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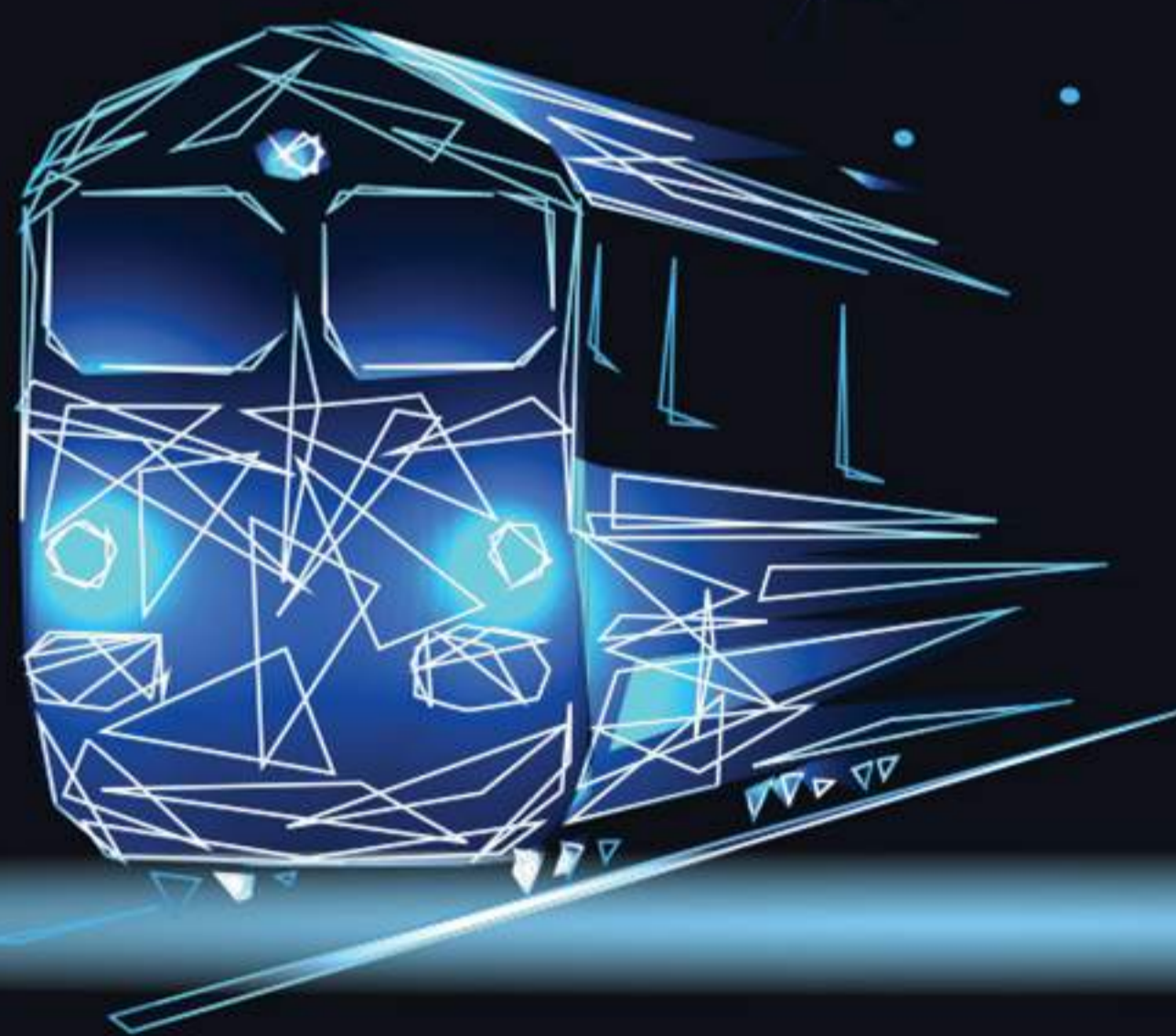
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JIMMY DEAN

First team manager Jimmy Dean writes his latest set of notes...



Good afternoon, and welcome back to the Attis Arena for this afternoon's game against Tamworth.

I extend my welcome to everyone associated with the Lambs. They've had a monumentally positive season so far, following their promotion to this division last season. They're on a tremendous run of form, and we will have to be at our very best to get anything this afternoon.

Our last couple of results have been disappointing, with the five points we've dropped seeing today's opposition take over at the top of the league, and then go eight points clear, with an additional midweek fixture that we don't play until next month. Today's game represents an opportunity to reduce that gap.

Against Boston United here last time out, we were disappointed to concede late on to drop two points. It's a game we should have been out of sight of in the first half, with a really strong, positive start, but the second half saw them come back into it and get a point in added time.

At Brackley Town last weekend, the performance was not acceptable, it's as simple as that. We are still in good form when you look over the last few weeks and months; we've won six, drawn two and lost one of the last nine games, and each time we've lost a game, the lads have always given us a response, and it's up to us all as a collective to ensure that happens again this afternoon. It will not be easy.

This afternoon, we are still without key players, who have done so much for us so far this

season. Danny Whitehall serves the final of his three-match suspension, and will definitely be a big miss, as will Jacob Butterfield who suffered concussion last time out here at the Attis Arena. We obviously know that Danny will be back in contention for Tuesday's trip to Darlington, but we hope Jacob will be too. Both being out today represents an opportunity for someone else to come in and stake a claim for a starting shirt. Danny Elliott has lead the line in the last couple of games, and got two goals against Boston in the process.

Despite freezing temperatures and frozen training pitches, we've still managed to get work into the players this week. A big thank you to John Leggott College who are allowing us to use their brand new 3G facility, which is outstanding, and it's really appreciated for us to have this partnership with them,

Today is another day where we need a big Attis Arena atmosphere. The ticket sales have been fantastic, and

Tamworth will be backed in numbers today too. We need to make home advantage count. The support we've had all season has carried us through countless times, and we will need that again. The players will need to be on it to get anything out of the game, and you as the supporters will also need to be on it to push the players through this battle.

We must take great strength from our home form, we are nine games without defeat, winning eight of those, and we set a new club record for winning eight in a row here. Playing at home has to remain a fortress.

Thank you as always for your support!

United we Stand!

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

A look at the news since the last time we met...

**SCUNTHORPE UNITED PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH KEVIN KEEGAN.
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Scunthorpe United is delighted to present an evening with Kevin Keegan, hosted by Marshall Approved Used on Friday, March 22nd.

The evening will give you a full insight into Kevin's career, from previous clubs, to representing England, and of course, including where it all began at the Old Show Ground.

With limited tickets available for just £30 general admission, and a very limited allocation for our VIP Meet and Greet packages at just £60, Marshall Approved Used, Scunthorpe on Normanby Road will host the event in their showroom, which will undergo a full makeover to welcome the former Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Newcastle United and England legend of football.

Starting at 7pm, the VIP Meet and Greet ticket holders will be invited down at an earlier time to get up close to the footballing legend, with photograph and autograph opportunities available.

Tickets are now available online via www.sufctickets.com, while they can also be purchased in-person at the Attis Arena Ticket Office.

For larger bookings for business, or to enquire about sponsorship of the evening, please email glyn.sparks@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

IRON HOSTING RACE NIGHT

The Iron are hosting a Race Night at the Attis Arena at the end of January, with tickets available for the event, which will be held in the Executive Lounge.

Organised by United supporters, as a fundraising event for the football club, the event starts at 7pm on the Friday evening, with all proceeds coming to the Iron.

It's £7.50 per ticket, which will include pie and peas donated by the Smoking Goat.

Tickets are on sale, available from the Iron Bar on a matchday, the ticket office during the week, along with supporters online.

