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# STONEYLANDS



# LONG MELFORD

## VS HADLEIGH UNITED

Thurlow Nunn Premier Division

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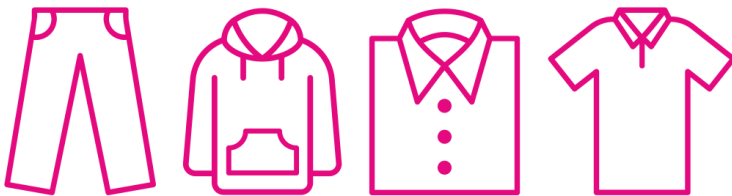
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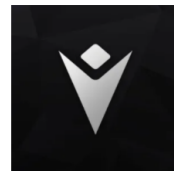
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## LONG MELFORD

- David Leader (GK)
- Max Boulter (GK)
- Tyrese Williams
- Dan Smith
- Sam Newton
- Deklyn Roy
- Kalum Benham
- Josh Collins
- Jake Jackson
- Jacob Brown (c)
- Alfie Parnell
- Harry Whiting-Noakes
- Hassan Ally
- Perry Newman
- Frederico Dende
- Charlie Holmes
- Jordan Gibbs
- Jack Brame
- Ben Humphreys
- Jack Delaune
- Kyran Quelch
- Ricky Verdades

## HADLEIGH UNITED

- Nick Punter (GK)
- Finley Watts (GK)
- Ben Elliott
- Ryan Taylor
- James Ross
- Jake Eady
- Harry Croft
- Harry Wales
- Sam Mills
- George Bowman
- Ethan Clarke
- Liam Wales
- Curtis Harvey
- Regan Pelling
- Max Dinnell
- Lloyd Clarke
- Kyron Andrews
- Jack Lambert
- Kyle Brown
- Harry Brown
- Joel Glover
- Jordan Patrick
- Jack Baker (c)
- Owen Betts

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Manager: David Hennessey

Assistant: Rob Fayers

Coach: Jon Brown

Physio: Brian Dunster

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Manager: Steve Holder

Assistant: Andy Lambert

Coach: Liam Scopes

Physio: Paige Fleming

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### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Adrian Copsey

Assistant Referees: Jarrod Dobing & Kevin Forde

# WELCOME TO STONEYLANDS

Good evening everyone. Let's start by giving a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Hadleigh United and tonight's three match officials. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us this evening.

After finishing in the bottom two last season followed by a change of management, it was always likely there would be wholesale changes to our squad over the summer. That's exactly what happened, with eight new signings playing in the first match at Fakenham on Saturday. Ironically, it was three of last season's players (Jacob Brown, Hassan Ally and Perry Newman) who scored the goals in the 3-1 win.

It was our first opening day victory since 2014, when we beat Great Yarmouth here at Stoneylands in the First Division. Although nobody will get carried away by one win, it's good to get three points on the board early on. We've seen in recent years the longer the wait for that first win, the harder it becomes.

Tonight there's a quick return to Stoneylands for Sam Mills, who was a popular player on and off the pitch during his time at Melford. We hope you have a good season Sam - apart from tonight obviously! Enjoy the game everyone.

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## LONG MELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Stoneylands Stadium, New Road, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9JY

President: Richard Kemp  
Chairman: Geoff Thomas  
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Groundsman: Ivan Whitehart  
Matchday Facilities Manager: Jordan Maynard  
Programme/Website Editor: Andy Cussans  
Photographs: Stewart Ambrose



First Team Manager: David Hennessey  
First Team Assistant Manager: Rob Fayers  
First Team Coach: Jon Brown  
Reserves Manager: Darren Thomas  
Under 18s Manager: Nathan Bartlett  
Under 18s Assistant Manager: Josh Stokes  
Coaches: Craig Lee & Lee Greenwood  
Goalkeeping Coach: Michael Onslow  
Physio: Brian Dunster

Matchday Programme produced by Top Marques Uniform Solutions in Sudbury

Selected Club Honours: Suffolk Senior Cup (8), Eastern Counties First Division (1), Eastern Counties League Cup (1), Essex & Suffolk Border League (5)

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# NEW KIT UNVEILED



After much change at Stoneylands this summer we are delighted to unveil our new 2022/23 season home kit.

