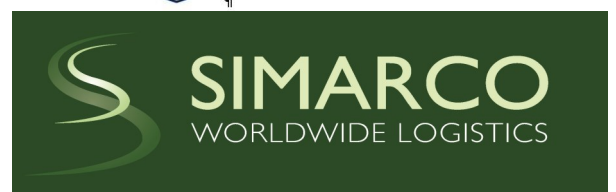
Pitching In Isthmian League North Division



Official Programme



Respect



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Isthmian League Division One North Play Off Winners: 2013-14. Runners-Up: 2012-13

Isthmian League Division 2 Runners-Up: 2005-06

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Essex Senior League Cup Winners: 1980-81, 2011-12. Runners-Up 1971-72, 1973-74

Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy Winners: 2011-12

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1985-86, Runners-Up: 1980-81, 1981-82

Tolleshunt D'Arcy Memorial Cup Winners: 2011-12, 2012-13

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Essex & Suffolk Border League Cup Winners: 1965-66, Runners-Up: 1967-68

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Chelmsford & Mid Essex Premier Div. Cup Winners: 1949-50

Isthmian League North Division Community Club Winners: 2017-18

Isthmian League North Division Respect Winners: 2021-22

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Welcome

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the Simarco Stadium for our first Pitching In Isthmian League match of 2022/23. Today we face Wroxham.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to the club officials, management team, players and supporters of Wroxham who have made the long journey from Norfolk plus of course today's match officials. We hope that you all enjoy your visit to the Simarco Stadium and have a safe journey home.

Wroxham have just been promoted, having finished runners-up in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division. They finished with the distinction of scoring more goals and conceding fewer than any other side in the division. Their goal difference was a remarkable +76.

The end of last season was memorable for all of us at Witham Town, with a very dramatic away win at Romford in the final league match, followed by a 3-0 victory at home to Saffron Walden Town in the Inter-Step Play-Off Match.

We begin the season with a core of players from the last campaign and we hope that the stability will stand us in good stead in a division which has some very strong opposition. Further information about our squad and the teams in the division this season are set out elsewhere in this programme.

Last Saturday in the Emirates FA Cup we beat London Colney 5-0 away with three goals from Adam Vyse and two from Joseph Alatise. We will travel to Brantham Athletic on 20th August in the Preliminary Round.

Football is nothing without fans and we can be proud of the consistent increase in the number of people who attend our home matches. Information about this is included on pages 10 and 11. Last season we noticed a similar increase in familiar faces at our away matches. We are very grateful for the support of our fans at home and away.

It was an unexpected pleasure and an honour for the club to win the Isthmian League North Division Respect Award at the League Annual General Meeting in June. The award is based on match officials' reports on the behaviour of clubs' management teams on the bench throughout the league season. We strive to demonstrate our respect for match officials and opponents at all times and it is encouraging to receive external validation of our behaviour.

On Tuesday night we make the trip to AFC Sudbury for our first league away match of the season. It will be a challenging fixture and your support would be appreciated.

Have a good season, enjoy the match and please come back!

Jim

Programme Editor

Welcome to Wroxham

welcome to wroxham

Wroxham FC were established in 1892 by GE Preston, a former captain of the Norfolk County team, and initially played on Wroxham Park. The club played friendly matches until joining the East Norfolk League and the Norwich City Junior League. In 1935 they joined the East Anglian League, before dropping down to the Norwich and District League in the 1950s, a time during which they suffered a record 24-0 defeat.

In 1963 the club became founder members of the Anglian Combination. A successful spell during the mid-1970s saw the club rise through the divisions. In 1975 the club won its first major trophy, the Norfolk Junior Cup. The following season they won Division Two, and the season after, Division One. In 1981 the club won the Knock-Out Cup, and in 1981-82 they won the Premier Division, retaining the title in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85, also winning the knock-out cup in 1983 and 1985. They did another league and cup double in 1986-87.

In 1988 the club joined the newly formed Division One of the Eastern Counties League. They won the division in their first season, beating Halstead Town to the title on goal difference. After finishing twelfth in their first season in the Premier Division, the club have never finished lower than eighth. They won the title with a record 99 points in 1991-92, before beating their own record with 100 points and another title the following season, the club's centenary, in which they also won the League Cup and the Norfolk Senior Cup. In 1993-94 they won a third consecutive title. After a gap of two seasons, the club won the Premier Division again with 109 points in 1996-97, also winning the Senior Cup again. They retained the title and the Senior Cup in 1997-98, before winning the League for a third time in a row in 1998-99.

Wroxham won the Norfolk Senior Cup again in 2000, 2002, 2004, the Premier Division in 2006-07, and the Senior Cup again in 2008. In 2009-10 the club reached the final of the FA Vase but lost 6-1 to holders Whitley Bay. In 2015, in a thrilling Norfolk Senior Cup Final, they beat local rivals Dereham Town 3-2 after extra time.

Since the club was formed, Wroxham F.C. have played at several venues. The first was just off Norwich Road and subsequent grounds were at The Avenue and Keys Hill. The Avenue ground has now reverted to agricultural use, whilst the others have been built upon.

Around the time of World War II, Wroxham moved to their current ground, Trafford Park, a field close to the railway line in Skinners Lane. The club took with them an old timber pavilion that was erected and used as a primitive clubhouse. Fifteen years later this was replaced by prefabricated buildings, which were themselves flattened to make way for a new permanent clubhouse that was opened in 1994.

The current main stand, the Les King Stand, was built in 1990, replacing an earlier structure that had stood on the same site for around 10 years. The capacity at Trafford Park is 2,000 but the record attendance to date is 1,262 for the FA Vase semi-final against Whitehawk in 2010. Wroxham finally took the opportunity to take promotion to Step 4 joining the Isthmian Division 1 North in season 2012/13 and played for 5 seasons with mixed fortunes.

After a disappointing 2016-17 season, The Yachtsmen returned to Step 5 with a new management team of Ross Potter & Tom Parke. After a promising start the team were soon out of the prestigious FA Cup failing for the first time in 22 years to get past the first hurdle. Form dipped around mid-season as the more experienced partnership of Jamie Godbold & Andy Reynolds were brought in. While we reached the semi-final of the League Cup, eventually losing to Brantham Athletic, League form remained erratic and we finished 13th in the table. This was the lowest finish we have ever had in the Eastern Counties Premier Division. Godbold & Reynolds shocked the club by announcing they would be leaving to join their old club Lowestoft Town. The Board acted quickly by appointing Reserve Manager Jordan Southgate assisted by ex-Norwich City Hall of Fame player Adam Drury, to take charge. They put together a youthful squad and finished a credible 7th in 2018/19.

Behind the scenes Club Chairman Lee Robson has done an amazing job developing a Wroxham Juniors section with teams at most age group from U7 to U18. With a strong Academy and U18's we hope to develop players who want to play the Wroxham way for the future. Wroxham saw Women's football for the first time at the Club with an Eastern Region Premier Division team (formerly Acle United) gracing Trafford Park.

