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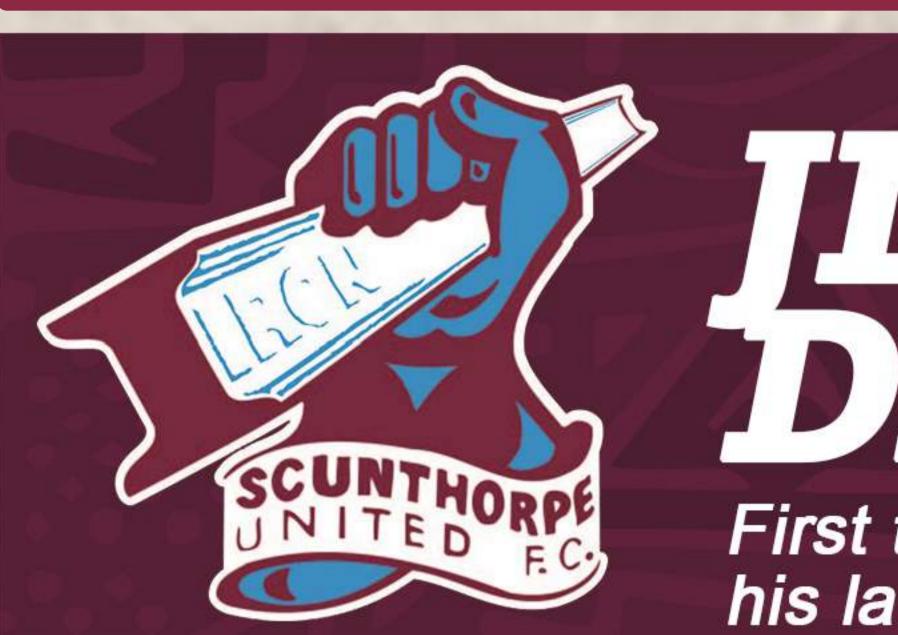












First team manager Jimmy Dean writes his latest set of notes...



Good afternoon and welcome back to Glanford Park for this **Boxing Day encounter over** Farsley Celtic, as we prepare to face the side twice in a four-day period.

I'd first like to start by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. I hope everyone had a fantastic day yesterday. With four children myself, I know how important it is that we get these days together, and it's also important for the lads with families to have the same, as it can only do positive things for morale leading into today's game.

While Christmas is a family time, Boxing Day continues that trend as a football family day, and it was great to learn that the club has put on a family ticket offer for this afternoon. I hope to see another fantastic crowd, which we will need, to gear us up and motivate us to get another win here.

Last time out at Glanford Park, we sent out another statement to the league with a 3-0 win over Chorley - a team that were unbeaten in eight, and sitting in fourth going into the game. It was another positive performance, and we scored some really good goals as well.

At the weekend, we went to Buxton and got a point. When we do not win, we must not lose, and it was great to take another clean sheet. The back four and Ross in goal stood strong once again. It wasn't our day at the other end of the pitch, but we thoroughly dominated the game, and put on a good performance. On another day, we take one, ro more of those chances, and go on to win comfortably. Buxton aren't an easy team to play against and they showed that in

the reverse fixtures we had at Glanford Park. They're the only team to beat us in the league there, so we reflect on it as a good point.

The point also keeps us top currently, and we are now half way through the season. What the players have done to get to this stage has been brilliant, fighting through the early-season adversity to still be in this position. This is where we must now kick on, continue our hard work, and really put a marker down. We have some tough fixtures coming up, including this double header.

With two games against Farsley Celtic in the space of four days, these two games give us the opportunity to end a turbulent, testing, but ultimately rewarding 2023 in style, and set us up for 2024 in the best possible way. The year will be remembered for many reasons, good and bad, but we must always remember the significance of it, and how this great football club was saved for this generation and generations to come. As we

search for promotion. It is our sole focus.

I would like to finish by wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Keep getting behind us like you always do! Your support will be vital as we move into the second half of the season, and we hope that come another 23 games played, we will be in the exact same position we are now, and have cause to celebrate what we've achieved.

Going into the season, I asked you to judge us at Christmas, and we have got ourselves into a great position. We know we will have to be at our very best to finish the job, but we will work hard every day to make you all proud.

United we Stand!

Up the Iron!





CIIB NEWS

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

BUMPER HALF-TIME DRAW FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME

The Iron is delighted to be holding a bumper half-time draw, sponsored by Systemise Fulfilment, for this afternoon's game.

There will be a guaranteed cash prize of £500 irrespective of the ticket sales, with sellers geared up with extra books to combat a busy pre-match. With over 15,000 tickets sold so far this season in the games we've had at Glanford Park, the half-time draw represents another fantastic way to support the club, with 50% of the takings given out in prizes, up to a maximum of £500.

Virtually each game, we've hit the maximum payout of £250 first prize, £165 second prize and £85 third prize, but for our Boxing Day special, we are going one better and offering a guaranteed first prize of £500.

To be in with a chance of winning, see a seller around the ground, with tickets costing £1 each.

RON TO FACE CLEETHORPES TOWN IN SEMI-FINAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SENIOR CUP

Scunthorpe United will face Cleethorpes Town in the semi-final of the Lincolnshire Senior Cup.

The Iron saw off Gainsborough Trinity, beating the Holy Blues 7-2 at the KAL Group Stadium, while Cleethorpes Town saw off Winterton Rangers 2-1 at the start of October to get to this stage of the competition.

As soon as a date and the fixture details have been confirmed, we will announce.

SALLY BOOTHBY TAKES FIRST PRIZE IN IRON SUPER DRAW



Iron supporter Sally Boothby became our first-ever winner of the top prize in the Iron Super Draw when the first month concluded last week.

With six prizes on offer, including a top prize of £250 cash, the first draw took place at 7pm yesterday evening.

- S. Boothby - £250

- P. Smurthwaite - 2 x Hospitality spaces (worth £120)

- D. Raggett - 4 x Tickets for home league game

- B. Sadowyj - 2 x Directors Box tickets for home league game

- M. Baker - 2 x seats on official team coach for an away league game

- K. Grimbleby - £30 voucher for the Smoking Goat

By getting behind the club and entering the draw, you can also be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes, including money can't buy experiences.

Every month one lucky United fan will pick up the cash jackpot, and we'll have a number of runners-up prizes up for grabs as well, which may vary from month-to-month!

Proceeds from the Iron Super Draw will go directly towards helping your club.

The draw will take place at 7pm on the 14th of each month. Each entry costs £10.00.

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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,

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CLUR 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

Shareholders with over 10% of the issued shares: Michelle Harness - 90.12%

The Club is a member of the Vanarama National League and is therefore subject to the League's rules and regulations.



IJE I TITTITA

Christmas notes from CEO Lee Turnbull as he reflects on a turbulent year...



Merry Christmas Iron fans!

Thank you, and what a fanbase we have!

Your passionate support and amazing backing sees us top of the league. Jimmy and his staff deserve enormous credit during what has been a turbulent and challenging last 12 months.

Jimmy, the coaching staff, and the players have bonded, grown and delivered on the pitch, a true representation of our club. A club that has battled through takeovers, financial difficulties, and a real threat to our existence.

Michelle and the Board, along with loyal and dedicated club staff will continue to fight for our club every hour of every day.

Battles have been won, tears and sweat has been shed, and a real spirit and togetherness forged, with a steely determination to never let our club slip away!

The club now has a clear vision, a strategic plan, and a unified approach from the top down to take our club forward, no egos and no one-person ideologies, without substance.

An Iron fist, Iron heart, and claret and blue blood! Trust me, we will get it right. Experience in the key areas, and planning is essential to succeed. We need energy, enthusiasm, and ultimately, your help.

The road is long and winding. Businesses, tradespeople, volunteer; please step up and support your club. We need everyone to pull together to make this club sustainable

and successful.

A very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year to all of you. We thank you all for your continued support and what you have done to get behind your team when it needed it most.

On and off the pitch, we will celebrate together and look forward to seeing in the New

Year with a renewed sense of pride, and optimism, as one, and always United.

United we Stand!

Up the Iron!

Lee





REVIEW OF THE HALF-SEASON...

We look back at an eventful, action-packed, and ultimately successful first six months of the season...

Following relegation from the National League, it was a summer of early business from Jimmy Dean, with a number of new recruits joining the club.

From a new club skipper in Michael Clunan, through to a number of players with pedigree from the division above, the side looked poised for a successful upcoming campaign. Pre-season started slowly, with a 2-2 draw at Brigg Town CIC in front of 2,000 people before a 1-0 defeat at newly promoted Winterton Rangers. From there, the side would begin to gel, brushing aside Ilkeston Town and Gainsborough Trinity before taking to the field at Glanford Park for three games in a week against EFL opposition. Draws against Doncaster Rovers and Hull City would be backed up with a 2-1 win over Burton Albion, as the side geared up to face Tamworth a week later.

Having been promoted,
Tamworth proved to be a tough
test on the opening day, and in
truth, reflecting on the game, a
2-1 victory was perhaps not
deserved. It was three points
that now look pivotal and
hard-fought, considering their
massively successful campaign
to date.

United would return to Glanford Park for a double header to commence their home season, first welcoming Jimmy Dean's former club Peterborough Sports. It was a 1-1 draw on the day, but continued the points tally increasing at the early stage. The first night under the lights three days later truly showed what the squad could be capable of. Darlington arrived and departed with their tails between their legs following a

4-0 scoreline in a performance to be proud of from beginning to end.

It was there where it looked like the Iron were cooking, heading to Rushall Olympic and comfortably brushing them aside with another 3-0 scoreline. The side were solid at the back, and scoring goals going forward and with 10 points on the board from a possible 12, there were real ambitions that the campaign could be a good one.

