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First Team: Isthmian League Div One North

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CLUB HONOURS



As Leyton FC (1868-1880)

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

As Matlock Swifts (1890-1895)

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

As Leyton FC (1895-1904)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1,
1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0,
1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

As Leyton FC (1919-1976)

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex T'side Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

As Leyton-Wingate FC (1976-1992)

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC (1965 - 1995)

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5

SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9

SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70

SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71

SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3

London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5

London Met League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Met League Int. Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan League Winners: 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9,
1990/1

As Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2003)

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6

Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9

Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7

Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2001/2

As Waltham Forest FC (2003-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2003/4

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

As Walthamstow FC (2018-Present)

Len Cordell Trophy Plate Winners: 2020/1

Essex Senior League Winners: 2021/2

Recent Youth Teams

EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6

Essex Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

EJA Under 15s League Cup Winners: 2021/2

JPL Under 15s National Cup Winners: 2021/2

Awards

Essex County FA Website of the Year: 2012

Essex Senior League Programme of the Year: 2017/8, 2021/2

Soccer Swap Shop League Programme of the Year: 2018/9,
2020/1, 2021/2, 2022/3 (Runner-up 2019/20)

Supporters' Teams

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

Chaos Cup Wooden Spoon: 2023, 2024, 2025



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Walthamstow are back at Wadham Lodge on Saturday afternoon as Lowestoft Town visit E17 in the Isthmian League North Division.

It will be Stow's first Saturday league game at home for more than a month, and they return to Wadham Lodge with renewed confidence after an excellent victory in midweek.

Max Mitchell's side travelled to league leaders Hashtag United on Tuesday with the hosts unbeaten in the division, but first-half goals from James Collins and Joden Trickett gave Stow a 2-0 advantage. Hashtag pulled one back through Ellis Devereux deep into stoppage time, but Stow held on for an impressive 2-1 win.

The result ended a difficult spell which had included league defeats against Gorleston and AFC Sudbury, and moved Stow onto seven points from their opening eight matches. They currently sit 16th in the table.

Saturday's game is an important one at this early stage of the season, with Lowestoft immediately below Stow in 17th. The sides have identical records of seven points from eight games, with only goal difference separating them.

Our visitors

Lowestoft Town make the trip from Suffolk having endured a difficult start to the campaign.

The Trawlerboys have won two, drawn one and lost five of their opening eight league matches. Their victories have included a 2-0 home success against Felixstowe & Walton United, with Kyle Baker and Luca Upton on target at Crown Meadow.

They have found things tougher in their two most recent outings. Newmarket Town beat them 1-0 last Saturday before Tuesday brought a heavy home defeat against Little Oakley.

Tobias Braney and Luke Mayhew put the visitors two goals ahead before half-time at Crown Meadow, with Daniel Keeble, Josh McFaull and George Davis adding further goals after the break in a 5-0 Little Oakley victory.

Lowestoft have also exited both national cup competitions. Cambridge City beat them 4-1 in the FA Cup before AFC Sudbury ended their FA Trophy campaign with a 3-1 victory.

Despite their recent results, Saturday's visitors have already demonstrated that they can produce a response, with their victory over Felixstowe coming after a 6-1 league defeat at Wroxham.

Previous meetings

The two sides shared the honours when they met twice last season, with both clubs recording an away victory.

Stow's trip to Crown Meadow in March proved to be one of their most emphatic wins of the campaign. Brian Garzon struck a first-half hat-trick, scoring after three, eight and 28 minutes, before Callum Ibe added a fourth shortly after the interval to complete a 4-0 victory.

Lowestoft gained their revenge later that same month when the sides met at Wadham Lodge. Henry Pollock scored the only goal after 19 minutes as the Trawlerboys left E17 with a 1-0 win.

The clubs have a history stretching back considerably further. Their recorded meetings include an FA Cup tie as far back as November 1926, while they also faced each other in the Isthmian League during the 2009-10 and 2023-24 seasons.

With the sides starting the weekend level on points, Saturday offers Stow the chance to build on Tuesday night's victory and begin climbing the early Isthmian North table.





