## Maldon & Tiptree Football Club

## **Club History 2010 - 2024**



Maldon & Tiptree FC was formed in 2010 when Maldon Town and Tiptree United were amalgamated by owner Ed Garty playing in the Isthmian Division One North.

The newly formed Clubs first season ended with them finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place however the following season was not as successful and joint Managers, Brad King and Glen Knight were replaced by ex-Charlton professional Mike Flanagan steering the Club to a respectful mid-table finish.

At the beginning of the 2012-13 campaign, ex-Stansted & Redbridge manager Terry Spillane was appointed as Manager and ex-Tiptree United manager, Jody Brown joined as Spillane's assistant. The Club earned a place in the play-offs losing to Thamesmead Town on penalties in the final.

In 2014 Alan Kimble was appointed as Manager and it was a difficult season finishing the season in 19<sup>th</sup> place.

During the 2014-15 season a competition was run with supporters voting for a Club nickname. The Jammers was the clear winner with over 50% of the vote.

In 2015 the Club formed a relationship with Colchester Utd and David Wright was appointed as 1st Team Manager however in December 2015 Wright moved to Colchester Utd and Liam Bailey took charge of the team on a temporary basis.

During 2016, Steve Ball was appointed Manager and led the club to a respectable 7<sup>th</sup> place just missing out on the play-offs. As the season ended Ball moved to Colchester Utd Kevin Horlock was brought in to replace him ending the season in 2nd place. Horlock's side reached the play-off final, where they lost to Thurrock.

After managing 112 games, Kevin Horlock departed and was replaced by ex-Colchester defender, Wayne Brown for the 2018-19 season. In Brown's first season, the Jammers finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and reached the play-off final, where they agonisingly lost on penalties against local rivals, Heybridge Swifts.

The 2019-20 season was one to remember for the Club. An incredible run in the Emirates FA Cup saw the Jammers reach the First Round proper with Maldon & Tiptree travelling to League Two side, Leyton Orient, joined by over 600 fans. Goals from Danny Parish and a superb solo goal from Jorome Slew saw victory for the Jammers earning then a home fixture against Football League side Newport County in the Second Round proper. The match was televised live on national television and attracted a record home attendance at Park Drive of 1,876 seeing the Jammers only beaten by the League Two side with a goal in stoppage time.

With Maldon & Tiptree riding high in the league, finding themselves top of the Isthmian Division One North, 13 points clear with four games in hand, disaster struck with the season being expunged as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Club were denied a chance of promotion.

In October 2020, Club owner and Chairman, Ed Garty stood down from his position. General Manager, Ron Dangerfield was confirmed as the new Chairman, with Richard Cowling taking ownership of the Club.

The 2020-21 season was terminated with promotion and relegation denied again. Prior to the termination of the season, the Jammers reached the Emirates FA Cup First Round proper for the

second successive season, this time losing to Morecambe 1-0 in front of the television cameras and achieved their longest ever run in the Buildbase FA Trophy before losing to Gloucester City.

Midway through the 2021-22 season, Brown moved to Colchester Utd having managed 141 games and a win percentage of 68% and his former assistant, Paul Abrahams, took over steering the Jammers to 9<sup>th</sup> place.

At the end of the season, Ron Dangerfield left the club and Jerry Carter came in as Chairman from Braintree Town.

A difficult start to the 2022-23 season saw Paul Abrahams departing with Liam Bailey again stepping up as interim-Manager. Adam Flint became manager for a short tenure of just 9 matches.

Daniel Barber was named as new Chairman in December 2022 and shortly afterwards Peter Taylor was appointed as team Manager.

Peter Taylor departed the Club in August 2023 and Liam Bailey was appointed on a permanent basis as his replacement with Rui Costa joining shortly afterwards as his assistant.

Former Enfield FC manager, Jamie Cureton, replaced Rui as Liam Bailey's assistant in October, 2023. Having made over 1000 competitive appearances Jamie has put on a Jammers shirt coming on from the substitutes bench.