



Good evening and welcome to Ram Meadow for tonight's Ryman League Charity Shield match. We welcome our close neighbours from Needham Market to contest this match. We also welcome our four match officials this evening, referee Mr Lee Betts from Norwich, his assistants Mr Paul McVey & Damon Pyewell from Peterborough and the fourth official Mr Anthony Da Costa from Cambridge.

We also welcome our guests from the Ryman League this evening who will be represented by Chairman Alan Turvey, Vice-Chairman Nick Robinson, Directors Craig Johnson and Lord Richard Rosser and League Secretary Kellie Discipline. We hope they all enjoy their short stay at Ram Meadow this evening.

Tonight's match is an annual game contested between the winners of the Ryman League Cup and the winners of the Premier Division title, however the Premier Division winners from last season Billericay Town were unable to take part, so the League have selected Needham Market in their place. We last faced Needham here last season when we defeated them 3-1 in the Suffolk Premier Cup First Round, and we also defeated them the previous season in the final of the Suffolk Premier Cup at Portman Road.

Tonight will present the team a quick chance to bounce back from Saturday's disappointing home defeat to Whitehawk. This Saturday we will have the chance to get back to winning ways in the League when Lewes are the visitors, before we travel to East Thurrock United on Tuesday 13th, who we last met in the League Cup final at Staines Town last season.

Enjoy the game.

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RYMAN REVIEW

Ryman football league

RYMAN Premier leaders Hampton were quickly into their stride at East Thurrock on Saturday. James Simmonds and Joel Ledgister put them two up after only eight minutes and they held on to win 2-1.

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The Beavers had been beaten at Wealdstone in midweek after going two up and East Thurrock certainly tried hard to repeat the feat. But, reverting to their normal form, Hampton defended strongly and it was the 86th minute before Reiss Gilbey put Rocks on the scoresheet

Wealdstone moved up to third, making the most of their hosts' misfortunes with a 3-0 win at Cray, who lost goalie Andy Walker in the warm-up and centre-back Joe Vines after ten minutes.

Managerless Wingate, whose long-serving boss Dave Norman resigned after their midweek FA Trophy exit, pulled off a 1-0 victory at Kingstonian. Mark Henry scored the decisive goal 11 minutes after half-time and K's dropped from second to fourth in the table

Bognor are up to fifth place. James Crane's goal on the stroke of half-time was only their second in seven home league games. It was enough for a 1-0 victory over bottom club Thurrock

The day's thriller was at Canvey, where a Liam Hope hat-trick led Enfield Town to a 4-3 win. Enfield lost keeper Noel Imber to injury after 18 minutes. Defender Lee White took over and got an immediate boost when Hope opened the scoring with a penalty. Carshalton climbed out of the bottom two thanks to a pair of late goals which earned them a 2-0 home win over Lowestoft. With 88 minutes on the clock, Hakeem Adelakun rifled in a 35-yard drive to put Robins ahead. Nathaniel Pinney added another four minutes into added time.

There was a predictable draw at Leiston. The home side have drawn five of their six home games and Lewes, though still without an away win, have drawn four times on the road.

At almost the same time Harry Elmes converted a penalty to give Concord a 2-1 victory at Harrow. Nicky Cowley's header put the Essex side in front after 53 minutes and Simeon Akinola drove home from the edge of the box to level it 20 minutes later. Ruddock Yala, who conceded the decisive penalty, was shown a straight red card four minutes later.

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Work on the new stadium is currently progressing well, and the Football Foundation recently paid a visit to look around the new site and go through some details. We are expecting the funding decision from them this month, and should all go to plan, the aim is to start building work in the new year. Just in case you've forgotten, here are some of the artist impressions of the new complex.





The stadium will cost over £2 million and consist of the main stadium pitch, a function room, 2 sets of changing rooms, a class room and education facilities, a full size 3rd generation pitch, plus 2 mini football pitches for youth and junior football. The complex will provide the town and the county with state of the art facilities and some of the best in non-league football.



BURY TOWN



After taking an early lead, Bury Town ended up a well beaten side after conceding three second half goals in a nine minute spell as Whitehawk completed a comfortable victory.

Bury were unlucky not to take the lead on six minutes when John Sands shot rebounded off both posts, but in the next minute he did give his side the lead with a fine header from Lee Reed's corner.

Whitehawk came back strongly and Marcus Garnham made fine saves from Matt Lawrence and from a deflected effort by Sam Gargan.