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	1	Hashtag United	7	5	1	1	19	3	+16	16
	2	Wroxham	7	5	0	2	16	6	+10	15
	3	Redbridge	7	5	0	2	18	13	+5	15
	4	Concord Rangers	6	4	1	1	15	9	+6	13
	5	Gorleston	6	4	1	1	10	5	+5	13
	6	Cambridge City	5	4	0	1	19	5	+14	12
	7	Bowers & Pitsea	7	3	2	2	11	11	0	11
	8	Little Oakley	6	3	1	2	12	10	+2	10
	9	Newmarket Town	6	3	1	2	6	8	-2	10
	10	Takeley	7	3	1	3	11	14	-3	10
	11	Mulbarton Wanderers	5	3	0	2	9	4	+5	9
	12	Tilbury	7	2	3	2	8	11	-3	9
	13	Felixstowe & Walton United	7	2	2	3	11	15	-4	8
	14	AFC Sudbury	7	2	1	4	11	12	-1	7
	15	Grays Athletic	7	2	1	4	7	12	-5	7
	16	Walthamstow	8	2	1	5	7	15	-8	7
	17	Lowestoft Town	8	2	1	5	9	20	-11	7
	18	Buckhurst Hill	4	2	0	2	8	7	+1	6
	19	Witham Town	5	2	0	3	8	14	-6	6
	20	Canvey Island	6	1	2	3	7	9	-2	5
	21	Brightlingsea Regent	7	0	2	5	5	15	-10	2
	22	Fakenham Town	5	0	1	4	3	12	-9	1





Date	H/A	Opponent	Competition	KO/Score	Attd	Scorers
Sat 8 Aug	A	Leverstock Green	FA Cup EP	(1) 1 - 2 (0)	122	<i>Oduwa</i>
Sat 15 Aug	A	Fakenham Town	Isthmian North	(0) 1 - 1 (0)	240	<i>Njie</i>
Tue 18 Aug	H	Grays Athletic	Isthmian North	(1) 2 - 1 (0)	241	<i>Trickett, Sinclair</i>
Sat 22 Aug	A	Wroxham	Isthmian North	(0) 1 - 2 (1)	235	<i>Grant</i>
Tue 25 Aug	H	Cambridge City	Isthmian North	(0) 0 - 4 (2)	256	
Sat 29 Aug	H	Leverstock Green	FA Trophy 1Q	(0) 3 - 2 (1)	165	<i>Collins, Mavididi, Grant</i>
Mon 31 Aug	A	Tilbury	Isthmian North	(0) 1 - 2 (1)	185	<i>Trickett</i>
Sat 12 Sep	A	Welwyn Garden City	FA Trophy 2Q	(0) 1 - 2 (0)	192	<i>Trickett</i>
Tue 15 Sep	H	Gorleston	Isthmian North	(0) 0 - 1 (0)	108	
Sat 19 Sep	A	AFC Sudbury	Isthmian North	(0) 0 - 3 (2)	209	
Tue 22 Sep	A	Hashtag United	Isthmian North	(2) 2 - 1 (0)	288	<i>Collins, Trickett</i>
Sat 26 Sep	H	Lowestoft Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Tue 29 Sep	H	Erith & Belvedere	London Cup 1	7.45pm		
Sat 3 Oct	A	Concord Rangers	Isthmian North	3pm		
Tue 6 Oct	H	Bowers & Pitsea	Isthmian North	7.45pm		
Sat 10 Oct	H	Brightlingsea Regent	Isthmian North	3pm		
Tue 13 Oct	A	Hashtag United	Essex Cup 3	7.45pm		
Sat 17 Oct	A	Felixstowe & Walton United	Isthmian North	3pm		
Wed 21 Oct	A	Grays Athletic	Isthmian North	7.45pm		
Sat 24 Oct	H	Fakenham Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Tue 27 Oct	H	Witham Town	Isthmian North	7.45pm		
Sat 31 Oct	H	Canvey Island	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 7 Nov	A	Little Oakley	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 14 Nov	H	Redbridge	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 21 Nov	A	Mulbarton Wanderers	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 28 Nov	H	Buckhurst Hill	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 12 Dec	A	Witham Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 19 Dec	H	Newmarket Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Mon 28 Dec	A	Takeley	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 2 Jan	H	Tilbury	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 9 Jan	A	Canvey Island	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 16 Jan	H	Little Oakley	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 23 Jan	A	Redbridge	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 30 Jan	H	Mulbarton Wanderers	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 6 Feb	H	Hashtag United	Isthmian North	3pm		
Tue 9 Feb	A	Bowers & Pitsea	Isthmian North	7.45pm		
Sat 13 Feb	A	Lowestoft Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 20 Feb	H	Concord Rangers	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 27 Feb	A	Buckhurst Hill	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 6 Mar	H	Wroxham	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 13 Mar	A	Gorleston	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 20 Mar	H	AFC Sudbury	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 27 Mar	A	Newmarket Town	Isthmian North	3pm		
Mon 29 Mar	H	Takeley	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 3 Apr	A	Cambridge City	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 10 Apr	H	Felixstowe & Walton United	Isthmian North	3pm		
Sat 17 Apr	A	Brightlingsea Regent	Isthmian North	3pm		