2019/20 saw the Yachtsmen finish the truncated campaign in fifth place (although the League subsequently declared all results void) having hovered around the runner-up spot for much of the season, conceding only 18 goals in 25 matches – a total bettered only by table-topping Stowmarket Town. However, the Club's major successes of the season came in the FA Vase with a run to the quarter final. Two home attendances of around 1000, against Stowmarket Town in the 5th Round and Bitton AFC in the quarter final, generated much local interest and raised the profile of the Club regionally. Prior to the cessation of all football the Yachtsmen were defeated by Dereham Town in the semi-final of the Norfolk Senior Cup.

The 2020/21 campaign was also curtailed by COVID despite us leading the table with 10 straight wins.

We were not promoted to the Isthmian League until last season when we finished 2nd to Gorleston but went up as one of the top 10 Step 5 clubs on a Points Per Game analysis by The FA

With some exciting young signings, allied to the experience already at the Club, it is hoped that the progress of the past few seasons can be maintained and bettered.

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Witham Town Squad



Rhys Madden is our goalkeeper, captain and Player of the Season in 2021-22. He has made 71 appearances in the last three seasons in what is his second spell at Witham. Rhys has played with distinction for several clubs including Tilbury, Aveley, Thurrock and Ware. He once scored for Witham against Leyton at Spa Road.

Liam Whipps joined the club at a very young age and has the unique distinction of having played for our first team in every season since 2016/17. In all he has made 92 appearances. He is a left-sided player who can play in defence or in more attacking positions.

Chris Taylor is the Witham Town manager and has made 17 appearances for us as a player. He is an experienced central midfielder and attacker who has played more than 150 times for other clubs including Tilbury and Romford.

Jamahl Godward is a young right-winger / midfielder who made 26 appearances for us last season and previously played for Colchester United and Needham Market.

Ramiah Mills is a striker who made 19 appearances for us last season and was our leading scorer. He previously for Woodford Town and Tilbury.

Luke Ige is a defender who originally impressed at the Simarco Stadium during a loan spell with us from Colchester United. Last season he signed for us. He has made 48 appearances for us and he has also played for Merstham.

Adam Vyse is an experienced striker who played 25 times for us last season.. His previous clubs have included Tilbury, Maldon & Tiptree, Canvey Island and Great Wakering Rovers.

Adam Cheniti is a young forward who joined us from Hackney Wick last season. He made 27 appearances for us and scored a crucial goal against Romford in our last league match against Romford..

Kieran Southgate is a striker who has joined us this season, having played for Hashtag United last season.

Arnold Mengi impressed when he made three appearances for us in midfield late last season including the crucial matches at Romford and against Saffron Walden..

Hussain Jaffa is a defender who missed virtually the whole of last season through injury. He will be hoping for better luck in this campaign.

Ellis Ashworth is a defender who has played for Royston Town, Harlow Town and Basildon United.

Ollie Emsden has rejoined us after playing in midfield for Saffron Walden Town.

Lewis Payne is a defender who had a spell with us previously before joining Great Wakering Rovers and Catholic United.

Callum Matthews is an influential midfielder who played 27 times for us last season.. He has also represented Catholic United.

Munashe Mharapara is a midfielder who has played for Billericay Town and Stanway Rovers.

Robinson Wokoma was previously with Billericay Town. He can play in attack or defence.

Mbiyeye Medine has played for Barkingside.

Enock Soganile has played for Canterbury City.

Gaz Dauti is an experienced midfielder who has represented, Walthamstow, Aveley and Enfield Town.

Joseph Alatise is a defender who has played for Newbury Forest. He scored twice on his debut for us at London Colney on Saturday.

Shakeel Morris is a striker who has played for Northwood and Tooting & Mitcham

Rash Salau is a forward who was with us last season.

Josh Olatubosun is a midfield player who has played for Barnsley

Ben Lane is a goalkeeper who previously played for Binstead & Cob on the Isle of Wight.

Wroxham Squad



Ollie Sutton – Club captain and a GK with a big personality on and off the pitch, a superb athlete having played his football at higher levels.

Travis Dodsworth – A young Left back who has elevated from the Reserve team when just 16, now, a few years later Travis has looked comfortable, calm and an established part of the squad.

Chris Skipper – ‘Rizzo’ CB, returns for his fifth season with the club, one of the management teams first ever signings. Managers player of the season in the promotion campaign, a player who loves to defend and loves to play.

Harley Black - Midfielder who has made near on 200 apps for the club, Harley has a Great range of passing and had matured his game over the previous season, a former NCFC Scholar and an integral part of the squad.

Shaun Taylor – Midfielder who epitomizes what the football club is about, the former Reserve Captain and Player of the Season who has progressed to a be a vital part of the first team, over 200 combined club appearances, Shaun is an energetic player who scores goals as an attacking midfielder.

Ryan Miles - A huge talent, last season’s Thurlow Nunn golden boot winner, a player who is quick, aggressive and pleasing on the eye. Ryan will be looking to prove his goalscoring abilities at Step 4 this season.

Ryan Curtis - signed from Fakenham Town in 2020, an exciting attacking player with an eye for a goal and assist. One of the fans favourites, Ryan has progressed magnificently in the past 2 years at the club.

Jamie Forshaw - experienced attacking player having played for the top teams in the area. Jamie brings great quality and energy.

Tom Huckerby - Young CB learning his trade, quick and a born winner. An exciting prospect.

Bradley Spooner - A composed box-to-box midfielder with the quality to get a goal! Looking to build on his goals scored this season, an integral part of the promotion winning squad

Callum Olpin - Joined us from Harleston Town. Previous clubs include Diss Town and Mulbarton. Spent 4 years studying in the States. An exciting player to get the supporters on their feet with an eye for goal.

Oli Yun - Promising young versatile player, Oli has progressed through the system at the club from U18s & res into an established first team regular, a big part of the squad at Step 4.

Conley Pointer -, a left sided player, graduate from Grimsby Town, been with the club a few seasons now and has become an important part of the squad. Strong, energetic with a lovely left foot.

Jordan King – Midfielder. Has previously suffered from a serious kneed problem but has out this behind him to return to the side. Neat tidy competitive who can set the tempo for the team and leads by example.

James Wilson – Promising young right sided player, James has progressed through from step 6 – step 4 with a stop out in the states also. An athletic footballer with a real desire to progress in the game

Harry Barker – A youthful fullback who still bring a lot of experience, a former FA Youth cup winner with Norwich city, Harry has played in every league from Step 2 – Step 5, a great addition to the squad.

Robbie Linford- Former Dereham and Stowmarket defender / midfielder, Robbie brings a great understanding of the game, wears his heart on his sleeve and will raise the standards of every player in the squad.

