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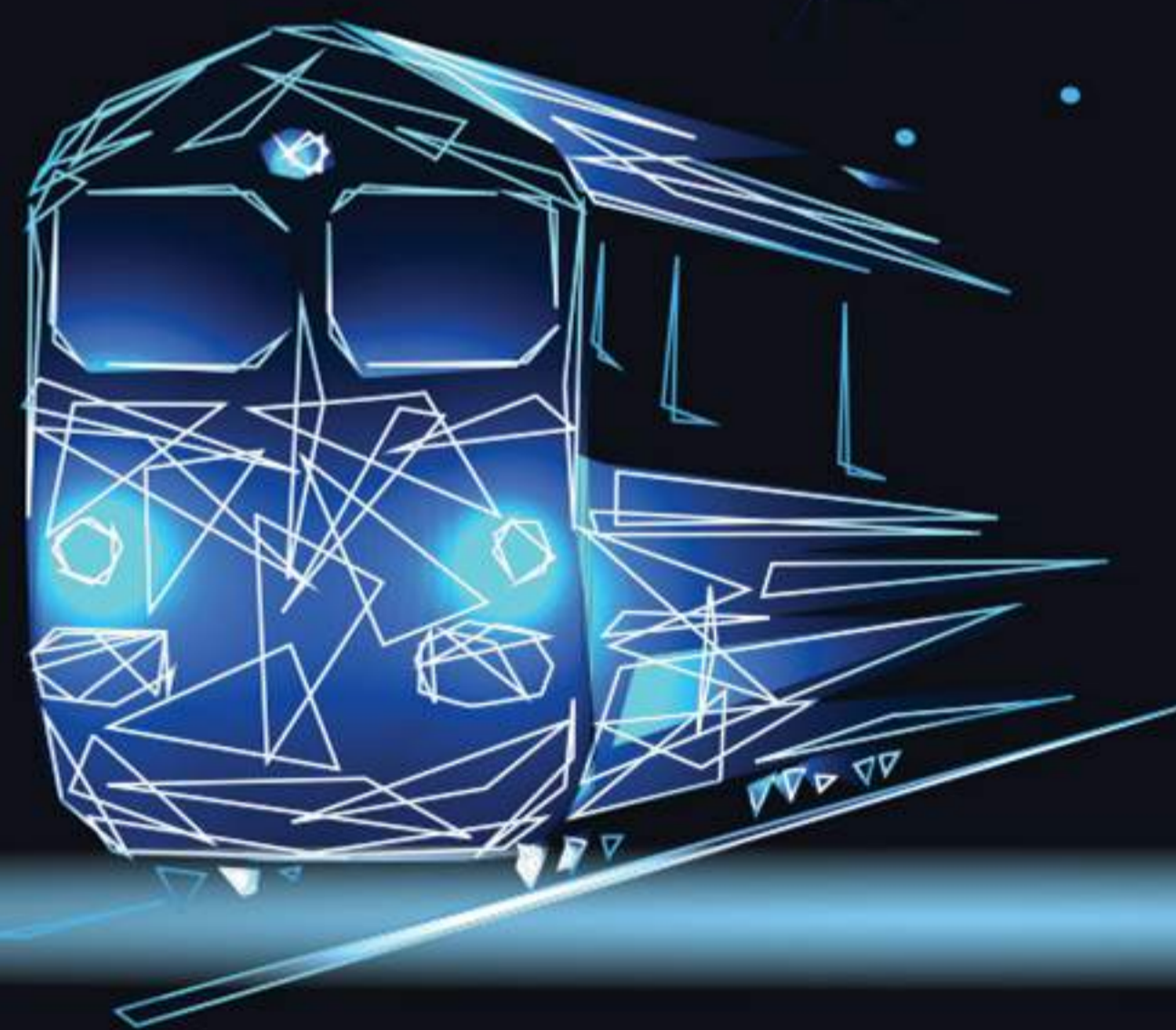
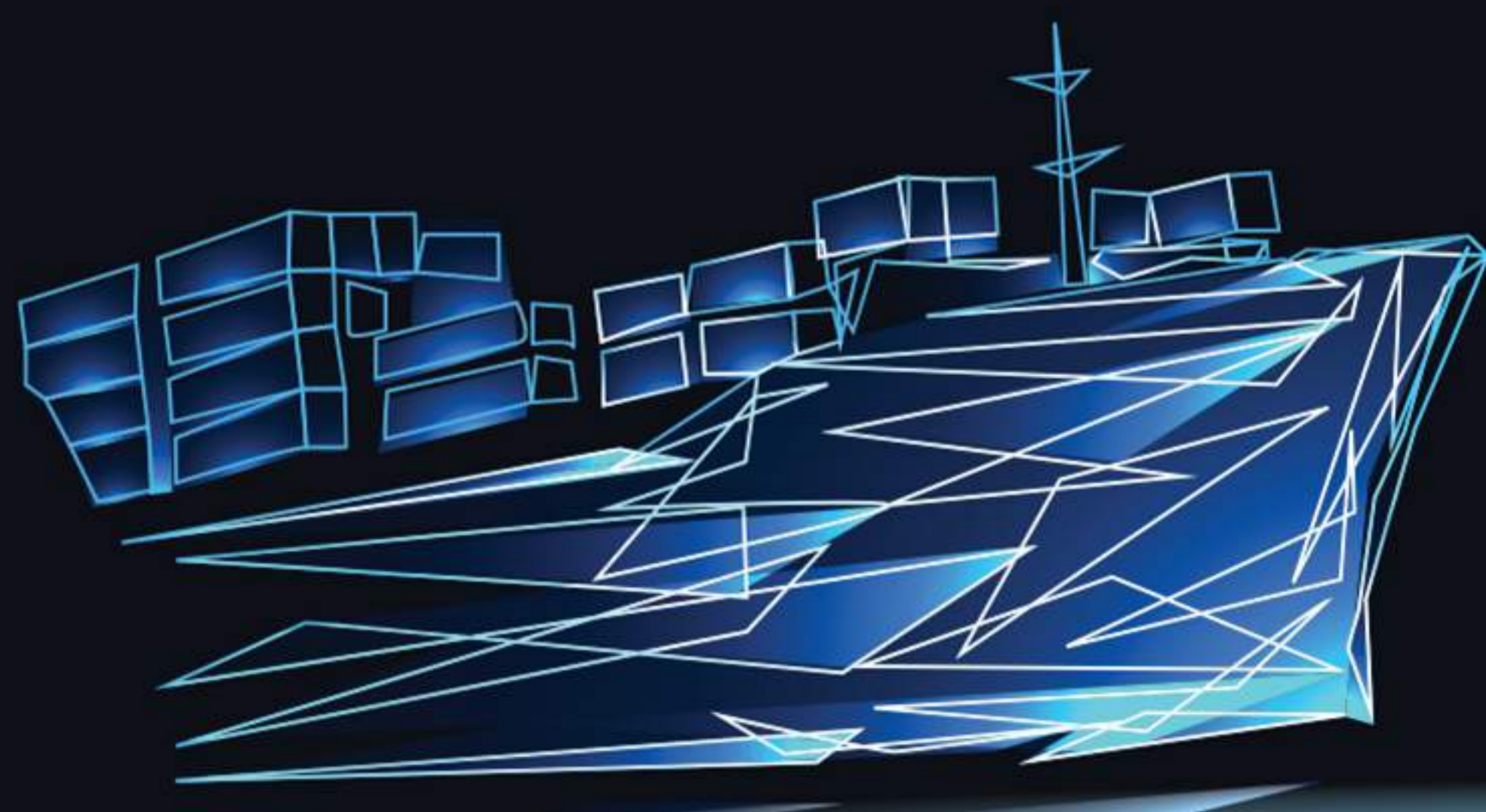
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JIMMY DEAN