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CLUB HONOURS

Best season: Division Two, Fourth - 1961-62

League One Champions: 2006-07

League One play-off winners: 2008-09

Division Three North champion: 1957-58

League Two runners-up: 2004-05, 2013-14

Promotion from Division Four: 1971-72, 1982-83

Division Three play-off winners: 1998-99

Lincolnshire Senior Cup winners: 1939, 1940, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1966, 1978, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2022

San An Cup winners: 2006

CLUB RECORDS

League win: 8-1 v Luton Town (Division Three - April 24, 1965), v Torquay United (Division Three - October 28, 1995)

League points: 91 - League One - 2006/07

League goals: 88 - Division Three North - 1957/58

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AN EVENING WITH...

KEVIN KEEGAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND - 7PM - GENERAL ADMISSION AND VIP MEET AND GREET



FOCUS ON... KIAN SCALES

We continue our interviews with the Iron squad this season by talking to midfield warhorse Kian Scales, who has made a big impression so far...



One of the early contenders for player of the season, right from the campaign's get-go has to be midfielder Kian Scales.

Largely an unknown quantity, Scales' arrival among a sea of new signings could have seen him labelled a squad player looking to make a career for himself following a loan spell at Farsley Celtic at this level, where the side only just staved off relegation on the final day. Leaving Bradford City, where he'd been for much of his youth was another big move for the 21-year-old, but he's taken to North Lincolnshire like a duck to water, and has a lot to thank his success to the work he did prior to pre-season even starting.

"To leave Bradford, it was tough. I'd been there since I was young, but when this opportunity came up, I knew how big of a club it was. I knew

how big of a club it was. I knew I wanted to come here. The gaffer put his goals for the season in front of me, and it's something I wanted to be part of. It was an no-brainer.

"In the off-season, I worked hard. I knew it was going to be a big season for me personally because I knew I had to make impressions. It's a new club. I came in as fit as possible, and that was probably one of the reasons I got 90 minutes in the first pre-season game. I took my chance from there."

"I knew it was going to be a big season for me personally, because I knew I had to make impressions...I got 90 minutes in the first pre-season game. I took my chance from there..."

Kian Scales

Having played a defensive role at his previous club, it was an arrival of unknown for Scales, as he looked to forge his career away from the Bantams.

"I didn't really know how it would go. I'd played the majority of last season at Farsley as a right-back or right-wing-back, so I didn't know what role I was brought in as. Midfield is what I would say is my strongest position. I just thought if I had a good off-season and hit the ground running, I could get people

talking about me and playing me in the positions I wanted to play. I always want to do my best.

“Since I’ve come here, I’ve really enjoyed it. The gaffer has given me a lot of minutes, and I’ve loved playing in front of the crowd. I think, as a team, and individually, we’ve done well. We’re close, but not exactly where we want to be, especially with the recent fixtures. We’re in touching distance, but we can definitely get there. We’re all looking forward to this game.”

As previously mentioned, Scales’ involvement in the team has often seen him labelled as the unsung hero, or doing the dirty work, while the attackers and defenders regularly take the plaudits for the moments of brilliance. While he wants to add more goals to his name than just the one he got against South Shields (pictured), he’s also content with the workmanlike job he is executing week-on-week.

“It’s a team game, and we all have to do our jobs. I know what my job is, and it’s similar to Clunes (Michael Clunan). We win the ball back, and try to play forward, and glue the full team together from the middle of the park. Whether that makes me unsung, I don’t know, that’s for the fans to decide. There’s the likes of Butts (Jacob Butterfield) who has scored five or six worldies, and everyone sees that. He’s been unreal this season, and big goals too in games we’ve needed it. It’s something I would like to add to my game, but I enjoy doing what I do; rattling around, making tackles and getting stuck in.

“As a midfielder, some might say it’s better to get an assist, but I’d rather score! It’s a big thing to make a goal happen though. It’s part of the job, and that’s what being a midfielder is all about.”

The buffers did threaten to thwart his impressive start to the campaign when he found himself with a red card inside the opening minutes of the away clash at Alfreton, but his tenacious work



continued, with the midfielder swiftly finding himself back in the team following his three-game ban.

“It’s one of the things I thought about straight away when I did get sent off. I thought it might take me a while to get back in the team. We were flying and doing well, so rightly so. I let myself down with getting sent off and if the team was doing well, it would be kept the same moving forward. To get back in straight away gave me confidence, and it probably took me a couple of weeks to get back up to speed. I tried everything to stay up with it, but deep down you know it’ll take one or two games to get back exactly

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Kian Scales

where you want to be.”

Fresh in the mind is Scales' return to former club Farsley Celtic over the course of the Christmas period, where the Iron picked up maximum points at the Attis Arena, and then at the Citadel in front of a record crowd.

“It's a good club, and I'm thankful for what they did for me. It's led to me coming here. I really enjoyed the Christmas fixtures, playing them and seeing old faces. We picked up two wins, which were massive. We always thought the away game would be tough.

The fans packed it out and it was class. It was scrappy, but we came away with three points.”

His role in this Iron team is vastly different to the one he was asked to do last season while with the Celts, but so is the ambition, with his former club looking to stay in this division rather than being promoted from it.

“Obviously I enjoy playing football, that's all I want to do. I would never mind what position I play, but I do feel you get more out of me in certain positions than others. Even the team, last year, we were struggling and near the bottom. With the budget we had there and everything going on behind the scenes, we did unbelievable to stay up on the final day. This season, it's the complete opposite. We want to be at the very top, and that's just how it is with different ambitions.”

The Iron's ambitions for this weekend is simple; beat the league leaders. Following a couple of disappointing games, Scales says it's the perfect fixture.

“It's been tough, especially with the Boston one. We thought we could have seen it out, and it would have been a massive 2-1 win. They were a good

side, and they did cause us problems. It was in the last minute that we conceded, and it did hit heavy. We try our hardest to keep them out, but it wasn't meant to be. Following that up with Brackley, and results going against us, it has been a tough week, but that's football. There's ups and downs, and there'll be plenty more before the end of the season. What a time to put it right on Saturday. How many times has it changed already this season? Fair play to Tamworth, people thought they might fall off it. We've always had the view if we keep doing what we're doing, we'll get where we want to be and that's still the case. If we do play our best stuff, there's plenty more twists and turns, and we will get to where we want to be.

“It's an individual game. It's a big game, but that's why we're involved in football. We want to be part of those big games. First versus second, it's massive. It doesn't decide the full season, but if we could get the win, it would put away the bad week we've had, and put us back on a bad run.

“Playing at home, everyone has loved it. We've picked up some really good results, scored a lot of goals, and we haven't conceded many at all. It's been really good. We enjoy playing at home, and the results show from it.

Sometimes, we've had to dig in.

We've got the crowd there, and it helps massively. We had a week where we had two 1-0s in a row, where we weren't particularly good, but to get six points from them was great, and hopefully we'll see the benefit of them come the end of the season.



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CLUB NEWS

Continued from page four, a look at more club news since the last time we were here at Glanford Park on Boxing Day...

ATTIS INSURANCE BROKERS TAKE STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS

Scunthorpe United is delighted to announce a brand-new stadium naming rights deal for the club's home at Glanford Park.

Having secured the club's future at our home since 1988, Joe Henderson at Attis Insurance Brokers has backed the club with significant funds, which are vital for the sustainability of the football club.

Attis signage will be introduced at the stadium over the coming weeks, while the venue will now be referred to as the Attis Arena with immediate effect.

As one of the matchday sponsors against Boston United, the Iron unveiled the group to the crowd ahead of kick-off of the Lincolnshire derby, with further press releases and videos to be released in the weeks to come, as the stadium undergoes a mini makeover to signify their sponsorship, and contribution to the future of the football club.

IRON FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH GROUP OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

Scunthorpe United is delighted to unveil a seat wrap in the overspill section of the Mortz Stand, welcoming a brand new partnership with a quartet of local businesses.

The Black Horse Inn, Blyton, Abey Air Conditioning Limited, Abey Engineering Solutions and Mitsubishi Electric are all part of the new wrap which has been installed across 364 seats in the stand, which once again provides vital sponsorship revenue for the sustainability of the football club.

Mike Abey (right), pictured with Glyn Sparks (left), Head of Partnerships, said: "Chris, Mark and I are delighted to be forging a commercial partnership with the Iron, and supporting them in the challenges that they've been undertaking over the last few months.