Thanks to a kind sponsor (who wishes to remain anonymous) we were able to donate the front of shirt sponsorship placement to charity. The charity of choice was Sue Ryder ([www.SueRyder.org](http://www.SueRyder.org)), selected in celebration of the fantastic work they continue to do around palliative, neurological and bereavement support.

First team stalwart Dan Smith has seen first-hand the incredible work done by Sue Ryder as they've been brilliant in nursing his father, Billy back to full health following a recent illness. We look forward to seeing Billy back at Stoneylands very soon!

Long Melford Chairman, Geoff Thomas had this to say about the new kits:

"We are so pleased that our sponsor has chosen to promote the fantastic work that Sue Ryder continue to do around palliative, neurological and bereavement support. This is such a wonderful, caring organisation and we are proud to be associated with them."

KHA Design continued their long-standing support of the club with the back of shirt sponsorship, they had this to say:

"KHA consider Long Melford Football Club together with the Colts and Fillies to be a tremendous asset to the local community and are pleased to continue their sponsorship of the club. We wish all the teams every success in the forthcoming season."

Sally Davies, Regional Neurological Director at Sue Ryder, said:

"I am delighted that Long Melford FC have decided to support Sue Ryder on their new kits. We are very proud of the work we do here, both locally in Suffolk at Ipswich-based Sue Ryder Neurological Care Centre The Chantry, and nationally, providing palliative, neurological and bereavement support. Best of luck to the team for the season ahead!"

The home kit (along with our new away kit) will be available to order from the Club shop courtesy of our clubwear partners Macron from Monday August 1st - [www.macronstorenorwich.com/long-melford-fc](http://www.macronstorenorwich.com/long-melford-fc)

# OUR CONDOLENCES



The club is saddened to hear that Alfred (Freddie) McGhee passed away last month aged 92.

Freddie played for Long Melford between 1952 and 1954 when he was in the RAF. He played Inside Right for the Suffolk Senior Cup winning team of 1953 and 54, completing the “double” over local rivals Sudbury Town in what was a golden era for the club.

When Freddie came out of the RAF, he returned home to Pollokshaws in the Southside of Glasgow where he was born. He worked with his younger brother James, in a paper and packaging factory for many years.

Freddie followed his football faithfully and loved his horse racing, played snooker and loved his days away and long walks. He married his late wife Nelly and they had a long and happy marriage until her death in 1998.

He lived in Pollokshaws all his life, loved the area, but he always spoke with great affection about his time both in the RAF and playing at Long Melford, and of course, he did tell his family of winning the cup!

Our condolences to Freddie’s family and thank you to his niece Maureen McDade for providing details of Freddie’s life after he left Long Melford.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new season everyone, a brand new chapter, in the long and successful story of Long Melford Football Club.

The new chapter welcomes new management all round the Club, new team Managers and within the Club new officials who will keep the ball rolling for LMFC.

We also welcome a host of new players to the Club, and we also thank the faithful who remain with us from previous seasons.

Now more than ever is the time that we should all rally behind the management and players, to ensure we maintain the status quo position for all the teams. So we need help from you all! Sponsorship, vocal support and above all, encouragement.

The past is the past, we are now poised on the threshold of the future, let us go and just do it! **Richard Kemp Hon. President**

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## JORDAN'S NEW ROLE



Jordan Maynard has agreed to take on the important role of Matchday Facilities Manager looking after the home sides across first, reserves and U18's at Stoneylands this season.

Jordan made a very positive impact at the club last season in his role as matchday volunteer.

He also successfully completed the BT Playmaker and FA Safeguarding Adults courses.