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



Good afternoon and welcome back to Glanford Park for this afternoon's encounter, our final before Christmas at home.

It was disappointing and frustrating last time out here, as we lost to higher league opposition in the FA Trophy. The first half, we weren't at the races and the two goals that we conceded epitomised the night to be honest, with two individual errors. We were better in the second half, and created a lot of chances, but the damage had already been done, and we didn't manage to take any of them.

It was a test of where we are at. Solihull aren't fourth in the league above for no reason. It showed across the pitch. It's where we want to be, and shows the work we have to do.

It is, though, just one defeat, and against higher league opposition. Each time so far this season when we have been disappointed with a result, the boys have responded and gone on a run, and we want that to be the case again this afternoon.

We were frustrated not to have that opportunity in midweek, with the rearranged trip to Blyth Spartans being called off again through a waterlogged pitch. It's frustrating to prepare for the game and be ready, but it gives the players another full week of training to prepare, recover, and be ready for this busy festive period. We had a contingency plan in place in case the game was off on Tuesday, and got the lads in training straight away once we found out, so we still managed to get some good work into the players.

Chorley will be a tough test. It's our first reverse fixture of the season, and it was a tough 1-1 draw at their place back in September. It ended up being a good point in the end having conceded just after half-time and losing Will Evans to a debatable second yellow card.

We must emulate the performance and clinical edge that we showed in the Hereford game to get something out of this game, setting us up for the busy festive period.

For many supporters, this will be the first time you've been back to Glanford Park since the stadium was brought back to the fans. It is the first time in the league that we are able to celebrate that. As I've said previously, what's been done by Michelle and the Board in such a short space of time is incredible. I see every day what the club means to the fans, to the Board and to the staff behind the scenes, and it's up to us as players and coaching staff to continue the positive work on the

pitch to really make this a season to remember.

With this our last home game, and my last set of notes before Christmas, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Boxing Day is a family football day across the country, so I hope to see as many of you as possible at Glanford Park as we aim for a late Christmas present against Farsley Celtic.

Now, let's aim for an early Christmas present. Get behind us as always, as we strive for another important three points on the way to our goal this season.

Our club, our home, ours once more! United we Stand!

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

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

BLYTH SPARTANS AWAY POSTPONED FOR SECOND TIME



The Iron's away league encounter at Blyth Spartans, which was rescheduled for Tuesday, December 12th, was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, November 4th, but the date also fell victim to the weather.

Our hosts organised a precautionary pitch inspection for 11.30am on Tuesday in anticipation of the persistent rainfall overnight. The Croft Park surface was looked at, and deemed unplayable, also taking into consideration the forecast between the time of the inspection and kick-off.

As soon as we have a new date for the fixture, we will announce.

All previously-purchased tickets will be valid for the rearranged fixture. If you are no longer able to attend, you can claim a full refund by contacting generalmanager@blythspartans.com or by calling 01670 352373 which is open 9am-12noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

IRON WELCOME MAISON CAMPBELL ON ONE-MONTH LOAN

Scunthorpe United is delighted to welcome goalkeeper Maison Campbell

to the club on a one-month loan from York City.

The 20-year-old shotstopper is highly-rated by the Minstermen and signed a two-year contract extension in the summer, having joined from Mansfield Town two years ago.

Campbell has made one appearance so far for York this campaign in the Vanarama National League, stepping in for the injured David Stockdale away at Aldershot for the second half, where he kept a clean sheet.

He also played in the North Riding Senior Cup at the start of November too, featuring for the Minstermen away at Guisborough Town.

Earlier in the campaign, he had a one-month spell at Marske United in the Northern Premier League Premier Division this season, featuring twice for the Seaside during that stint. Last month, he joined Northern Counties East Premier Division side Knaresborough Town for more match experience.

Campbell arrives at Glanford Park for a busy festive period as back-up to Ross Fitzsimons following Aaron Chapman's departure a couple of weeks ago, and was in the squad for last weekend's Isuzu FA Trophy encounter against Solihull Moors.



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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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Michelle Harness - 90.12%

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FOCUS ON... WILL EVANS

We continue our interviews with the Iron squad this season by talking to Will Evans, as we approach the halfway stage of the campaign...



Playing 23 of the 25 of the Iron's games in all competitions so far this season, defender Will Evans is enjoying life at his new club following his summer move from Boreham Wood.

The 32-year-old spoke in the interview of his enjoyment of the style of football United play, and how it suits his personal game, first reflecting on his personal campaign so far: "I feel like I've been fairly consistent with my performances. I feel like I've formed good partnerships with both Boycey and Max. I would have liked to have scored a couple more goals, and be a bit more clinical in front of goal. As a team, we've defended well, so I feel like it's been pretty good overall."

With just one goal to his name so far in claret and blue, it hasn't gone unnoticed that Evans possesses a ferocious

shot on goal, and he feels as though it's only a matter of time before one of those thunderous strikes hits the back of the net.

