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# A SEASON OVERVIEW FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome to the New Croft for today's match against Diss Town. Since my last programme notes we've played two games, with a 2-1 defeat against Debenham followed up with a 2-1 win against Sudbury Reserves, our first win of the season. The performances across the two games were good and while we were unlucky not to get anything against Debenham we were good value for our win at Sudbury.

Following a tough start to the season it's amazing what a win can do to the morale of the squad, and there are plenty of positives currently. The shape of our team both in an out of possession has been much improved over the past couple of weeks. In addition Josh Lowe scored his first goal for the club against Sudbury which is a just reward for all of the hard work and effort he puts in during every game. We've also got 3 players back in the squad today with Fin Fletcher, Callum Stone and Victor Garcia all returning, the latter following completion of his 14 day isolation period since arriving back in the UK from Spain. Although we're getting a more settled squad unfortunately our captain Ryan Swallow is out with a hip injury for the next month, so we're still waiting on having a full strength squad to pick from.

Diss come into today's game with 7 points from a possible 12 with some good results against good teams. In the corresponding fixture last year we won 2-1 in what turned out to be our final game of the season and we'll be hoping for a similar result today. Games against established Division 1 teams like Diss, Debenham and Sudbury give us a good indication of how we can expect to progress this season so we'll be looking to put in a good performance and get some more points on the board!

Thank you all for your continued support of the team and the club as a whole. I hope you all enjoy the game this afternoon and stay safe.

Guy Habbin – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager



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## MEET THE PLAYERS

### James Young

James is an excellent young goalkeeper who featured in Marc Abbotts Haverhill Rovers side at the tender age of sixteen. Became a Borough player as part of a swap deal with Robert Friel heading to Rovers at the beginning of December. James is an excellent shot stopper and is equally as good at dealing with crosses, at 18 years of age James has a very bright future in the game.

### Ronnie Ledwith

Ronnie joins us this season after featuring for Enfield FC last season, Ronnie is an athletic left back who is strong in the air and composed with the ball at his feet. We look forward to having Ronnie with us this season.

### Coby Game

Coby joins us this season after spending the last four seasons playing across Saffron Waldens first and reserve teams. Coby is an adaptable player who can RB RWB and at CM. Coby has previously played for our first team manager Guy where he had spells at Soham and Mildenhall as a youth player.

### Alex Martin

Alex is a former Soham Town Rangers player who is extremely versatile and can play in a variety of positions and can be a real threat from set pieces.

### Arron Carter

Joined from Daventry Town Res in Northamptonshire. Arron is a versatile player who is comfortable at either right or left back, he possesses excellent leadership skills and is excellent in 1v1 situations.

### Josh Lewis

Josh joins us this season after playing for Ely City Res last season, he is lightning quick and can play off of either wing. Still very young and with lots of promise we look forward to seeing Josh develop as a player at Borough.

### Josh Lowe

Josh Lowe joins us after spending the last eighteen months at Ely City. He has however appeared for Cambridge City and Newmarket Town in spells prior to his time at Ely with Brady Stone. Josh is a physically strong player that has bundles of energy and is a good finisher on his left foot or right foot. We are delighted to be able have Josh with us this season.

### Craig Pruden

'Prudes' needs no introduction at Borough, he is returning for his third spell at the club after joining Lakenheath last season. At Borough he has played in some of the most successful times the club has had. Pruden is tenacious, hardworking and has a burst of pace that helped him to bag 30 goals in the 18/19 season.

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## MEET THE PLAYERS

### Ryan Swallow

Midfield playmaker played a vital role in the club's promotion in 2016/2017 scoring 20 goals and numerous assists. Will be looking to build on those achievements this season.

### Rory Bone

Tough tackling left back who can also put a shift in upfront if needed. Popular with the fans and team-mates alike, Rory previously played for Coggeshall and White Notley.

### Ryan Kent

Scored the first goal in the New Croft for Haverhill Rovers, veteran 'Kenty' still has pace to burn, and now uses his experience to set up goals from the right.

### Michael King

Michael is one of the more experienced players in our squad where he made a name for himself at step 3 with Hitchin Town, following his successful time at Hitchin Michael secured a move to Cambridge City. After a season at City "Kingy" returned to Hitchin before moving to Biggleswade. Michael is an all action midfield player with an eye for goal and an industrious work rate.