We also welcome Russell Meekings who is our new Club Secretary.

# AROUND STONEYLANDS

## Reserves Review

Darren Thomas is our new Reserve Team Manager for the 2022/23 season.

Obviously there was a vacancy in the Reserves after previous manager David Hennessey stepped up to the First Team role and we are delighted to have Darren (pictured) on board.

Darren played youth football for Coggeshall Town and Stanway Villa, then progressed to Halstead Town Under 18's and then onto Wivenhoe Town who were in the Ryman League at the time.

Having gained various FA badges, Darren started coaching at quite a young age with a mixture of amateur and professional clubs including Ipswich Town and Peterborough United amongst others.

During this time Darren also managed youth and adult teams including Arlesford Colne Rangers, Hedingham United and Boxted Lodgers.

Darren has also scouted for, and managed youth teams, in games at the player development centres with Norwich City where they would play against other player development centres, such as Chelsea.

On joining Long Melford, Darren said:

"During Covid I took a break and completed a few more qualifications and I am really pleased to have joined Long Melford.

"I look forward to being part of the team that helps continue to develop this great football club."

**The Reserves have played two friendlies so far.**

Firstly there was a 3-1 win at Hatfield Peverel, scorers Ricky Verdades (2) and youth team player Hugo Hertz (pictured). This was followed by a 0-0 draw at West Wratting Reserves.



# FROM THE DUGOUT



**First of all, I'd like to welcome Hadleigh United and most importantly you the supporters back to Stoneylands.**

I'd also like to send a message of thanks to our former management team of Jamie Bradbury and Steve Chisholm for all their help and support over the summer along.

And thanks to our chairman, the committee, my backroom team and all the volunteers, advisors and well-wishers who've backed my appointment and helped smooth my transition to first team manager.

And what a way to start, three points from a tough road trip to Fakenham Town. Whilst the points were obviously very welcome the most pleasing thing for me was the effort, attitude and desire shown by your new look Long Melford Side.

We didn't stop working for each other and even when injuries started to take their toll it simply became a case of 'next man up'. This attitude will stand us in very good stead for what is undoubtedly going to be a tough, transitional season.

We've brought in over 10 new players to the club, a new reserve team manager, goalkeeper coach and a matchday facilities manager. It will take time for us to gel and be completely confident and comfortable playing the style of football we expect.

Be patient with us if things don't always go to plan, know that we are giving everything we've got to deliver results and an enjoyable brand of football as we represent this fine club and you it's loyal fans.

Like most seasons it'll be a rollercoaster ride of ups and downs, the plan is certainly to deliver more ups than downs.

So strap yourself in and enjoy the ride, it's going to be an adventure.

Enjoy the game,

*David Hennessey*

# NEW SIGNINGS



There will be some familiar names amongst the new arrivals with Josh Collins, David Leader, Sam Newton and Max Williams having previously played for the club.

Kalum Benham and Ben Humphreys also made a handful of appearances in a Melford shirt last season on a dual registration.

The club's new signings are as follows (previous clubs in brackets).

**Kalum Benham, Defender (Bildeston, Bacton)**

**Bruno Binda, Defender (Claydon)**

**Jack Brame, Forward (Bury, Walsham, Mildenhall, Thetford) pictured above**

**Josh Collins, Defender (Cornard, Debenham, Felixstowe)**

**Frederico Dende, Midfielder (Stowmarket)**

**Jordan Gibbs, Midfielder (Diss)**

**Ben Humphreys, Forward (Elmswell, Bildeston)**

**David Leader, Goalkeeper (Braintree, Heybridge Swifts, Clacton, Basildon)**

**Tapi Mabugu, Midfielder (Alresford)**

**Sam Newton, Defender (Cornard)**

**Godswill Odili, Defender (Tiptree Jobserve)**

**Ricky Verdades, Forward (Claydon)**

**Harry Whiting-Noakes, Midfielder (Old Newton)**

**Max Williams, Defender (Thetford)**

A warm welcome to the new players joining us this season, we hope you enjoy your football at Long Melford FC.

