

# The Marketmen News

The Monthly Newsletter from Needham Market FC

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## Player News:

- **Latest first team recruit Damien Hilton has made an immediate impact scoring important goals.**
- **Jack Wilkinson spends a weekend at Lilleshall with the British Colleges squad.**
- **Danny Thrower and Liam Jones reached the 200 game milestone**
- **New Keeper Danny Gay joins the club, and Liam moves to Felixstowe**

## Welcome to the first issue

A New Year a new way of communicating with the people that are interested in Needham Market Football Club. We intend this to be a monthly publication that will be available from the website but to anyone supplying their email address it will be "posted" to them. The intention is for this to incorporate as much news about the people around the club, so please let us have your comments and your email addresses.

## FA Vase Latest

On Saturday 16th January 2010 the next round of the FA Vase is due to take place at Bloomfields. The game against Kirkley and Pakefield should be a classic if the previous league game is anything to go by.

After the titanic 2nd Round tie at CRC that Needham won in the final minutes there is another

tie against a fellow Rid-geons league side.

The bookmakers have made Needham 16/1 fourth favourites to win the Vase but there are many good sides left in the competition. Whitley Bay are the current holders; New Mills ran AFC Fylde close in the league last year; Daventry beat Leiston in the last round.

## Latest Odds:

Whitley Bay 7/2  
Barwell 8/1  
New Mills 10/1  
Daventry 14/1  
Long Buckby 16/1  
Needham Market 16/1  
Armthorpe 16/1  
Whitehawk 20/1  
St Ives 25/1  
Witney 25/1  
Kirkley & Pakefield 25/1

## League Leaders into the New Year

Even though the Rid-geons League Committee removed the results of the Kings Lynn games from the records Needham still head the Premier Division table going into the New Year.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts.
<u>Needham</u>	22	16	4	2	51	20	31	52
<u>CRC</u>	20	16	3	1	54	14	40	51
<u>Leiston</u>	21	15	1	5	56	24	32	46
<u>Stanway</u>	20	12	4	4	49	19	30	40
<u>Felixstowe</u>	20	10	4	6	29	32	-3	34
<u>Mildenhall</u>	19	10	2	7	37	37	0	32
<u>Kirkley</u>	17	9	3	5	31	17	14	30
<u>Wisbech</u>	20	9	5	6	36	25	11	30

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## Suffolk New College

Suffolk New College provides local sportsmen with the opportunity to develop their football skills and gain recognised academic qualifications, this opportunity is also available to women.

The scheme is designed to help students achieve their sporting potential within a footballing environment and to further their education through the diverse ranges of courses available at Suffolk New College. In addition the Level 1 coaching course in football is made available to every student enrolled.

The Suffolk New College Scheme aims to provide all students with a minimum of 12 hours of coaching each week (dependent upon academic timetables), plus the opportunity to play at a high standard in the Football Conference Youth League and the British Colleges Sports League.

The scheme is delivered by F.A. licenced coaches who provide top level coaching in all aspects of the game through practical training sessions and classroom based lessons.

The link with NMFC provides players with the chance to play in the Ridgeons Reserve league whilst giving NMFC the opportunity to have an established crop of 16 to 19 year old players who, if talented enough can be considered for 1st team football.

This scheme provides the club with a true link between Needham Phoenix, and the 1st team at NMFC.

In addition this group has linked up with the Ipswich Town Community Trust, and it is under their name that the team plays in the Football Conference Youth

## Needham Market Reserves

The reserve team have as we approach mid season, performed well with some notable wins. With a team of relatively younger players we look forward to an improved second half to the season.

A few of the lads have had the opportunity to have games in the first team and shown that the future is bright.



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<a href="#">Dereham</a>	12	10	1	1	44	9	35	31
<a href="#">Walsham-le-Willows</a>	12	8	3	1	35	17	18	27
<a href="#">Gorleston</a>	13	6	5	2	42	26	16	23
<a href="#">Leiston</a>	11	7	0	4	37	23	14	21
<a href="#">Lowestoft Town</a>	10	6	2	2	35	12	23	20
<a href="#">Great Yarmouth Town</a>	10	6	0	4	33	19	14	18
<a href="#">Needham Market</a>	10	5	2	3	32	19	13	17
<a href="#">Norwich United</a>	11	5	2	4	22	18	4	17
<a href="#">Woodbridge Town</a>	12	5	1	6	28	38	-10	16
<a href="#">Stowmarket Town</a>	14	3	4	7	28	38	-10	13
<a href="#">Debenham LC</a>	10	3	1	6	15	31	-16	10
<a href="#">Whitton United</a>	12	3	0	9	16	54	-38	9
<a href="#">Thetford Town</a>	12	2	2	8	24	33	-9	8
<a href="#">Diss Town</a>	13	0	1	12	6	60	-54	1