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Lowestoft Town have a fine history stretching back well over 100 years. The club is first recorded as East Suffolk F C with games, all friendlies in those days, recorded back in 1884. On merging with the original Kirkley club the title of Lowestoft was adopted in 1887 with 'Town' added in 1890.

When the Norfolk & Suffolk League was formed in 1897, providing the first inter-county competitive matches, Lowestoft dominated, winning the title 6 times in the first 7 years. The 'odd' season out 1899-1900 saw Lowestoft's attentions turn to the F Amateur Cup with victories over such famous names as Leytonstone (9-0), and Gt Marlow (1-0) on the way to the final which brought a 1-5 defeat by Bishop Auckland at Leicester.

In 1904 Lowestoft had to appear before a F A Commission to answer charges of professionalism after a testimonial had raised just under £5 for player Fred Timoney who was about to emigrate. Norwich City who had 'poached' 4 of Lowestoft's successful side amongst others were also called before the commission. Whilst City accepted the ruling and formally adopted professionalism to start on the road that has seen them up amongst the top clubs in the country, Lowestoft paid a restitution of 2 guineas to regain amateur status. In 1925 came the decision to adopt the blue and white colours that have served them so well since.

Lowestoft became founder members of the Eastern Counties League in 1935 but before starting out on this new challenge once again merged with local rivals Kirkley. The move proved a wise one with the first season seeing them sharing the title with Harwich & Parkston and then winning it outright 2 years later.

Lowestoft took the bold step of becoming semi-professional in 1962. & 7 ECL titles and twice runners up in the following 9 seasons is clear testimony to the manner in which they dominated in those years.

The ECL title was again won in 1977/8. The 1980s saw a decline in the club's fortunes as crowds and income dropped. The unique club pavilion, originally the Yacht Club before being taken down and moved from the harbour to the Crown Meadow in 1902, was gradually falling into disrepair and the floodlighting system installed in 1964 was coming to the end of its lifespan. The floodlights were updated in 1986 and the new dressing room complex occupied in 1989 and at last attention could be paid to playing matters.

As playing fortunes declined a 19 year old local lad signed for the club in 1980 who was to figure prominently in the affairs of the club for the next 30 plus years. Micky Chapman soon became a favourite with his all action style, eye for the goal, long flowing hair and a genuine desire to bring success back to the club. 5 'Player of the Year' trophies adorn his display cabinet as testimony to the respect he has earned from supporters and players alike. The 1990s saw Micky progress





from captain to assistant manager and finally manager in 1994.

A persistent back injury forced Mick to hang up his boots in 1997 allowing him to concentrate fully on the managerial side. With the unwavering support of successive chairmen Mick had been able to improve the side year by year. In February 2012 he took charge of his 1000th game as Lowestoft manager.

After several years in the doldrums the 21st century has seen Micky team up with Ady Gallagher to bring a return to trophy winning days with the Ridgeons League title won twice, the League Cup collected twice and the Suffolk Premier Cup brought back to the Meadow five times. The culmination of all that recent success came in May 2008 when joint managers Micky Chapman and Ady Gallagher proudly led their squad out onto the hallowed Wembley pitch in the F A Carlsberg Vase final. On a blazing hot Sunday afternoon in front of over 14,000 Lowestoft supporters, the Blues were in the lead for three quarters of the game before conceding a last minute goal to lose out to Kirkham & Wesham by the odd goal of three.