We also thank the players leaving the club this summer and wish them the best of luck for the future.

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome once again to Stoneylands, home of Long Melford Football Club and Long Melford Colts and Fillies.

Season 2022/23 starts a new era in our long history. Since Jamie Bradbury decided to step back from management at the end of last season we have restructured our management system.

At the end of June we promoted our successful reserve team manager Dave Hennessey to be First Team Manager and he has been working very hard with his coaches to build the First Team and Reserve Team squad for this season's challenge.

It will be a very challenging season and I know that Dave and his team along with captain Jacob Brown will be up for it. We have signed some new, exciting players to our squad and I look forward to seeing the team develop.

As I write this, we have just beaten Fakenham 3-1 away and so have got our first three points of the season but - as our President Richard Kemp quite rightly says - "one win doesn't make a season". However, it is a great start.

With Dave moving upwards this left the reserve manager's spot open and I am pleased to say we are joined by former Heddinghams United Manager Darren Thomas who has also coached at Peterborough United and Norwich City Player Development Schemes. Darren is well used to developing players for that move to a higher level of football.

We are also very pleased to have Nathan Bartlett building an excellent under 18's squad of whom some have already performed well in reserve team games and friendly first team pre-season games.

These guys are the future along with those younger players coming through on a separate path with the C&F Under 18's. There was a very strong Under 15's side in the youth section last season who won the cup final that was held here at Stoneylands.

There will be more developments throughout the season as we aim to do things in a proper, professional way so please follow the website for all the news from the club.

The players, managers, coaches and everyone involved with LMFC really appreciate your support, especially over the last two difficult years and we all look forward to a really enjoyable 2022/23 Season.

**Geoff Thomas**

**Chairman of Long Melford Football Club**

# The Melford at Stoneylands

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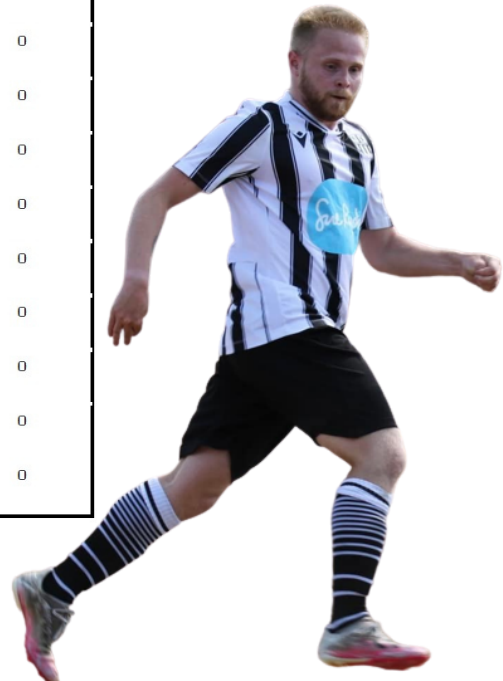
## PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Long Melford	1	1	0	0	2	3
2	Ely City	1	1	0	0	1	3
3	Soham Town Rangers	1	1	0	0	1	3
4	Whitton United	1	1	0	0	1	3
5	Harleston Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
6	Thetford Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Woodbridge Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Ipswich Wanderers	1	0	1	0	0	1
9	Newmarket Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
10	Mildenhall Town	1	0	1	0	0	1
11	Norwich United	1	0	1	0	0	1
12	Mulbarton Wanderers	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Sheringham	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Hadleigh United	1	0	0	1	-1	0
15	Lakenheath	1	0	0	1	-1	0
16	Walsham Le Willows	1	0	0	1	-1	0
17	Brantham Athletic	1	0	0	1	-1	0
18	Haverhill Rovers	1	0	0	1	-1	0
19	Kirkley & Pakefield	1	0	0	1	-1	0
20	Fakenham Town	1	0	0	1	-2	0

Table correct up to  
Tuesday 2nd August.