"I do like to have a shot. The lads would back me up with that, especially in training. I do feel like they're getting closer.

"I think I need to ask Jacob for a few tips and have a practise session with Butts, so he can help me because he's definitely got the technique down to a tee. He's a phenomenal player. As a club, and as a teammates, we are very lucky to have him. Even from my point of view,

seeing him perform on a weekly performance, is a pleasure. What he can do with a football, on a football pitch, is incredible."

Evans was part of the Vanarama National League's best defence last season with Boreham Wood, and has transferred those defensive attributes to his new side, alongside his new teammates, building a so-far successful term.

"It's my job to keep the goals out, at the end of the day, so it's been pleasing. It always

"I do like to have a shot. The lads would back me up with that, especially in training. I do feel like they're getting closer..."

Will Evans

It always gives us a platform to build off. Obviously, the less goals you concede, the more likely you are going to win, especially with the way we play.

“Compared to Boreham Wood, it’s a completely different style of football, so it’s pleasing from my point of view to have kept the clean sheets up since moving here.

“It’s a lot more possession-based here, so it’s a lot more enjoyable for me. I’m a lot more involved, we build up from the back. It’s a lot better for me, as I like to get on the ball and play. It’s something the gaffer wants from us from centre-halves. Everyone has to be confident and comfortable on the ball and be able to play.

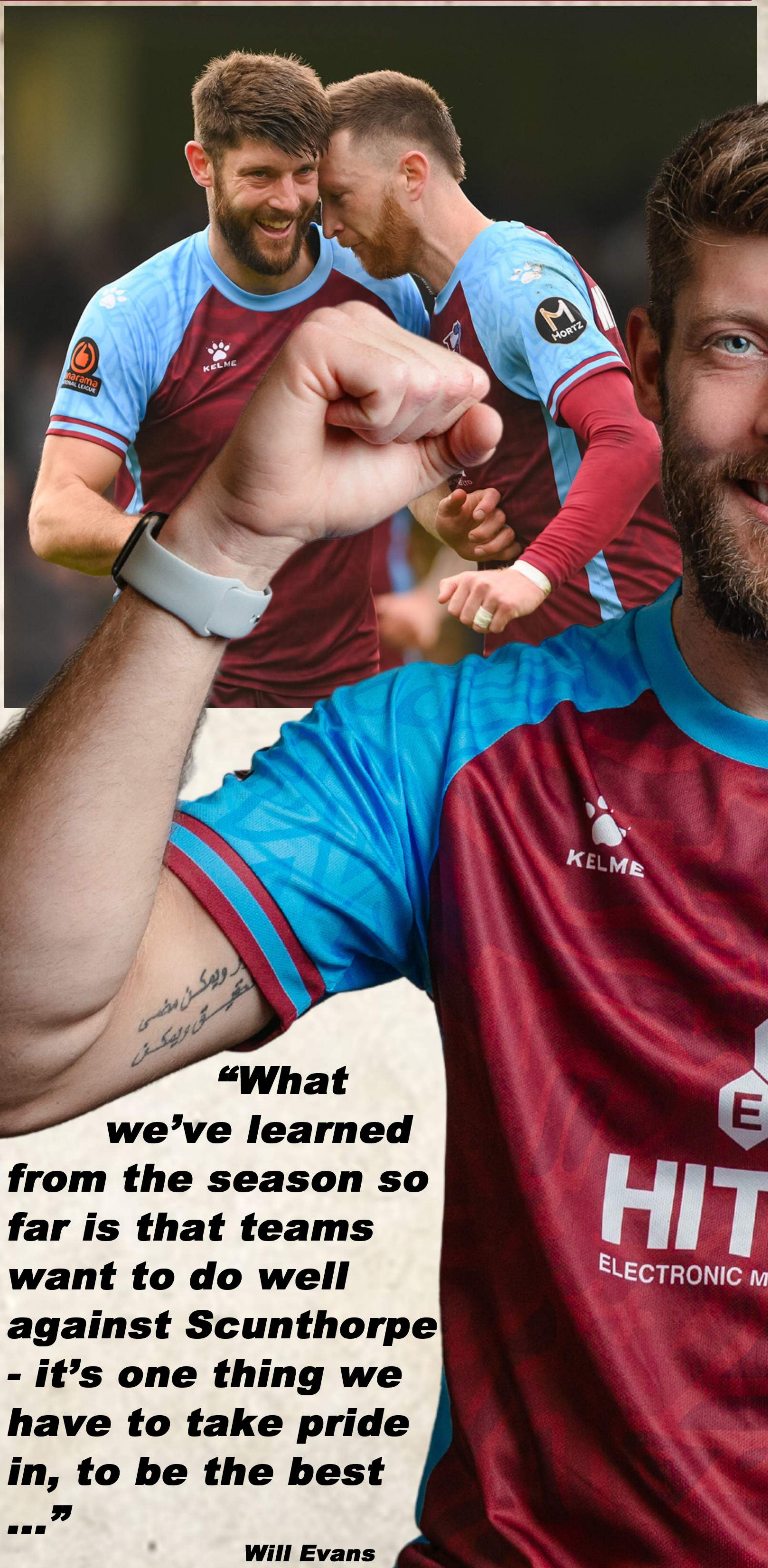
“We’ve just got to take it in our stride and do as much as we can all over the pitch. It’s not just keeping clean sheets, it’s creating opportunities for the midfielders and strikers as well.”

The Iron come into the game off the back of no game in midweek, with the encounter against Blyth Spartans falling victim to a waterlogged pitch for the second time.

With an inkling that the trip up north would be cancelled, Jimmy Dean’s players were summoned for training, with the week therefore treat like a full week’s training.

“We trained on Tuesday after the game was called off, so it was a good opportunity to get minutes in on the training pitch. It’s always an advantage to do that. We always take those opportunities when they come. It’s good for the group to stay on top of fitness levels, and it’s given us the chance to focus on this game sooner.”

With almost half the season now passed, and this game against Chorley being the first reverse encounter of the season, Evans gave his take on what he feels the team have learned by being in this division, and how they can take this forward into the second half of the



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Will Evans

season.

“I feel like we’ve learnt a lot.

Obviously playing at home, and playing away, is completely different, and you get that in most leagues and at most levels. Especially at this level, it’s a lot more so. When teams come to us, they try to sit back and frustrate us, which is hard sometimes to break down. We have to be better and braver sometimes, and if we create more

opportunities, I feel like we are getting there with it.