Season 2008-2009 saw the first team win a League and County Cup double, as well as reach the semi final of the F A Carlsberg Vase and the season ended with promotion to the Ryman League Division One North. Success continued unabated in 2009/10 with back to back promotions seeing the Blues soar to the Ryman Premier Division at the first attempt achieving a century of points and goals for the second consecutive season. An excellent F A Cup run saw the first round proper reached with the run ended at Wrexham by a cruel deflected goal in the final minutes.

The first season in the Ryman Premier Division saw the Trawlerboys involved in the promotion race right to the end. There was just 9 minutes of the season left when Tonbridge Angels scored the goal that gave them a 3-4 victory and ended Lowestoft's hopes of a third successive promotion. It was a similar story in the following 2 seasons with late goals in the Play Off final denying them promotion before the dream of Step 2 football was realised in 2014 with a play off victory over AFC Hornchurch and a 3rd promotion in 6 seasons.

Season 2014-2015 was one of consolidation in the highest sphere the club has ever reached and despite several early morning departures and a mere 8500 plus miles of travelling a satisfactory season ended with them holding a 16th place finish suffering just a single defeat in their final 13 fixtures. On top of this the Blues closed their season out by winning the Suffolk Premier Cup for the twelfth time; beating Whitton United 2-1 after extra time. It was also a season that marked the farewell of a true Lowestoft Town legend with Micky Chapman retiring after the last league game of the season at home to Barrow, who sealed the league title that day with a 3-2 victory over the Blues. After 32 years, 480 first team appearances,





193 goals, 1640 games and 147,600 plus minutes as a player, player/manager and then manager during that time, it was the end of an era for a figure who will forever be etched in the history of Lowestoft Town FC.

Season 2015-2016 saw Ady Gallagher in sole charge for the first time but a season plagued with injuries saw the Trawlerboys relegated on the last day of the season on goal difference bringing a return to the Ryman League Premier Division. Season 2016-2017 was to prove one of consolidation as they adjusted to life at step 3 in a season once again plagued with injuries.

Season 2017-2018 proved to be one of turmoil as firstly Ady Gallagher stepped down to be replaced by his assistant Dale Brooks. The club was then hit by financial problems which saw the departure of several leading players but Brooks achieved a minor miracle by avoiding relegation with the remnants of his squad aided by a bevy of youth loan signings and the clubs scholar's.

Brooks stepped down during the summer of 2018 to be replaced by two former players Jamie Godbold and Andy Reynolds who between themselves boast over 900 appearances for the Trawlerboys. Having to build a completely new side Godbold has had to cope with three seasons bedevilled with injuries and covid resulting in relegation back to Step 4 and a move back across to the Isthmian League. So a dozen years of non stop incident that has seen three promotions, three losing play off finals, 2 relegations and a 1st round proper venture and saw us travel as far north as Barrow, south as far as Bristol, west as far as Wrexham and Colwyn Bay sees as back to where this modern day adventure all started in the Isthmian League Division One North.

Season 22/23 saw Lowestoft restart their quest to return to Step 3 but in a season when they were rarely out of the top 5 saw their efforts just fail as they lost out in the play off semi-finals to Heybridge Swifts after finishing in 3rd place. The following season (2023/24) they filled top spot virtually every week of the season and rightly lifted the championship to regain their place in step 3 and now look forward to another tilt at the Southern League Premier Central.

Season 2024/25 saw another season bedevilled with injuries which resulted in an immediate relegation back to the Isthmian Division North. Constant enforced changes and a change of manager mid-season did not help but meant a greater reliance on some of the promising young talent coming through the youth set up but probably a year too soon.

As season 2025-2026 approached Lowestoft saw a number of players opt to move on meaning a major rebuild for the manager but he has the makings of an exciting side to look forward to. The season turned out to be one mainly of struggle and a fight to keep clear of the drop zone. With the club looking in a perilous position Rob Eagle was appointed acting manager and he installed a new spirit in





the side and finished the campaign with a run of 5 victories in the final 6 games to finish well clear of the dreaded bottom places.

