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First Team: Isthmian League Div One North

Reserve Team: Essex Alliance Senior Division

Youth Teams: Eastern Junior Alliance and Hackney Marshes Saturday League

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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 return to Wadham Lodge tonight as Bowers & Pitsea make the short trip to E17 in the Isthmian League North Division.

Stow will be looking to bounce back after their three-match winning run came to an end at Concord Rangers on Saturday. Max Mitchell's side fell behind inside four minutes through Kai Torres, before goalkeeper Luke Mewitt was sent off during the first half. Despite playing with ten men, Stow remained in the contest until Khris Oti added Concord's second two minutes from time to complete a 2-0 victory.

That defeat followed an impressive run which began with a 2-1 victory away at then-league leaders Hashtag United. Stow then produced a remarkable performance at Wadham Lodge, putting nine without reply past Lowestoft Town. Joden Trickett and James Collins both scored hat-tricks, with Fatih Mustafa, Nathan Smith and Elijah Grant also finding the net.

Another six goals followed three days later as Erith & Belvedere were beaten 6-0 in the London Senior Cup, meaning Stow had scored 17 goals across three successive victories before Saturday's trip to Concord.

Stow begin tonight 14th in the table with ten points from ten league games. Bowers are six places higher in eighth, having collected 15 points from their opening nine matches.

The visitors have made a strong start after finishing fifth in the division last season. Their only league defeats so far have come against Witham Town on the opening day and Redbridge, with victories against Canvey Island, Mulbarton Wanderers, Grays Athletic and Brightlingsea Regent helping keep them in touch with the early play-off places.

They arrive at Wadham Lodge unbeaten in their last seven league matches. On Saturday, Kojo Apenteng put Bowers ahead at home to leaders Gorleston before substitute Kyle Haylock equalised during the second half to earn the visitors a 1-1 draw.

Bowers have had less success in the national cup competitions, going out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle following a 3-1 defeat at Harefield United and losing 2-0 at Waltham Abbey in the FA Trophy. They remain in the Isthmian League Cup, however, after beating Concord Rangers 3-1 at the Len Salmon Stadium last month.

There was little between tonight's sides when they met at Wadham Lodge early last season. Rasheed Salau gave Stow a first-half lead before quickfire goals from Michael Faulkner and Luca Albon turned the game around for Bowers. Samir Ali struck to make it 2-2 and ensure the points were shared.

Bowers took all three points when the sides met again at the Len Salmon Stadium in November. An own goal shortly before half-time proved to be the only goal of the game, although the hosts finished with ten men after former Stow striker Ross Wall received a second yellow card late on.

Stow's most recent victory over Bowers came in April 2024, when they recorded a 4-2 win at the Len Salmon Stadium. Bowers have generally had the better of the fixture, though, winning six of the nine recorded meetings between the clubs, with Stow winning once and two ending level.

Tonight's game kicks off at 7.45pm at Wadham Lodge, with Stow looking to return to winning ways and close the five-point gap to their visitors.



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	1	Hashtag United	9	6	2	1	25	6	+19	20
	2	Gorleston	9	6	2	1	15	6	+9	20
	3	Redbridge	9	6	1	2	22	16	+6	19
	4	Wroxham	10	5	2	3	20	11	+9	17
	5	Concord Rangers	8	5	1	2	19	12	+7	16
	6	Newmarket Town	8	5	1	2	12	9	+3	16
	7	Felixstowe & Walton United	10	4	3	3	20	19	+1	15
	8	Bowers & Pitsea	9	4	3	2	14	13	+1	15
	9	AFC Sudbury	10	4	2	4	19	14	+5	14
	10	Takeley	8	4	1	3	13	15	-2	13
	11	Cambridge City	6	4	0	2	19	7	+12	12
	12	Witham Town	7	4	0	3	12	16	-4	12
	13	Little Oakley	7	3	2	2	13	11	+2	11
	14	Walthamstow	10	3	1	6	16	17	-1	10
	15	Tilbury	9	2	4	3	9	15	-6	10
	16	Mulbarton Wanderers	6	3	0	3	9	7	+2	9
	17	Buckhurst Hill	7	3	0	4	13	13	0	9
	18	Grays Athletic	9	2	1	6	8	18	-10	7
	19	Lowestoft Town	10	2	1	7	10	33	-23	7
	20	Canvey Island	8	1	2	5	9	14	-5	5
	21	Brightlingsea Regent	9	0	3	6	7	18	-11	3
	22	Fakenham Town	8	0	2	6	7	21	-14	2