"As local businesses, we recognise just how significant the football club is to the local community, and how businesses can thrive off supporting Scunthorpe United. We are no different, and wanted to do our bit to get behind the club."

Glyn added: "A big thank you to all four businesses for being part of our new seat wrap. Each of them have added to the levels of support we have received as a football club over the last few months, with a number of people contacting me since I returned to the Iron recently.

"We have a number of different options and opportunities for individuals and businesses to get behind us, and we'd be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to forge a commercial partnership with us."

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IRON WIN LOOK SPORTS MEDIA NON-LEAGUE CLUB OF THE YEAR

Scunthorpe United is delighted to have been awarded the Look Sports Media non-league club of the year accolade.

Look Sports Media aims to provide readers and listeners with the latest sporting news from around the world. The website was established in October 2023, after the established podcast team of The Lower League Look (established 2021) joined forces with trusted accredited journalist Ryan Whelan and global marketing expert Hannah Brown.

The podcast team have been producing content since 2021 and have interviewed high profiles names such as Harry McKirdy, David Artell and more as well as producing regular weekly podcasts. The team is rapidly expanding encompassing a range of views and backgrounds.



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STUDY UNITED

Steve Parsons rounds-up the latest news from the Study Support Centre at the stadium...



Good afternoon and welcome to Glanford Park for this Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Lambs.

We hope that it will be an entertaining game and that the Iron are celebrating a victory come the final whistle.

Family Football Funday

As part of the Study United Multiply programme, on Saturday, January 27th we will be holding a Family Football Funday here at our study centre at Glanford Park. There'll be lots of fun activities for you and your children, many with a maths theme. The event is open to all parents, carers and their children. If you don't have a Level Two qualification in maths and would like to improve your confidence when helping your children with their own school work, then we can help. We'll be using our Sphero robots along with a range of football craft games and activities. We'll also have some exciting activities outside with firefighters from North Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service with their Fire FitKidz programme.

We'll be offering free refreshments and providing more information about Maths qualifications to suit you in the local area. Drop in between 10:30 and 12:30!



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Good luck to the team in their twenty second game of the season. Enjoy the game and as always...

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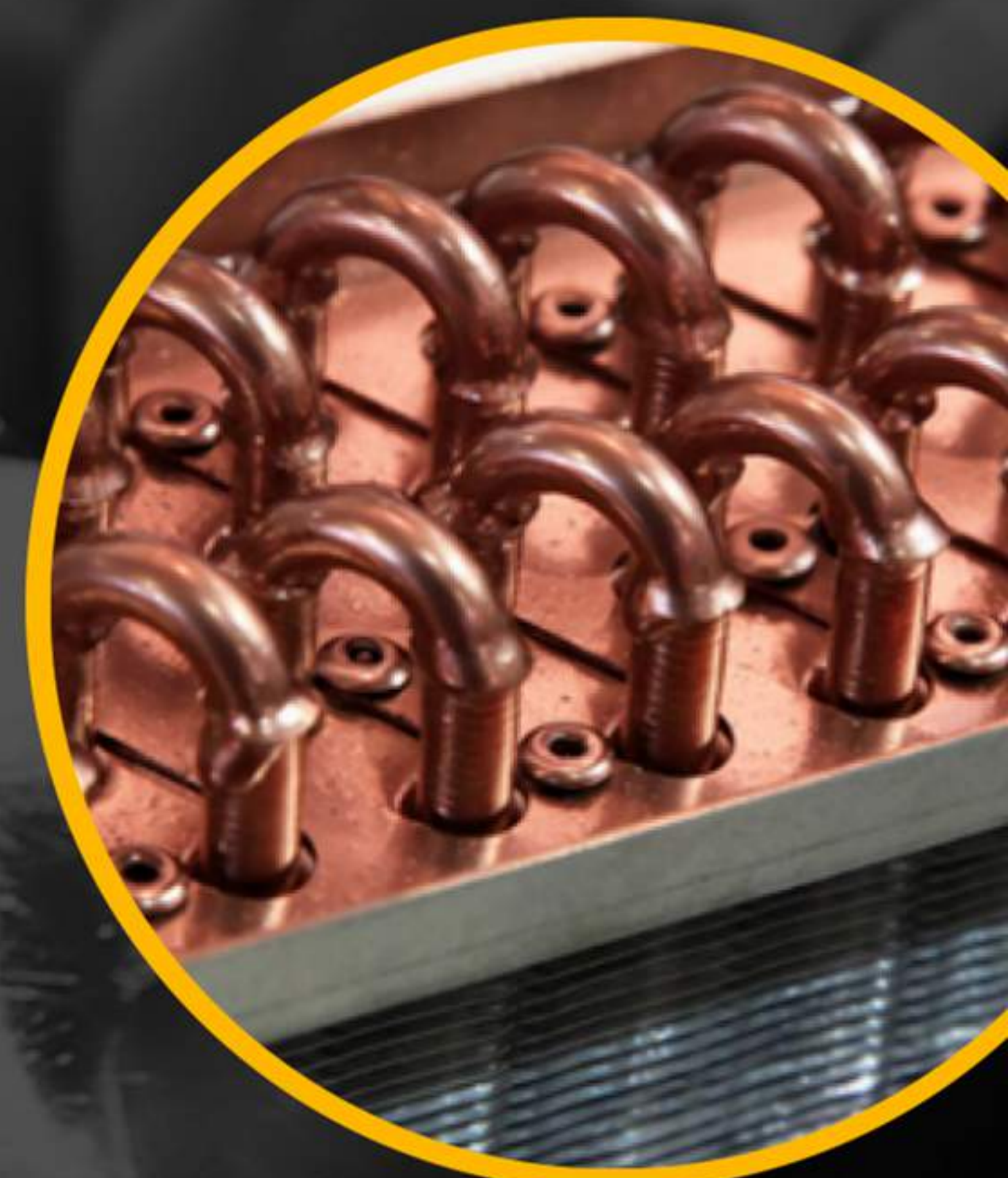
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

A commercial update ahead of today's game...

Good afternoon and welcome to the Attis Arena for a top of the table clash!

Supporters will always know our stadium as Glanford Park, wherever the naming rights go, but for Attis Insurance Brokers to put significant funds into the football club, and convert that to the Attis Arena is fantastic. The branding that is going up and replacing the wrap, following recladding, will look brilliant, and we are very thankful for their support.

Last time out, for the Lincolnshire derby, we welcomed Moelven UK Limited as match sponsors, Right Action as matchball sponsors, Love Maths Tutoring as captain sponsorship and Attis Insurance Brokers as our digital programme sponsor. Attis' sponsorship was in celebration of the naming rights deal, which was announced just prior to kick-off.

Today, our match sponsors are Keystone Architecture. They were formed in 2006, offering domestic services to clients wishing to build, extend and remodel private properties.

Since 2006, the companies experience in commercial and industrial sectors has grown, and now offers innovative architectural and technical solutions to domestic, commercial and industrial clients throughout Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and the rest of the Country.

For the second successive game, we welcome Right Action as matchball sponsors. They are experts in making fire and safety compliance easy for businesses of all sizes, allowing these businesses to concentrate on what they do best. Formed in 1986, Right Action has provided

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first-class fire and safety services to a range of businesses, from small to large, ever since.

We also welcome Bernard Griffin and the Irish Iron as captain sponsors, while Marjara Care Group are our digital programme sponsors. For any individual, supporter or business that wishes to get in touch with Glyn to discuss potential opportunities at the football club, including sponsorship availability, and more, please email glyn.sparks@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

Happy 19th birthday Ben Brennan.
* * *

Happy 40th birthday Carl Staniforth love from all your family.
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Happy 8th birthday Cerys Savage love from Dad, Neve and Freya.
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Happy 4th birthday Emily, love from Mummy, Daddy and all the family.
* * *

Happy birthday Julie, love from Dean, Barbara, Sarah, Emma, Carl, Laura, Jonny, Ruby, Thea and Reggie.