LOWESTOFT TOWN – PEN PICTURES

RIO ABOBUNDE Former Norwich City and Ipswich Town youth product who joined Lowestoft Town in the summer of 2025. Made his debut against Cambridge City 9th August 2025. 46 apps 0 goals

SAM ALDOUS. A product of the club's youth policy with a goalscoring pedigree. Made scoring debut against Walsham Le Willows in the Suffolk Premier Cup 26th September 2023. 77 apps 7 goals

KYLE BAKER Striker now in the veteran stage but developed through the youth team many years ago making his debut in a Suffolk Premier Cup tie as substitute against neighbours Kirkley & Pakefield on 21st October 2009. Failing to get into the senior side he progressed his career with Kirkley & Pakefield, Gorleston and Gt Yarmouth before finishing back at Lowestoft in 2026 to help the current group of youngsters. 4 app 2 goals

KOREY BEEVOR Confident goalkeeper who signed for Lowestoft in November 2023 after being released by Ipswich Town academy. Made his debut on 25th April 2026 coming off the bench against Brightlingsea Regent. 1 apps, 0 goals

MITCHELL BELMAR Product of the Lowestoft Town Academy system who rejoined Lowestoft in the summer of 2025 after a couple of seasons with Gt Yarmouth Town. Debut v Leiston on 5th October 2021. 58 apps 8 goals

ASHTON BLOGG Yet another exciting prospect from the Trawlerboys academy. A lively pacy forward who has impressed during pre-season. Made debut on 14th September 2024 as substitute against Newmarket Town in the F A Cup. 54 apps 3 goals

BENJI BLYTH Midfield dynamo who impressed in trials and signed for Lowestoft in August 2026. Had an impressive season with Diss Town last season and jumped at the chance of making a step up. Debut v Cambridge City in F A Cup 8 Aug 2026. 3 apps 0 goals.

CORBYN DIXON Striker has come through the Trawlerboys boys and youths programme and has been rewarded with a place in the first team squad. Has also had experience with Gorleston. 0 apps, 0 goals

BEN HADDOCH Signed for Lowestoft in August 2024 on completion of a scholar's contract with Ipswich Town. Originally with Bury Town. Had loan spells with Stowmarket Town and Ipswich Wanderers. Made his Trawlerboys debut as a substitute against Redditch United 70 apps 2 goals.

JACK HERBERT Experienced central defender who rejoined Lowestoft in Au-





gust 2026 to help the very young Trawlerboys squad. He had a handful of games in the late naughties but has spent most of his career to date with local neighbours Kirkley & Pakefield. 8 apps 0 goals

SAM HOWELL Another product of the Lowestoft Centre of Excellence joining as a 14 year old in 2020. Promoted to the 1st team squad after impressing in pre-season. Made his debut as substitute against New Salamis in the F A Trophy on 9 September 2023. 39 apps 1 goals.

CALLUM KEMP Another graduate from the academy to make it to the Senior squad. Promising full back or central defender who starred for the Under 19s last season. 0 apps 0 goals

CALLUM LAKE The latest of the current Academy squad to be promoted to the first team squad after an impressive season with the Under 19s and Reserves last season. Debut on opening day of the season against Cambridge City on 8th August 2026 3 apps 0 goals

HAMISH MCGREGOR The latest product of the club's Centre of Excellence to graduate to the first team squad in March 2024. Joined as a 15 year old in 2020. Debut v Wroxham on 9th March 2024. 4 apps 0 goals

HENRY POLLOCK Signed for Lowestoft for the 3rd time in summer 2025. Has also played for Gorleston. 83 apps 5 goals

DYLAN RUFFLES Had a spell with Lowestoft on work experience from Ipswich Town in 2019/20 and after a short spell in Sweden signed for the Trawlerboys. Made skipper of the side at the start of last season 191 apps 1 goals.

BEN SELF Goalkeeper product of the Lowestoft youth system who returned to the Trawlerboys in July 2025 after getting experience at Diss Town and Dereham Town. 44 apps 0 goals

BAILEY SUTTON. Another of the promising youngsters coming through the clubs Centre of Excellence and Academy. Strong central defender. Debut as substitute against Brantham Athletic 27th September 2025. 14 apps, 1 goals..