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Brantham 1 Harleston 2  
 Ely 3 Hadleigh 2  
 Fakenham 1 Long Melford 3  
 Kirkley 0 Thetford 1  
 Mildenhall 0 Norwich 0  
 Newmarket 3 Ipswich W 3  
 Soham 3 Walsham 2  
 Whitton 3 Lakenheath 2  
 Woodbridge 1 Haverhill 0



# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Home	KO/RES	Away	League	Ground
30/07/2022	Fakenham	1 - 3	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Clipbush Park
03/08/2022	Long Melford	7:45 pm	Hadleigh	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
06/08/2022	Kempston	3:00 pm	Long Melford	The Emirates FA Cup	Hillgrounds Leisure
13/08/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Harleston	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
20/08/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Woodbridge	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
30/08/2022	Ipswich W	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Humber Doucy Lane
03/09/2022	Norwich U	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Plantation Park
10/09/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Newmarket	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
17/09/2022	Lakenheath	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Pit
28/09/2022	Long Melford	7:45 pm	Mildenhall	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
01/10/2022	Soham	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Julius Martin Lane
08/10/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Ely	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
11/10/2022	Brantham	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Brantham Leisure Centre
15/10/2022	Whitton	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	King George V
22/10/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Mulbarton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
29/10/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Thetford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
05/11/2022	Walsham	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Morrish Stadium
12/11/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Haverhill R	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
19/11/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Kirkley	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
26/11/2022	Mildenhall	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Recreation Way
03/12/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Fakenham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
10/12/2022	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Sheringham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
17/12/2022	Woodbridge	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Notcutts Park
26/12/2022	Hadleigh	11:00 am	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Millfield



**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** We're on the lookout to add to our team off the pitch to support the club in a number of different capacities. For more details please get in touch.



# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Home	KO/RES	Away	League	Ground
02/01/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Brantham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
07/01/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Walsham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
14/01/2023	Sheringham	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Weybourne Road
21/01/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Whitton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
28/01/2023	Haverhill R	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	New Croft
04/02/2023	Kirkley	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Walmer Road
18/02/2023	Thetford	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Mundford Road
25/02/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Soham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
04/03/2023	Newmarket	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Tristell Stadium
11/03/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Norwich U	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
25/03/2023	Harleston	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Wilderness Lane
08/04/2023	Ely	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Demcom Stadium
10/04/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Ipswich W	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
15/04/2023	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Lakenheath	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
22/04/2023	Mulbarton	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Common

## THE TRIALISTS WE DIDN'T SIGN

HANS HERTZ: German goalkeeper, always injured.

DON KEY: Strong defender, lacked pace.

PAUL DOWN: Always holding opponents' shirts.

ADAM FOWLER: A walking red card.

WILLIE PASSMORE: Too selfish.

STAN STEEL: Too lazy.

ANDY WRIGHT-PEGG: Looked OK, he had a decent shot and cross.

KIT MANN: Not impressive on the pitch but good in the dressing room.

NICK BALLS: Hard-working midfielder who intercepts well.

RICK O'SHEA: Striker who hangs around the box waiting for a rebound.

ED CROSS: Tall centre forward, good in the air.

JUSTIN CASE: Not good enough to start, could have been a useful sub.

CHASE CASH: He had a better offer.



# TONIGHT'S OPPOSITION



## Hadleigh United Fact File

Founded: 1892    Nickname: The Brettsiders

Club colours: Blue and white (home)

League Form: L2-3 at Ely City on opening day

Last season: 15th of 20 in Thurlow Nunn Premier

**Nick Punter (Goalkeeper):** Nick signed for Hadleigh in the 2017/18 season after stints at Bury Town and Stanway Rovers. Nick is one of the most consistent performers at the club which has seen him become very popular with the supporters.