MASCOTS

Today we welcome five mascots to the Attis Arena!



Firstly, we welcome Harry (left), who is seven-years-old. He attends Kirton Lindsey Primary school. He enjoys football and gaming, and his favourite player, as pictured, is Jason Law. Secondly, we also welcome Charlie, who is 10. He attends Bottesford Junior School, enjoys playing

football for Park Tigers, listening to music (favourite band the Beatles) and playing the X-Box. His favourite player is Reagan Ogle. Our other three mascots are Jack, George and Milo Matic





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ONLINE SHOP

An update from the retail section of our club, as we look back at a busy festive period, and look ahead to 2024 as the shop goes from strength-to-strength...

The shop, both in-store and online continues to thrive, with thanks to the Merch Labs and De Bug Labs, who offer a prominent and effective service.

A number of our products were snapped up in-store over Christmas, but we do have a range available as part of our January sales, with offers exclusively to shopping online only. You can make a saving on mugs, runners, prints and more by visiting our website.

The Merch Labs have also moved in to the Attis Arena, with a member of staff on hand to answer your enquiries if needed. If we don't have your size in something, please ask, as invariably, a brand new t-shirt or hoodie can be produced for you and available to collect in the days that follow.

We have a number of new lines arriving in-store, with a whole range of hats currently available in a range of different colours and designs. Our claret fleeces, also available in navy, have proved to be a popular purchase, as has our baby range including "I dribble for the Iron" merchandise available in a bib and babygrow.

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Hitting the shelves soon are our baby on board signs, while we also have a restock of hoodies arriving imminently too.

We have two designs of pop sockets too as a new range, while we also have a new range of Kelme stock now in the building from gilets to footballs, backpacks to full zip jackets.

As we enter 2024, we continue to

work with partners to bring more and more stock into the shop. We will be looking at our summer range too, which includes bucket hats, towels and more.

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Good luck to the Iron as they look for three points!



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MIDLAND LEAGUE DUTIES UPS AND DOWNS ROUNDS WITH ROTHERHAM AND TIGER CLUBBING

Historian John Staff continues his 100-year rewind, looking back at 1923-24

The cold winds of a North Lincolnshire winter were blowing across the Old Show Ground, in January 1924, where there were plenty of draughty places in those days.

During the 1920's, the Old Show Ground had stands along two sides of the length of the pitch. On the Henderson Avenue, west side, the new stand, which replaced the structure burned down by a devastating fire, only gave shelter to those in the three sections under its cover, and did not stretch the full length of that side. There was a wooden stand, dating back to 1912, on the east side, which gave seated cover, but either ends behind the goals were exposed to the elements, and frequently, a heavy rain coat and an umbrella were vital tools of football.

During the Christmas period of 1923, Scunthorpe United had had moderate success, with a double over Lincoln City Reserves, ruined by the loss of four points, thanks to Mexborough inflicting similar pain on them. The team had also found some solace in a victory at Oakwell, against a tough Barnsley Reserves, where away victories were as common as a Church of England Pope! Their last match, on January 12th, 1924, had been at Rotherham Town, and although the Town club was going through tough times, there could be no denying that the Natty Nuts had played up extremely courageously to take all points.

The match at Rotherham had seen a couple of the team changes, but this did not upset the cohesion of the team. Thanks to some splendid defensive work, and a super hat-trick from Raby, a 3-0 result boosted the Nuts in the Midland League table. To add a cherry to the top of the cake, it was the same struggling

Rotherham Town team that disembarked at the Old Show Ground, seven days later.

In the Board Room, the Directors had the difficult choice of sticking with the same team or making changes. Burkinshaw, their regular inside right was still unavailable, and the only change decided upon was to bring in Green into the forward line, from second team duty. Therefore, the team to represent the Club consisted of the following players: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury and Franklin, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Millson, halfbacks; Clark, Kitchen, Raby, Green, and Foster, forwards. Rotherham arrived with a number of alterations, particularly to the forward line.

The attendance at the Show Ground on kick-off time was only moderate, and because the Scunthorpe captain won the toss, they asked the visitors to face a bright but weak sun in the first period. In the early stages, it was



Raby was a scorer against Rotherham for the second time



William Bradbury, outstanding at Hull

Rotherham Town who caused the major threat, and had two chances to give the home defenders cause to chase down. However, on twenty minutes it was the Nuts who took the lead with a superbly worked team effort. Skull picked up the initial ball on the right, in his own half. He fed it to Clark on his wing, and a jink of the shoulder saw Clark beat his man, and offer the ball to Kitchen. Joe Kitchen looked up, progressed with the ball deep into opposition territory, then he crossed it for Raby to hit first time into the back of the net.

In the second half Rotherham tried hard to gain parity, and were putting up a far better show than at Clifton Lane, the previous week. The Scunthorpe defence held firm, and late in the day the lead was stretched beyond the visitor's grasp. It was Kitchen who did the spade work by hitting the post, but when the ball rebounded back into play, Raby made sure of the goal, although in truth Kitchen was in a position to convert, if not his colleague had not been alert. 2-0 was the final satisfactory result.

The next date for the Nuts on

RABY AGAIN BUSY.**SCORES TWO FOR NUTS AGAINST
ROTHERHAM.****KITCHEN'S GOOD WORK.**

The return match between Scunthorpe United and Rotherham Town took place on the Old Show Ground this afternoon. In view of the Town's lowly position there appeared to be every prospect of the United adding to their stock of points. The visitors made a number of changes, mostly in the forward line. The teams were:—

SCUNTHORPE UNITED.—Reynolds; Bradburn and Franklin; Skull, Ashmore

lin pulled up the visiting right wing smartly with an overhead kick. Wainwright had later to deal with a troublesome centre from Foster, but whilst he only made a partial clearance, relief was forthcoming when Kitchen was penalised for offside. An advance by the United in which the ball was passed from the right wing to the other extreme, saw Foster finish with a good centre, from which Raby went

Kitchen's place, and that was the only change from those on duty, in beating Rotherham.

At the start of the game, the terraces had a heathy attendance for this Midland League

keeper's body.

The second half continued with the Tiger Cubs having more of the ball, but the Nuts keeping them away from the danger zone. It was said that the visiting defence worked tirelessly throughout, with great credit. While the ball was generally being kept in the Scunthorpe half, Raby again seized it, and raced through, scoring another goal, similar to his first. This second strike made the Hull players lose heart, and from there on the initiative changed hands, and the Nuts had the more attacking mood. They tried hard to increase the lead, but at the end of play a 2-0 score still yielded the points.

The journey home on the Humber Ferry boat, over to New Holland was that much more of a comfort for the Scunthorpe supporters that had visited the port city for the game, also improving their position in the Midland League table.

The headlines of the Rotherham Town fixture

the 1924 calendar was on January 26th over on the far side of the River Humber, at the Anlaby Road ground at Hull, to face the Tiger Cubs of Hull City. Although Hargreaves had finished his suspension, a cold prevented his return to the defence, while a similar illness ruled Kitchen from his usual place. There was better news of goal scorer Burkinshaw, who took

match, with plenty of claret and blue favours in evidence. City won the toss, and it was soon apparent that a heavy pitch would be a factor in this match, with mud a contributing element to the proceedings. Play during the first half was fairly even. Despite some pressure, it was the Nuts that tamed the Tiger Cubs by taking the lead on thirty minutes. Raby was the architect and scorer. He picked up the ball in his own half, teased past a full-back, and hit a shot which bobbed under the City reserve

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OUR VISITORS TODAY

We take a look at this afternoon's opponents, first starting with their brief history of how they got to where they are today...



A BRIEF HISTORY

It is nearly nine decades since, in the summer of 1933, a football team in Tamworth was just a dream until the lovers of the beautiful game worked together to set up a new club in the town.

The demise of Tamworth Castle FC left the town with no senior level football club, but a campaign involving a town businessman and the local newspaper set the wheels in motion to form another club, and so Tamworth FC was born. The original ground on which the team played was next to the now demolished Jolly Sailor pub, and from 1934 onwards The Lamb became the club's new home, where they remain to this day.