“What we’ve learnt from the season so far, is that teams always want to do well against Scunthorpe. It’s one thing we have to take pride in, to be the best team in the league, and the team everyone wants to beat. We have to prove to them that we are.”

Will’s final reflections going into the game were that of the reverse fixture at Victory Park, where he was controversially sent off for two cautions following an alleged altercation with Mark Ellis.

“It was a

bizarre day.

“It was frustrating from my point of view, because I felt like I was very hard done by to get sent off. Hopefully, this time, I can stay on the pitch and we can win the game. We didn’t play our best that day, but I felt we were the better team overall.”

The team are in pole position going into the festive period, but the message firmly remains that only half the job has been completed. Despite, this the task must be to remain in top spot, with a number of stern tests to come United’s way, starting with this first versus fourth encounter on home soil.

“We’ve just got to focus on ourselves now.

“We’ve got ourselves into the position, and now we’ve got to build on that. I keep going back to it, but we’ve got to be brave, be positive and keep building on the momentum that we’ve got.

“We’ve already been through a few sticky patches, on and off the field, so we need to just ride the positivity now throughout the season.”



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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 27 goals scored in our opening nine games, Glanford Park is the place to be on a Saturday afternoon.

Commencing for this afternoon's game, the half-season 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!

Buy before 4pm on Friday, November 24th and you'll have an additional fixture (the league match against Warrington Town) included!

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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At this time, there is no option to finance season tickets over a period of months.

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STUDY UNITED

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



Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to Glanford Park for today's Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Magpies.

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

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

A game of two halves

Our A Game of Two Halves programme for 2023 has finished with a trip to the home of British football, St George's Park.

Twenty-nine students from North Lindsey College took part in strength and conditioning sessions in the England team gym, followed by hydrotherapy in the state of the art pool and underwater treadmill. To finish off the day they had a training session on the full size indoor pitch. A fantastic experience for them all to remember.

Multiply Programme

Our Family Football Funday took place a couple of weekends ago here at Glanford Park. Despite being hampered by some very cold, foggy and icy weather, we still had fun with some great activities in the warmth of our centre. We're looking forward to and advertising our next one in the New Year.

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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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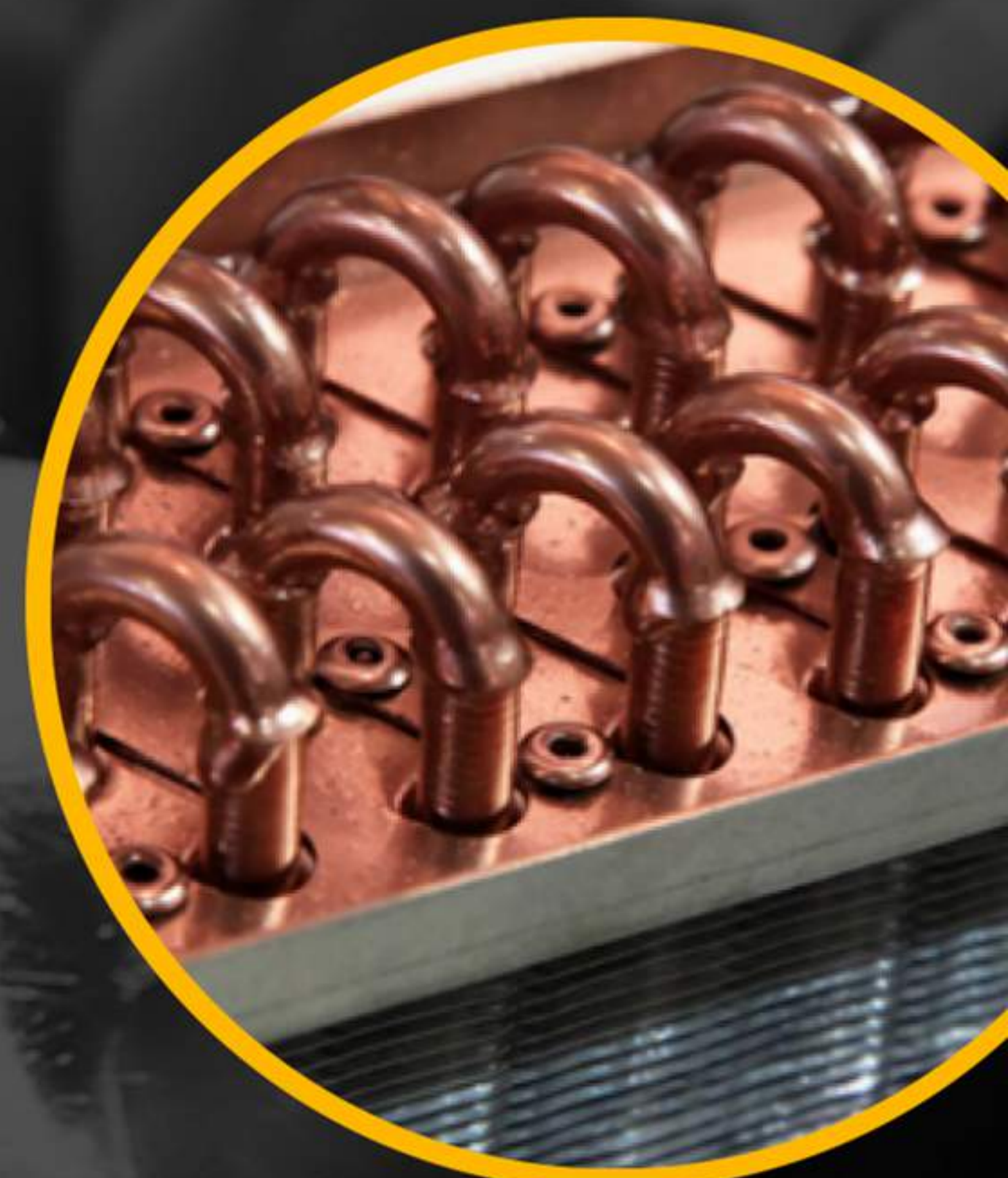
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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

We're fast approaching the half-way stage in the season, and it's certainly been an enjoyable first half of the campaign at Glanford Park, with many memorable games along the way.

As much as we can single out games and goals that we will remember for years to come - namely any Jacob Butterfield wonder strike - we must also remember the fact that we are still here, and Glanford Park is ours once more.

