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Chairman's Chatter

Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome back to the Watson & Hillhouse Stadium for this afternoon's eagerly-awaited FA Cup Preliminary round tie against Halstead Town FC. A warm welcome awaits the officials, players & supporters from Essex. We hope you enjoy your brief stay here in Suffolk and have a safe return journey home this evening. It's been a while since we have hosted our friends from Halstead. We have enjoyed some competitive matches over the years. I'm sure today will be no different.

Today's match officials are referee Mr Murray Grant, and his two assistants Mr Clay Hathaway & Mr Ian Harvey. We hope you enjoy our hospitality today along with a fair and competitive game of football.

Today's kind match sponsors are POWERCLEAN CHEMICALS Ltd. I'm sure their name will need no introduction as they have been supporting the club for the last eight seasons, which we really appreciate. Mr Daren Coulter, the new CEO, is not able to attend this afternoon, but we will be joined by fellow Directors, Steve & Graham, along with their other guests. Our match ball today is sponsored by SPORTS MEDEAST, another name that's well known here at the Watson & Hillhouse Stadium. My thanks go to both companies for their kind and continued support. It's this kind of support that makes us the club we are today.

Well, it's been a long time without a competitive match, not just here, but in general. Sometimes as much as we love our sport there are other important things in life we should consider, none more than the current situation we find ourselves dealing with. During lockdown there has been a considerable amount of work going on in and around the club. Some are general ground improvements and others are for our own well-being and general safety. Could I ask that you please follow the guidelines given and make sure you practise social distancing when in the stadium and bar areas at all times. We all want to stay safe so we can continue to watch the sport we love so much. Thank you.

Our new managerial team have a competitive fixture at last. I'm sure this must be some kind of record: over 110 days in charge and no football! Anyway, I'm sure you will join me in wishing both our joint managers Chris & Darren all the best for this season and beyond. What a way to start with an FA Cup fixture. Lots of new faces around the club, as well. More details I'm sure will be forthcoming. Also, a warm welcome to Ryan Honeyman, who is the new manager for our second team, I prefer to call them a second team as the word Reserves undermines the role as it's probably one of the hardest at any football club. All the best for the season, Ryan. The early signs are encouraging, and reading your interview on the website, you're enjoying your tenure so far. We will discuss more about the youth development part of our club in next week's programme as we welcome Rushall Olympic for our first league match of the new campaign.

Enjoy the match, Andy.

Suffolk Premier Cup Winners 2018	Ridgeons League Premier Division Champions 2011	Suffolk Premier Cup Runners-up 2006, 2007, 2008, 2016
Suffolk Premier Cup Runners Up 2006, 2007, 2008, 2016	East Anglian Cup Winners 2008	Suffolk Senior Cup Runners-Up 1966, 1986
Ryman League Division One North Champions 2012	CLUB HONOURS	Suffolk Junior Cup Winners 1895, 1983, 1984
Ryman League Division One North FA Respect Winners 2012	Ridgeons League Cup Run- ners-Up 2009	Record attendance: 1250 v Fleetwood Town (FA Cup First Round), Nov. 8th 2008
	Jewson League Division One KO Cup Winners 2002	

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Darren Eadie – Joint Manager. Made his name with Norwich City, making 204 1st team appearances between 1993-99, before a big money move to Leicester City. Unfortunately, injury curtailed his playing career. He made 10 appearances for England U21s. Joined Leiston in March 2020.

Chris Wigger – Joint Manager. A former Norwich City youth team product, Chris then went on to play for Wroxham. Took his first step on the management ladder with Cromer, before guiding Sheringham to two promotions in three seasons. Was appointed along with Darren Eadie as joint manager in March 2020.

Sam Donkin – Goalkeeper. Sam joined Leiston in November 2019 from fellow Southern Premier Central outfit Biggleswade Town, having also played for Corby Town. He signed a new contract in April 2020.

Joe Potter- Goalkeeper. Joe joined Leiston in February 2019 from Felixstowe & Walton United. Joe is highly rated and great things are expected of him in the future.

Harry Knights – Defender. Harry joined Leiston in the summer of 2017 from Woodbridge Town. Made a big impact with impressive performances in the reserves. Now established as a first team regular, Harry signed a two-year extension to his contract in January 2020.

Kyle Hammond – Defender. Club captain for this coming season, Kyle joined from Maldon & Tiptree in the summer of 2017, where he was named in the Ryman One Division One North team of the year. A former Academy player at Portman Road, Kyle returned from injury to help Leiston secure their place in the 2018-19 Ryman League Premier Division play-offs.

George Keys— Defender. George joined Leiston in December 2018 from Brightlingsea Regent, having helped them to promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division the previous season and been voted Young Player of the Season. George, a former Colchester United Academy player, then moved to Sweden in March 2019 for three months before returning to Leiston.

Matt Richardson—Defender. Matt joined Leiston on a season-long loan deal from Norwich City. He has been at Norwich City since 2017 and is under contract until June 2021.