The club played its early football in the Birmingham Combination, and the Birmingham League (now the West Midlands League) in the 1950s, but it wasn't until the 1960s that the club achieved notable success with two league championships and numerous victories in the League Cup, Birmingham Senior Cup and Staffordshire Senior Cup. The club also reached the First Round of the FA Cup on two occasions, and

on the second of those occasions they progressed to the Second Round by virtue of a 2-1 victory over Torquay United at The Lamb.

These were good times indeed for Tamworth FC, but it wasn't to last. Despite gaining entry to the Southern League in 1972, the club's fortunes went on a dramatic slide as the 1970s proved to be as cruel as the 1960s had been kind. Attendances fell to record low levels; The Lamb fell into disrepair and it became a major effort just to keep the club alive. In 1984, a consortium of local businessmen including the current Chairman Bob Andrews took the club over and set about restoring it to its former glory. Tamworth returned to the West Midlands League and gradually found their feet again, winning the Championship in 1988 and regaining their Southern League status after a four year hiatus.

The following season Tamworth progressed to even greater things reaching the final of the FA Vase, and, on 6th May 1989 in front of a Wembley crowd of 26,487 (the record attendance for the Vase final at the 'old' Wembley), they played out a 1-1 draw with Sudbury Town and won the replay

3-0 at Peterborough four days later to give the club, and the town, possibly its finest moment ever.

During the summer of 2016, Chairman Bob Andrews oversaw the multi-million pound replacement of The Lamb's 80+ year old grass pitch with a state of the art artificial 3G surface, one of only a handful of similar surfaces in the top two tiers of the non league pyramid at the time. It completely changed The Lamb from being a one team venue into a facility for the club's burgeoning youth and academy sides as well as bringing the community into a popular hub for local football.

After a shuffle of his pack in the summer of 2022 Peaks' squad made it a Southern League Premier Central campaign to remember with promotion to the National League North for 2023-24 cemented on the final day.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1933
NICKNAME: The Lambs
GROUND: The Lamb Ground
CAPACITY: 4,963 (518 seated)
CHAIRMAN: Bob Andrews

MANAGER: Andy Peaks
ASS. MANAGER: Neil Champelovier



INTRODUCING...

TAMWORTH



MANAGER

Andy Peaks

Andy joined Tamworth as first team manager in February 2022 on an 18-month contract, with the task to ensure the Lambs survival in the Southern League Premier Division. He turned his new clubs fortunes around with an unbeaten run of 14 games before the season ended he rebuilt his squad with the aim of a successful 2022-23 campaign. And the winning mentality continued, resulting in a final day championship victory to take the Lambs back into the National League North after a five-year hiatus.

GOALKEEPER

1. Jas Singh

Previously with Shrewsbury Town, Kidderminster Harriers, Solihull Moors, Gloucester City and AFC Telford United, well known and well-respected goalkeeper Singh was a long-term target for the Lambs and came to club during the summer of 2018 so is now in his fifth season between the posts. Singh was named as Player's Player of the 2021-22 season.

DEFENDERS

2. Matt Curley

Curley signed for the Lambs from Buxton in the summer of 2022 having previously also been with Chasetown, Sutton Coldfield Town, Rugby Town and Hednesford Town. It is actually his second spell with the club having first been with the club in the 2017-18 season.

3. Cameron Cockerill-Mollett

Joining in October 2021 having previously been on the books of Walsall. After progressing through the youth system at Bescot, Cockerill-Mollett signed a

ONE TO WATCH...

23. Dan Creaney

Age: 29

Nationality: English

Position: Forward

A consistent goal scorer, Creaney began his career with Atherstone Town and played for Bedworth United before moving to Coalville Town where he had loan spells with Basford United and Stratford Town.

During the 2018-19 season, he was at Stratford Town and joined the Lambs in June 2019 for an undisclosed fee, netting 16 goals before the season was curtailed.

He bagged 18 in the 2021-22 season and signed his first Lambs contract in the summer of 2022 and smashed 40 home helping the Lambs to promotion and re-signed for 2023-24 campaign.

The 29-year-old, born in Nuneaton, became one of Tamworth's most valued players adding a number of goals for the side throughout the last few seasons, only signing a contract for the first time in 2022.

professional contract in the summer of 2016 and a successful Development Squad season was rewarded with call ups to the Republic of Ireland U18 side in 2017.

5. Brad Gascoigne

Gascoigne Joined The Lambs in the summer of 2023-24 having been with Kettering Town previously in 2022-23. Brad had been on the books at Tamworth in 2014, but was unable to feature due to injury and so moved to Hereford. He had come through the junior ranks at Birmingham City before moving to a number of clubs.

18. Jordan Cullinane-Liburd

An strong aerial threat, Cullinane-Liburd re-signed for his hometown club in the summer of 2023 having featured a number of times in 2020-21 before lockdown halted football at the Lambs level, and he joined higher league Brackley Town where he enjoyed successful campaigns.

19. Liam Dolman

Defender Dolman started his youth career with home-town club Northampton Town in 1999 and signed for the Cobblers in 2005. In 2009 he moved to Kidderminster Harriers and after spending time on loan with Corby Town joined the Steelmen in 2010-11. The following season Liam was with Banbury United, then spent two seasons at Daventry Town before spending 8 seasons with Andy Peaks at Rushden and Diamonds, travelling to the Lamb with the new Tamworth boss in the summer of 2022.

MIDFIELDERS

6. Callum Reilly

Reilly started his footballing career at Birmingham City as a youngster and joined their scholarship programme at aged seven. He was given a first team squad number in January 2012 and made a 60 of appearances for the Blues. Played

for a number of teams in the EFL pyramid

7. Kyle Finn

Finn returned to the Lamb for his second spell in the summer of 2022 having spent time on loan with us while at Coventry City at the start of 2018-19. He moved to Hereford and then Halesowen Town, where he scored 16 times.

16. Ben Acquaye

Acquaye is an attacking midfielder who signed from Banbury United in August 2023. He came through the Buckingham Athletic youth side, progressing to the South Midlands League side, scoring 24 goals. In February 2018 he joined Southern League Kempston Rovers, and moved to Southern League Premier Central AFC Rushden & Diamonds in December 2018, making 35 appearances and scoring six goals. He was with National League North side Kettering Town in 2020-21 and joined Banbury after two seasons.

FORWARDS

8. Ben Milnes

Milnes signed for The Lambs in the summer of 2022. He started his

career at Leicester City before moving on to Boston United, Corby Town and Kettering Town, where he was part of the their Championship winning side, before moving to Buxton at the start of the 2021-22 season.

9. Alex Jones

Striker Jones signed in early November 2021 having plied most of his trade in the EFL. A local lad, he started his career at West Bromwich Albion's academy the signed a professional contract in 2014. Birmingham City then snapped him up and he spent spells on loan with Grimsby Town (National League) and League One side Port Vale.

10. Ty Deacon

Deacon was formerly with Aylesbury United and has also played for Buckingham Athletic, Leighton Town, Kempston Rovers and Aylesbury FC. He signed for AFC Rushden and Diamonds in November 2021 and followed new Tamworth manager Andy Peaks to the Lamb in the summer of 2022.

TAMWORTH'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD19 - Tamworth 1-0 Brackley Town
 MD20 - Tamworth 3-1 King's Lynn Town
 MD21 - Chester 2-0 Tamworth
 MD22 - Tamworth 4-0 Southport
 MD23 - Peterborough Sports 1-4 Tamworth
 MD24 - Tamworth 2-1 Rushall Olympic
 MD25 - Rushall Olympic 1-2 Tamworth
 MD26 - Tamworth 2-0 Buxton
 MD27 - Warrington Town 0-3 Tamworth
 MD28 - Darlington 0-1 Tamworth

The league leaders arrive at the Attis Arena bang in form with nine wins from their last 10 games - a run that has seen them surge to the summit and go eight points clear.