LUCA UPTON Another exciting prospect from the clubs youth system. A prolific scorer he has spent most of this season away as a dual registration with Acle and Halesworth Town. Debut on 28th March 2026 against Walthamstow in an Isthmian League North Division. 9 app 2 goals.

PLAYER/MANAGER

ROBERT EAGLE Re-signed for Lowestoft in the close season 2022 for his 4th spell with the Trawlerboys. Originally with Norwich City he first signed for Lowestoft from Grimsby in January 2012. Further short spells with Lowestoft came in 2017 and 2018. He made a scoring debut for Lowestoft in a Suffolk Premier Cup Quarter Final victory over Kirkley & Pakefield on 10th January. 2012.





Gorleston Football Club were always considered to have been formed in 1884, making them one of the oldest clubs in Norfolk.

Initially they wore Crimson Shirts and Blue Shorts earning the nickname of the Cards.

Their first competitive game was on 10/11/1888 when they played Beccles Caxton in the Suffolk Senior

Cup, losing 1-0. In 1889 they moved to their spiritual home of the Recreation Ground playing their first

game there on 09/11/1889 beating Yarmouth St Pauls 2-0.

It was in 1903 Gorleston adopted new colours of light green shirts and white shorts.

The first trophy for The Greens came in the 1906/07 season when they won the Norfolk Junior Cup. The

next season they became founder members of the Great Yarmouth Borough League and became

champions in that first season.

The club then immediately applied for membership of the Norfolk and Suffolk league, which was granted,

thus gaining them senior status. In their first season they finished third.

The Greens progressed between the wars to become one of the most successful clubs in East Anglia,

winning the Norfolk and Suffolk League title seven times, the first in 1921, and lifting the Norfolk Senior

Cup on eight occasions, the first in 1922, when they beat Lynn Town 1-0 in the final.

In 1925/26 they did the double of League Champions and Senior Cup winners.

Needing a new challenge, Gorleston became founder members of the Eastern Counties League in 1935.

However, their only honour before the outbreak of the second world war was the Norfolk Senior Cup in

1938 when they beat Yarmouth 3-0 in the final.

Following the war it was the 1951/52 season when Gorleston gained national fame. They held third division

Leyton Orient to a 2-2 draw in the first round proper of the F.A. Cup. Several thousand fans turned up at

the Recreation Ground to see the replay which was a goalless draw. The third and decisive game was a

memorable cup-tie held at Arsenal's Highbury. At one stage Gorleston were 4-1





down but staged a

remarkable comeback before eventually losing 5-4.

The following season the Greens completed a treble in what was their most successful season. They won

their first Eastern Counties League championship and the Norfolk Senior Cup again. They completed the

unique treble by winning the East Anglian Cup. They also finished runners-up in the League Cup.

The League Cup was eventually won for the first and only time in 1956 when Spurs A were beaten 3-1 in

the final. They again reached the F.A. Cup 1st round proper in 1957/58 season, but this time they were well

beaten by Gillingham 10-1.

By the end of the fifties the club faced severe financial problems and were forced to withdraw from the

Eastern Counties League back into the Norfolk and Suffolk league. In the mid-60's Gorleston became

founder members of the Anglian Combination. They successfully rejoined the Eastern Counties League in

1969 after winning the Anglian Combination Premier Division title, along with the Norfolk Senior Cup,

beating Downham 2-1 in the final.

In the ensuing 15 seasons the Greens won the Championship on 3 occasions in 1972/73, 1979/80 and

1980/81 and didn't finish lower than 8th.

In 1982/83 they won the East Anglian Cup for the second time beating Bishop Stortford in the final. It was

also this season when the club moved from their spiritual home on Gorleston Recca to Emerald Park. The

new purpose built stadium was built on part of the Magdalen Playing field on the outskirts of Gorleston.

The cost of the move to Emerald Park saw the Greens in financial difficulties once more and this had an

effect on the field. League runners up in 1983 and Senior Cup winners a year later signalled the end of

a winning period in the clubs history.

Following the move Gorleston were £150,000 in debt and it was only considerable good will from the bank

and other creditors that kept the club afloat.