If ever a side needed a reality check and a reminder that promotion would not be a foregone conclusion, it would arrive at the end of August with a trip to Curzon Ashton. With the side packing players behind the ball, Scunthorpe found it hard to break them down, and got caught on the counter-attack once, suffering a slender defeat - with little opportunity to equalise following a waterlogged pitch in the latter 25 minutes of the game.

The result would be responded to just two days later on Bank Holiday Monday at Glanford Park, with Scarborough the visitors. Another strong start saw the Iron lead the way, converting their chances into a 4-1 win.

A week later, and there were more dropped points on the road, albeit a relly strong point having played with 10 players for over 100 minutes following an early dismissal of Kian Scales. The Iron lead but were ultimately pegged back to a 2-2 scoreline.

A second night under the lights on home soil would yield another positive result, beating South Shields - who were two divisions lower the previous season, beating the Iron in the FA Cup,

but it was to be a positive night for the home side, winning 3-1.

The FA Cup would be a quick diversion for the side, with a goalless draw on home soil before a 3-1 defeat away from home in the reply. In truth, the result could have been different, with a late chance at 1-1 to the Iron before the hosts went up the other end and won the tie.

September would end with a little bit of a wobble, as mounting stress off the pitch began to take it's toll.

Non-payment to the players, and turbulence growing, the future of the football club was firmly in the balance. It was a distraction that, although denied at the time, was clearly taking its toll on the players.

This had resulted in another hard-fought point away at Chorley, despite leading in the first half. Will Evans was controversially sent off with more questionable decisions, and the side were forced to settle with a 1-1 draw. In amongst all this, a home tie against Buxton was abandoned deep into second-half stoppage time due to a waterlogged pitch, with the away side winning 2-1.

The game was ordered to be replayed, and the date it was played ended up being a blessing in disguise off the pitch. It may have resulted in a 3-0 defeat, but the significance of the day saw the club unite as one, and the message of "United we Stand" was reborn. It would be the first significant movement of what was to follow.

The week in between fixtures would be pivotal in the 124 year history of the football club. With the business embroiled in debt, and a very real possibility of a last-ever fixture at Glanford Park, the stadium atmosphere was sombre.

Step forward, Michelle Harness. A former Commercial Manager at the football club, she jumped head first into the club, and stepped forward when it looked as if no one else would, taking the shares and control of the club.

Brackley Town would be the visitors on the Saturday, and the overriding emotion of the day would transfer onto the pitch. The away side openly stated it was "our day", a club that nearly died, reborn from the embers, and ready to fight for survival. Play the game, and not the occasion, and it was left to one moment to settle the tie. Jacob Butterfield with one of his wonderstrikes, and what a fitting was to mark the new era.

In front of over 5,000 spectators, pure home supporters, it was a day that will go down in history and be remembered forever. It was, in many ways, the perfect day, the perfect occasion, and the perfect fresh start. Whatever would happen in the season, the group of players will be

remembered for remaining united throughout, and battling for the badge, and for each other.

Seven days later, it was a trip to Chester for the Iron, and a chance to build on the new era. It was another timely reminder that promotion would not be a given, and a response was needed.

That response was emphatic. Spennymoor arrived at Glanford Park for a potentially tough encounter and a banana skin against a high-flying team. The Moors were dispatched by six goals, and it was another superb night under the lights at a home that had been secured for another month, with frantic work going on behind the scenes to turn the ownership into a permanent one.

Following six at home, four days later it was a relegation threatened side in Bishop's Stortford who headed to North Lincolnshire. The Iron scored early, but were pegged back, with the side going on to notch another cricket score result, winning 6-1.

Scunthorpe would end the month with a trip to Lincolnshire rivals Boston United on Halloween. It was very nearly a smash and grab, scoring a late

goal on the first visit to the Jakemans Community Stadium, but the side were pegged back and forced to settle for a 1-1 draw.

United's away form had been called into question, and had been the reason the side were not bridging a gap at the top end of the table. Banbury United would be inroads into changing that, beating the side on their own back yard on a Tuesday night in November.

The Iron would back up that result with a 2-0 triumph against the league's bottom side Gloucester City a few days later, but they'd suffer more woes on the road in the following midweek, losing to King's Lynn Town.

Another response was yielded, and another run created. Darlington journeyed to Scunthorpe for the FA Trophy and were beaten for a second time, before slender home wins over Southport and Warrington Town at Glanford Park installed another six points on the board of the league table, as the Iron returned to the summit.

December would commence with a statement to the league, beating Hereford 5-1 at Edgar Street, where they'd only lost once and conceded five all season prior to the date.

The side would bbow out of the FA Trophy, losing to Solihull Moors, with the encounter a stern test of what standard promotion would required, before celebration of securing Glanford Park as the club's permanent home was celebrated with a 3-0 win over Chorley - a game which sent another statement to the league, ending their eight-game unbeaten run.

United remained top at the halfway stage with a goalless draw at Buxton.



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Information on our half-season ticket offering for the next 11 games at Glanford Park in the Vanarama National League North...

2023-24 HALF-SEASON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Get behind the Iron for the remainder of the 2023-24 campaign, with half-season tickets now on sale.

Don't miss the second half of the season, as Jimmy Dean's side look to build on the start they've made in the Vanarama National League North. With 32 goals scored in our opening 12 games, Glanford Park is the place to be on a Saturday afternoon.

Despite commencing against Chorley last time out, the half-season still ticket offers you the best value for money supporting the club for the final 12 home league games of the campaign if you aren't an existing season ticket holder. If you can make each game, why not get behind us and make a saving!

Stay tuned for some more ticketing offers as we get towards the climax of the season. We need your support, and look to make this as afforable as possibe, while rewarding loyal support.

As a family orientated club which was awarded the EFL Family Excellence Gold Award in 2018, 2019 and 2022 and has attained the Family Excellence Award since 2009-10, the club are continuing the Under-12s go free offer, which is also available for Under-18s in the Lincolnshire Co-op Family Zone (maximum two per paying adult/senior concession).

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We can now take season ticket payments by credit or debit card, and therefore you can purchase a season ticket online, as well as the options available previously.

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Under-12s	Free*		

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18-21/Student	£95	£7.92	£7.31
Under-18s	£45	£3.75	£3.46
Under-12s	Free*		

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Don't miss the second half of the season, and help cheer on the Iron to potential promotion back to the National League Premier Division at the first time of asking.

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Good afternoon and welcome to Glanford Park for this Vanarama National League match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Celts. We hope that it will be an entertaining game and that the Iron are celebrating a victory at the final whistle!

Looking ahead to 2024!

We've had busy and exciting 2023. Local schools have taken part in our ever poplar Supporter 2 Reporter programme. The Scunthorpe United Reading Stars programme welcomed 5 schools, each taking part in a series of football related activities, both in school and here at Glanford Park.

A further 5 schools and colleges took part in our A Game of Two

Halves programme, with the aim of increasing the number of students leaving school and moving on to Further and Higher Education.

We would like to offer our thanks Michelle and the Board, along with all the staff and players here at Glanford Park, for their continued help and support throughout the year.

All of these programmes will be running again during 2024 and we're looking forward welcoming many more pupils and staff to our Study Centre.

Finally, all of us here at Study United hope that you have had a great Christmas Holiday and would like to wish you a very Happy and safe New Year. See you all in 2024!

Up the Iron!

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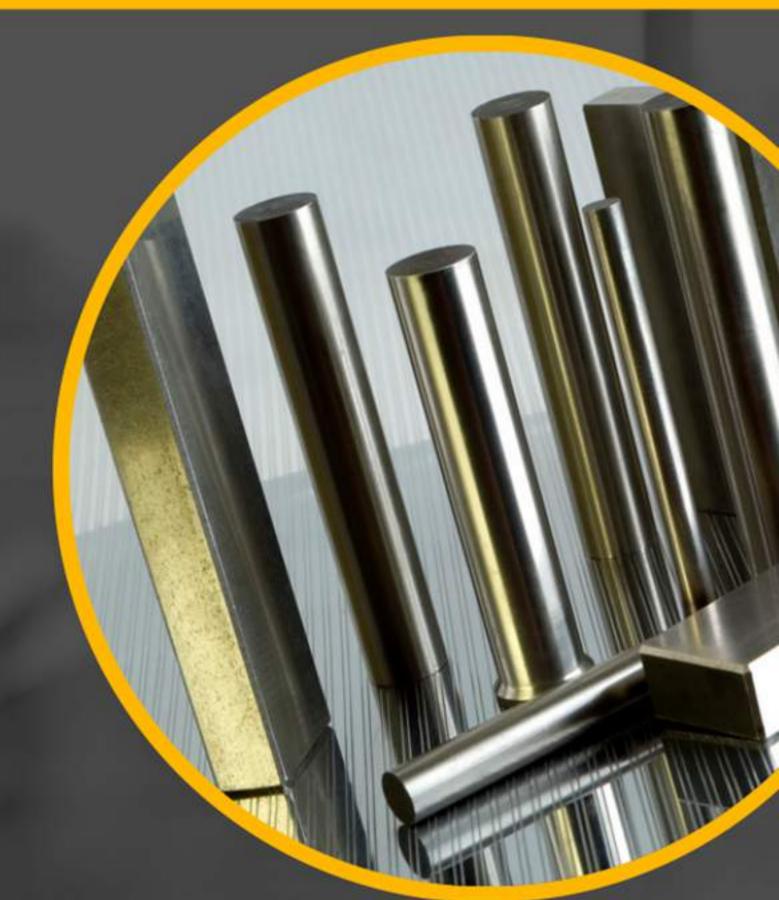
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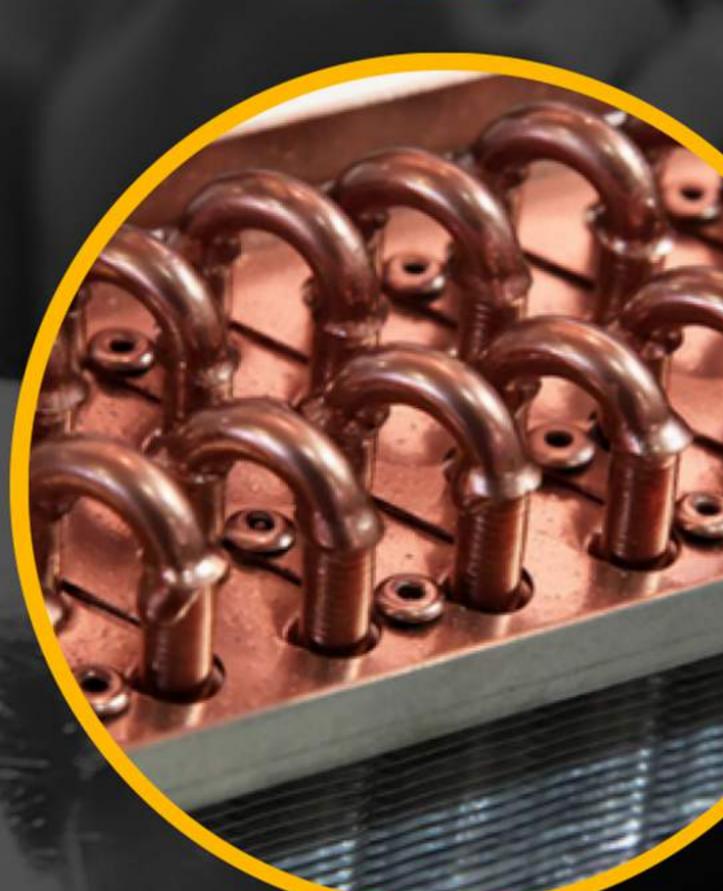
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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