Only Chester have defeated the Lambs during that spell, while they've been convincing in their victories, often coming from a goal behind to win, including their back-to-back festive 2-1 wins over Rushall Olympic.

The side were very convincing in their 3-0 away win at Warrington Town a couple of midweeks ago, and scraped past struggling Darlington last time out, often finding a way to win each week. The meeting of the top two represents the start of a tough run for the Lambs, as they face the current top 10 in the next 12 games.

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SUPPORTERS' GROUPS

We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

Welcome to the Attis Arena and the top game in the National League North today which pits top against second, as we welcome Tamworth from Staffordshire.

It was great to see former Iron Chairman and club owner Steve Wharton at the Boston United home game. Steve dropped off some merchandise from son Will, including coasters, mugs and t-shirts.

The Trust elections are in process with six candidates vying for the four places up for grabs. Matt Ellis, Bryn Gosling, John Needham, Mark Stockdale, Chris Skinner and Neil Wright are the names in the ballot. Members have until the Friday before the Iron Trust AGM to place their votes. The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Berkeley Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, February 7th with a 7pm kick-off. Michelle Harness has kindly agreed to join the meeting after the business section (at around 7.45pm) and she will discuss her vision for the club, the financial challenges faced, and will take questions. You must be a Trust member to attend the event: it's only a tenner for life to join. Membership currently stands at 898 and is rising virtually daily.

Once we have achieved the magic 1,000, a draw will be held offering one member plus guest the opportunity to attend a first team game including a hospitality package and £50 in cash (to cover their bar bill maybe?).

The Iron Trust will donate money from new membership fees directly to the club in lieu of future shares to further enhance the supporter's stake and ownership in our club which currently stands at £9,000.

Irish Iron, aka Bernard Griffin and co are over for today's game. Bernard won the big £500 grand prize Christmas hat-trick draw back in December. Shares are £1 each, and the minimum monthly subscription is £5. We have 10 monthly draws for £75, £25 and £10, with the May and December draws being a single prize of £500. Monies raised will also contribute to that all important supporters share stake in the Iron.

The hat-trick draw is a registered lottery with North Lincolnshire Council with any increase in monthly subscriptions allowing the prize pots to be adjusted accordingly. Another great way to help the new Board stabilise the finances ready to build for the future.

Up the mighty Iron!



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The Irish Iron supporter's club has a number of items available for sale with clearance prices, now available in our club shop.

The memorabilia is from memberships of seasons gone by, with shot glasses, scarves, badges, magnets and more available to acquire at discounted prices.

As always, every penny raised by Irish Iron as proceeds is returned to the football club as sponsorship, including player kit sponsorship, with the kit then raffled off to one of the members in the given season.

Head to the Iron's club shop to see the full range, with clothing available, along with limited edition items of which there are only a handful of quantities left. A number have the unity crest badge, which is desirable among a number of supporters.

Membership for the 2023-24 season is also available at £10 per person, plus postage and packing, if required. Members will receive an enamel badge, phone popper, membership card, plus entry into the raffles.

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MATCH REVIEW

Jason Law, 52'
Danny Whitehall, 62'

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ATTENDANCE: 4,468 (58 away)



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- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 8 Beestin
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 26 Law
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
- 4 Kouogun
- 9 Elliott
(for Whitehall, 68)
- 11 Wilson
(for Beestin, 79)
- 22 Shrimpton
(for Butterfield, 79)

FARSLEY

- 1 Leban
- 2 Wadsworth
- 3 Smith
- 4 Watson
- 5 Misambo
- 6 Assenso
- 7 Silva
- 8 Branson
- 9 Donaldson
- 10 B. Atkinson
- 11 Allan

SUBSTITUTES

- 12 Coulson
(for Silva, 57)
- 14 C. Atkinson
(for Branson, 85)
- 15 Youmbi
(for Donaldson, 57)
- 16 Leverett
- 17 Carroll



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MATCH REVIEW

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Will Evans, 19'
Fin Shrimpton, 84'

ATTENDANCE: 2,333 (1,800 away)



FARSLEY

- 1 Leban
- 2 Assenso ■
- 3 Wadsworth
- 4 Evans
- 5 Misambo
- 6 Allan
- 7 Carroll
- 8 C. Atkinson ■ ■
- 9 Coulson
- 10 Branson ■
- 11 Youmbi

SUBSTITUTES

- 12 Smith
(for Wadsworth, 85)
- 14 Donaldson
(for Youmbi, 71)
- 15 B. Atkinson
(for Branson, 85)
- 16 Leverett
- 17 Silva

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan ■
- 8 Beestin
- 9 Elliott
- 10 Roberts
- 20 Scales
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall ■

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
(for Elliott, 89)
- 4 Kouogun
- 19 Butterfield
- 21 Smith
(for Roberts, 76)
- 22 Shrimpton ■
(for Butterfield, 65)

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DATE	KO / RES	OPPOSITION	POS	REFEREE	ATT	IRON SCORERS	STARTING
AUGUST							
Sat 5	W2-1	Tamworth	8	Matthew McQuillan	2063 (750 away)	Curley (og - 45+5'), Whitehall (71')	Fitzsimons
Sat 12	D1-1	Peterborough Sports	8	Declan Brown	3380 (52 away)	Butterfield (50')	Fitzsimons
Tue 15	W4-0	Darlington	1	Richard Eley	3392 (339 away)	Whitehall (26', 41), Beestin (78'), Sembie-Ferris (90+3')	Fitzsimons
Sat 19	W3-0	Rushall Olympic	1	Lee Hible	937 (559 away)	Beestin (11'), Whitehall (85'), Denton (88')	Fitzsimons
Sat 26	L0-1	Curzon Ashton	2	Niall Smith	868 (635 away)		Fitzsimons
Mon 28	W4-1	Scarborough Athletic	1	Liam Corbett	4860 (640 away)	Shrimpton (18'), Wilson (31'), Elliott (pen, 60'), Mulhern (og, 71')	Fitzsimons
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 2	D2-2	Alfreton Town	2	Oliver Mackey	1324 (855 away)	Whitehall (31'), Elliott (41')	Fitzsimons
Tue 5	W3-1	South Shields	1	Jack Hall	3477 (166 away)	Scales (7'), Elliott (17'), Whitehall (pen, 85')	Fitzsimons
Sat 9	A-A	Buxton	2	James Bancroft	3661 (170 away)	Bennett (82')	Fitzsimons
Sat 16	D0-0	Brackley Town	FAC	Alex Sawden	1909 (26 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 19	L1-3	Brackley Town	FAC	Dean Skipper	471 (100 away)	Elliott (25')	Fitzsimons
Sat 23	D1-1	Chorley	4	George Laflin	1711 (403 away)	Elliott (44')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	L0-3	Buxton	4	Ben Robinson	3077 (78 away)		Fitzsimons
OCTOBER							
Sat 7	W1-0	Brackley Town	4	Oliver Mackey	5063 (46 away)	Butterfield (60')	Fitzsimons
Sat 21	L0-2	Chester	5	William Davis	2676 (363 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 24	W6-0	Spennymoor Town	3	Harry Jones	3135 (114 away)	Smith (5', 7'), Denton (40'), Law (54'), Butterfield (62'), Whitehall (81')	Fitzsimons
Sat 28	W6-1	Bishop's Stortford	2	Oliver Noonan	3610 (33 away)	Smith (8'), Ogle (30'), Evans (39'), Denton (64'), Whitehall (75', pen, 90+7')	Fitzsimons
Tue 31	D1-1	Boston United	3	Michael Robertson-Tant	2178 (570 away)	Smith (75')	Fitzsimons
NOVEMBER							
Tue 7	W2-0	Banbury United	3	Liam Corbett	913 (215 away)	Butterfield (7'), Smith (39')	Fitzsimons
Sat 11	W2-0	Gloucester City	1	Helen Conley	4195 (35 away)	Butterfield (18'), Whitehall (pen, 51')	Fitzsimons
Tue 14	L1-3	King's Lynn Town	3	Josh Crofts	1140 (223 away)	Boyce (15')	Fitzsimons
Sat 18	W2-0	Darlington	FAT	Nicholas Dunn	1977 (148 away)	Smith (8'), Butterfield (27')	Fitzsimons
Tue 21	W1-0	Southport	2	Luis Griffiths	3035 (72 away)	Kouogun (72')	Fitzsimons
Sat 25	W1-0	Warrington Town	2	Alex Sawden	3527 (160 away)	Roberts (53')	Fitzsimons
DECEMBER							
Sat 2	W5-1	Hereford	1	Isaac Searle	2870 (217 away)	Whitehall (12'), Kelly (17'), Butterfield (43, 45+3'), Roberts (88')	Fitzsimons
Fri 8	L0-2	Solihull Moors	FAT	Dean Watson	1899 (29 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 16	W3-0	Chorley	1	Dane McCarrick	3281 (101 away)	Whitehall (pen, 25', 63), Smith (52')	Fitzsimons
Sat 23	D0-0	Buxton	1	Shaun Taylor	1245 (529 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 26	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	Declan Brown	4468 (58 away)	Law (52'), Whitehall (62')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	George Warren	2333 (1800 away)	Evans (19'), Shrimpton (84')	Fitzsimons
JANUARY							
Sat 6	D2-2	Boston United	2	Thomas Wilson	4672 (563 away)	Elliott (pen, 10', 42')	Fitzsimons
Sat 13	L0-2	Brackley Town	2	Jonathan Maskrey	1008 (256 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 20	3.00	Tamworth					
Tue 23	7.45	Darlington					
Sat 27	3.00	Peterborough Sports					
FEBRUARY							
Sat 3	3.00	Rushall Olympic					
Tue 6	7.45	Blyth Spartans					
Sat 10	3.00	Curzon Ashton					
Sat 17	3.00	Scarborough Athletic					
Tue 20	7.45	South Shields					
Sat 24	3.00	Alfreton Town					
MARCH							
Sat 2	3.00	Chester					
Sat 9	3.00	Bishop's Stortford					
Tue 12	7.45	Spennymoor Town					
Sat 16	3.00	Banbury United					
Sat 23	3.00	Warrington Town					
Fri 29	3.00	King's Lynn Town					
APRIL							
Mon 1	3.00	Southport					
Sat 6	3.00	Hereford					
Sat 13	3.00	Blyth Spartans					
Sat 20	3.00	Gloucester City					