## Ipswich Town CT

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<a href="#">Rushden &amp; Diamonds</a>	8	6	1	1	33	6	27	19
<a href="#">Hitchin Town</a>	10	6	1	3	28	18	10	19
<a href="#">Birmingham City</a>	8	5	1	2	32	9	23	16
<a href="#">Watford Hertswood</a>	8	5	1	2	20	17	3	16
<a href="#">Football CV Reds</a>	6	5	0	1	12	6	6	15
<a href="#">Oxford City Blues</a>	8	4	1	3	25	20	5	13
<a href="#">St Albans City</a>	6	4	0	2	8	6	2	12
<a href="#">Oxford United</a>	10	2	4	4	16	17	-1	10
<a href="#">Boston United</a>	8	2	1	5	6	18	-12	7
<a href="#">Ipswich Town CT</a>	7	2	0	5	12	16	-4	6
<a href="#">Wycombe Wanderers</a>	10	1	1	8	13	59	-46	4
<a href="#">Spalding United</a>	7	0	1	6	4	17	-13	1

As stated above the players from the Suffolk New College represent the Ipswich Town Community Trust in the Midland Division of the Football Conference Youth League. As you can see the teams that are also in that league have links with clubs at a higher level than Needham Market, so the experience gained is second to none.

So if you are free on Wednesday afternoons checkout whether the team are at home and see the next generation of Needham first teamers.

## Secretary's Notes

Happy New Year one and all and I hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year festivities even seeing some of the lovely white stuff!!!!

Not much to talk about on the football side of things as the recent weather we have been experiencing has put paid to several matches. These matches will have to be re-arranged for later in the season so please keep your ears and eyes open to the changes and we will let you know new dates as soon as we have these.

I would like to let you all know of a few comings and goings on the player front. Our resident custodian in goal for the past three and a half years Liam Jones has left the club and joined Felixstowe and Walton United. Felixstowe play in the same league as our 1<sup>st</sup> Team so our paths will no doubt cross very soon. Liam is one of the top goalkeepers in this league and some might say Felixstowe's gain is certainly our loss. On behalf of the football club I would like to thank Liam for his commitment shown whilst at the club and wish him all the best for the remainder of the season at Felixstowe. Replacing Liam is Danny Gay. Danny joined the club in December 09 from King's Lynn after the club folded and is full of experience having had spells with Norwich City, Southend United and Chelmsford City to name a few. Also joining the club is the experienced centre forward Damian Hilton. Damian joined the club at the end of November 09 and is a very experienced, strong, competitive player bolstering the squads attacking options. His previous clubs include Wroxham, Lowestoft Town and Norwich United.

Recently we held a couple of functions at the clubhouse which were very well organised and supported. In early December 09 we held a 'Sponsors Evening'. This was an evening's entertainment aimed at saying thank you to all those companies and individuals that have supported the club through sponsorship either via pitch side advertising boards, programme adverts, match sponsors and donations. The evening included a tour of the clubs facilities, a sports quiz, presentation on the history of the club, past, present and future, drinks and buffet and a comedian to round the evening off. Approximately 100 sponsors attended the evening and had a very enjoyable time with feedback from the evening being very positive. However, all of this would not have been possible had it not been for the hard work of committee member Alan Jopling who organised the evening along with the wonderful food prepared by Nick Francis and his family, a big thank you to you both for a great evening's entertainment.

A week before Christmas we held our 'Christmas Cabaret Evening'. This was a fantastic evening thoroughly enjoyed by the 100+ people who braved the icy conditions. The night was full of great entertainment with fantastic singing from Chelsea Francis and a brilliant comedy performance from top comedian Micky Zany. Once again a lot of hard work went into organising this event and a big thank you once again has to go to Nick Francis for such a great night.