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	(4) 9 - 0 (0)	420	<i>Mustafa, Smith, Collins (3, 1 pen), Trickett (3), Grant</i>
Tue 29 Sep	H	Erith & Belvedere	London Cup 1	(3) 6 - 0 (0)	81	<i>Mustafa, Grant (2), Cowlin (2), Trickett</i>
Sat 3 Oct	A	Concord Rangers	Isthmian North	(0) 0 - 2 (1)	174	
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		



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After the war years, once stability had come to the nation, many new sporting clubs sprang up. One such club was our own, BOWERS UNITED, started in 1946 by Bert Salmon, playing at Gun Meadow, Pitsea, in the Southend District League as a junior club before moving across to Thurrock & Thameside Combination, he was to be joined a few years later by his brother Len Salmon, who passed away in 2002 and is still sorely missed by everyone within the club. The biggest tribute Bowers Sport & Social Club could give him was to name his beloved football stadium after him.

In 1965 Bowers United entered the Essex Olympian League and this was to be where they stayed until 1974 when the club was successful in their application to join the recently newly formed Essex Senior League. As well as moving to a new League the Club also moved from Gun Meadow (Behind the Gun Pub) into their current ground at 20 Crown avenue in 1975 a Tottenham Hotspur x1 helped open the ground on the day, Senior status was granted by the Essex FA in 1978.

Success was just around the corner as in 1980-1981 the club won their first Essex Senior League title under the guidance of ex Southend United winger Malcolm Slater. They also added the League Challenge Cup the following year. Before Slater departed the club.

In 1998-99 a clean sweep of all three cups was achieved as they won the The Essex Senior League title, League Challenge Cup and the Harry Fisher Trophy under Tony Cross's all conquering team. They also won the Don Douglas Trophy for top goal scorer with David Hope as he scored 52 League and Cup goals that season. With the club unable to apply for promotion the team was soon broken up and it was not until 2004/05 when we saw a new name on the footballing map when Bowers United took Pitsea Football clubs name to produce BOWERS & PITSEA FOOTBALL CLUB, and with a new start and a new team at the helm success was just around the corner because a strong link was established with the local community. and the clubs facilities that offered the residence a large Clubhouse, Bar and Function room Together with a ground capacity for 3000+ spectators, which includes seating for 400 in a well-appointed stand, excellent floodlighting is also an advantage at a higher level in which to play our football on. This showed that after years of being in the wilderness, Bowers & Pitsea Football Club (formerly Bowers United) now intended to take the football side of the club forward. Michael Barnard and Barry Hubbard joined forces to try to bring success to the club

both on and off the field of play.

In season 2015/16 Rob Small topped his haul from the previous season by winning the Essex Senior League Championship, getting to the quarter finals of the Essex Senior Cup but more impressive was reaching the semi-finals of the FA Vase where Bowers were narrowly beaten by eventual winners Morpeth Town 2-1 away after drawing the home leg 2-2.

We finally achieved one of our goals to reach and play in the Isthmian League and we finished our first season in 6th place just three points outside the play-off positions. This followed with a third-place finish in season 2017/18 which saw us narrowly miss out on promotion, losing in the play-offs to Canvey Island.

The 2018/19 season saw us reach the Premier League as we finished the campaign with 92 points, 29 wins, 5 draws and 4 losses with a very healthy 71 goal difference.

Season 2019/20 saw our first ever season in the topflight and although sitting 14th the season was abruptly ended due to the Covid19 outbreak. and with the upgrade to a 3g pitch and new stands, changing rooms, bar and turnstiles things are heading in the right direction.

Season 2021/22 saw us hit another milestone as we reached the FA Cup 1st round, gallantly losing to Lincoln City 1-0. This was also to be Rob Small's last season at the managers helm as his departure was to herald a new era for the club.

The summer of 2022 saw the departure of not only Rob Small, but every member of the previous year's playing squad. New Manager James Collins, brought in from Faversham Town, was left with the nigh impossible task of assembling a full squad in time for the new campaign that could compete against relegation.

Despite a valiant effort in the 2022/23 season, including an upturn in form after Christmas, Bowers succumbed to relegation. The 2022/23 season did see some success for James Collins' men, as they overcame Grays Athletic 3-2 to win the Thameside Trophy for the first time in the club's history. This despite playing over 80 minutes with midfielder Oscar Shelvey in goal!

A successful 2023/24 season culminated in Bowers achieving promotion back to the Isthmian Premier Division, at the first time of asking, with Play Off Final Penalty Shoot Out win over Brentwood Town. Bowers had struggled in the early part of the season, but a run of 9 straight victories saw them cement their play off place. A dramatic penalty shoot out win in the semi final against Felixstowe & Walton

United, after a 2-2 draw, got Bowers into the final, where David Hughes was the shootout hero once more, saving 2 penalties in both the Semi Final and Final despite having a torn rotator cuff.

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