**Finley Watts (Goalkeeper):** Finley Joined Hadleigh United U18's in the 2021/22 season from Needham Market. After impressive displays he was quickly moved up to the reserve side and also made 3 appearances for the 1st Team.

**Ben Elliott (Defender):** Ben is a solid defender. His timing of a tackle has become renowned among supporters and his calmness on the ball is a great asset to the team. He is a fans favourite and always gives maximum effort whether it be training or matches.

**James Ross (Defender):** James joined Hadleigh Utd in the 2015/16 season and is a quick player on the left or right. He has the ability to change defence into attack with his quick thinking.

**Ryan Taylor (Defender):** Ryan joined Hadleigh Utd for the 2021/22 season. He is a strong and experienced defender who won the supporters award for 2021/22 season. Ryan has rapidly become Mr Dependable with his no-nonsense approach to games and his commitment. Has previously played for Bury Town. Supporters' player of the season 2021/22.

**Jake Eady (Defender):** Jake is a strong and composed full back or centre half. He joined Hadleigh Utd in September 2020 from Walsham Le Willows. Jake quickly established himself in the team with the commitment he shows on and off of the pitch.

**Harry Croft (Defender/Midfielder):** Harry has come through the youth system at Hadleigh United and certainly deserves his chance at this level after impressing in the reserves.

**Harry Wales (Defender):** Harry joined Hadleigh Utd in July 2022 after playing for Whitton United in the 2021 season. Harry is the younger brother of Liam Wales who also joined Hadleigh at the same time. A tall athletic player who is comfortable playing the ball out from the back.

**George Bowman (Defender/Midfielder):** George joined Hadleigh United in July 2022 after having a brief spell with Whitton United in the 2021/22 season. Prior to that George played for Woodbridge Town where he made over 200 appearances and can also name Colchester United as a former club.

**Sam Mills (Defender):** Sam joined Hadleigh United in July 2022 from local rivals Long Melford. He is a produce of the AFC Sudbury academy and played for the Sudbury 1st team before joining Long Melford. Sam is a right sided defender who has versatility in his game that allows him to play in any right sided defensive role.

# TONIGHT'S OPPOSITION

**Ethan Clarke (Midfielder):** Ethan joined Hadleigh United in July 2022 after playing at Whitton United in the 2021 season. He brings a wealth of experience with Stowmarket Town and Felixstowe and Walton United amongst his previous clubs.

**Max Tate (Midfielder):** Max is another who has come through the youth system at Hadleigh United. After a strong couple of seasons for the reserves it is now time for Max to step up to the 1st team fold.

**Jack Lambert (Midfielder):** Jack is another player that has played his way through the youth system and has now played at all levels for Hadleigh United. A strong tackling midfielder who is gaining more experience every match.

**Kyle Brown (Midfielder):** Kyle has made his way through the Youth Team and reserves and created a great impression. He certainly deserves his chance at 1st Team level with his hard working attitude.

**Curtis Harvey (Forward):** Curtis returned to Hadleigh Utd from AFC Sudbury for the 2021/22 season. He played through the youth system to U18 level at Hadleigh before joining AFC Sudbury. Curtis has exceptional talent for his age.

**Owen Betts (Forward):** Owen joined Hadleigh Utd in July 2022 from Whitton United. He is a talented attacking player that will terrorise defenders with his pace and skill. He has already shown his eye for goal during pre-season with some powerful displays.

**Liam Wales (Midfielder/Forward):** Liam joined Hadleigh United in July 2022 after playing at Whitton United in the 2021 season. He brings great experience from playing at higher levels, with Bury Town and AFC Sudbury being amongst his former clubs.

**Regan Pelling (Midfielder/Forward):** Regan joined Hadleigh United in July 2022 after playing at Whitton United in the 2021 season. An exciting, energetic and skillful wideman who has already shown his skills during pre-season.

**Kyron Andrews (Midfielder/Forward):** Kyron rejoins the club after spells with Debenham LC and latterly Woodbridge Town. A versatile attacking midfielder who is equally at home out wide or in the centre of the pitch.