The next few seasons saw the Green's fortunes dip as they could no longer afford to pay for the top players and had to rely on local lads playing for fun. Subsequently, they were relegated to the first division in 1993/94. In the 1994/95 season the Greens missed promotion by two points and were finalists in the Norfolk Senior Cup. But, they bounced back the next season to the Premier Division after winning the Jewson League Division one title. Creditable performances followed and culminated in runners up for season 2000/01 and winners of the Norfolk Senior Cup for the fourteenth time. Sadly the end of the 2004-05 season saw Gorleston relegated again to the Ridg-eons First. The following two seasons saw us struggle and finish in the lower reaches of division one. In the season 2008/09 saw the 125th anniversary of the club starting with a prestigious friendly against Norwich City. Former Norwich City Vice-Chairman and our club president, Jimmy Jones, was awarded the MBE in the Queens 2009 Birthday Honours list. The 2009/10 season saw promotion missed by just one place but the following season saw success winning the division one k.o. cup, the league cup and promotion back to the premiership. 2011/12 saw the team win the Norfolk Senior Cup. It was a sad season however as our club president and 'Mr. Gorleston', Jimmy Jones, died, therefore unable to see his beloved Greens lift the Senior Cup. New chairman, Mr. Alan Gordon took up the reigns. 2013/14 saw The Greens finish fourth and win the Norfolk Senior Cup for the 16th time. The Under 18's also brought silverware to Emerald Park, winning the East Division for the first time in the club's history and also reaching the Thurlow Nunn youth cup final. The club were saddened to lose a great friend, manager and coach, Glyn Hopkins, who passed away in November 2014. In 2015/16 the priority for new manager, Ricci Butler, was to maintain premier





league status. The

Reserve team, managed by Scott Butler, re-joined the Anglian Combination League with great success,

finishing champions and not losing on route. also winning the CS Morley Cup.

2016/17 saw the first team reach the 4th round proper of the FA Vase. The Reserves gained a second

successive promotion and retained the CS Morley Cup.

The Reserves made it four titles in a row in 2018/19 and gained promotion to Anglian

Combination Division 1, also adding the Norfolk Junior Cup to their impressive title tally. The

Under 18's took the honours in the East Division.

After a poor start to the 2019/20 season manager Stewart Larter resigned and the Chairman was quick to appoint brothers Ricci & Scott Butler as joint 1st team managers. This proved to be a

very challenging season for them both and also for us all as Covid struck near the end of the season

declaring the season null and void. Sadly in March 2020 Alan Gordon, chairman of

Gorleston FC, passed away. He will be fondly remembered by the whole club and we are so proud of

his achievements whilst at the helm

With Covid very much still disrupting fixtures, football took a back seat with only a handful of matches being

played in 2020/21 but we did gain our 17th victory in the Norfolk Senior Cup Final.

2021/22 Football was back and what a season. The Chairman, Jamie Humphries, together

with our joint managers, Ricci and Scott Butler, put a strong squad together and a commanding start to the season set out our intentions with 6 straight wins. A two-way

tussle for the league title went down to the wire with Gorleston winning on the last day of

the season to pip Wroxham to the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division Trophy by one point.

Sadly this was to be our last ever game at Emerald Park.

2022/23 saw The Greens play at Step 4 for the first time in the clubs history, in the Isthmian Football League North Division, in a ground share with Lowestoft Town FC.





Manager Scott Butler was replaced by Darren Cockrill with assistant Ollie Willis who, after many challenges, secured the clubs league status and went on to win the Norfolk Senior Cup for the 18th time. The Reserves finished runners up in their league and were promoted to the Anglian Comb Premier Division and senior football. Season 2023/24 saw Gorleston move to a new home at The Wellesley in Gt Yarmouth and a mid-table finish was achieved. The Reserves won the Anglian Comb Premier Division so were promoted into the Thurlow Nunn First Division. In 2024/25, The Greens were just four minutes away from a place in the first round proper of the FA Cup. Then 2025/26 saw them challenging for the play-offs, just missing out on goal difference, but they finished in their highest ever position in the football pyramid, with their highest points tally at Step 4..





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