Commercially, we look ahead to 2024, where we will hopefully stabilise the club moving forward, and we are always on the lookout to work with more businesses, individuals and companies. From little deals such as £50 scoreboard advertising, to the big deals such as shirt sponsorship, stadium sponsorship, and more, we are delighted to welcome anyone down to Glanford Park who feels they're able to help make a difference.

We thank Jason Threadgold Funeral Directors for their sponsorship of the club's training ground. Jason and Nichola were among the first people to step up as local businesses and support their local club. We must also mention 15-year-old Jake Pullan, who is James Moody's media intern, who played an integral role in getting the deal sorted and over the line.

As well as the training ground, they also have their logo printed on some brand new training kit for the lads - and believe me, the boys love it! A massive thank you to them for their support.

Last time out, in the FA Trophy, we welcomed Rainham Steel as match sponsors and Wroot Homes as matchball sponsors, and despite defeat, we hope



they enjoyed their experience with us. It's been a long time since we had Rainham Steel at a game, but we have historic partnerships with them which were strong and well-established, and it's certainly one we would hope to rekindle again.

This afternoon, we welcome DoormatsOnline as our match sponsors.

Based in Scunthorpe, DoormatsOnline is the one of the UK's largest luxury doormat retailers, selling indoor and outdoor mats, coir mats and matting, personalised and stencilled mats and floor mats for every area of your home.

Our matchball sponsor is Wildcat Law. Our legal Director Tahina Akther played a vital part in securing the future of our life at Glanford Park and she celebrates the effort by joining us this afternoon as a sponsor of the game. The work that was undertaken in a six-week period to get the deal complete should never be underestimated.

Our calendars flew off the shelves this year, and we are grateful to all of the sponsors that took a banner in it. It was certainly our most popular design in years, and makes for a perfect stocking filler!

Keep an eye as we head through Christmas and into the New Year. We are also on the lookout to welcome more business partners on board. We simply couldn't do it without your support.

As always, for any commercial queries, please email commercial@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

Up the Iron!

MASCOTS

We have two mascots for this afternoon's game.

George Corrigan, aged five, is pictured right. He attends Broughton Primary School, enjoys karate and wrestling, and his favourite player is Connor Smith.



Meanwhile, Noah Staniforth is our bronze package mascot today. He attends Bottesford Junior School and enjoys anything football related. His favourite player is Ross Fitzsimons.



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ONLINE SHOP

An update from the retail section of our club, with a number of new ranges hitting the shelves just in time for Christmas.

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.

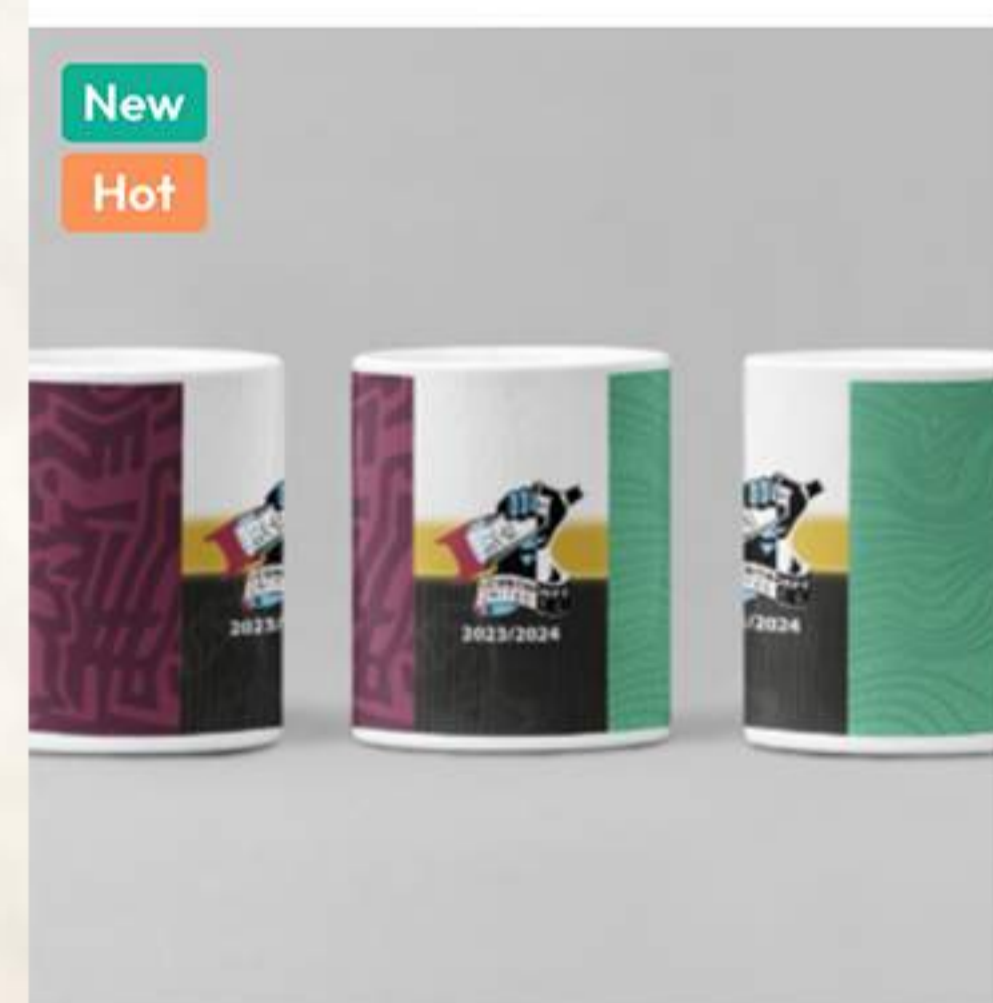
Finally, our 12 days of Christmas initiative has proved to be a big hit. From signed prints, framed shirts, and offers in the shop, our

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

FATHER CHRISTMAS TIME

WOMBLING WOMBWELL AND AN IMPISH CHRISTMAS

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

A century ago, Scunthorpe United and the loyal band of supporters were on the verge of the Christmas festivities, and the local shop had gifts galore for all and sundry.

Within about a week, the homes would be made up with home-made coloured paper chains, and mother would be thinking about the all-important homemade Christmas pudding. Kid throughout the district were on the brink of breaking up from school, and dreaming of what Father Christmas was going to slide into the Christmas stocking, perched at the end of the bed. If it was like last year, it would be some nuts and an orange.