Josh Hazel – Josh is a modern-day CB who has brilliant talent on the ball, his range of passing is something to be admired. Someone the management team were keen to sign for a number of seasons.

Jerry Dasalou – The fans favourite, his mazy runs and willingness to get past defenders, Jerry also provides great experience at Step 4 and offers pace that will frighten defenders at any level.

Ryan Hawkins – Hawks doesn’t need an introduction in the non-league game, a player with proven stats across a number of leagues from Step 1 – step 4, including back-to-back promotions with Kings Lynn to the national league. A player with brilliant ability who we can’t wait to see in a Wroxham shirt!

Alex Brasero – An exciting young attacking player who has progressed through the U18 and reserve teams set up. Has made a few first team outings and will be looking to improve on that this season!

Emirates FA Cup Action from London Colney



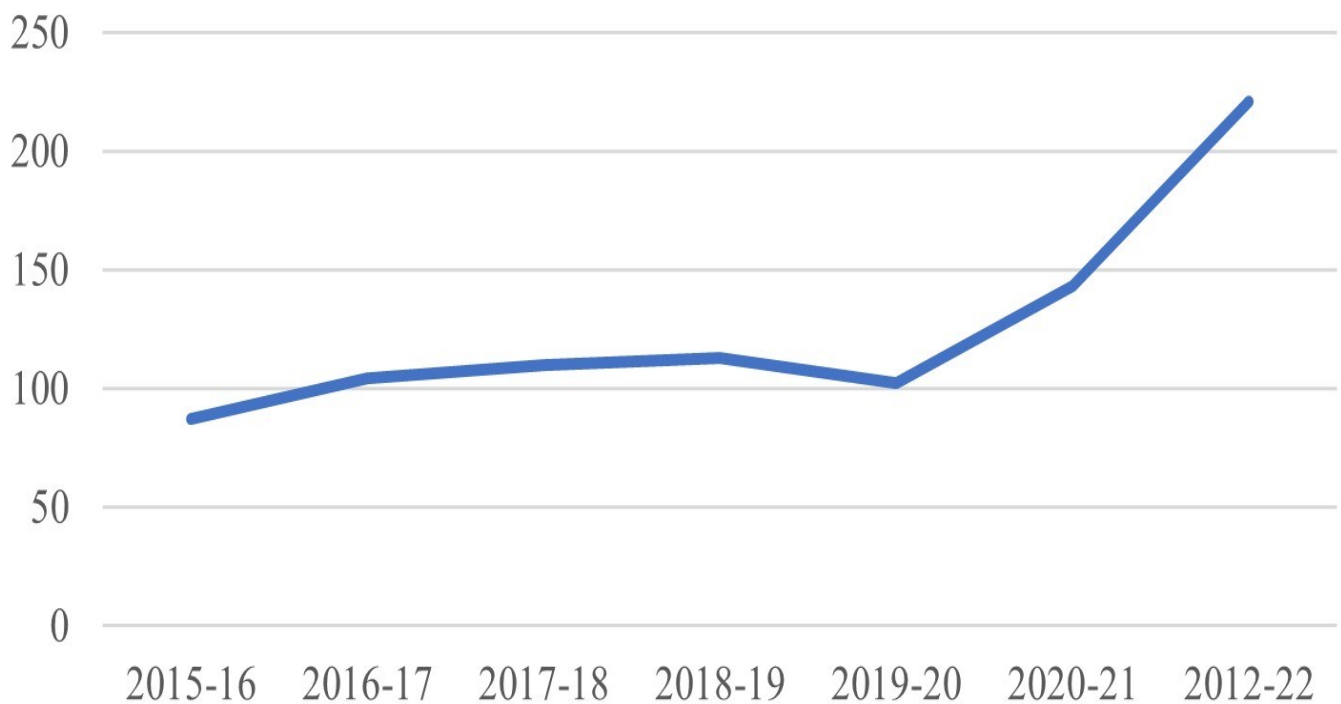


Home Attendances

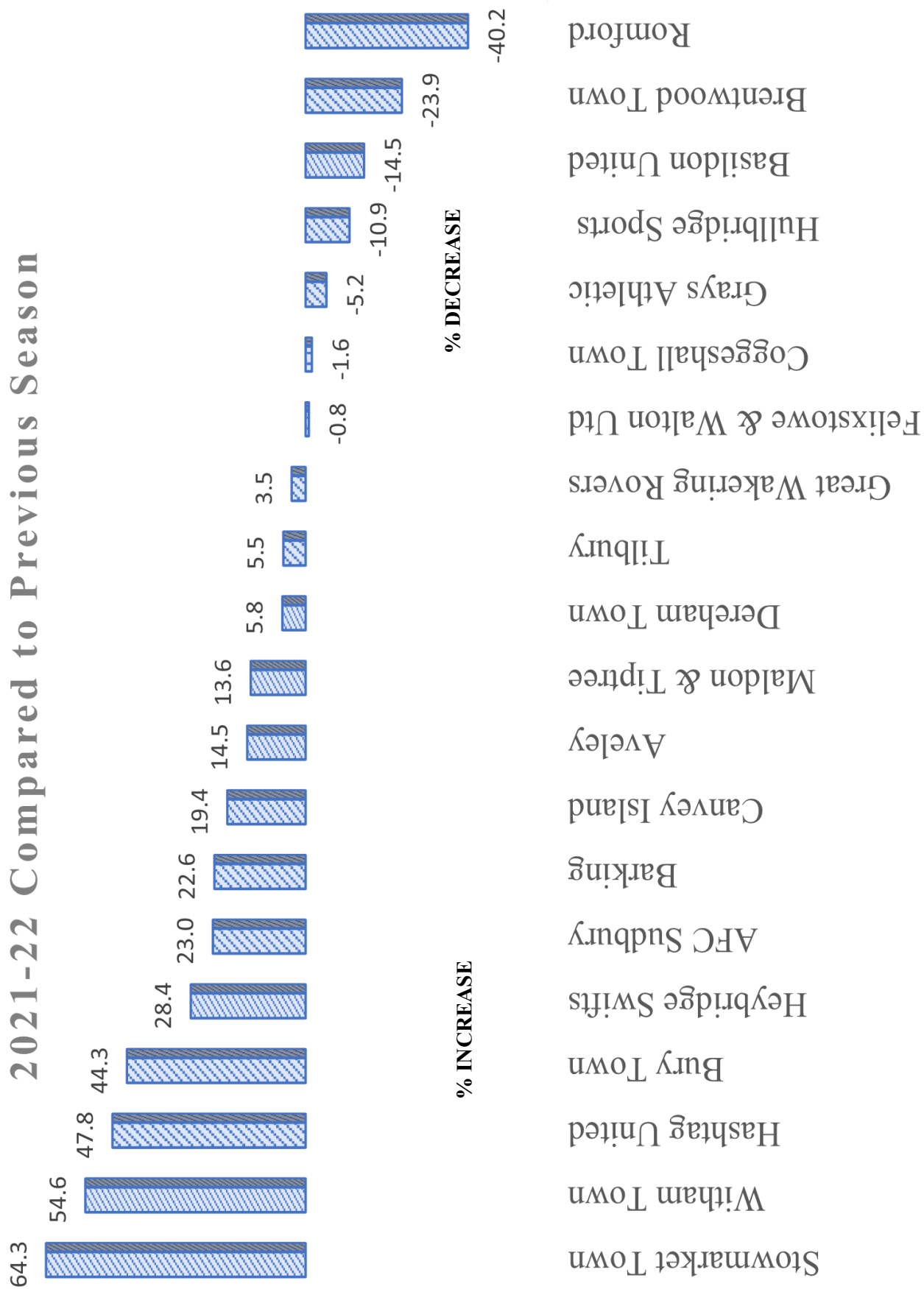
The graph below shows the movement in our average home attendance during the period of our current stay in the North Division.