Half-way through the season, and we are in pole position in the league and were Christmas number one for only the fifth time since 1950. Here's hoping we're still there come the end of April!

Commercially, we've had a successful year, and we've battled through a lot to break through adversity. The local community and businesses have been superb in their support for our football club, and we will need this to continue into 2024. Any support we receive is massively appreciated and needed, so if you can get a group of friends together for a sponsorship package, or you have a business, or know one that wishes to get involved, please do get in touch.

ast time out, we welcomed DoormatsOnline as our match sponsors. They picked the returning Reagan Ogle as their man of the match following their experience with us. Director of the club, Tahina Akther, brought her company, Wildcat Law, as matchball sponsors, celebrating the first league game since Glanford Park became ours once more. Neil Murray Motors were our captain sponsors on the day. All of the support was fantastic, and we trust all enjoyed their day.

Today, we welcome Footballerz Limited, who have virtually done a clean sweep of sponsorships this afternoon.

Match, matchball, captain and social media sponsors for the day, Footballerz Limited are a team of dedicated coaches spread across the UK delivering fun football sessions to children aged between 18 months to 15 years old.

They pride themselves on their inclusivity and dedication to



their local communities.

From weekly fun football sessions to half-term camps, birthday parties, academy training sessions, one-off events and more, Footballerz Limited have it all covered in the industry, offering first class coaching and support.

We also welcome Thomas
Snowden and a group of his
friends as Digital Programme
sponsors this afternoon. We
know Thomas and his friends
have been eager to help the Iron
following a change of ownership
and we are very grateful for their
support this afternoon.

As always, get in touch with us if you're interested in any vacancies we have between now and the end of the season.

Wishing you all a prosperous 2024!

BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

Happy 15th birthday to Marcus, who is visiting from Spain, and watching Scunthorpe United for the first time this afternoon. We hope you have a fantastic day with us.

Love from nanna and your family.

MASCUTS

It's a busy afternoon for us on the mascot front, with six today!

From left-to-right we have Arlo-Fray, Alfie, Brodie and Lucas. Arlo (6) attends Wescliff Infants, enjoys football, with Reagan Ogle his favouite player. Alfie (12) attends Melior School, also enjoys football, with Cameron Wilson his favourite player. Brodie is seven, attends





Messingham School and his favourite player is Jacob Butterfield. Finally, Lucas is 11, attends Melior, and his favourite player is Jason Law. Leo (nine) and Louie Whyte (five) are our other mascots. Both attend school in Kirton-un-Lindsey, and all of our mascots listed football as their hobby. Leo's favourite player is Ross Fitzsimons - Louie's is Reagan Ogle.



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A massive thank you to our kit sponsors for 2023-24...



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ONTINE 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...

With thanks to Debug Labs Ltd and the Merch Labs, www.sufcshop.com continues to thrive from its previous platform onto a new model, which is slicker, more user friendly and offers more from a operational point of view.

It seems a long time since our last set of news on the club shop. Indeed, we were still in November! Retail is, naturally, a busy time at this period of the year, and we've had new lines arrive, hit our shelves and disappear with a flash, showing their popularity amongst supporters.

Our calendars arrived in early December and were sold out within 10 days. A big thank you to all the sponsors throughout it for their support in the production. We were proud to be able to replicate our United we Stand design once more, as the Iron faithful continue to get behind our iconic 2023 campaign.

With that, our brand new scarf design arrived at the club on Tuesday. Claret and blue bars either side, along with a logo sandwiches by the poignant motto. Available in-store and online for



just £16, these have already begun to fly off the shelves. On the same day we took delivery of some claret, black and blue beanie hats, along with some claret bobble hats. Perfect for the current weather, these are also high in demand! We will also have another design hitting the shelves in due course, hopefully by the weekend.

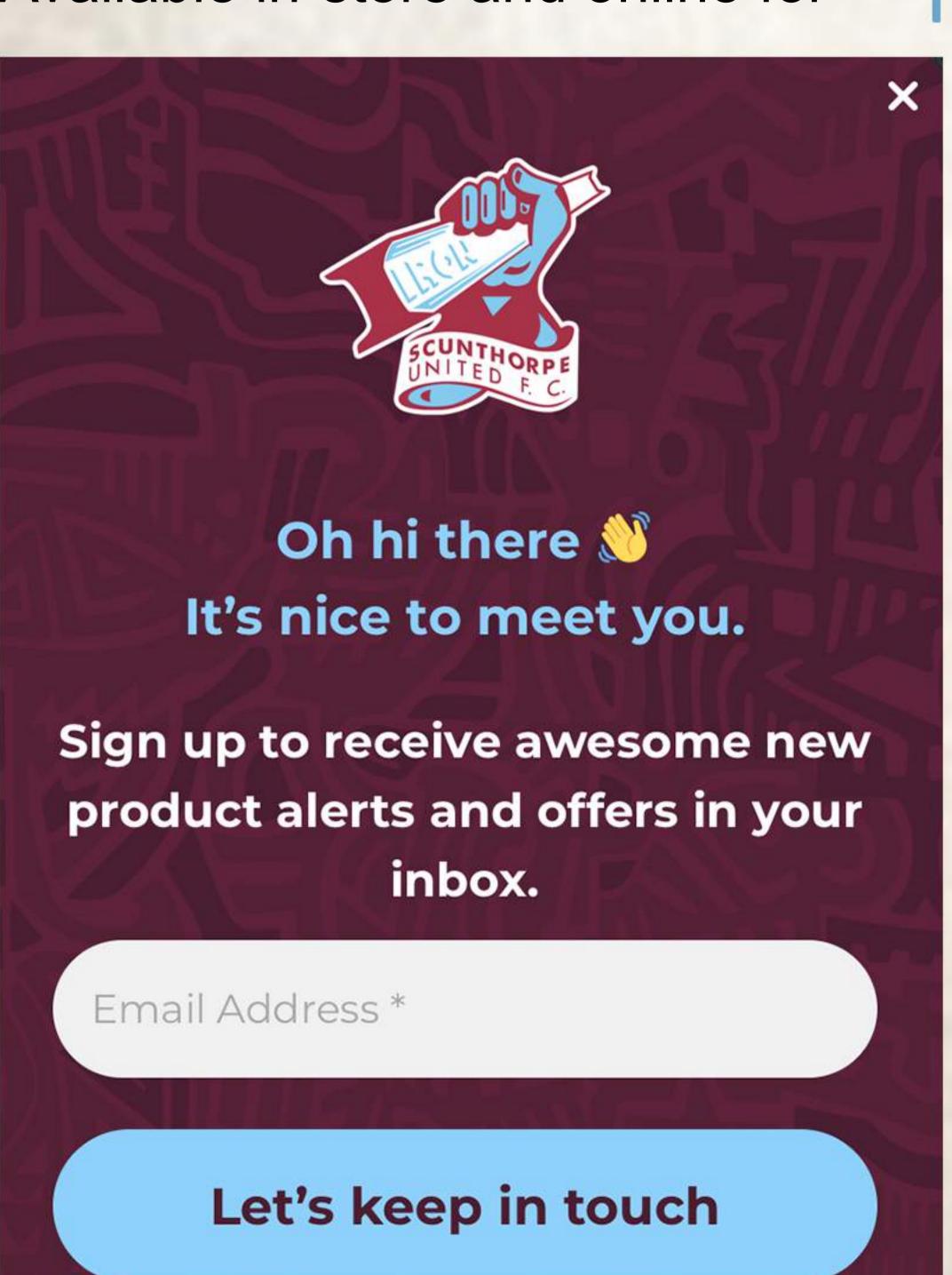
Finally, our 12 days of Christmas initiative has proved to be a big hit. From signed prints, framed shirts, and offers in the shop, our

selection has provided a number of Christmas gift ideas across the month of December. The final day of our 12 days is for today's game, but any remaining offers will be broadcast on social media during the final week prior to Christmas. Our postcards and signed photos are a great stocking filler idea!