ON THIS DAY

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ON THIS DAY: JANUARY 20TH

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	12	2	5	5	11	22
<i>home only</i>	6	1	3	2	6	9

Former Iron striker Gareth Sheldon scored 34 goals in 90 appearances for Tamworth between 2007 and 2009. His 23 goals in 2008-09 helped them to win the NLN, finishing as second top goalscorer behind another former Iron striker Lee Novak.

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s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Elliott (Whitehall, 57'), Wilson (Shrimpton, 73'), Scales, Law (Butterfield, 57'), Denton.	Kelly, Boyce.
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s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Wilson (Kelly, 83'), Butterfield (Sembie-Ferris, 74'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 74').	Boyce, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan (Shrimpton, 27'), Beestin, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 67'), Butterfield (Kelly, 73'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Elliott.
s, Ogle, Kelly (Elliott, 57), Kouogun, Evans, Butterfield, Scales, Shrimpton (Pugh, 77'), Sembie-Ferris (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall.	Chapman, Boyce.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Boyce, 83'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton (Kelly, 68'), Whitehall (Sembie-Ferris, 68').	Chapman, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 61'), Butterfield (Kelly, 61'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 74').	Boyce, Sembie-Ferris.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott (Sembie-Ferris, 82'), Wilson (Smith, 66'), Butterfield (Kelly, 75'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Bennett.
s, Ogle (Sembie-Ferris, 80'), Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield, Smith (Jenkins, 58'), Shrimpton (Bennett, 63'), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Boyce.
s, Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 74'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton, Whitehall (Bennett, 78').	Chapman, Boyce, Sembie-Ferris, Barrows.
s, Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 75'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 45'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton.	Chapman, Smith, Barrows.
s, Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 52'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Barrows, 72'), Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 87').	Smith, Bennett.
s, Kelly, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 65'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins (Bennett, 73'), Denton (Pugh, 72'), Barrows, Whitehall.	Shrimpton, Butler.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Kelly, 88'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 84'), Scales, Jenkins, Denton.	Smith, Barrows.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott (Whitehall, 10'), Bennett (Wilson, 61'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins, Denton, Barrows (Law, 84').	Kelly, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 63'), Boyce, Clunan (Jenkins, 63'), Butterfield (Kelly, 67'), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Bennett.
s, Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 75'), Boyce, Butterfield (Kelly, 62'), Scales, Smith, Jenkins, Law (Wilson, 62'), Denton, Whitehall.	Bennett, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 70'), Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 77').	Kelly, Barrows.
s, Ogle (Barrows, 14'), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 71), Scales, Smith, Law (Roberts, 71), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Wilson.
s, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Wilson, 53'), Scales, Smith (Kelly, 74'), Law (Roberts, 71'), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Jenkins.
s, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales, (Jenkins, 73), Smith, Law (Roberts, 58), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 73).	Kelly, Kouogun.
s, Kelly (Denton, 45), Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Roberts (Wilson, 74), Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 58).	Chapman, Boyce, Shrimpton, Law.
s, Kouogun, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Shrimpton, 78), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Barrows (Roberts, 45), Whitehall (Elliott, 67).	Wilson, Jenkins.
s, Kouogun (Roberts, 45), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Elliott, 83), Scales, Smith (Shrimpton, 74), Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Jenkins.
s, Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield (Shrimpton, 73), Scales, Smith (Wilson, 85), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 55).	Boyce, Law.
s, Kelly (Law, 59), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales, Smith (Elliott, 59), Denton, Whitehall.	Campbell, Kouogun, Wilson, Shrimpton, Jenkins.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales (Kelly, 80), Smith (Law, 74), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 74).	Kouogun, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 80), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 80).	Kelly, Kouogun, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Wilson, 79), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 79), Scales, Law, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 68).	Kelly, Kouogun.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Shrimpton, 65), Elliott (Kelly, 89), Roberts (Smith, 76), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Butterfield.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Elliott, Roberts (Kelly, 89), Butterfield (Beestin, 59), Scales, Smith (Shrimpton, 64), Denton.	Kouogun, Wilson.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Shrimpton, 83), Elliott, Roberts, Scales, Law (Wilson, 61), Denton.	Kelly, Kouogun, Barrows.

STATS PRE-TAMWORTH

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- The Iron are currently unbeaten in nine league games at home, their best run since December 2015 - January 2017 (26 games).

- The Iron have scored six goals in the opening 10 minutes of their home games this season, extending to nine in the opening 20 minutes.

- Following Danny Elliott's penalty two weeks ago, the Iron have been awarded seven penalties this season, all at home, with six at the Britcon Stand end of the ground.