Last season a number of clubs in the division enjoyed higher attendances than in 2020-21. Some clubs had lower attendances. The chart on page 11 shows that the seasonal increase in our average home attendance was the second-highest in the division.

Witham Town average home attendance



% Changes in Average Home Attendances: 2021-22 Compared to Previous Season



Eternal Hope

Hope. It is the word that makes most sense of the beautiful game, of why we spend hours and days and weeks of our existence obsessing over something that, for the vast majority of us, if we're being really honest with ourselves, has little impact on our lives. And the beginning of a new season is where the hope is at it's highest. Old heroes have moved on, the failures and successes of last year are in the past, and now we look forward. New players to deify, new trophies to be chased, new records to be set. Each and every one of us knows, right up until kick off on the opening weekend of the season, that this is going to be our year. And, depending on whom you support, that knowledge can last anywhere from 60 seconds to 60 matches into the campaign. But, however it goes, every summer we reset, we get excited, and we believe again. There's comfort in that.

So now we come to the beginning of our new season, and we want to sustain that feeling, feed the hope, for as long as possible, before the nights close in and the points are dropped and the rain hammers down. It won't take long for most of us to be brought back down to earth, but we all know the importance of maintaining the hope for at least one more week, with a good opening day performance.

Leeds certainly know a thing or two about opening day performances, having put together a run of twenty consecutive opening day wins, from the heady days of Howard Wilkinson's return to the top flight in 1991, to the depths (by their standards at least) of League One in 2009, where Simon Grayson oversaw a victorious start to a season that would end with promotion. That run lasted through thirteen different managers, a league title, a Champions League semi-final, two relegations and the real threat of the club going out of business, the longest in the Football League. And yet, throughout all that turmoil, they kept the opening day a safe haven where, however disastrous it had been, fans could go home believing they were on the road to recovery.

For longer runs than that, we have to look to more consistently successful teams, and we have to look beyond England. Few are more consistently successful throughout Europe than Celtic.

The Glaswegians put together a run of 23 opening day victories, beginning with a 5-0 demolition of Dunfermline in 1998, a Craig Burley hat trick doing most of the damage, and ending only last season with a last minute John Souttar winner for Hearts. For their part, Celtic went through twelve different managers on their run, securing 15 league titles and ten Scottish Cups, as well as losing the UEFA Cup final in 2003. Certainly, opening day victory augurs more success in Scotland than it does in England.

But even a run of 23 opening day victories isn't the longest. For that we need to head to the Mediterranean, and the Old Lady, where Juventus reign supreme.

On the opening day of 1982, Juventus, complete with Dino Zoff and Michel Platini, travelled to relative upstarts Sampdoria. The home side were bolstered by a forward line of Roberto Mancini and Trevor Francis, fed by Arsenal legend Liam Brady, but it was fullback Mauro Ferroni who scored the only goal of the game in the 67th minute. That would be the last opening day that Juventus failed to win for nearly three decades, finally falling to defeat in 2010 to Bari, the single goal coming, ironically, from former Celtic player Massimo Donati. He was just 18 months old the previous time Juventus had failed to win in the first match of the season.

The Old Lady got through thirteen managers in that time, counting both Giovanni Trapattoni and Marcello Lippi twice, and only won seven league titles in that time, with two Italian Cups. But they also counted two European Cups, a Cup Winners Cup, three UEFA Cups and an Intertoto Cup in that time, so it's not all bad.

So here's hoping for an opening day victory to kick on to success. It might not lead to glory, but we can dream.

Enjoy the game.

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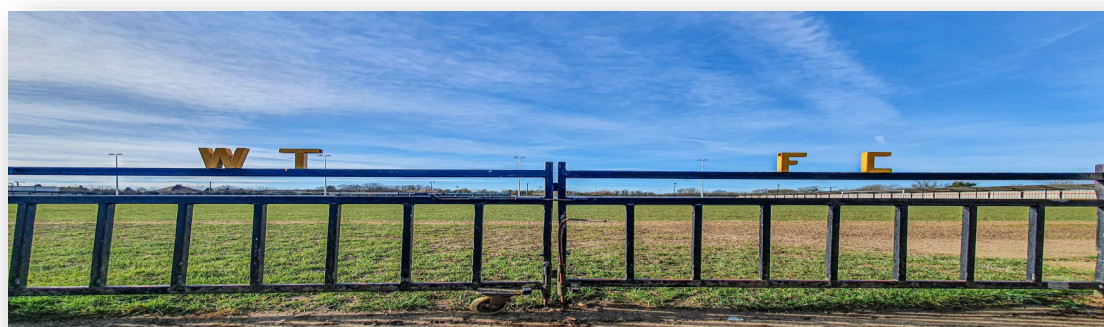
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Clubs in Isthmian League North Division

This season the North Division welcomes East Thurrock United, Gorleston, Lowestoft Town, New Salamis and Wroxham. For New Salamis this is a first season at this level. They are based at Coles Park in Tottenham which they ground-share with Haringey Borough.