Ollie Saunders—Defender. Ollie joined Leiston in November 2019 on a permanent basis, having previously having a spell with the club on loan from Braintree Town. Was previously at Grimsby Town and Norwich City.

Mason Sinclair-Defender. Still only 17 years old, Mason is an outstanding prospect. He was a schoolboy at Ipswich Town and joined Leiston in March 2019 making his 1st team debut the same month v Biggleswade.

Robert Eagle-Midfielder. Born in Leiston, Robert was with Norwich City as a youngster and made 10 Football League appearances for them in 2006-7. He subsequently played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Grimsby Town, making over 50 appearances for the latter. Now in his third spell at Leiston, Robert has also made over 100 appearances for Lowestoft as well as playing for AFC Sudbury.

Josh Hitter – Midfielder. A schoolboy at Colchester United, he linked up with Woodbridge Town and was part of the team that reached the 2015-2016 FA Youth Cup 2nd Round. He helped Whitton achieve promotion to the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division in 2017-18 before moving to Leiston.

Dylan Switters—Midfielder. A schoolboy with Norwich City, Dylan joined Stevenage and made his league debut against Exeter City in April 2018. He has recently been with Gottne IF in Sweden. He joined Leiston in September 2020 once International clearance had been received.

Finlay Barnes—Midfielder. Finlay joined Norwich City as a youngster and spent 10 years at the club before moving to Norwich United last season. The midfielder netted 16 goals last season whilst assisting 26 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier League.

Kyle Richardson—Midfielder. Kyle spent the 2019-20 season with Lowestoft Town. Prior to that, he spent two seasons with Grimsby Town, having been with both Ipswich Town and Norwich City as a schoolboy.

Marcus Wilkinson—Midfielder. Marcus joins Leiston from near neighbours Lowestoft Town. He joined Lowestoft from Wroxham in January 2019. Marcus is well known to manager Chris Wigger as they had worked together at Wroxham.

Harrison Bacon—Midfielder. Harrison joined the club from Woodbridge Town in the summer of 2018. A regular scorer for the reserves and U18s in 2018-19. Harrison made his debut at home to St Neots Town in January 2019. Signed a two-year contract in the summer of 2019.

Louie Bloom—Striker. Louie rejoined the club in October 2019 from Debenham of the Thurlow Nunn League. He was a regular for the reserves in the 2018-19 season and made his first-team debut in the latter part of that season.

Will Davies—Striker. Will joined Leiston in the summer of 2018, having played for Coplestonians in the SIL. During the first three months of the season, he scored 19 goals in 19 appearances for the reserves in Eastern Counties Division One before becoming a regular member of the first team squad during the final months of that season.

Liam Jackson—Striker. Liam scored over 100 goals at Norwich Utd. in four years at the club, two of which were spent in Isthmian Division One North. Last season, Liam hit 33 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division and was the club's top scorer.

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A Brief History

During the reign of Queen Victoria interest in the game of football rapidly spread across the country, and in 1879 a meeting in the town hall resulted in the formation of Halstead Town Football Club. Their first ever competitive match took place in 1892 and their first trophy of note was winning the Essex Junior Cup ten years later in 1902.

Initially the club led a somewhat nomadic existence, playing in various leagues at various locations around the town, until 1948 when their present ground was opened.

The club then joined the Border League and in 1958 landed the league and cup double. More titles followed and they also picked up the cup on four more occasions before moving up to the Essex Senior League. In 1988 the club changed leagues again, this time to the Eastern Counties League. Promotion to the Premier League quickly followed.

In the early 1990s the club had a good measure of success, winning the Essex Senior Trophy and two consecutive Premier League titles. However, 2002 saw the team relegated down to division one although their tenure in this division was short-lived, winning the league and KO cup double the following season. One year later they won the League Cup for the second time and reached the final of the Essex Senior Cup.

In 2007, they were relegated back to the first division where they have since remained despite challenging for promotion on many occasions.

In 2014, the team brought some silverware to the club by virtue of a hard-fought victory in the final of the Tolleshunt D'Arcy trophy.

Last season Halstead were in contention at the top of the league for most of the campaign but unfortunately a late dip in form meant that their chance of winning the title and gaining promotion slipped away.

Current manager Mark McLean and his assistant Pete Travers are in their third full season at the club.

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Player Profiles

Jack Cherry: "Big Jack" made a massive impact between the sticks for us last year and deservedly swept the board on the player of the front. Exceptional season which was recognised by management, player and supporters alike and a great guy to have around the dressing room and the club.

Charlie Pleace: Comfortable at Right Back or in the wing half position and someone we are looking forward to having available significantly more this season. Last season was difficult for Charlie as injury caused major issues and he only managed to start 14 matches but as ever was impressive when he did

Alex O'Leary: Making a welcome return to the Milbanks after a short spell a number of years ago, he is predominantly left sided player who will bring great experience to the pitch. Intelligent player with an eye for a pass and a great communicator, which makes him a great addition to the squad

Jamie Baker: A midfield dynamo who adds versatility and goals to the team, although last year was saw him hampered by injuries. He has already made 61 appearances for the Humbugs and scored 10 goals in the process- great player and great lad.