### Ryan Dewey

Ryan is a tough tackling CB who has played 50+ games at step 5 for Saffron Walden and Long Melford.

Ryan finished last season with Brightlingsea Regent and signed forms for Borough the day before the season opener against Downham Town. A real coup to have someone of Ryans experience in defence we are already sure he will do well for the club.

### Callum Stone

Callum is currently on a short term loan from neighbours Haverhill Rovers, Callum has impressed at U18 level and joins us in his first spell of senior football. Callum can play anywhere across the front line of the pitch and is direct, pacey and has a great eye for goal.

### Kieran Scanlan

Kieran is another loanee from Rovers youth team, Kieran is adaptable and although is a CM he can also play at RB. He is hardworking and has masses of quality on the ball. Another really talented young player that we look forward to seeing on the pitch.

### Ewan Young

Ewan has joined us this season as a third year scholar on St Ives Town education programme. Ewan is a commanding 6'2 centre half who spent the second half of last season at step 6 side Huntingdon Town. Ewan was the first of this summers new signings and we are looking forward to seeing him in feature in our league campaign.

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## MEET THE OPPOSITION

### Adam Rix

Goalkeeper. Rixy made 89 appearances for Kirkley over a 3 year period, before last years move to Fakenham.

### Harry Creamer

Harry is a dependable defender who plays with maturity beyond his years, signed from Kirkley and Pakefield real asset to team.

### Matthew Wilson

Defender This versatile defender was top target for management team.

### Rory Olpin

Rory made 22 appearances for Scole last year, very excited about step up

### Kieran Hagan

Kieran's second spell at Diss after spells with Walsham -Le -Willows and Gorleston. Welcome back Kieran.

### Owen Woodhouse

Striker.

### Owen French

Frenchy is traditional centre half and loves a tackle .Previously with UEA Waveney ,Gorleston New signing from Kirkley and Pakefield.

### Bryn Mullen

Striker . New signing from Wymondham. Scored 22 goals for Wymondham last season . He's young and hungry.

### Kyle Baker

Striker New signing from Caister Kyle has a tremendous track record having played for Kirkley Gorleston Harleston and Norwich CBS. Now a Tangie.


### Matt Taunton

Midfielder. Made 17 appearances for Waveney last year confident and classy midfield player.

### Callum Maloney

Midfielder. Signed from Long Stratton this season also part of our U18 management team.

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# INSIDE THE CAMP

## COBY GAME

(MIDFIELDER)

### Favourite Borough Moment?

First win away at AFC Sudbury—first of many.

### Who is your favourite all time player and why?

Has to be Iniesta—made the game look easy.

### Favourite song of all time?

Murder on the Dancefloor—Sophie Ellis Bextor.

### Claim to fame?

I'm 90% sure the back of my head was on tv for the Tour De France.

### Favourite Film?

Kevin & Perry Go Large.

### Who has the worst banter in the changing room and why?

Ronnie! Always trying to kill me off, yet to achieve it.

### Who fancies themselves as a popstar?

Dewey (Ryan Dewey) after last week, didn't want to stop!

### QUICK FIRE:

Pints or Shots? Pints

Text or Talk? Text

Night in or Night Out? Night out all day long

Chinese or Fish & Chips? Fish & Chips?

Rovers or Borough? Silly question, Borough!!



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## UPCOMING FIXTURES

	DATE	TIME	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
FDN	30/09/2020	19:45	AFC SUDBURY	HBFC	THE MEL GROUP STADIUM
<b>FDN</b>	<b>10/10/2020</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>HBFC</b>	<b>DISS TOWN</b>	<b>THE NEW CROFT</b>
FDN	13/10/2020	19:45	CORNARD UTD	HBFC	BLACKHOUSE LANE
FDN	17/10/2020	15:00	SHERINGHAM	HBFC	SHERINGHAM REC
FDN	24/10/2020	19:45	HBFC	FAKENHAM	THE NEW CROFT
FDN	27/10/2020	19:45	MARCH TOWN	HBFC	SPORTS GROUND
SSC	31/10/2020	15:00	HBFC	COPELESTONIANS	THE NEW CROFT
FDN	03/11/2020	15:00	HBFC	CORNARD UTD	THE NEW CROFT
FDN	07/11/2020	15:00	GT YARMOUTH	HBFC	THE WELLESLEY
FDN	14/11/2020	15:00	HBFC	IPSWICH WANDERERS	THE NEW CROFT