## Meet the Committee

<b>Name</b>	<b>Keith Nunn</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>David Bugg</b>
<b>Position in the Club</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Position in the Club</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Occupation,</b>	Consultant Geophysicist	<b>Occupation,</b>	Ex Company Chairman
<b>What is your favourite tippie?</b>	Adnams (pint of)	<b>What is your favourite tippie?</b>	Whiskey and Dry Ginger
<b>Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)</b>	Wife – Jen, Sons Richard & Tom, Granddaughters Elizabeth & Francesca	<b>Family, (wife, kids, and grandchildren)</b>	Wife Suzanne son Matthew daughter Alison grandson Corey
<b>Greatest highlight in your life (to date):</b>	Being at the birth of first son	<b>Greatest highlight in your life (to date):</b>	Being at the birth of my children
<b>Best football memory</b>	Being at Portman Road in 1962 when Ipswich won the old First Division	<b>Best football memory</b>	There have been a lot but i think it is the FA Vase trip to Gresley Rovers with Ransome Sports
<b>Professional club supported:</b>	Ipswich Town	<b>Professional club supported:</b>	Ipswich town
<b>Favourite player/hero:</b>	Ted Phillips	<b>Favourite player/hero:</b>	Alan Hunter & Sir Bobby Robson
<b>What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?</b>	Played for Needham and captained Needham Minors in the early 1960s, trials for Ipswich Town 1963 & 1964. Played for University Barbarians in the Birmingham AFA 1973-81 and BP 1 <sup>st</sup> team in Southern AFA 1 <sup>st</sup> Division 1982-1986	<b>What has been your involvement in football from schooldays to present?</b>	I am a failed goalkeeper I played for, managed, and ran Heathfield football club on Sundays for 30 years. My Saturday involvement has been with Murray-side, Ransomes, Whitton, Ipswich Wanderers and Ipswich Athletic
<b>What is your current assessment of the football club?</b>	First rate	<b>What is your current assessment of the football club?</b>	On the playing and financial fronts things are good at the moment but of course we must always keep on top of the financial situation.
<b>Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.</b>	Replace the 2 <sup>nd</sup> team pitch with a full size all-weather Astroturf surface	<b>Name one thing that you want to see NMFC do to "improve" the club.</b>	The club bar to be open every night and to be supported by the residents of Needham.
<b>What do you think of the current state of local football?</b>	Many clubs are living beyond their means	<b>What do you think of the current state of local football?</b>	
<b>What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?</b>	To win the FA Vase	<b>What is your aspiration for the football club in the next few years?</b>	I would like to see Needham playing at level 4.

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All teamwear at Needham carries the SharpStitch emblem.

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### Coes

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**A team of 3 vets, 2 nurses and a manager/receptionist provide an excellent service. The vets deal with diagnostics and surgery (operations) but they all multi-task when it comes to reception duties or holding peoples' pets.**

**So for that personal veterinary experience go to Cedarwood.**



**We are always on the look out for additional advertisers for the pitchside boards so if you have any friends or acquaintances looking to get their message across to the Needham crowd please contact**

## News of Supporters

- ◆ **David "Dillon" Lockwood will soon join the list of octogenarians that support the club.**

**If you have news about the happy band of NMFC supporters please make sure that the committee is aware and hopefully we can ensure that our family of supporters continues to support the team and each other.**

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## Forthcoming Social Events:

» Curry and Karaoke—  
Early 2010

*If you have any suggestions or questions about this newsletter please forward these to*

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» Mark Easlea ([measlea@sky.com](mailto:measlea@sky.com))

## Next Month's First Team Fixtures...

*Please check these in view of recent postponements*

Saturday 16 Jan	15:00	FA Vase	NMFC	Kirkley and Pakefield
Saturday 23 Jan	15:00	RPL	Histon Reserves	NMFC
Tuesday 26 Jan	19:45	RLC	NMFC	TBC
Saturday 30 Jan	15:00	RPL	NMFC	Dereham Town
Saturday 06 Feb	15:00	RPL	Wroxham	NMFC
Saturday 13 Feb	15:00	RPL	NMFC	Ely City
Saturday 20 Feb	15:00	RPL	Stanway Rovers	NMFC
Saturday 27 Feb	15:00	RPL	Haverhill Rovers	NMFC

## Man of the Match

### Awards

### December 2009

- » Haverhill—James Evans
- » Wisbech—Danny Thrower
- » Wroxham—Pip Boyland