As always, a big thank you for supporting us. We have more big ideas in 2024, and cannot wait to bring you more stock to the shelves.

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MIDLAND LEAGUE DUTIES SANTA'S BOUNTY BUFFETED AT BORO BUT BOUNCING AT BARNSLEY

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

There are some certainties that cannot be denied, such as Christmas Day will fall on December 25th each year, and Father Christmas will come up the motorway from London, and deliver presents to the children of Scunthorpe before he goes East, via Brigg to Grimsby.

And so, a century ago, the great man, clad in his bright red uniform, trimmed with white ermine, driving his sleigh with a speeding set of reindeer, had been along Ashby Road, turned down the High Street, and in a flash, disappeared, making sure all the presents were in the stockings, left out to fill, of the boys and girls, all fast asleep.

At Theodore Road, in Scunthorpe, Father Christmas had called in at the house of United's secretary, Harry Allcock a week early. The great man knew Scunthorpe United had three games in the festival period, and he had to make sure that some points were left for the Nuts to climb the table. Not many people knew he had made this special trip, but Harry noted the prints of his huge boots and the deer hoofs in the snow.

The Nuts played at Wombwell on the Saturday before Christmas, but could not quite manage a win. The match was by no means a bore, but the high gusting wind spoiled any chance of decent soccer, and each side had trouble controlling the ball. Scunthorpe had the better of the first half, and the Wombwell took the second. Chances were at a premium, and at the end of ninety minutes a goalless draw was the predicted outcome.

Then came the pair of matches with the Junior Imps, over two days, starting at the Old Show Ground on Christmas Day. It was

an encounter that the Nuts were always in charge of, but the Junior Imps played a tight game in defence, and limited the home side to few clear cut chances. But, in a tight game it only takes one goal to break the deadlock, and steal the points. This was what happened when Raby scored for Scunthorpe.

On Boxing Day, twenty four hours later, United played with a greater freedom, and won 3-1, thanks to strikes from Raby, Kitchen and Burkinshaw. When Scunthorpe United's supporters made their way back home, they must have thought how good Father Christmas bounty had been.

Three days after the visit to Sincil Bank, Lincoln, the team was back out on their travels at Mexborough. For this game, Oscar Hargreaves was serving a suspension for his sending off in the Rotherham County FA Cup



A busy time for Harry Allcock.

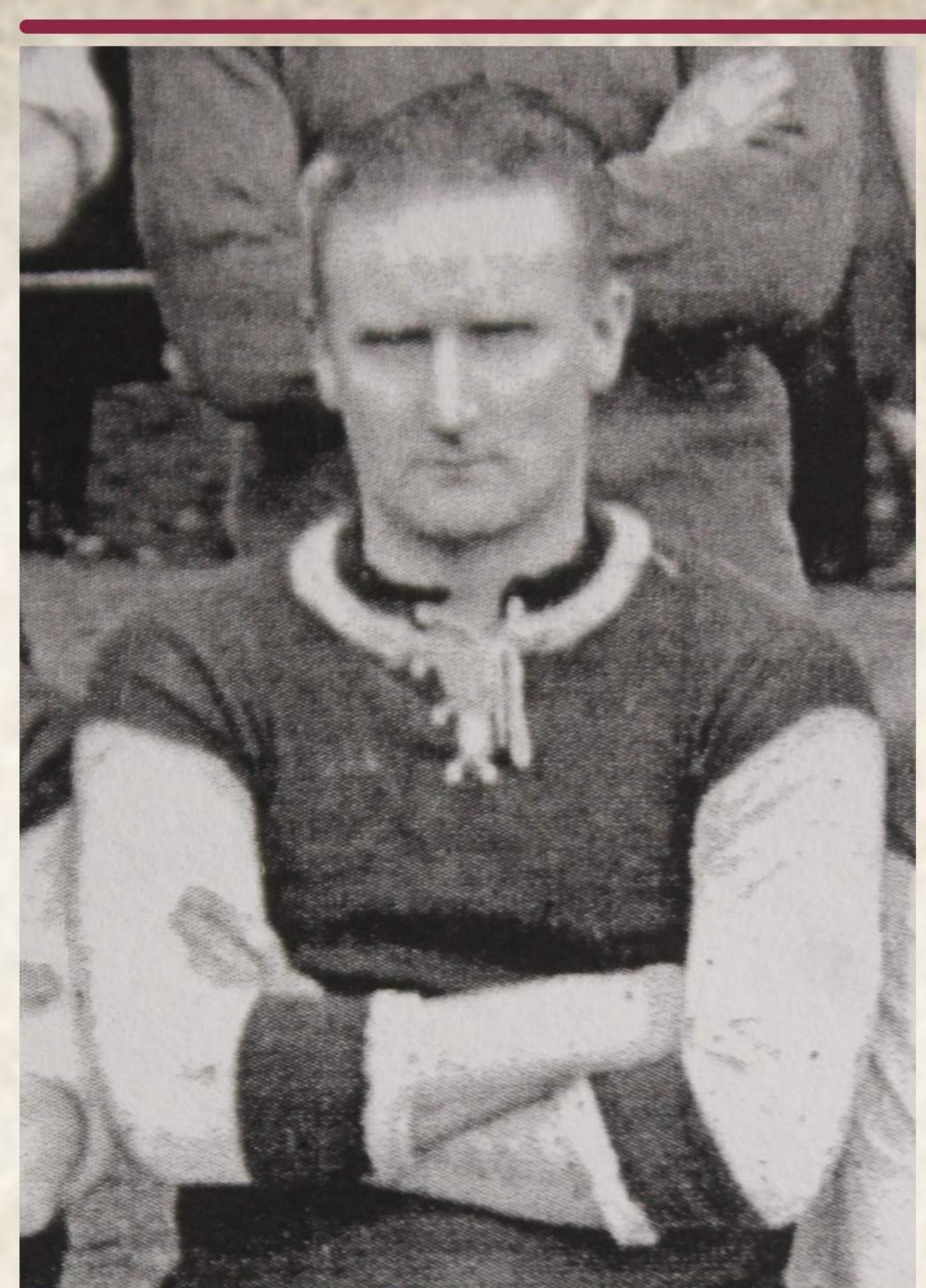


Raby, who notched at home to Lincoln.

match, which the club hotly disputed.

Shearsmith came in from the reserve team in his place, whilst Millson was injured and replaced by Wilson. On the right wing, the new forward players were not up to scratch and were banished to the second team, allowing some old faces to be given a second chance. Thus, Scunthorpe were represented at Wombwell by the following eleven: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury, and Shearsmith, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Wilson, halfbacks; Lawton, Burkinshaw, Raby, Kitchen and Foster, forwards.

There was every evidence that the visitors from the Old Show Ground were heavy legged in this, the team's four match in eight days. They never got going at all. Mexborough had a field day, exploiting the absence of Hargreaves, and completely dominate the show. Scunthorpe almost went behind in the first couple of minutes, but still conceded early in the game. It was even worse by half time, when they shipped a second goal, and the 3-0 result was full justice to the way that Mexborough had dominated the proceedings. It was a good job



Burkinshaw, a scorer at Lincoln.

Reynolds was alert between the posts, or it might have been embarrassing.

The festivities now turned to the next match on New Year's Day, on the Tuesday next, and the route to Barnsley had to be followed to Oakwell, to engage the Barnsley Reserves, in the shadow of the Barnsley Brewery, which supplied many of the Scunthorpe public houses. Hargreaves was going to be out of commission for some time, and Franklin was given the reins at left back, otherwise it was the same tired legs back on duty.

There were 2,000 hardy supporters to cheer the two teams. Barnsley did not have quite as strong a

team as Wombwell, and at least the Nuts were not over run. Ground conditions were heavy, after a lot of

rain in deepest Yorkshire, and it suited the Nuts better than the home side.

In this contest it was Reynolds who stood firm in his goal, with some strong fists and neat handling. Skull was superb, Wilson held his position on the left, but Richard Ashmore was outstanding. The forwards were more forceful than at Wombwell, and with Kitchen in the team, there was always an opportunity being created. Needless to say it was Joe that took the eye this time.

It was reported that Scunthorpe United deservedly won, thanks to Raby making the only decisive strike, during the second half. The team trudged off the muddy Oakwell pitch, tired but happy. The team had a tally of three wins, a draw and a single loss to show for their Christmas efforts. Not a bad haul, and one to see them rise to a loftier position in the table. No doubt everyone slept well that evening.