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# LEAGUE TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ipswich Wanderers	6	5	1	0	11	16
2	Lakenheath	6	5	0	1	13	15
3	Fakenham Town	5	4	1	0	9	13
4	March Town United	5	4	0	1	11	12
5	Downham Town	5	4	0	1	4	12
6	Leiston Res	6	4	0	2	-2	12
7	AFC Sudbury Res	6	3	1	2	2	10
8	Great Yarmouth Town	6	3	1	2	2	10
9	Mulbarton Wanderers	5	2	1	2	9	7
10	Diss Town	4	2	1	1	2	7
11	Debenham LC	7	2	1	4	-5	7
12	Kings Lynn Town Res	5	2	0	3	3	6
13	Framlingham Town	6	2	0	4	-7	6
14	Norwich CBS	6	1	2	3	1	5
15	Cornard United	7	1	2	4	-8	5
16	Needham Market Res	5	1	1	3	-10	4
17	Haverhill Borough	5	1	0	4	-9	3
18	Sheringham	4	0	2	2	-3	2
19	Wisbech St Mary	7	0	0	7	-23	0



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## HISTORY OF THE OPPOSITON

Diss Town was formed in 1886 after a suggestion from the local cricket club who shared their ground at Roydon Road. The Club played friendly matches at first but in 1891/2 won their first trophy when they defeated Yarmouth 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in the Norfolk Junior Cup Final. The Club's first league football came in 1906/7 when they joined the Norwich and District League. They reached the final of the Norfolk Junior Cup again in 1924/5 but this time lost to Jewson Athletic. During this period Diss were to meet Ipswich Town (then a Southern Amateur side) on three occasions in the FA Amateur Cup. Diss lost 4-2 in 1929/30 and by the same score in a replay two seasons later (following a 3-3 draw).

In 1935/6 Diss were elected to the Norfolk and Suffolk League and in 1950/1 entered the F A Cup for the first time. In 1955/6 they were runners up in the league and beaten finalists in the League Cup competition. They did however win the League Cup in 1956/7, 1959/60 (shared with Gothic) and 1960/1.

The Club joined the newly formed Anglian Combination in 1964/5 and in 1967/8 won the Division One championship and the League Cup. The Division One championship was won again in 1973/4 and in 1974/5 they won the Norfolk Senior Cup for the first time defeating St Andrews 3-2 at Carrow Road. During the same season they were runners up in the Anglian Combination Premier Division. In 1975/6 they again had to settle for the runners up spot but there was consolation in winning the League Cup. In 1976/7 the Club finally won the League Championship, a feat they repeated in 1978/9. There were also further League Cup victories in 1979/80 and 1981/2.

In 1983/4 the club moved from Roydon Road to a newly acquired six acre site at Brewers Green Lane. A new clubhouse and AstroTurf all weather playing area were soon added. In 1988/9 Diss left the Anglian Combination to join the newly formed 1st Division of the Jewson Eastern League. After a couple of near misses they finally won the Division One championship in 1991/2. The same season saw the club reach the quarter finals of the FA Vase (bowing out by the only goal in a replay against eventual winners Wimborne Town) and the final of the Norfolk Senior Cup. Again a replay was their undoing, losing 2-1 to Fakenham Town following a 2-2 draw. There was cup success for the Reserves however when they won the Norfolk Junior Cup (Exactly 100 years after the first team had won it in 1892). They were unable to defend the cup due to promotion to Senior football.

Richard Daniels joined from Gorleston to become manager of Diss Town in the 2012-2013 season, following Rob Taylor's departure. Ex-Sudbury Town Manager, Chris Tracey then teamed up with Richard to become assistant manager. Chris Tracey became Manager in 2013-12024 when Richard Daniels stepped down.

Towards the end of season 2013-2014 Mike Derbyshire was appointed Manager, and despite improved performances, Diss finished in the bottom three. The Tangerines were given a reprieve from relegation due to league reorganizations and various club movements. During the close-season, Mike brought in former Wroxham Manager, Pawel (Pav) Guziejko as his Assistant Manager. After disappointing results, and the departure of Mike Derbyshire and his management team, Mark Reeve returned to the club for the Norfolk Senior Cup 4th round tie on 22nd November 2014 as 1st Team Manager and the Tangerines secured a victory after extra time. Despite improved form and better results the Tangerines were unable to avoid relegation to the Thurlow Nunn 1st Division for the 2015-16 season.

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