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LEAGUE TABLE

correct as January 19th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Tamworth	28	11	0	3	9	2	3	20	2	6	53	19	34	62
2	Scunthorpe United	27	11	2	1	5	4	4	16	6	5	55	23	32	54
3	Scarborough Athletic	28	11	2	1	4	1	9	15	3	10	41	34	7	48
4	Brackley Town	28	8	3	3	5	3	6	13	6	9	34	23	11	45
5	Chorley	25	7	2	2	5	5	4	12	7	6	44	28	16	43
6	Curzon Ashton	27	6	3	4	6	4	4	12	7	8	35	28	7	43
7	Hereford	27	9	1	3	4	3	7	13	4	10	33	36	-3	43
8	Alfreton Town	25	8	3	3	4	3	4	12	6	7	44	31	13	42
9	Chester	27	9	2	3	3	4	6	12	6	9	32	21	11	42
10	Boston United	28	8	3	3	3	5	6	11	8	9	34	31	3	41
11	South Shields	27	8	3	3	3	4	6	11	7	9	42	33	9	40
12	Blyth Spartans	27	6	4	3	4	4	6	10	8	9	44	39	5	38
13	Warrington Town	28	6	4	4	4	4	6	10	8	10	36	37	-1	38
14	Farsley Celtic	27	4	6	4	5	4	4	9	10	8	24	29	-5	37
15	Buxton	28	4	6	4	5	1	8	9	7	12	40	35	5	34
16	Peterborough Sports	25	5	2	5	5	2	6	10	4	11	32	38	-6	34
17	Rushall Olympic	28	5	3	6	4	3	7	9	6	13	38	43	-5	33
18	Spennymoor Town	26	4	3	6	5	2	6	9	5	12	39	45	-6	32
19	Southport	27	4	2	7	5	3	6	9	5	13	30	49	-19	32
20	Banbury United	26	2	4	6	6	2	6	8	6	12	24	41	-17	30
21	King's Lynn Town	28	3	5	6	3	4	7	6	9	13	32	45	-13	27
22	Gloucester City	27	5	3	6	0	4	9	5	7	15	27	41	-14	22
23	Darlington	27	1	7	6	4	0	9	5	7	15	19	51	-32	22
24	Bishop's Stortford	27	4	0	10	1	2	10	5	2	20	26	58	-32	17



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as January 19th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Paul Blackett	South Shields	16	6	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	11
2	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	16	7	Diego De Girolamo	Buxton	10
3	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	14	8	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	10
4	Kyle Finn	Tamworth	12	9	Justin Johnson	Chorley	10
5	Harry Green	Scarborough Athletic	11	10	Ken Charles	Banbury United	9

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ROLL CALL

Iron players' competitive appearances...

		LEAGUE ONLY			ALL COMPETITIONS	
		2023-24 IRON APPS	2023-24 IRON GOALS	2023-24 IRON MINS	IRON APPS	IRON GOALS
1	Ross FITZSIMONS	27 (0)	12	2430	31 (0)	13
2	Reagan OGLE	20 (0)	1	1724	58 (0)	1
3	Michael KELLY	4 (12)	1	498	8 (12)	1
4	Max KOUOGUN	12 (0)	1	997	15 (0)	1
5	Will EVANS	25 (0)	2	2187	29 (0)	2
6	Andrew BOYCE	17 (2)	1	1575	87 (10)	4
7	Michael CLUNAN	18 (0)	0	1530	20 (0)	0
8	Alfie BEESTIN	7 (1)	2	646	101 (30)	9
9	Danny ELLIOTT	11 (11)	6	1076	21 (19)	9
10	Callum ROBERTS	5 (5)	2	585	6 (5)	2
11	Cameron WILSON	10 (9)	1	976	37 (31)	7
13	Maison CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
19	Jacob BUTTERFIELD	24 (1)	7	1954	68 (3)	12
20	Kian SCALES	26 (0)	1	2229	28 (0)	1
22	Fin SHRIMPTON	5 (11)	2	664	25 (13)	2
26	Jason LAW	12 (3)	2	913	12 (4)	2
33	Tyler DENTON	27 (0)	3	2390	30 (1)	3
44	Ross BARROWS	5 (4)	0	535	6 (4)	0
49	Danny WHITEHALL	22 (3)	14	1852	25 (4)	14
	OWN GOALS		2			
Players out on loan						
	Marcus CARVER	0 (0)	0	0	9 (11)	0
14	Richie BENNETT	2 (1)	0	151	11 (3)	1
15	Tom PUGH	0 (4)	0	50	42 (26)	0
17	Harrison POULTER	0 (0)	0	0	0 (8)	0
18	Josh ROBERTSON	0 (0)	0	0	0 (2)	0
27	Dion SEMBIE-FERRIS	1 (4)	1	126	6 (8)	1
Players no longer at the club						
21	Connor SMITH	12 (4)	6	1093	14 (5)	7
23	Jack JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0

*Note that for goalkeepers in green, their clean sheet figures are denoted instead of goals.

^ Abandoned game v Buxton - stats not included as result expunged

IT'S AN IRON STAT!

The Iron's defeat at Brackley Town last weekend was the first time the side had conceded the opening goal in a league game since October (15 games).

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ON THE ROAD DARLINGTON



TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD -
7.45PM

The Iron are set to face lower table languishers Darlington for the third time this campaign under the lights of the Blackwell Meadows stadium.

The encounter against the Quakers will be the 94th game between the two sides, of which Scunthorpe have won 40 of the historic ties, with Darlo winning 31. In the two previous fixtures this season, the Iron have triumphed on both occasions firstly winning 4-0 in mid-August in the league, and then proving victorious again by winning 2-0 in the Isuzu FA Trophy second round.

THE STADIUM

With a capacity of 3,281 (of which 588 are seated), Darlington are renowned for their passionate fanbase that has seen their club's unfortunate demise not too dissimilar to Scunthorpe.

Following their formation in 1833, the Quakers played their football at Feethams; this was until plans were formed for the

team to move into the 25,00-seater Darlington Arena, but unfortunate circumstances led to the club being forced into administration and hence moved into the new Blackwell Meadows ahead of the 2012-13 season.

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> Continue on Bridge Rd/A66 before finding the stadium on your second right.

CAR PARKING

There is some parking available at the ground which costs £5 per car. Continue past the stadium entrance towards Darlington, then turn right at the next mini roundabout and there is street parking available alongside the park. It is then around a 10-minute walk to Blackwell Meadows.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL

Darlington Railway Station is located one-and-a-half miles away from Blackwell Meadows. There is a possibility to either take a taxi from the station, or embark on the 30 minute walk to the ground. As you come out of the main railway entrance, you will see Hogans Bar on one corner. Keeping the bar on your left and proceed straight along Victoria Road. Go straight across at the next roundabout continuing along Victoria Road. At the next larger roundabout take the first exit by Sainsburys onto the A167 (Grange Road) towards Northallerton. Follow this road for around one mile. After passing a park on your left you will reach the ground entrance further down on the same side.

FACILITIES

For fans there is a clubhouse at the ground itself which is opened to supporters of both clubs. There is a lack of other pubs near to Blackwell Meadows. In fact the nearest bars and pubs are located one mile away in Darlington town centre, which is around a twenty minute walk away. Some of the picks of these are some of those that are listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide, such as the Number Twenty 2.



COMING SOON

A look at the Iron's next home game...

RUSHALL OLYMPIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2024 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron return to the Attis Arena for their first encounter of February 2024, as Scunthorpe are set to face National League North lower table languishers Rushall Olympic.

The reverse fixture between the Iron and the Pics took place in late August where United came out on top with an impressive 3-0 win, which was sealed courtesy of a stunning Tyler Denton volley in the game's latter stages.

Despite Liam McDonald's sides league position, they've been no stranger to picking up a number of valuable points on the biggest stage. Notable results include victories against Chester and South Shields over the Christmas period either side of back-to-back encounters with promotion hopefuls Tamworth which ended in narrow 2-1 defeats on both occasions.

Amongst the Rushall ranks is former Scunthorpe midfielder Sam Mantom who joined the club for his second stint in Amber ahead of the 2022-23 campaign in which the Pics gained promotion from the Southern League central Division. Mantom made 34 appearances in claret and blue across a two-year period, scoring two goals, before departing for Southend in 2018.

Last week, they emerged victorious in a seven-goal thriller, jumping ahead of their opposition Spennymoor Town to 17th in the process, winning 4-3. Danny Waldron, the league's top goalscorer, notched another two to add to his growing collection, with the Pics now on 33 points from their 28 games.

TICKET NEWS

PAY ON THE DAY: Supporters can pay on the day by purchasing online, by visiting the ticket office with payment by card or by contactless (in the Vertical Stand) or matchday ticket booth (in the corner between the Britcon and Mortz Stands).

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NEXT UP ON THE ROAD
DARLINGTON TUE 23 JAN KO 7.45

NEXT UP AT HOME
RUSHALL OLYMPIC SAT 03 FEB KO 3.00

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