In Theodore Road, United's secretary, Harry Allcock, always put on his bike clips, at 10-to-nine in order to cycle the quarter of a mile on his Raleigh bike. He was going by Henderson Avenue, through the official's gate, then up the creaking wooden stairs, to his office at the Old Show Ground. Wearing horn rimmed spectacles, a trilby hat and raincoat, Christmas was a busy time for him. There were three matches up to Boxing Day still to arrange and fulfil all requirements of the football club that was his heart's passion. The next on the agenda was scheduled on December 22nd 1923 at Wombwell, in the mining belt of Yorkshire, on the other side of Doncaster.

It was Harry's job to secure all travelling arrangement, whether that be for tickets via the LNER train service, or charabanc bus from a local company. A check with Charlie White, United's trainer was essential to make sure the clean kit was in the wicker basket, and securely with the team on arrival. Then there were the most important of guests at the match,

and they were the Club's directors. They would be in charge of team selection, and Harry had to convey the news to one and all as to who was in the first eleven playing at Wombwell, and which of the reserves were left at home to meet local opposition in the North Lindsey League, which was the and Foster.

The Directors needed to make some adjustments to team affairs on this occasion, the first consideration was in the halfback line, where injury had caught up with Millson, and reserve team player Wilson was promoted for the time being. This was to be the only change of direction from the side that had beaten Castleford 3-1, on the previous Saturday. Thus the team sent out to do duty at Wombwell was as follows: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury and Hargreaves, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Wilson, halfbacks; Slater, Haythorne, Burkinshaw,



Norman Reynolds, who was again unbeaten



Richard Ashmore, strong in defence

Kitchen, and Foster, forwards.

The length of daylight was at a minimum at this time of the year, and the Scunthorpe United contingent made an early start to reach Wombwell, so the ninety minutes would not encroach on the dead of night around four o'clock. It was cold, and miserable in smoky Yorkshire when they arrived, and the Scunthorpe players knew that their opponents would play with muscle and take no prisoners. It was why United had the likes of Oscar Hargreaves in the back quarters, and the Joe Kitchen, who was as strong as an ox, and had played at the highest level, in the forward line.

The Wombwell visit was the first time the Nuts had travelled away from home in the Midland League for three months. Rain had fallen in the morning, but sunshine prevailed at kick-off, but a strong wind was blowing which would not assist any neatly played football, nor would a distinctly uneven pitch. The handful of Scunthorpe followers noted two former Scunthorpe United men in the home eleven, in the shape of Retford and Talbot. The claret and blue visitors chose to have the wind

HIGH WIND SPOILS GAME.

NUTS SHARE HONOURS WITH WOMBWELL.

FIRST AWAY MATCH FOR THREE MONTHS.

Scunthorpe United's game at Wombwell to-day was their first away game in the Midland League for three months. Rain this morning had given way to sunshine but there was a hoisterous wind blowing right across the field. This had every tendency to interfere with play. Wombwell like several other Midland League Clubs are owing out

fore he could get control of the ball he goalkeeper was out of his charge and cleared. This was at once followed by a dangerous incident in the Wombwell goal and whilst the ball was put into the net the referee disallowed the point. There was a free kick out on the wing and Hopkins fell on the ball on the goal line. He was at once surrounded by the United players and judging

Bradbury played a strong game, whilst Reynolds was master of his tasks, in the goal. It was not a surprise to those in attendance that no side scored, and each settled for a point.

It was Christmas Day three days later, and after

happened on that Christmas afternoon, because the local paper did not print a report too many details. What can be gleaned is that the usual whiff of Christmas cigars was in the air, similar to that of cannabis in Amsterdam!

However, there was an almighty cheer at some stage in the ninety minutes, as Raby hit the only goal of the match, for Scunthorpe United. A 1-0 result made Christmas that much better.

The report of the Wombwell tussle

at their backs in the first period.

The game that ensued was spoilt as a spectacle by the wind, and both sets of men had difficulty in controlling it throughout. Scrappy play meant that what few chances developed became difficult to convert into goals. Scunthorpe were guilty of some terrible shooting in the first half, and Wombwell just as bad in the second. In the Scunthorpe team,

opening presents, the sporting member left mother in peace to attend to that special dinner, whilst the rest cleared off to football. The treat on offer was the visit of the Junior Imps of Lincoln City Reserves, for which Haythorne was banished forever from first team matters, and Raby installed in a shuffled forward line. There was good news in the halfback section, because Ernie Millson was fit to come back in place of young Wilson.

Unfortunately, it cannot be said what

And so to the Boxing Day encounter, at Sincil Bank, where about 2,000 hardy souls saw the Nuts play with even greater vigour, and come home with a 3-1 advantage. Raby hit the first, good old Joe Kitchen scored the second, before the Junior Imps clawed one back. Victory was secured when Burkinshaw crashed in the third, to conclude the scoring.

Happy Christmas to one and all.

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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

Chorley began life as a rugby club, before switching to association football in 1883. Known as the Magpies since the 1890s because of their distinctive black and white striped shirts, the club have played in six different leagues during an 140-year existence.

After a series of friendly matches against Wigan, Preston North End and Blackburn Rovers in the 1880s, Chorley joined the Lancashire Junior League in 1889. The following year the league became the Lancashire Alliance, where the Club played through 1894 before leaving to join the Lancashire League.

They also competed in the Lancashire Combination and Cheshire County League before becoming a founder member of the Northern Premier League in 1968. Promotion as champions of the NPL in '88 resulted in The Magpies highest finish on the English football pyramid the following year (17th in the Football Conference), before they succumbed to relegation back to the NPL in 1990.

After the brief spell in the fifth tier, Chorley slipped slowly down through the divisions and flirted with relegation to the North West Counties League. Then, with the appointment of Garry Flitcroft as manager in 2010, the club began a remarkable revival.

Two promotions in four seasons saw the Magpies, roared on by an average crowd almost five-times higher than during the Noughties, catapulted into the National League North after a final day victory at Buxton in April 2014 secured a second NPL championship crown.

In what was to be Flitcroft's last season in charge, the club almost made a triumphant return to the Football Conference losing the NLN play-off final 3-2 to Guiseley in May 2015.

Assistant manager Matt Jansen took the reins that summer, and although the Magpies missed a play-off berth in 2015-16, they returned the following season only to lose a second play-off final. This time in front of over 8,000 fans at FC Halifax Town.