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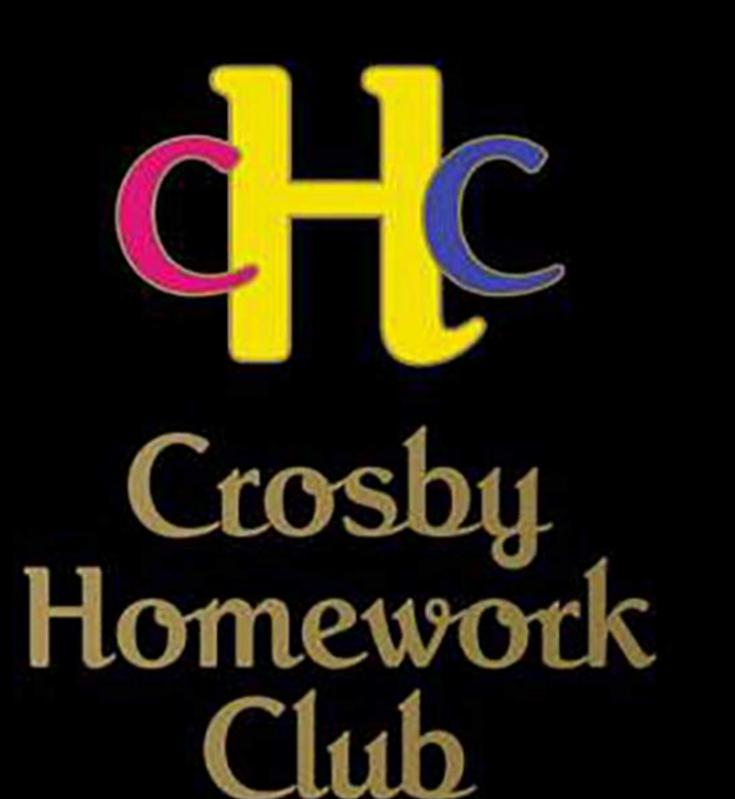
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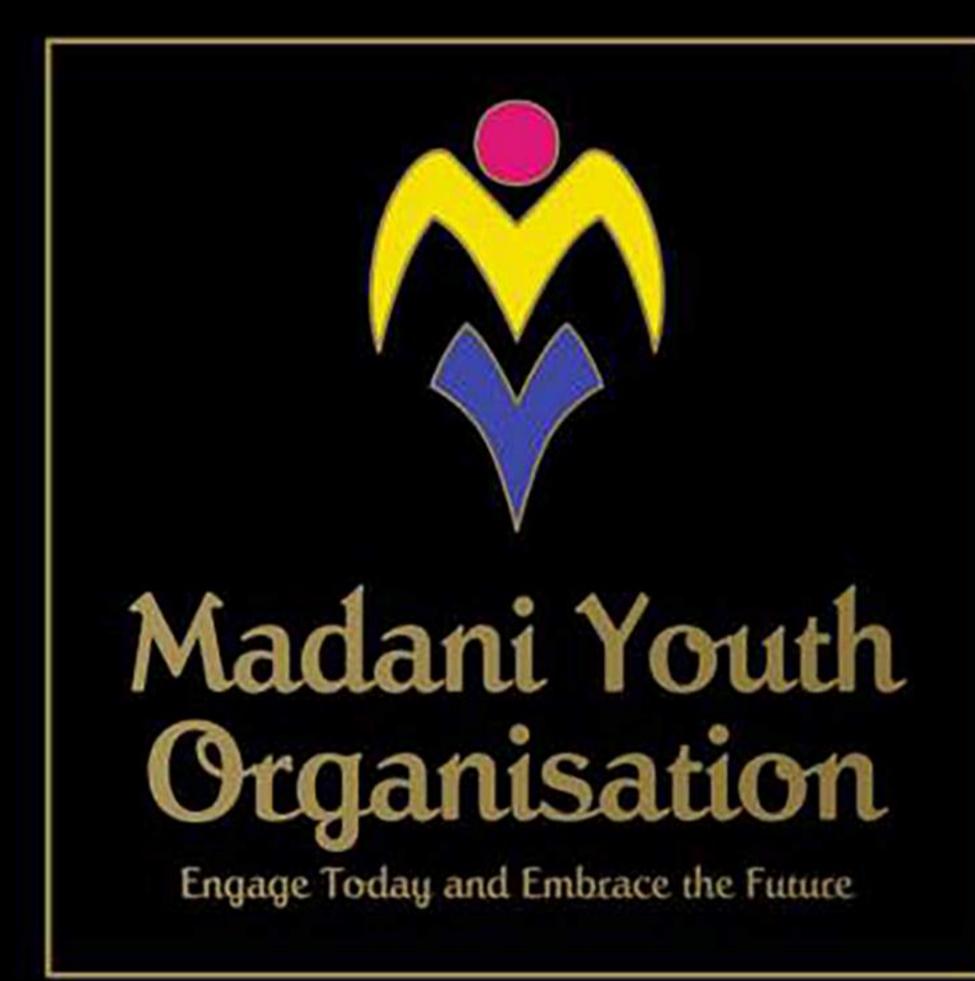








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OUR VISITORS TODAY

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

The current football club was formed in June 2010 from the embers of Farsley Celtic AFC which entered administration in June 2009 whilst in the Blue Square North, after failing to fulfil its fixtures it was expelled from the league early in 2010.

The old Farsley club (the name Celtic being added later) initially competed in the Leeds Amateur leagues and played its first game at the current site in 1948.

Throughout the 1950s and 60s Celtic established themselves in the Yorkshire Leagues, being crowned champions in 1959-60 and 1968-69, although failing to be promoted as a result of ground regulations. A First Round FA Cup tie against Tranmere Rovers at Leeds United's Elland Road ground in 1974 proved to be the highlight of the decade, and the 11,000 crowd that saw the Celts lose 2-0 to a Steve Coppell-inspired Rovers is still the largest crowd in the club's history.

As the Yorkshire and Midland leagues merged in 1982, Farsley began in Division One North. By the mid-80s the club was invited

into the Northern Premier League.

After a few largely uninspiring seasons, the new decade brought unparalleled success. In 2004-05 under the inspired management of Lee Sinnott, the team won the Unibond League Premier Division only to have points deducted as the result of Spennymoor Town going out of business and its results being expunged. The reduction in points resulted in the Celts securing only a Play-off place, losing controversially on penalties against Workington in the final.

Promotion was secured the following season after a Play-off final victory against North Ferriby and in the following campaign, the club's first in the Conference North, they reached the First Round of the FA Cup losing in a replay to MK Dons as well as securing promotion to the Conference National following a memorable evening at the Pirelli Stadium in Burton Upon Trent, when Simeon Bambrook's last minute penalty saw the Celts beat Hinkley United 4-3.

A single season of Conference National football resulted in relegation to the Conference North. On-going financial difficulties saw the Administrators appointed in June 2009 with the club's results expunged in March 2010 when the Administrator prohibited the club from fulfilling its fixtures.

The re-formed club were placed in the NCEL Premier Division for their first season which turned out to be highly successful with a league and cup double recorded. Many of the former players remained loyal to the club and top spot was held for much of the season, with the title confirmed on the penultimate weekend of the season.

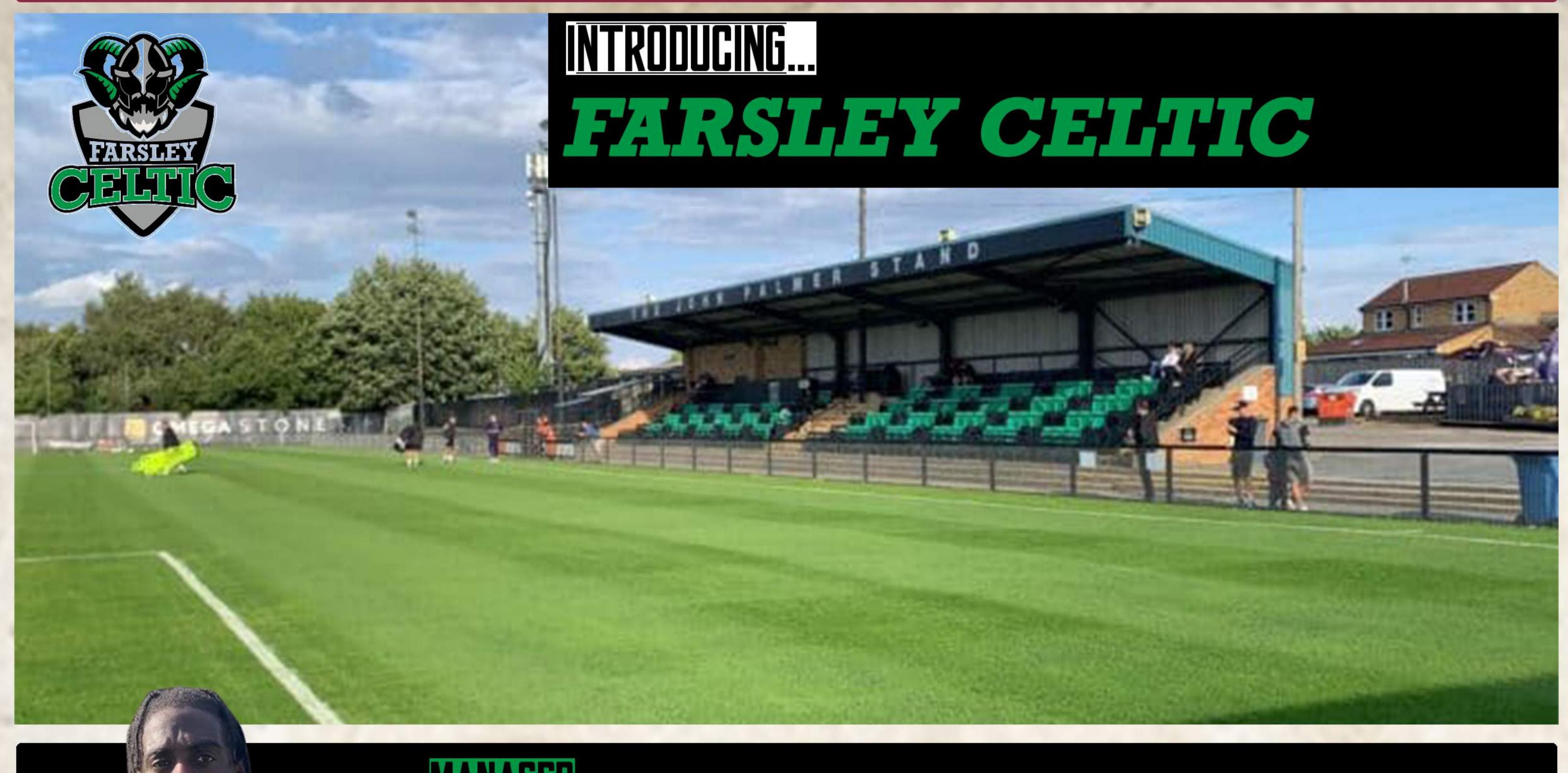
In recent years, the side have flirted with relegation from this level, with Russ Wilcox steering the side to safety last season by the skin of their teeth. Clayton Donaldson took the reigns this season and has so far made a positive start.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1908
NICKNAME: The Celts
GROUND: Citadel

CAPACITY: 4,000 (300 seated)
CHAIRMAN: Paul Barthorpe

MANAGER: Clayton Donaldson ASSISTANT MANAGER: Danny Ellis





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Clayton Donaldson

A player-manager for the side, he has played in the English Football League and Scottish Premier League for Hull City, Hibernian, Crewe Alexandra, Brentford, Birmingham City, Sheffield United, Bolton Wanderers and Bradford City, and at senior international level for the Jamaica national team.