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|  | 1 AFC Sudbury |
|  | 2 Basildon United |
|  | 3 Brentwood Town |
|  | 4 Bury Town |
|  | 5 Coggeshall Town |
|  | 6 East Thurrock United |
|  | 7 Felixstowe & Walton United |
|  | 8 Gorleston |
|  | 9 Grays Athletic |
|  | 10 Great Wakering Rovers |
|  | 11 Hashtag United |
|  | 12 Heybridge Swifts |
|  | 13 Hullbridge Sports |
|  | 14 Lowestoft Town |
|  | 15 Maldon & Tiptree |
|  | 16 New Salamis |
|  | 17 Stowmarket Town |
|  | 18 Tilbury |
|  | 19 Witham Town |
|  | 20 Wroxham |

Under-18s Fixtures



Thurlow Nunn League

| Date / Time | Home Team | Away Team | Venue |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 07/09/22 19:45 | Witham Town Youth U18 ECYL | VS Long Melford F.C. U18 | The Simarco Stadium |
| 15/09/22 19:45 | Halstead Town Youth U18 Midweek | VS Witham Town Youth U18 ECYL | Rosemary Lane |
| 21/09/22 19:45 | Witham Town Youth U18 ECYL | VS Harwich & Parkeston Youth U18 | The Simarco Stadium |
| 29/09/22 19:45 | Sporting 87 F.C. U18 (Thurlow Nunn) | VS Witham Town Youth U18 ECYL | The MEL Group Stadium |

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First Team Fixtures and Results

| | Date | Opposition | Score | Att | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN NORTH DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 13th August 2022 | WROXHAM | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 16th August 2022 | AFC Sudbury | | | 19.45 KO | | | | | | |
| 3 | 27th August 2022 | Hullbridge Sports | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 29th August 2022 | GRAYS ATHLETIC | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 17th September 2022 | Great Wakering Rovers | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 20th September 2022 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS | | | 19.45 KO | | | | | | |
| 7 | 1st October 2022 | LOWESTOFT TOWN | | | HOME MATCHES SHOWN IN BOLD AND CAPITALS | | | | | | |
| 8 | 8th October 2022 | Stowmarket Town | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 15th October 2022 | COGGESHALL TOWN | | | KICK-OFF 3 PM EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN | | | | | | |
| 10 | 22nd October 2022 | Brentwood Town | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 29th October 2022 | East Thurrock United | | | GOALSCORERS SHOWN IN BOLD AND CAPITALS | | | | | | |
| 12 | 5th November 2022 | GORLESTON | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 12th November 2022 | Bury Town | | | YELLOW AND RED CARDS SHOWN | | | | | | |
| 14 | 19th November 2022 | BASILDON UNITED | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 26th November 2022 | MALDON & TIPTREE | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 3rd December 2022 | Felixstowe & Walton Utd | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 10th December 2022 | Tilbury | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 17th December 2022 | NEW SALAMIS | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 26th December 2022 | Grays Athletic | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 2nd January 2023 | HASHTAG UNITED | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 7th January 2023 | Wroxham | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 14th January 2023 | AFC SUDBURY | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 21st January 2023 | Gorleston | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 28th January 2023 | BURY TOWN | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | 4th February 2023 | Basildon United | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 11th February 2023 | EAST THURROCK UTD | | | | | | | | | |
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THERE'S NOT much that grinds my gears like the debate around the FA Cup, the magic or lack thereof.

In early January, the usual debate will be trotted out about the FA Cup and how seriously Premier League clubs take it and question whether the competition has lost its lustre.

Maybe it has, maybe it hasn't when the elite clubs join. I still like it, will always watch the final and generally buy into the idea it is a pretty special cup competition.

Perhaps that comes from many years scribbling away for The NLP and having the chance to tell so many stories.

From Lincoln City's remarkable run to the quarter-finals, to speaking to first-timers just happy to have their name in the hat at the extra preliminary round stage.

For me, it is these early rounds where the true heart of the competition really is. Where, for some clubs, just getting through a few rounds and getting, for example, a draw with a Step 2 club is reason to celebrate. Or where reaching the first round is the dream.

I spoke to former Bowers & Pitsea manager Rob Small recently. His side reached the first round proper last term after dumping out National League Aldershot Town in the fourth round qualifying.

They were drawn at Lincoln and, for them, it really was the pinnacle, a day they won't ever forget.

Last Friday night I popped along to Thetford Town and Soham Town Rangers.

Bodies desperately thrown in front of shots at goal, last ditch tackles, full-blooded challenges and a stoppage-time equaliser lashed into the top corner sparking wild celebrations.

Just 83 days after Liverpool lifted the trophy, the world's oldest competition kicked off again.

The sums of money are tiny in comparison, but still a vital £1,125 is up for grabs for the 208 winners in the extra preliminary. Indeed, even the losers at this stage take £375 – all vital pounds for Non-League clubs at the level.

Perhaps there's something to be said for Friday night football, with a healthy crowd in attendance. Fans pour through the turnstile block just before kick-off to pay their £7 - £4 for concessions – and £1 for a programme. Outside the Brecklanders' bar, the air hummed with that early season chatter of optimism and familiar faces catching up.

The game was great. Three goals in four first-half minutes before a net-busting stoppage-time equaliser from Soham's Luke Brown to set-up a replay. You could see what it meant. And we will see similar tales over the coming weeks and the competitions bounces from one round to the next.

Maybe those who think the magic has gone aren't looking in the right place...

Matt Badcock





Witham Town History

Origins & Early History

Witham has a history of football teams going back to the 1830's when the first recorded match involving a side representing the town was played at Lanham Green near Cressing. This was before the 'modern' game was codified in England in 1863 following the formation of The Football Association, whose 'Laws of the Game' created the foundations for the way the football is played today. The first formation of a Witham side, post-FA creation, was in 1876 when Mr.H.Green, Mr.W.Rust, Mr.F.Bridge and Mr.E.Turner sought permission from a farmer to play football in a field next to the River Brain in the town, close to Saul's Bridge. This site was Witham FC's home for a few seasons with play later being transferred to The Park, a pitch nearby, which was shared with the town's Cricket Club. The 1885-86 season saw the very first Witham player appear for the County side with that honour going to R.H.Stevens. After some years, however, the cricket side objected to the damage being done to the surface of the pitch, so another move was made, in 1894, to 'The Grove'. The Grove itself was a large private house that was built in the late 1600's, which was eventually demolished in 1932. The pitch, noted as one of the best in the county, was located to the rear of the property not far from the old Witham to Maldon Railway line, which roughly corresponds with today's Mayland Road and Abercorn Way. Mr.P.E.Laurence, a local sports enthusiast and President of the club at that time, owned this field. The entrance to the ground was via Chess Lane, which is now a short cut to an industrial estate. The occupants of the cottages there on 'Finals' days reaped a bonanza from the two pennies charged for bicycles left in their care. Witham's first recorded appearance in a final, that of the very first Essex Junior Cup, came in 1893-94 when they lost 4-1 to Matlock Swifts (today's Leyton FC). During this time the team enjoyed the reputation of being one of the strongest junior sides in the country and built up a large following. They were known in those days as the 'Red Herrings' because of their all red kit. Two days after the Great War broke out in 1914 (28th July) the entire team under the guidance of Reginald Brown went to Warley Barracks near Brentwood to enlist in the 5th Battalion of the Essex Regiment.