Whitehawk were in total control as they poured forward and forced several corners, but failed to trouble Garnham as their final ball was generally not good enough and the Bury defence held firm.

Whitehawk equalised after only four minutes of the second half when from an attack down the left, Gargan chested the ball over the line. Three minutes later they took the lead when Gargan headed home at the far post.

Another six minutes and the points were virtually wrapped up as a corner by Jed Wallace eluded everyone and went in off the far post.

Only another good save by Garnham denied Joe Keenan a fourth Whitehawk goal, and a goal line clearance by Mark Coulson prevented a hat trick for Gargan as Whitehawk continued to dominate.

Garnham made yet another save from Wallace, before Bury fought back in the final fifteen minutes, with Connor Hall coming close .



BURY TOWN

THE VISITORS

Needham Market Football Club was officially formed in 1919. The original home for the club was Young's Meadow until a move to Crowley Park was the base until 1996. The club then moved and opened a new development called 'Bloomfields'.

It is interesting to note that when Needham Market Football Club first entered the Suffolk & Ipswich Football League (then known as the Ipswich & District League), it was also the playing arena for Clacton Town, Harwich & Parkeston, Hadleigh United, Stowmarket Town, Sudbury Town (now known as AFC Sudbury), and Woodbridge Town.

Over the years the club has won many trophies with one of the most notable being crowned champions of the Senior Division of The Suffolk & Ipswich League in the 1995 / 1996 season. This coincided with the opening of 'Bloomfields' and a new chapter in the clubs history, as we then applied for promotion to the Jewson (now Ridgeons) League Division One which was duly accepted.

After being in The Ridgeons League Division 1 for a number of seasons Needham finally finished as runners up in the season of 2004 / 2005. This was a big thing for the club and to the manager at that time Mark Morsley for all his efforts in getting the club promotion. In the clubs inaugural season in the Ridgeons Premier Division they finished in a very creditable 6th place, and had a good run in The FA Vase going out to eventual winners Nantwich Town 6-3 aet. Manager Mark Morsley left the club at the end of the season under good terms after being appointed manager of AFC Sudbury who had been newly promoted to The Ryman League. The club acted swiftly and appointed Danny Laws and Chris Tracey as joint managers for the 2006 / 2007 season.

The 2009 / 2010 Season was the most successful in the clubs history. The 1st Team not only won The Eastern Counties League Premier Division for the first time, but also The Eastern Counties League – League Challenge Cup to make it a Domestic Double; a feat not achieved for some 15 years. A third successive Suffolk FA Premier Cup Final was also achieved only to be defeated by a very strong Ipswich Town XI.

The 2010 / 2011 Season saw a new chapter in Needham Market Football Clubs history as for the first time Step 4 Football awaited in the form of The Ryman League Division One North. The anticipation, optimism and confidence was very high at the start of the season.

Challenging at the top of the league for the whole season with East Thurrock United who would eventually go on and win the championship, but we would have another bite of the cherry as 2nd place was cemented in the league and a home semi-final play-off. Unfortunately we would go on to lose this match 3-1 to Brentwood Town.

A fourth consecutive Final appearance in the Suffolk FA Premier Cup was also to be achieved but unfortunately a 2-0 defeat would ensue to Ryman Premier Division side Bury Town.

Last season, Needham reached the Play Off final, but were defeated by Enfield Town who took their place in the Premier Division.

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THE TEAMS

BURYTOWN

Manager: Richard Wilkins

	Pld	Sub	
Marcus Garnham			
Russell Short			
Mark Coulson			
John Kennedy			
Sam Nunn			
Daniel Hitching			
Jordan Patrick			
Craig Parker			
John Sands			
Lee Reed			
Evan Key			
Allicion Blake			
Connor Hall			
Liam Wales			
Alex Rossis			

Manager: Danny Laws							
	Pld	Sub					
Louis Johnson							
Pip Boyland							
Matthew Redgrave							
Rhys Barber							
Jemel Fox							
Kieron Leabon							
Duane Wright							
Ollie Fenn							
Sam Newson							
Bradley Barber							
Nathan Clarke							
Jack Wilkinson							
Darcy De'ath							
Danny Bloomfield							

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MATCH**OFFICIALS**

Referee: Lee Betts from Norwich Assistant: Nicolae Manolescu from Peterborough Assistant: Damon Pywell from Peterborough Fourth Official: Anthony DaCosta from Cambridge

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Lewes Saturday 10th November Ryman Premier Division