He joined the Celts in May 2023 following his release from Gainsborough Trinity, and was named manager a month later when Russ Wilcox left.

GOALKEEPER

Harry Allen

Former Manchester United youth team goalkeeper Harry Allen joined them over the summer following a spell at Welsh club Flint Town. The 21-year-old also featured in the Under-19s and Under-21s teams at Burnley in recent years.

Zan-Luk Leban

Slovenian U21 international Zan-Luk Leban joined Farsley on a season-long loan from Premier League side Everton in August. Having joined Everton from Polish side FCB Escola Varsovia in 2019, Leban successfully stepped up to the Toffee's U21s set-up last campaign and made 28 appearances.

DEFENDERS.

Tom Allan

Now one of Farsley's longest-serving players, imposing centre half Allan, who stands at 6ft 5in, returned for his third spell at Farsley in October 2021, after a short term at Alfreton Town. He was released last summer but came back to the club after a few months at the Derbyshire-based club.

ONE TO WATCH... Clayton Donaldson

Age: 39

Nationality: English
Position: Striker

Donaldson started his career with Hull City in 2002, scoring on his first-team debut in the Football League Trophy later that year. He was sent out on loan to non-League clubs on four occasions, and with chances in the first team at Hull limited, he was released in 2005 and subsequently joined York City. In his first season at the club, he was voted as their Clubman of the Year and his second season saw him finish as the team's highest scorer and third highest scorer in the league.

He joined SPL club Hibernian in July 2007. After a season at the club he left to return to England with Crewe Alexandra. After three years with Crewe, he joined Brentford in 2011. He spent three years with the club, helping them gain promotion into the Championship in 2013–14, before signing for Birmingham City. Three years later, he joined Sheffield United. He moved to Bolton Wanderers in June 2018. A career that spans almost 800 games and over 250 goals.

Isaac Assenso

Isaac Assenso signed for the Celts in September 2022, having most recently been with Scarborough Athletic. The 26-year-old, who can also operate in defensive midfield, came through the ranks at Leeds United, before moving to Scunthorpe United in 2015. After departing Scunthorpe in 2016, he would spend time with Ossett Town, Hartlepool United and Belper Town, before making the move to the Seadogs. Isaac also had a spell on loan at neighbours Guiseley in spring 2023.

Jack Leckie

Versatile defender Jack Leckie signed for the Celt Army on a season-long loan from Championship side Hull City in August. The 20-year-old has featured prominently in Hull City's U18 side, playing 23 times in the U18 Premier League.

Rudy Misambo

The 29-year-old defender joined the Farsley squad this summer after most recently having spent time at Northern Premier League side Lancaster City. Having also represented clubs such as Hednesford, Spalding and Redditch before moving to the North West to play for Northwich and Prestwich Heys, Rudy is known for his strong physical attributes including pace and strength which makes him a commanding presence at the back as well being a threat from set pieces.

George Smith

The 26-year-old left back joined Farsley over the summer following recent spells with Guiseley and Liversedge. The Barnsley born man came through the ranks at his hometown club and would go on to make 44 appearances for the Tykes between 2014 and 2016.

MUFELUEKS

Ben Atkinson

The attacking midfielder returned to the Celts in the summer, having made over 170 appearances for the club whilst they were competing in the Northern Premier League.

Chris Atkinson

Now Farsley's longest-serving player, he has been with the Celt Army since January 2017, when he initially joined on loan from Salford City. Chris was appointed the club's captain ahead of the 2023-24 season. The Halifax born midfielder started his career with Huddersfield Town, having been with the Academy since he was seven.

Jack Evans

The midfielder has represented Wales at U19, U20 and U21 level. The former Swansea City Youth player also had spells at Newport County, Penybont and had a loan spell at Cypriot Division One side Pafos FC.

Jordan Carroll

Right winger Jordan Carroll joined the Celts over the summer having most recently featured with North Wales side Flint Town. The Irishman featured in the youth teams of Shelbourne, Bohemians, Shamrock

Rovers and Athlone Town in his home land.

FORWARDS

Michael Coulson

Striker Coulson signed for Farsley in December 2023 after departing Scarborough Athletic. Her also captained the Seadogs during his six-year spell with East Coast side, where he made 250 competitive appearances and scored 104 goals.

Marley Blair

Marley started his career coming through the Liverpool Academy before moving onto Burnley to play for their U21's. He then made the move to the Icelandic Premier League where he has played for the last three seasons with Keflavik.

Darren Stephenson

The experienced forward joined the Celts this summer, after a recent spell at Curzon Ashton. The Jamaican-born player came through the youth system at Bradford City where he also had loan spells with Hinckley United, Woodley Sports and more.

FARSLEY'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD14 - Alfreton Town 2-0 Farsley Celtic

MD15 - Farsley Celtic 1-2 Darlington

MD16 - Farsley Celtic 2-0 Boston United

MD17 - Buxton 1-2 Farsley Celtic

MD18 - Southport 1-1 Farsley Celtic

MD19 - Farsley Celtic 0-0 Spennymoor Town

MD20 - Farsley Celtic 0-0 Hereford

MD21 - Farsley Celtic 2-1 Curzon Ashton

MD22 - Banbury United 1-1 Farsley Celtic

MD23 - Farsley Celtic 1-0 Gloucester City

A team in form, the Iron will have to be at their best to topple a side that are now unbeaten in eight after responding to a disappointing 2-1 home defeat to Darlington.

Since then, the side have recorded very good wins against Boston United, Buxton and Curzon Ashton, while also toppling a side battling relegation in Gloucester City.

They also managed draws against high-flying Southport and Hereford, and will arrive at Glanford Park for the first of two games against the side full of confidence looking to inflict only a second league defeat at home on United, and end their very positive home unbeaten run.

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We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

Good afternoon and seasonal greetings to fellow football supporters and their families from all of us at the Iron Trust for this Boxing Day clash versus Farsley Celtic which should draw a bumper crowd.

A warm welcome also to travelling Farsley fans. The Celts are managed by Clayton Donaldson, a formidable goalscorer, who Iron fans will remember with great respect.

The Iron Trust hat-trick draw winning number for the big £500 prize Christmas draw was won by number 65. Treasurer Stocky will arrange payment of those winnings.

It won't have escaped the attention of fellow Iron fans that the Berkeley Hotel, (pronounced Bark not Berk), has reopened. New hosts are Lee and Cheryl who have moved here from Plymouth.

Lee, a Scunthonian by birth, spent 22 years in the Royal Navy, hence the move north from the delights of Devon. The Iron Trust has moved meetings to the Berkeley due to renovations at Brumby Hall which has led to a lack of available rooms.

The Iron Trust push to 1000 members, which already has momentum, should be boosted by the board's recent decision to announce a free prize draw.

On receipt of the one thousandth membership the Iron Trust will offer one member the opportunity to attend a match of their choice with a guest to include full match day hospitality and £50 in cash. So Trust members, get recruiting!

The Trust has been in a tussle with Pay-Pal who are withholding payment of some £2,700! The influx of new members saw a lot of activity to our account which prompted PayPal to investigate whether we are involved in money laundering. Needers has been busy trying to resolve the issue for some time now.

A quick turnaround for the Iron as we visit the Citadel, home of Farsley Celtic in Leeds this Saturday, which should see a packed stadium.

It leaves me to wish you all a Happy New Year from all of us at the Iron Trust.

Best wishes then from John, Dave, Steve, Neil, Mark, Jake, Susan, Bryn and Tony.

Up the mighty Iron!



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, wiht 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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JOHN STAFF'S CHRISTIVIAS QUIZ

50 questions from 2023 from Club Historian John Staff...

- 1. Which current Scunthorpe United player has returned to us, having previously played at Eastleigh?
- 2. Which current Premiership club did Scunthorpe United once beat 8-1, in 1965?
- 3. Who scored his first goal for the Iron, in the 1-0 victory over Southport FC?
- 4. Which Yorkshire club did former Iron favourite, Peter Beagrie play Premiership football with?
- 5. Which 2023-24 Scunthorpe United player took part in the 2022-23 season National League Play-Off Final, between Notts County and Chesterfield?
- 6. Which Scunthorpe player scored from the penalty spot against Scunthorpe United, last season for Eastleigh?
- 7. Which popular former Iron came to Glanford Park, initially on loan from Sunderland, played over 300 games, before finishing his senior career in 2014?
- 8. Which is the only present Premiership club that Scunthorpe have never played?
- 9. Who is Scunthorpe United's former King's Lynn captain?
- 10. Which present Scunthorpe man played junior International football in the Scotland shirt, as well as in the blue and white squares of Bristol Rovers?
- 11. Which former Bottesford and Scunthorpe man is enjoying life in Division two with Notts County?
- 12. Which former Iron, signed in 2000 from Bristol City, has been commenting on the radio, over Scunthorpe United matches, this campaign?