Between The Wars

Witham FC re-formed in July 1919 after a meeting held at the Spread Eagle Hotel in the town centre. Again, the side played in red shirts, and, in one season, Witham won 24 matches and only lost once. Postman Mr. Fred Perry used to pay Albert 'Summer' Bickmore one shilling for each goal he scored. Bickmore recalled with pleasure the day he scored five. The re-formed club, which changed its name to Witham Town FC in 1921, won the Braintree & District League Championship in 1920-21, appeared in the Divisional Final of the Essex Junior Cup, won the Braintree & District league again in 1924-25 and secured the Essex Division 2 Shield in 1925-26. During these years the popularity of football seemed to have grown in the town with a Crittall's Athletic team also forming. Crittalls Windows Works, which opened in 1919, was one of the largest employers in the town and the site of the old factory is now occupied by Morrison's supermarket. For a small town like Witham this was perhaps too much for both these clubs to thrive, and, with waning support largely due to the increasing prominence of the Crittall's team, after less than a decade the re-formed Witham Town disbanded. However, local opinion must have been in favour of a true 'town' team, as after a meeting with the Spread Eagle again forming the backdrop, Witham Town FC re-formed again in July 1933. At this meeting, held by Mr.C.Ingram (who was elected club Chairman), Mr.S.Slinger and Mr.S.Howell (who was chosen to be Hon. Secretary) the decision was made to join two competitions, The North Essex League and the Kelvedon & District Junior League with club colours being red shirts and white shorts. In 1934-35 Witham reached the final of the Tolleshunt D'arcy Cup, losing to Tiptree United 4-2, and the following season they became Division 3 Champions of the North Essex League. That same year the club gained the use of the football pitch at Rickstones Road Recreation Ground. Unfortunately, as the clouds of war slowly gathered, and with falling support once more, in 1938 Witham Town folded.

A New Beginning

In 1948 the Witham Town FC of today re-formed thanks to the efforts of a small band of stalwarts who met in an old British Legion hut under the Chairmanship of Mr.Sid Rice who was the driving force behind the club re-forming. Although the pitch was only a cow pasture with a barn as changing rooms, these basic conditions did not seem to affect the team though as in their first season back playing they became champions of the Chelmsford and Mid Essex League Division 2, winners of the Tiptree Charity Cup and the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup courtesy of a 1-0 win over Feering. During the following season the club moved to the Crittall Windows works ground at The Park in the centre of the town and they also became founder members of the Mid-Essex League Premier Division. Their first game at The Park was a friendly v Ipswich Town which the Suffolk side won 7-0. That year the Premier Division Cup was won. After two more seasons in the CMEL, a dispute with the League over a cup match played in blizzard like conditions, saw Witham Town switch to the South Essex League where they spent seven seasons winning the Championship in 1955-56. A supporters club was then formed and in 1958 the decision was made to join the Essex and Suffolk Border League and thus step up to an intermediate level of football.

Gaining Senior Status

During the 1964-65 season Witham won the Essex & Suffolk Border League Championship and they decided to seek new playing facilities suitable for senior football. The following season, 65-66, they won the E&SB League Cup after beating Whitton United 3-0 and were runners up in the E&SBL in 66-67. 1967-68 saw Witham just miss out on their second League Cup honour when they lost 3-2 to close rivals Tiptree United in the final. In 1970, the club was finally offered its present ground at Spa Road, although the move did not happen until after the end of the 1974-75 season due to the allocated plot being under cultivation. The last game at The Park ground was a 1-0 win against Basildon United on the 19th April 1975. In the meantime, Witham Town again won the Essex & Suffolk Border League (in 1970-71), and were invited to become founder members of the Essex Senior League and were the inaugural Champions in 1971-72, pipping Billericay Town to the title by just one point.

Witham went on to spend more than 15 seasons in this league, usually finishing in the top half of the table. In 1981 Witham won the Essex Senior League Cup by defeating Sawbridgeworth Town 4-2 at Chelmsford City's New Writtle Street ground. The mid 1980's provided several top 3 finishes including runners-up in 1984-85 and 1986-87, with the Championship being won for the second time in 1985-86. March 1985 saw the Spa Road grounds' new floodlights 'officially' switched on in a friendly versus Colchester United. 1986 saw more success as Witham won the Essex Senior Trophy, defeating local rivals Heybridge Swifts 3-2, after extra time. During the following 1986-87 season Town enjoyed their best run in the FA Vase when they reached the last 16 (the 5th round), before losing 2-1 at home to Falmouth, and they also secured the Harry Fisher Memorial Trophy (the predecessor to the Gordon Brasted) after beating Sawbridgeworth Town in the final. This good run of form in league and cup competitions again led the club to seek a higher level of football to play at. They applied to join the Isthmian League and this was accepted in 1987.

The Isthmian Years

Their first match in the Isthmian League (Division 2 North) in 1987-88 saw Witham win 6-0 at Ware which ended with the club finishing in 7th place. During this time, former Southend United manager Steve Tilson started his career with the club before moving on to the Shrimpers as a player. The end of the 1990-91 season would see the two Isthmian Division 2's (North and South) 'de-regionalise', therefore making a top half finish imperative if Witham were to retain their Division 2 status and avoid the drop into what would be the next seasons new Division 3. A good finish saw Witham end up in 6th place, thereby ensuring their position in the restructured division and the club also made a semi-final appearance in the Loctite Associate Members Trophy. In 1993-94 Witham had their highest ever league finish, 5th in the Isthmian League Division 2. Back in the mid-90's there was no 2nd tier to the Conference so this was their best finish at what was then Step 4. Unfortunately, this could not be built upon and Town were relegated at the end of the 1999-2000 season to Division 3 after 13 years in Div 2. However, during the previous season, 1998-99, Witham saw their best run in the FA Cup, to the 3rd Qualifying Round, before losing out to Havant & Waterlooville in a replay. The next few years saw further restructuring of the Isthmian League culminating in a runners-up spot in Division 2 (formerly Div 3) at the end of 2005-06 as Witham took their place the newly formed step 4 Division 1 North. A goal difference of just +1 separated Witham from Brook House and 3rd place. In 2007-08 they achieved their best run in the FA Trophy, making it to the 3rd Qualifying Round. After beating Chatham Town away 3-0 Spa Road saw a giant killing over Horsham who at that time were leaders of the Isthmian Premier Division. Town crashed out in the next round though after losing at Hayes & Yeading. During 2008, one of Town's rising stars, top scorer Cody McDonald, moved on to Maldon Town and then Dartford, before being bought by the then Championship side Norwich City. This move to the Canaries makes Cody our highest profile ex-player.