Liam Whitehead: Liam has two real qualities which are he is versatile and hungry, put them together and you have a great asset to any team. He can play full back or in midfield and early signs from pre-season are good as he has settled very well into the side and all are looking forward to what the season will bring.

Gary Burdett: Joined the Humbugs during last season and bought in experience, strength and knowledge as well as being a great communicator and leader. He played 13 times last season, managed to get a goal along the way but most importantly is a massive influence in the back four.

Connel Dunlop: Connel's first season last year was a very impressive one where his defensive qualities stood out. He showed in his 27 appearances, another who was hampered by injuries, that he is a combative central defender who also has the ability to play

Ben Morgan: He is another versatile player who can swap between the middle of the defence to full back without a drop-in performance. He has a monstrously long (and very dangerous) throw-in and also has the happy knack of chipping in with goals- managing 3 goals in his 23 appearances last year

Joe Morris: Joe is a Halstead boy who embraced his first season at senior football last year and as well as dealing with a step up in football also overcame a regular changing of position as he fluctuated between defence and attack. He managed 27 appearances last year and as well as being a fine footballer he is also a cricketer for Halstead.

Rocha Fosker: Rocha is an energetic midfielder who brings good intensity with him and first came to our attention when he played against us for Brightlingsea Regent reserves. He was combative and even managed a goal that day, one of three in 17 appearances, and is a great fit to our squad.

Jake Brown: The midfield general and a firm fans favourite and this is his fifth season in the Humbugs black and white. He made his 100th appearance on the opening day of last season- and celebrated with a goal, which was his only one of the campaign- which is unusual as always chips in with a few along the way.

Jack Schelvis: Another that comes into the bracket of versatile as he is equally effective in the middle of midfield as he is in the middle of the back four. Missed a large proportion of last season so like

having a new signing this season, and another that the loyal Humbugs fans will welcome with open arms.

Nick Miller: Nick is an outstanding ball player and has a great attitude, which endears him to the players, management and fans alike. He is full of effort and combines it with guile and craft on the ball and despite some enforced lay-offs still managed 30 appearances in last year's campaign.

Chris Harris: Our Big Man up front managed a goal every other game has he notched a dozen goals in his 24 appearances. Availability was limited last year but when he was on the pitch he not only provided a focal point but caused the opposing defenders nightmares.

Ricky Gardner: Striker who we are delighted to bring into the team, Ricky is an out and out goal scorer, who is comfortable with both feet. He is a great fit for us as a club and also will complement well the players we already have- expecting big things in the forthcoming season.

Jordan Pavett: The club's leading goalscorer last season with 23 goals in 36 appearances which is a hugely impressive strike rate. He has huge experience and we are looking forward to yet another free scoring season from him

Callum Vincent: Callum completed his first season for the Humbugs last year and managed to get into double figures goals wise, and in doing so scored some really vital ones along the way. He is a quick and skilful player who combines these qualities with the ability to score goals.

Kane Munday: Joined the Humbugs around the Christmas break and had an immediate impact with his darting runs down the left side. He possesses a lethal wand with his left foot and I am sure will be looking to go better than his 3 goals from 18 appearances last campaign.

Ross McIntoch: Ross is another who possesses exceptional speed and will be looking to cement a place in what looks to be an exciting and potent front line. Last year was his first in senior football and whilst often off the bench he showed he belongs and will be all the better for it.

Tom Cook: Tom finished joint second scorer last year on his return to his home town club, after a years travelling. He managed 12 from 29 appearances and everyone who has watched Tom over the many years he has been here will know what a wonderful left foot he has- and will want to see what damage it can cause opposition this year





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TODAY'S SQUADS



LEISTON FC

MANAGERS:

DARREN EADIE, CHRIS WIGGER

KIT: **ALL BLUE**

SAM DONKIN 1

KYLE HAMMOND (CAPT.) 2

OLLIE SAUNDERS 3

KYLE RICHARDSON 4

HARRY KNIGHTS 5

GEORGE KEYS 6

FINLEY BARNES 7

DYLAN SWITTERS 8

WILL DAVIES 9

JOSH HITTER 10

MARCUS WILKINSON 11

LIAM JACKSON 12

ROBERT EAGLE 14

JAMIE EATON-COLLINS 15

HARRISON BACON 16

LOUIS BLOOM 17

JOE POTTER 18

HALSTEAD TOWN FC

MANAGER:

MARK MCLEAN

KIT: BLACK & WHITE QUARTERS

JACK CHERRY

LIAM WHITEHEAD

GREG STRONG

MATT CALEY

CONNEL DUNLOP

NICK MILLER

BRAD AMOS

JACK SCHELVIS

CHRIS HARRIS

JORDAN PAVETT

JOE JONES

MARK DALLINGER

JAMIE BAKER

RICKY GARDINER

MARCUS DUNN

TOM COOK

JACK MCPHERSON

TODAY'S REFEREE: MURRAY GRANT

REFEREE'S ASSISTANTS: CLAY HATHAWAY, IAN HARVEY