- 13. Which current Premiership team did Scunthorpe beat, in a 2001 F.A. Cup replay, after Russ Wilcox scored a match winning penalty shoot-out goal?
- 14. Which club did United beat on the opening day of this 2023-24 season?
- 15. Which season's conclusion saw the retirement of our Spanish favourite, Alex Calvo Garcia?
- 16. Which Iron man of this season was born in Wollongong, Australia?
- 17. Who is the 2023-24 man of claret and blue, who likes his 'jam tarts'?
- 18. Which former Doncaster Rover player joined the squad from Tadcaster, in 2020?
- 19. Which London born player scored twice for Scunthorpe, at Wembley, in the 2009 Wembley Play-off Final, against Millwall?
- 20. How many times have the present Premiership Champions, Manchester City, visited Scunthorpe to play the Iron in a Football League match?
- 21. Which Iron has had an eight year spell at Mansfield, before joining in 2023?
- 22. Which club did Jimmy Dean manage before his arrival at Scunthorpe?
- 23. Which member of United's staff left the Iron during his playing career, for periods at Rochdale and Burton Albion?
- 24. Which club did Scunthorpe play on their first ever visit to London?
- 25. Which present Premiership club did Scunthorpe beat 4-0, in October 2006, on a visit to that team's ground?

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JOHN STAFF'S CHRISTIMAS QUIZ

The second half of questions from 2023 from Club Historian John Staff...

- 26. Which International goalkeeper played 12 games on loan, during 2011-12?
- 27. Which of Scunthorpe's backroom staff had a career with Huddersfield, Walsall and Doncaster Rovers?
- 28. Which current Premiership club lost 2-1 to Scunthorpe United, thanks to two goals from Martyn Woolford?
- 29. Which of the 2023-24 squad has seen service at Aldershot, Chesterfield and Boreham Wood?
- 30. Scunthorpe United played their only competitive match against Manchester United, in 2010, but who scored the first goal?
- 31. Which present Premiership club has beaten the Iron in three League Cup games, and their only two League matches, during season 1959-60?
- 32. Which of United's 2023-24 team played 80 games at Derby County, but 89 at Barnsley?
- 33. Whose illustrious career, of 455 League appearances at Scunthorpe, was cut short by injury, against Gillingham, at Christmas 1992?
- 34. Which Scunthorpe born Iron made his debut as a substitute in the Division two match, against Swindon, in 2021?
- 35. Which present Iron can boast of a career in football in America, Spain and the Potteries?
- 36. Which former Iron was signed from Leeds United, has since managed MK Dons, but is now in charge of Central Coast Mariners?
- 37. Chris Dagnall scored twice, David Mirfin and Martyn Woolford made it 0-4, but on which now Premiership Ground did the Iron win, in September 2010?

- 38. Which present Iron has previously enjoyed 22 appearances at former club, Bradford City?
- 39. Which Premiership club did United meet in 1958 in their first ever 5th round FA Cup match?
- 40. Which team did the Iron visit in October 1995, and return home victorious by an incredible 8-1 score?
- 41. Which former Scunthorpe manager won two League Cups, and was a runner-up in the same competition on another occasion?
- 42. Which former manager was a Welsh International who had previously played at Glanford Park, but also at Halifax, Bury and Rotherham?
- 43. Which present Scunthorpe born Iron, made his debut League debut in 2022 against Mansfield, but has returned to the first eleven, after loans at Frickley Grantham, Cleethorpes and Gainsborough?
- 44. Who scored Scunthorpe United's first ever Wembley goal in their appearance in 1992?
- 45. Which former Iron player and later Iron manager, won 40 Scottish caps?
- 46. Which current player was a Scunthorpe junior, but has rejoined from Altrincham?
- 47. Which present Scunthorpe player has previously played at Kilmarnock and Aberdeen?
- 48. Which member of Scunthorpe United's staff played in the first Glanford Park League match, left the club, but then re-joined from Hull City?
- 49. Which present Scunthorpe man scored his first Scunthorpe goal, and the team's fourth, in the 4-0 victory over Darlington this season.
- 50. Who is Scunthorpe United's on loan Leeds United player?





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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		Richard Eley	3392 (339 away)		Fitzimons,
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		Shrimpton (18'), Wilson (31'), Elliott (pen, 60'), Mulhern (og, 71')	Fitzsimons,
SEPTEME	BER						
Sat 2	D2-2	Alfreton Town	2	Oliver Mackey		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,
OCTOBE	2						
	W1-0	Brackley Town	4	Oliver Mackey	5063 (46 away)	Butterfield (60')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 21	L0-2	Chester		William Davis	2676 (363 away)		Fitzsimons,
Tue 24	W6-0	Spennymoor Town		Harry Jones		Smith (5', 7'), Denton (40'), Law (54'), Butterfield (62'), Whitehall (81')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 28	W6-1	Bishop's Stortford		Oliver Noonan	3610 (33 away)	Smith (8'), Ogle (30'), Evans (39'), Denton (64'), Whitehall (75', pen, 90+7'	
Tue 31	D1-1	Boston United		Michael Robertson-Tant	I consider the second s	Smith (75')	Fitzsimons,
NOVEME	BER						
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		Josh Crofts	1140 (223 away)	Boyce (15')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 18	W2-0	Darlington		Nicholas Dunn		Smith (8'), Butterfield (27')	Fitzsimons,
Tue 21	W1-0	Southport	-	Luis Griffiths	3035 (72 away)	Kouogun (72')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 25	W1-0	Warrington Town	2	Alex Sawden	3527 (160 away)	Roberts (53')	Fitzsimons,
DECEMB	ER						
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	FΔT	Dean Watson	1899 (29 away)		Fitzsimons,
Sat 16	W3-0	Chorley		Dane McCarrick	3281 (101 away)	Whitehall (pen, 25', 63), Smith (52')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 23	D0-0	Buxton		Shaun Taylor	1245 (529 away)	Trintenan (pen, 23, 03), Jiniti (32)	Fitzsimons,
Tue 26	3.00	Farsley Celtic		Siluan layion	IZ 13 (323 avvay)		110113,
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Sat 6	3.00	Boston United					

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- The Iron have lost their last four home games on Boxing Day.
 - The Iron scored in 10 consecutive league games prior to Buxton, for the first time since March-August 2018.
 - The Iron have won 19 league games in 2023, the most in a calendar year since 2017.
- The Iron have scored 70 league goals in 2023, the most since 2016, when the side scored 80.
- The Iron are aiming to win eight consecutive home games in the league for the first time.

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#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts
1	Scunthorpe United	23	10	1	1	4	4	3	14	10.00	-		19	30	47
2	Tamworth		9	0	3	6	2	3	15	2	6	43	17	26	47
3	Chorley	23	7	2	2	4	5	3	11	7	5	42	26	16	40
4	Hereford	24	9	0	3	3	3	6	12	3	9	29	30	-1	39
5	South Shields	23	8	2	2	2	4	5	10	6	7	36	25	11	36
6	Chester	22	7	2	1	3	4	5	10	6	6	27	18	9	36
7	Curzon Ashton	23	5	2	4	5	3	4	10	5	8	28	25	3	35
8	Scarborough Athletic	22	8	2	1	3	0	8	11	2	9	31	29	2	35
9	Brackley Town		6	3	3	3	3	6	9	6	9	27	22	5	33
10	Warrington Town		5	3	3	4	3	5	9	6	8	32	29	3	33
11	Boston United		7	2	3	2	4	5	9	6	8	25	24	1	33
12	Farsley Celtic		3	6	3	5	3	3	8	9	6	22	25	-3	33
13	Alfreton Town		6	3	3	3	2	4	9	5	7	36	27	9	32
14	Spennymoor Town		4	2	4	5	2	5	9	4	9	35	37	-2	31
15	Buxton	23	4	5	3	4	1	6	8	6	9	35	27	8	30
16	Banbury United	23	2	4	5	6	1	5	8	5	10	21	35	-14	29
17	Blyth Spartans	23	5	3	3	2	4	6	7	7	9	34	34	0	28
18	Peterborough Sports	23	4	2	5	4	2	6	8	4	11	26	36	-10	28
19	Southport	23	3	2	6	5	2	5	8	4	11	24	41	-17	28
20	Rushall Olympic	24	4	3	5	3	3	6	7	6	11	31	36	-5	27
21	King's Lynn Town	24	3	5	4	3	3	6	6	8	10	29	38	-9	26
22	Gloucester City		5	2	5	0	3	8	5	5	13	22	32	-10	20
23	Darlington		1	7	4	3	0	7	4	7	11	18	45	-27	19
24	Bishop's Stortford		4	0	7	1	2	9	5	2	16	21	46	-25	17



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as December 24th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	14	6	Diego De Girolamo	Buxton	9
2	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	13	7	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	9
3	Paul Blackett	South Shields	12	8	William Harris	Spennymoor Town	9
4	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	10	9	Glen Taylor	Spennymoor Town	9
5	Justin Johnson	Chorley	10	10	Jason Cowley	Hereford	8





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2 Reagan	OGLE	16 (0)	1	1364	54 (0)	1
3 Michael	KELLY	4 (10)	1	496	8 (10)	1
4 Max	KOUOGUN	12 (0)	1	997	15 (0)	1
5 Will	EVANS	21 (0)	1	1827	25 (0)	1
6 Andrew	BOYCE	13 (2)	1	1215	83 (10)	4
7 Michael	CLUNAN	14 (0)	0	1170	16 (0)	0
8 Alfie	BEESTIN	4 (0)	2	360	98 (29)	9
9 Danny	ELLIOTT	8 (10)	4	785	18 (18)	7
10 Callum	ROBERTS	2 (5)	2	330	3 (5)	2
11 Cameron	WILSON	10 (7)	1	936	37 (29)	7
13 Maison	CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
19 Jacob	BUTTERFIELD	22 (1)	7	1816	66 (3)	12
20 Kian	SCALES	22 (0)	1	1869	24 (0)	1
21 Connor	SMITH	11 (3)	6	1015	13 (4)	7
22 Fin	SHRIMPTON	5 (7)	1	595	25 (9)	1
23 Jack	JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0
26 Jason	LAW	10 (3)	1	762	10 (4)	1
33 Tyler	DENTON	23 (0)	3	2030	26 (1)	3
44 Ross	BARROWS	5 (4)	0	535	6 (4)	0
49 Danny	WHITEHALL	20 (3)	13	1749	23 (4)	13
	OWN GOALS		2			
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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

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

IT'S AN IRON STAT!