A short(ish) visit to the Essex Senior League

At the end of the 2008-09 season Witham Town finished 21st out of 22 teams consigning them to relegation to the Essex Senior League. Despite the obvious disappointment at being relegated the club had the chance to start afresh in the same league where their senior aspirations were initiated back in 1971. Off the field, former player Olly Murs became the TV show X Factor's runner up in December 2009. As the 2009-10 season drew to a close, and on the back of eight straight wins, Witham earned the necessary point on the last game of the season at Barkingside in a tense 2-2 draw that guaranteed runners-up position just ahead of Burnham Ramblers. Unfortunately, this was not enough for Town to regain their spot in the Isthmian League. During the 2010-11 season, for the last 4 games, current manager Garry Kimble took over the reins as the club finished third. In the following campaign, Kimble's first full term in charge, Witham Town enjoyed what could arguably be claimed to be their most successful season ever as they broke many long standing club records on the way to the Essex Senior League title, last won in 1986, and therefore securing a return to Isthmian football. As well as the league, Witham won the League Cup, Gordon Brasted Memorial Trophy and the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup and remained unbeaten away in the league. Striker Billy Hunt also secured the Don Douglas Trophy by becoming the league's top scorer, with Rob Whitnell and John Watson coming second and third highest league scorers as well.

The Isthmian Years (Part 2)

The return to Isthmian level began in spectacular style as the club finished 4th in the Isthmian League Division 1 North and qualified for the Play Offs only going down 3-2 to eventual winners Thamesmead Town. The club also retained the Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cup beating Heybridge Swifts 4-0.

They went one better in 2013-14, finishing in their highest ever league position, runners up in the Isthmian League Division 1 North. In the play-offs Needham Market were beaten 1-0 in the Semi Final and Harlow Town 3-0 in the Final as Witham secured a place in the Isthmian Premier Division for the first time.

A gallant attempt was made to compete at Isthmian Senior Level, but this proved too much for a club with limited resources and the club were relegated in 2014-15. The next season was a difficult one as a number of key players moved on following relegation and it was difficult to find a settled squad. With another relegation looking likely, it was time for a management change. Garry Kimble left the club and a new management team was appointed, consisting of Adam Flint and James Robinson, both of whom had spent time with the club previously. Relegation was averted and the club finished in 19th place.


We finished in 13th place in 2016-17, followed by an 11th place in 2017-18. At the end of the season, Adam and James moved on to manage Bishops' Stortford. Mark Ashford became the new Witham manager before the start of the 2018-19 season. John Sussex and Kevin Wren joined later as joint assistant managers. Mark Ashford resigned at the end of the season in which safety from relegation was only assured on the last day of the season at Basildon.

Marc Benterman was appointed before the start of 2019-20 and needed to assemble almost a complete squad in a few weeks to start the season. This was done and the club were in 15th place with 28 games played when Covid-19 caused the season to be abandoned. Season 2019-20 only lasted until late October 2020. Marc began the 2021-22 season with a young squad but he resigned from his role as manager in November 2021.

Former Witham Town player and assistant manager Chris Taylor was appointed manager in January 2022. We narrowly avoided relegation, beating Saffron Walden Town in the Inter-Step play-off match after finishing 18th. We look forward to 2022/23 with Chris in charge, supported by Scott Canham, Wale Olejabi and Robert Lewis as his assistants.


Today's League Fixtures

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| Basildon United | v | Heybridge Swifts |
| Brentwood Town | v | Felixstowe & Walton United |
| Bury Town | v | Hashtag United |
| Coggeshall Town | v | Grays Athletic |
| East Thurrock United | v | AFC Sudbury |
| Gorleston | v | New Salamis |
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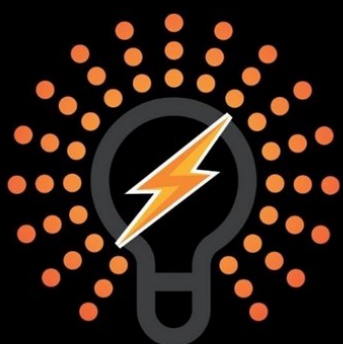
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 - 17.3. The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse.
18. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for these of any group of supporters to which he does not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of his own safety or for any other reason.
19. Save as set out in Condition 15 above, no person (other than a person who holds an appropriate licence) may capture, log, record, transmit, play, issue, show or otherwise communicate (by digital or other means) any Material in relation to the Match, any players or other persons present in the Ground and/or the Ground, nor may they bring into the Ground or use within the Ground (or provide to, facilitate or otherwise assist another person to use within the Ground) any equipment or technology which is capable of capturing, logging, recording, transmitting, playing, issuing, showing or otherwise communicating (by digital or other means) any such Material. Copyright, database rights and any other intellectual property rights in any unauthorised recording or transmission is assigned (by way of present assignment of future rights) to the Club and the relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match. You further agree (if and whenever required to do so by the Club) to promptly execute all instruments and do all things necessary to vest the right, title and interest in such rights to the Club and the relevant Football Authority responsible for the Match absolutely and with full title guarantee. 20. Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of the Club or otherwise as set out in the express terms and conditions of such tickets. Any tickets offered for sale in breach of the terms and conditions thereof may be confiscated by any steward or officer of the Club or any police officer. The Club reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject from the Ground, any person who has transferred his/her ticket in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions (and/or the holder of any ticket that has been transferred in contravention of the relevant ticket terms and conditions). In the event of any refusal of admission or ejection from the Ground no refund shall be payable. Tickets remain the property of the Club at all times.
21. By entering the Ground, all persons acknowledge that photographic images and/or video recordings and/or stills taken from those video recordings may be taken of them and may also be used by the Club for marketing or promotional purposes. Entry into the Ground is confirmation that all persons have consented to such use of their image unless the Club is notified in writing to the contrary. If any images should feature an individual prominently the Club will make reasonable efforts to gain the consent of that person before publishing such image. If such person is under 18 years of age, the parent, guardian, responsible adult who is accompanying them into the Ground shall be deemed to have provided consent on their behalf.
22. CCTV cameras are in use around and in the Ground and the Club may itself use or transfer to the police or any Football Authority any recordings for use in any proceedings, or for health, safety or security purposes. By entering the Ground, you consent to such use and transfer of CCTV footage.
23. At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all reasonable instructions and directions of any steward or officer of the Club, any police officer or any officer of any other safety or security service. Failure to comply with any such instruction or direction may lead to the refusal of entry to, or the immediate ejection from, the Ground.
24. Any person found damaging or defacing the Ground may be prosecuted.
25. No re-entry to the Ground is permitted unless permission is given by an officer or a steward of the Club.
26. The Club reserves absolutely the right to refuse entry and eject from the Ground any person that fails (or in the Club’s reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with any of the Ground Regulations or the Rules and Regulations or whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club’s reasonable opinion), be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. This could lead to further action by the Club including, but not limited to, the withdrawal of any Club membership and or match ticket and/or season ticket (without reimbursement) and other benefits.
27. The Club reserves the right to make changes to any of these Ground Regulations from time to time.

