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Saturday 17th February 2024, 3pm
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FIRST TEAM

DIVISION TABLE 2023/24

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
	1 Lowestoft Town	23	17	2	4	63	27	+36	53
	2 Felixstowe & Walton Unit...	23	14	5	4	54	28	+26	47
	3 Bowers & Pitsea	23	14	3	6	44	31	+13	45
	4 Bury Town	23	13	5	5	59	35	+24	44
	5 Brentwood Town	23	13	5	5	43	22	+21	44
	6 Heybridge Swifts	23	12	5	6	38	29	+9	41
	7 Basildon United	22	12	3	7	45	33	+12	39
	8 Maldon & Tiptree	23	12	3	8	45	36	+9	39
	9 Walthamstow	22	10	6	6	35	33	+2	36
	10 Brightlingsea Regent	22	10	1	11	40	39	+1	31
	11 Gorleston	20	7	5	8	28	27	+1	26
	12 Witham Town	23	6	6	11	31	43	-12	24
	13 Wroxham	21	5	7	9	30	32	-2	22
	14 New Salamis	21	5	7	9	33	48	-15	22
	15 Redbridge	19	5	5	9	28	37	-9	20
	16 Grays Athletic	22	4	6	12	28	41	-13	18
	17 Enfield	22	5	3	14	24	53	-29	18
	18 Ipswich Wanderers	21	5	1	15	18	40	-22	16
	19 Stowmarket Town	24	0	4	20	25	77	-52	4

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

New Salamis v Grays Athletic

SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Brentwood Town v Stowmarket Town

Bury Town v Heybridge Swifts

Felixstowe & Walton v Walthamstow

Lowestoft Town v Enfield

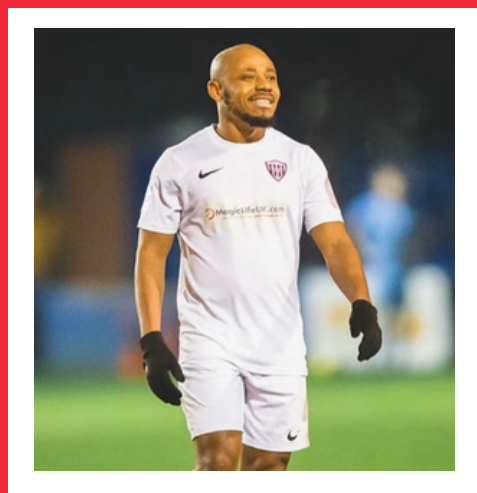
Maldon & Tiptree v Redbridge

Witham Town v Ipswich Wanderers

Wroxham v Basildon Utd

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Bowers & Pitsea v Gorleston





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The Isthmian League and our Member Clubs are committed to promoting equity and equality by treating all people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and providing access and opportunities for all members of our communities.

With our focus on positivity, The Isthmian League aims to ensure that all our footballers are able to play in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment and all supporters can enjoy the game in surroundings free from discrimination and hate.

THE OPPOSITION

Witham Town

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 (who went on to become 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.

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.



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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. At the end of 2022-23 we finished in sixteenth place. Chris Taylor resigned and was replaced by Garry Kimble in his second spell as Witham Town manager.





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MATCHDAY SQUADS

Isthmian North North
Saturday 17th February 2023, 3pm



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Reuben Rabsetin
Andrew Tayaca
Kevin Mustali
Christos Batzelis
Tommy Boxer
Alaa Oujdi
Panny Boxer
Albert Adu (c)
Kyle Lynch
Spyros Mentis
Cem Poyraz
Romey Meoded
Micah Jackson
Wraynel Herclues
Nathan Mandla
Ibrahim Kehinde
Joe Wright
Ange Djadja
Derek Asamoah

WITHAM TOWN

Harry McKie
Ollie Bell
Anton Matthews
Patrick Ahern
Joseph Alatisé
Luke Ige
Freddie King
Shakeel Morris
Andrew Sesay
Munashe Mharapara
Deese Kasinga-
Madia
George Frodsham
Joseph Hodgson
Ryan Dear
Liam Whipps
Nathan Fuma.