Yet another play-off appearance was booked in April 2018.

However, Harrogate Town edged the semi-final 2-1 with an injury time winner. The defeat was Jansen's last game in charge.

Assistant Jamie Vermiglio took over the day after Jansen departed and led the Magpies to National League North play-off success 10 months later, returning the Club to the fifth tier of English football with a 4-3 penalty victory over Spennymoor Town at Victory Park.

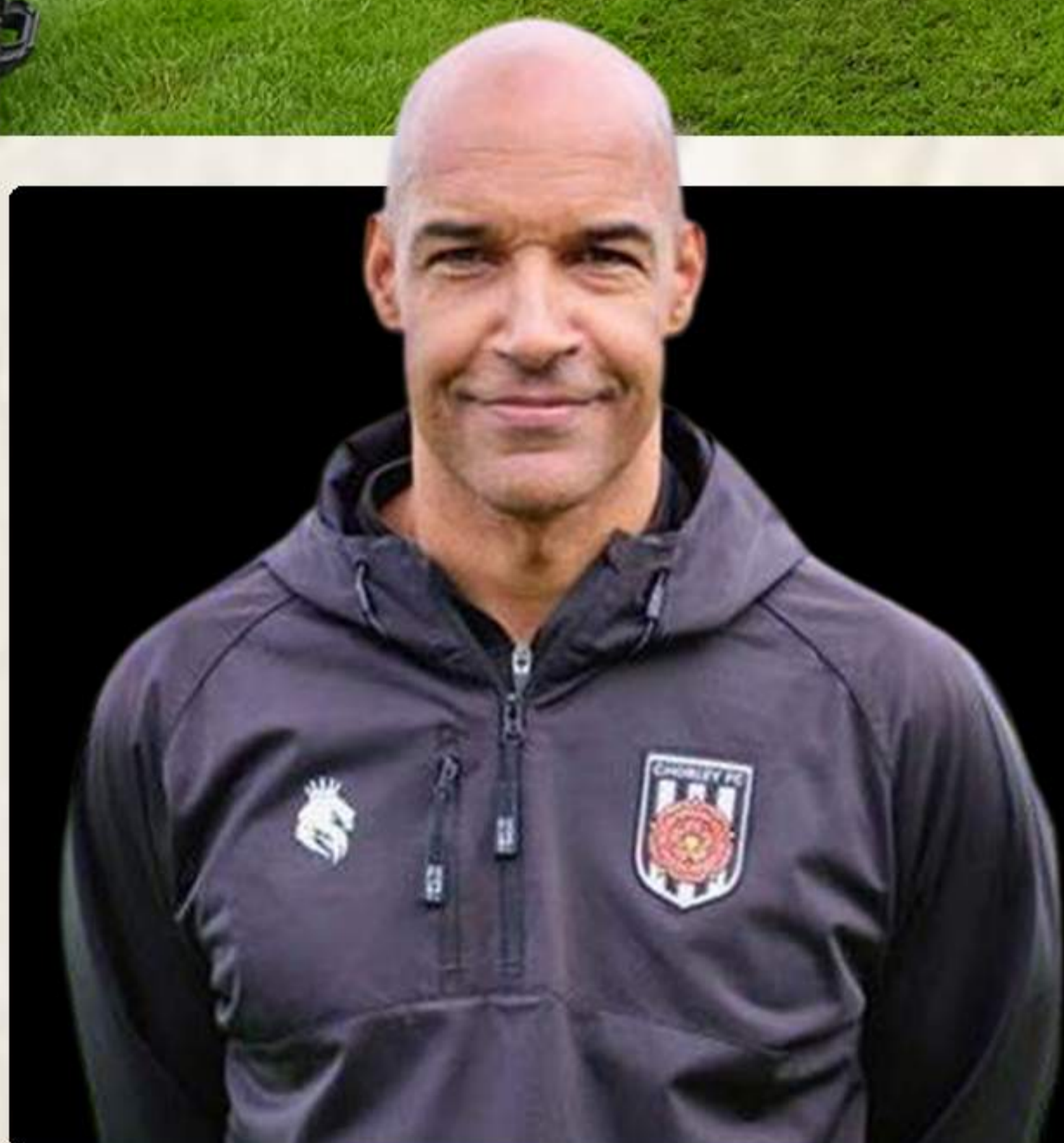
The Magpies' return to non-league's top table lasted just one season, as covid put pay to any hopes of survival with eight games of the season cancelled.

A further COVID-hit season in the National League North followed, with the season abandoned in February, before a rebound campaign in 2021-22 ended with a play-off berth for the fifth time since 2015.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1883
NICKNAME: The Magpies
GROUND: Victory Park
CAPACITY: 4,300 (975 seated)
CHAIRMAN: Jamie Vermiglio

RECORD GOALSCORER: Peter Watson - 372 (1958-1966)


INTRODUCING...
CHORLEY

MANAGER
Andy Preece

As a player, he was a forward who played over 500 games. Preece notably played in the Premier League for Crystal Palace, and in the Football League for Northampton Town, Wrexham, Stockport County, Blackpool and Bury.

A striker, since becoming a manager, he's taken charge of Bury, Worcester City, Northwich Victoria, Airbus UK, Southport and Chorley, where he has been in charge since May 2022.

GOALKEEPER
1. Matt Urwin

A modern-day Chorley legend who's made over 250 appearances for the Magpies over the last seven and a bit seasons. Originally signed on loan from Fleetwood Town in August 2017, before making the move permanent 18 months later. Combines his playing role at Victory Park with academy goalkeeping coaching duties at Blackpool.

DEFENDERS
2. Adam Henley

Experienced right-back with over 100 games for Blackburn Rovers under his belt. Joined from Bradford City in 2020; has also played in MLS. Capped twice for Wales as a teenager.

3. Mark Ellis

Experienced central defender with over 400 competitive league appearances, largely in the EFL. Signed in July 2023 having been released by Barrow in the summer, following loan spells with Solihull Moors, Torquay United and York City.

ONE TO WATCH...
33. Justin Johnson

Age: 27

Nationality: Dutch

Position: Winger

A livewire winger with outrageously quick feet.

He signed for Chorley following a brief trial last summer after hitting 12 goals for Stalybridge Celtic in the Northern Premier League during the 2021-22 campaign.

The Dutchman was originally with Manchester United before stops in Scotland and Cyprus. His previous clubs are Dundee United and Hamilton Academical in Scotland, York City in England and Othellos Athienou and Akritas Chlorakas in Cyprus.