Pitchside sponsorship offer



£250

- 2.5m x .75m pitch perimeter advert board (provide own board made of die-bond or £100 to have one provided by the Club)
- 2 free memberships
- 2 free season tickets (worth £280)
- A quarter page advert in each 1st team home game programme (worth £50).
- 2 social media promotion posts per year on Witham Town FC facebook, twitter and instagram sites

Please email sponsorship@withamtownfc.co.uk for more
information

Strangest Friendlies

With the pre-season friendlies behind us, it is interesting to consider some of football's strangest friendlies. Here are a few examples, as reported by Four Four Two magazine.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v REAL MADRID 2006

Back in 2006, Real Madrid were planning a last-minute pre-season training camp in Austria, only to find that their favourite hotel was already being occupied by Plymouth Argyle.

After much negotiating, the Championship club agreed to seek alternative accommodation, giving new manager Fabio Capello an early win. Much to Ian Holloway's amazement, the Spaniards rewarded the south coast club's good deed by agreeing to play them.

Two hundred fans made the 2,000-mile trip from Plymouth to the mountainous city of Kapfenberg, with only a dubious-ly-awarded penalty scored by Julio Baptista separating the sides.

JUVENTUS v NOTTS COUNTY 2013

There was also method to the madness of Juventus inviting Notts County to open their new stadium in 2011. The Italian giants switched to their famous black-and-white colours in 1903 on the guidance of English import John Savage, a fan of the County team which had recently finished third in the Football League.

With Savage having inadvertently saved them from a lifetime of playing in pink, his beloved Magpies were belatedly rewarded with a five-star experience at the Juventus Stadium's inaugural game – albeit one staged several weeks into county's season. Martin Allen's men looked to be heading for a 1-0 defeat to the hosts, before Lee Hughes spoiled the celebrations with a last-minute equaliser.

HISTON v REAL SOCIEDAD 2013

Tottenham Under-21s' loss proved to be Histon's gain in 2013 when Spurs' youngsters pulled out of a friendly against Real Sociedad at the last minute. The then-Conference North side were given just 24 hours to prepare for their encounter against the Champions League qualifiers which, sadly for locals, was played behind closed doors.

Histon managed to keep the Spaniards at bay until the 34th minute but eventually shipped eight, with Omar Beckles grabbing a memorable consolation.

Histon's accommodating nature wasn't appreciated by everyone, though: Sociedad striker Carlos Vela headed for Twitter to vent his frustration at having to play such lowly opposition. "With matches like this it is difficult to prepare for a major season," huffed the Mexican.

BAMBER BRIDGE v CZECH REPUBLIC 1996

The Czech Republic proved dark horses of Euro '96, besting Italy, Portugal and France on their way to a runners-up spot. But Dusan Uhrin's men warmed up for their heroic exploits with a rather random friendly against Lancashire semi-pros Bamber Bridge.

The Northern Premier League champions had only just been denied promotion to England's fifth tier, with their Irongate home ground failing to meet the required standards for a step up. But spirits were temporarily lifted with a balmy summer's evening friendly in front of 2,300 fans – albeit one which ended in a 9-1 defeat.

AYLESBURY UNITED v ENGLAND 1988

The Czechs weren't the first nation that attempted to boost confidence by steamrolling a bunch of non-leaguers on the eve of a Euro tournament. Eight years previously, Bobby Robson's England visited newly promoted Conference side Aylesbury United.

As expected, a Three Lions side featuring the likes of Gary Lineker, Chris Waddle and John Barnes ran out comfortable 7-0 winners in front of a record-breaking 6,031 crowd. Still, the friendly didn't quite have its desired effect; England returned home from West Germany having lost every one of their three matches.



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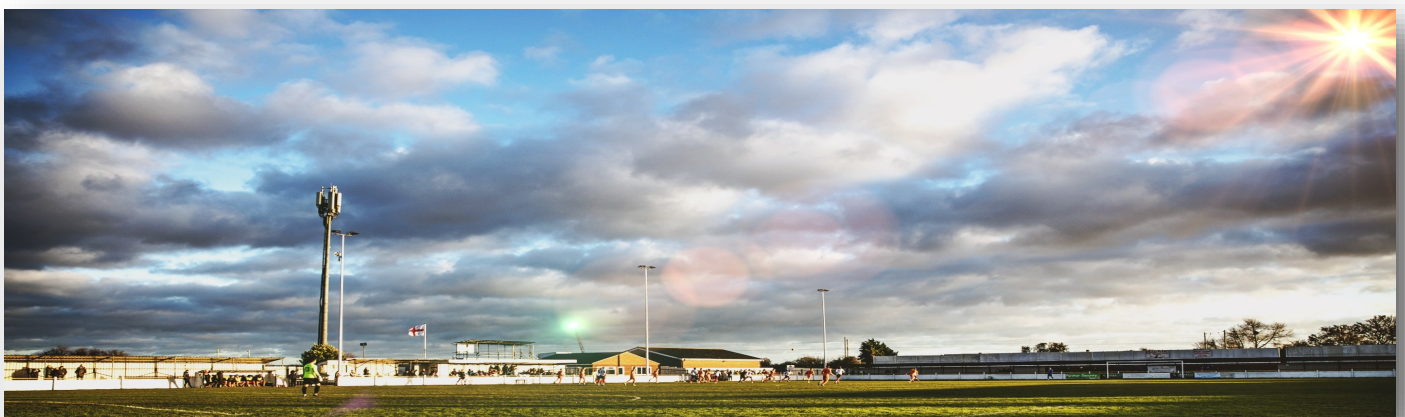
Adults - £10

Concessions - £5

U16's - £2

Match day ticket prices

**Match day tickets are now available from the clubhouse and
payment can also still be made at the turnstiles**



WITHAM TOWN

WROXHAM

- 1 Rhys Madden
- 2 Luke Ige
- 3 Liam Whipps
- 4 Lewis Payne
- 5 Joseph Alatisé
- 6 Robinson Wokoma
- 7 Gaz Dauti
- 8 Callum Matthews
- 9 Adam Vyse
- 10 Ramiah Mills
- 11 Kieran Southgate
- 12 Jamahl Godward
- 14 Adam Cheniti
- 15 Enock Sonagile
- 16 Rash Salau
- 17 Albert Mengi

White shirts, navy shorts, red socks

Referee
Assistant 1
Assistant 2

- 1 Ollie Sutton
- 2 Harry Barker
- 3 Travis Dodsworth
- 4 Harley Black
- 5 Chris Skipper
- 6 Robbie Linford
- 7 Ryan Miles
- 8 Brad Spooner
- 9 Ryan Hawkins
- 10 Ryan Curtis
- 11 Shaun Taylor
- 12 Conley Poynter
- 14 Oli Yun
- 15 Jamie Forshaw
- 16 Grant Holt
- 17 Alex Brasero

Blue and white shirts, blue shorts and socks

Steven Goldup
George Lowe
Matthew Rowling