**Max Dinnell (Midfielder):** Max joined Hadleigh in August 2020 from Whitton Utd after playing most of his football at Haverhill Rovers the previous season. An intelligent player..

**Harry Brown (Forward):** Harry joined Hadleigh Utd in July 2021. Harry is a 6' 3" striker that is technically gifted and knows where the goal is.

**Joel Glover (Forward):** Joel joined Hadleigh from Great Yarmouth at the beginning of the 2019/20 season. He is a tall, powerful but skilful centre forward with an eye for goal. Joel missed 4 months of the 2021/22 season whilst away in Brazil doing missionary work with his family.

**Jack Baker (Club Captain): (Forward/Midfield):** Jack signed for Hadleigh United in February 2022. He is a strong hard-working player and has great versatility which means he can play in any attacking role. Stowmarket Town, Felixstowe & Walton and Whitton Utd are amongst his previous clubs. Has been rewarded for his consistency and attitude by being named club captain.

**Lloyd Clarke (Defender/Midfielder/Forward):** Lloyd signed from Whitton United in July 2022. He is a versatile player who is equally at home defending or attacking. With quick skilful feet Lloyd is a menace to opposition defenders and attackers alike. A strong work ethic will mean that the team will benefit from whichever position he is deployed in. Sure to make us more creative.

# **MATCH REPORT**

## **FAKENHAM TOWN 1 - 3 LONG MELFORD**

### **THURLOW NUNN PREMIER - SATURDAY 30 JULY**

The Ghosts were quickly exorcised by a vibrant new look Long Melford team who played some excellent quick attacking football.

A credit on this performance to new manager Dave Hennessey and his management team, who no doubt will have cautioned the fact that one result does not make a season.

The opening five minutes saw Jacob Brown head over the bar for Melford and at the other end Aaron Saddleton stabbed wide from a good position for Fakenham.

After 13 minutes Melford took the lead, home keeper Tom Coombe parried a shot from Ben Humphreys, and JACOB BROWN crashed home the rebound.

After 32 minutes, Melford had a setback. A collision between keeper David Leader, and other players including Tyrese Williams, saw the game held up for some seven minutes.

Keeper Leader was first to recover, but Williams laid prostrate on the ground for several minutes, eventually he left the pitch with a facial wound and serious concussion, and after attending Kings Lynn Hospital, he was eventually released and is unlikely to be cleared to play for at least three weeks. Melford introduced Jordan Gibbs for his debut as substitute.

Melford went further ahead on 40 minutes when debut making Harry Whiting-Noakes, robbed the ball off a Fakenham defender and his pin point diagonal ball found HASSAN ALLY wide and on the left flank, the wide man cut in to fire home.

The second half saw Fakenham improve their game, two great chances were spurned early on by the home team both Finley Whitely and Jake Watts shooting over open goals.

On 56 minutes Melford keeper Leader sustained a further injury and had to leave the pitch, he was replaced in goal by central defender Deklyn Roy, who in turn was replaced by Kalum Benham, despite a slight injury problem.

On 59 minutes Fakenham got a goal back courtesy of Melford, Ricky Claxton fired in a low hard cross and in attempting to clear Benham sliced the ball into the Melford net.

On 68 minutes Melford completed their scoring another great ball from Whiting-Noakes released Ally down the left, his cross found Jack Delaune, his shot was blocked by keeper Coombe, the loose ball came to PERRY NEWMAN who converted from close range.

**CHENOBERET**

**LONG MELFORD:** David Leader, Ty Williams, Sam Newton, Jake Jackson, Deklyn Roy, Josh Collins, Hassan Ally, Harry Whiting-Noakes, Ben Humphreys, Jacob Brown, Frederico Dende

**Subs (all used):** Jordan Gibbs, Perry Newman, Kalum Benham, Charlie Holmes, Jack Delaune