The Iron's last home win on Boxing Day came back in 2014 when the side won 2-1 over Rochdale.

The last clean sheet in a win at home on Boxing Day came in 2008 (W3-0 against Stockport County).

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



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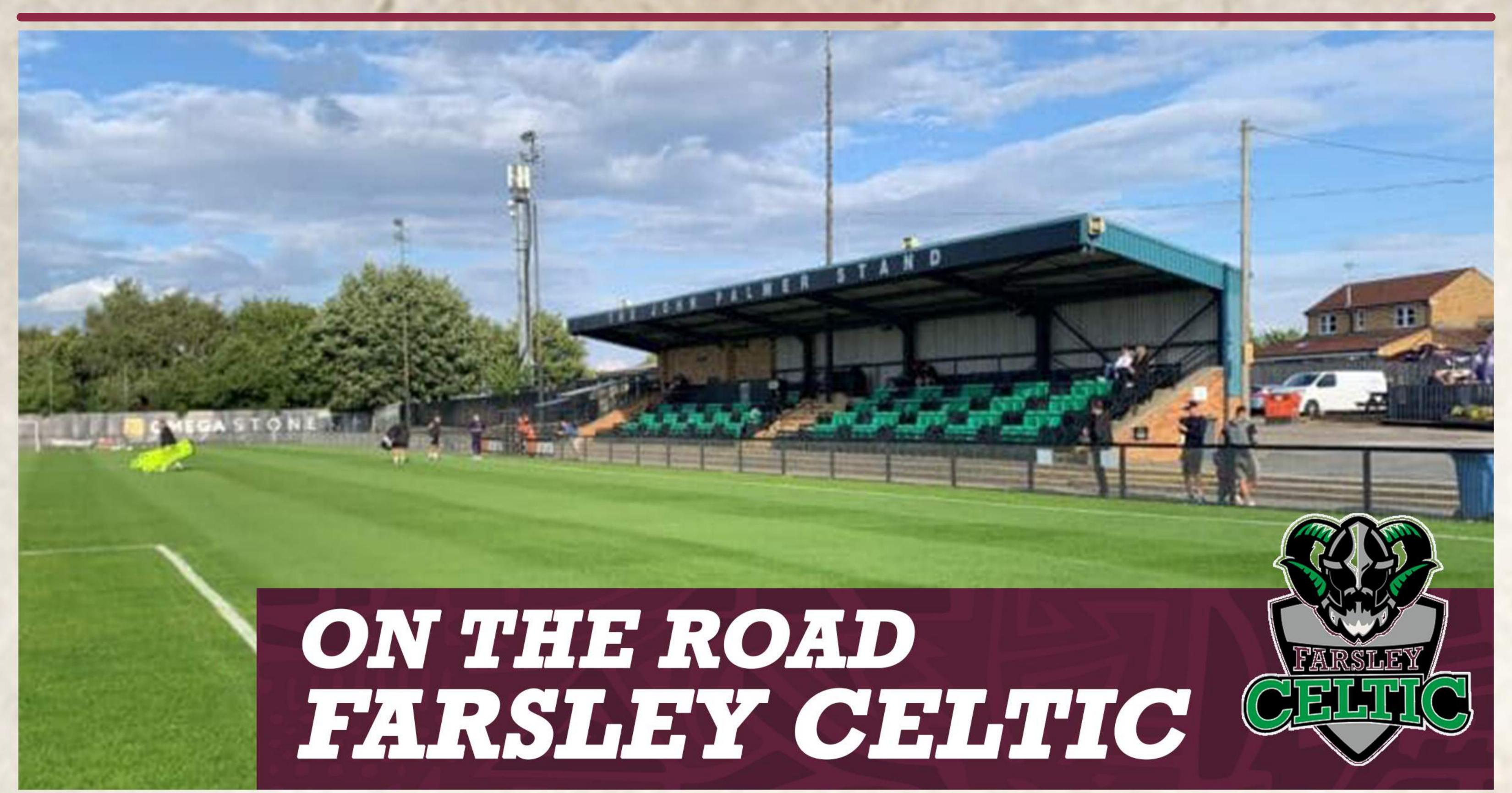
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SATURDAY. DECEMBER 30TH = 3PM

Scunthorpe's final game of 2023 sees the reverse fixture of today's encounter being played at the Citadel, as is tradition in the Vanarama National Leagues.

Today's encounter marks the 22nd team the Iron have played in the league this season (only Blyth Spartans to face), with this short journey a quick turnaround after today's encounter.

THE STADIUM

With a capacity of around 4,000, the Citadel is largely an open one, which is situated next to a housing development. On one side is the Main Stand. This small, tidy looking stand, runs half the length of the pitch. It straddles the half way line but is off centre from it. The stand is all seated and covered.

The ground was known for many years as the Throstle Nest, but was renamed recently as the Citadel. I also assume that at some point that the club changed colours as the ground is predominantly blue, whereas the current team plays in green.

Normally fans are not segregated at the Citadel. If segregation is in force then away fans are allocated half the Shed Terrace at the West End of the ground and all or part of the North Terrace on one side. The North Terrace is open to the elements and whilst the Shed End has some covered terrace, there are a number of supporting pillars running along the front of it that may impede your view.

The Shed End is shared with home supporters, who are in close proximity on the other side of a fence, which makes for a bit of atmosphere and some lively banter! If fans are not segregated then you can enjoy a range of Pies and Pasties baked at the local Growlers Bakery in Pudsey.

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FACILITIES

There is a fair-sized clubhouse at the ground itself, which normally welcomes visiting fans. It also shows Sky Sports. The nearest pub which is around a five-minute walk is the Jug and Barrel on Town Street.



BOSTON UNITED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2024 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron's first game of 2024 comes at Glanford Park, with Scunthorpe United welcoming Boston United for a Lincolnshire Derby to kick off the calendar year.

The reverse fixture, which took place on Halloween, ended in a 1-1 draw at the Jakemans Community Stadium, with Connor Smith's second-half strike cancelled out almost immediately by the hosts.

The Pilgrims were successful in their pre-Christmas encounter, beating Alfreton Town 3-1 on Saturday on home soil. That result put the side in 11th position with 33 points from their 23 games so far, winning nine and drawing six of those encounters.

The side have King's Lynn Town home and away over the festive period ahead of arriving at Glanford Park next time out.

Among their ranks is former goalkeeper Aaron Chapman who recently signed on following a brief stint at Retford United where postponements meant he didn't make an appearance for the side. He left the Iron by mutual consent earlier in the season.

The Pilgrims also have Jai Rowe, who left the side by mutual consent last season. He originally ended up at Aldershot Town at the end of last season before arriving back in Lincolnshire. Rowe played a part in the equaliser in the reverse fixture, coming off the bench to play his role in rescuing a point. He will be back in contention for the game having served a three-match suspension in December for a red card for serious fou play.

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		2	REAGAN OGLE		ZAN-LUK LEBAN
		3	MICHAEL KELLY		TOM ALLAN
		4	MAX KOUOGUN		ISAAC ASSENSO
		5	WILL EVANS		JACK LECKIE
		6	ANDREW BOYCE		RUDY MISAMBO
		7	MICHAEL CLUNAN		HARRY SHERIDAN
		8	ALFIE BEESTIN		GEORGE SMITH
		9	DANNY ELLIOT		LEWIS TURNER
		10	CALLUM ROBERTS		CONOR BRANSON
		11	CAMERON WILSON		BEN ATKINSON
		13	MAISON CAMPBELL		CHRIS ATKINSON
		14	RICHIE BENNETT		JACK EVANS
		15	TOM PUGH		JORDAN CARROLL
		17	HARRISON POULTER		SAM LEVERETT
		18	JOSH ROBERTSON		RYAN WATSON
		19	JACOB BUTTERFIELD		CLAYTON DONALDSON
		20	KIAN SCALES		MICHAEL COULSON
		21	CONNOR SMITH		MARLEY BLAIR
		22	FIN SHRIMPTON		ISAAC ROBINSON
		23	JACK JENKINS		JOAO SILVA
		26	JASON LAW		DARREN STEPHENSON
		27	DION SEMBIE-FERRIS		DYLAN YOUMBI
		33	TYLER DENTON		
		44	ROSS BARROWS		
		49	DANNY WHITEHALL		

NEXT UP ON THE ROAD FARSLEY CELTIC SAT 30 DEC KO 3.00

NEXT UP AT HOME BOSTON UNITED SAT 6 JAN KO 3.00

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