Johnson was born in the Hague, South Holland, and started his career as a youth player with Sparta Rotterdam. After moving to England, he joined the Manchester United Academy, but was released and joined the football academy at the Manchester College. From there, he joined the youth squad of non-League club FC United of Manchester.

4. Scott Wilson

Manager's player of the year last season after a terrific debut campaign saw the former Burnley youngster make 44 appearances for the Magpies before being voted into Vanarama's 'Team of the Season'. A central defender - also played for Barrow and Curzon Ashton.

5. Harvey Smith

Bristolian central defender now in his fourth campaign with the Magpies after signing from Bristol City in August 2020. Recently made his 100th appearances for the club.

12. Jack Moore

Signed for the Magpies on loan from Blackpool in early August. Came through their academy and had a short spell on loan last season with Chorley too before being hampered by injury.

16. Adam Blakeman

Closing in on 300 appearances for the Magpies, across two spells. A full back with a wand of a left foot, 'Blakes' was a member of the club's 2019 National League North play-off-winning squad. He started his career with Bolton Wanderers.

MIDFIELDERS

6. Joe Nolan

The 21-year-old played 43 games for his hometown club last season after originally signing non-contract terms in August 2022 - a permanent contract followed in December. A product of Blackburn Rovers.

7. Billy Whitehouse

Workhorse winger who's barely missed a game for Chorley since signing after a successful trial in May 2021. Made his EFL breakthrough with Doncaster Rovers as a teenager before being snapped up by Leeds United.

8. Mark Calveley

Played 130 times for Chorley in three full seasons to date after joining from Curzon Ashton in the

summer of 2020. Originally came through the ranks at Port Vale, enjoying loan spells with Leek Town and Nuneaton along the way.

13. Ollie Shenton

A technically gifted midfielder who played a major part in Chorley's historic FA Cup run during the 2020-21 season.

He has made over 100 appearances for the Magpies since joining from boyhood club Stoke City in the summer of 2020.

14. Carlton Ubaezuonu

Summer signing from league rivals Farsley Celtic. Played nearly 40 games for the Celts last season after making the move from Irish football in 2022.

17. Rhys Fenlon

Signed for the Magpies on a permanent deal in the summer of 2023. Rhys previously had a stint with the club on loan in the 2022-23 season. He came through the youth ranks at Accrington Stanley, Manchester City and Burnley before signing permanently with Accrington Stanley as a professional in 2020.

FORWARDS

9. Jack Sampson

A target man who joined the Magpies for a second time after leaving AFC Fylde in February 2022. His first spell was a loan one from Macclesfield where he scored six in 16 games. He has also played for Southend United, Accrington Stanley and Morecambe, along with a successful three-year stint at Southport

15. David Moyo

Signed for the Magpies in September 2023, the Zimbabwean international has plenty of experience in English and Scottish football. The 28-year-old had a trial with the club in the summer of 2018-19 before signing for Hamilton Academical.

19. Jack Hazlehurst

A summer capture from City of Liverpool, where he'd played for six seasons gaining the nickname 'the Purple Messi' for his performances in the number 10 role of the NPL club.

CHORLEY'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD11 - Gloucester City 0-2 Chorley
 MD12 - Rushall Olympic 5-0 Chorley
 MD13 - Chorley 2-1 South Shields
 MD14 - Chorley 1-2 Hereford
 MD15 - Scarborough Athletic 1-1 Chorley
 MD16 - Chorley 2-0 Peterborough Sports
 MD17 - Chorley 8-0 Darlington
 MD18 - Darlington 1-1 Warrington Town
 MD19 - Blyth Spartans 1-1 Chorley
 MD20 - Boston United 2-2 Chorley
 MD21 - Chorley 3-2 Buxton

Recording a brilliant midweek win over Buxton at home, Chorley come into this fixture unbeaten in their last seven league games.

11 games ago in the league is when the two sides last locked horns, with a win against Gloucester following before a surprisingly 5-0 thumping at the hands of Rushall Olympic.

Only one more defeat since, against Hereford, would follow with the side since taking 13 points out of a possible 21 during their unbeaten run. Undoubtedly, the only lowpoint to their seven games without defeat are the four draws among it, but they did manage to convert a 2-2 scoreline to a 3-2 win on Tuesday having drawn the previous three games prior

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SUPPORTERS' GROUPS

We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

Welcome to this league game at Glanford Park; our first since the end of November versus Warrington Town.

Today we extend warm greetings to Chorley FC and any travelling Magpies fans. This is the second match between our two sides this season; back in September a good Iron away following at Victory Park saw a fair 1-1 draw.

After asking the Iron Trust membership to back the new SUFC Board, our members voted overwhelmingly to donate £5,000 to Scunthorpe United on the promise of future shares in the club. This would give the Trust a shareholding worth £9000, and satisfy the wishes of our members to extend our stake in club.

The Iron Trust player of the month for November, as selected by Trust members, went to Jacob Butterfield who also won the September award. Kian Scales (August) and Connor Smith (October) were the other winners.

Our little stall at Trust corner has seen a lot of activity lately as fans purchased stocking fillers for Christmas from the range of goodies on offer. Please take today's last opportunity prior to Christmas to visit us.

Thank you to all those joining the Trust in recent months. Our aim is to reach four figures with membership currently standing at 813. Iron Trust members tend to be some of the most loyal and ardent of supporters and more often than not have followed the Iron for much of their lifetime. New members as well as existing members can become board members and the election process is currently open. We can co-opt up to four people to the board and we encourage those interested to take up a co-opted role first to try things out. Young Bryn Gosling has taken this route and is now standing for the board as a full member.

The Iron Trust was invited recently to take part in a ten-pin bowling event by Unite the Union as part of their Support UK Steel campaign. The event at Ashby bowl attracted a good crowd with Needers, Big Shuggy (Bryn), Crouchy (Jake Stockdale), Coel Gosling and me representing the Iron Trust. Four of the team proved themselves to be excellent bowlers; the other bloke however, should stick to writing programme notes and chairing the odd meeting!

It just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we will hopefully see you on Boxing Day for the 1pm kick-off against Farsley Celtic.

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

1-0

Callum Roberts, 53'

ATTENDANCE: 3,527 (160 away)



IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 4 Kouogun
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 21 Smith
- 26 Law
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

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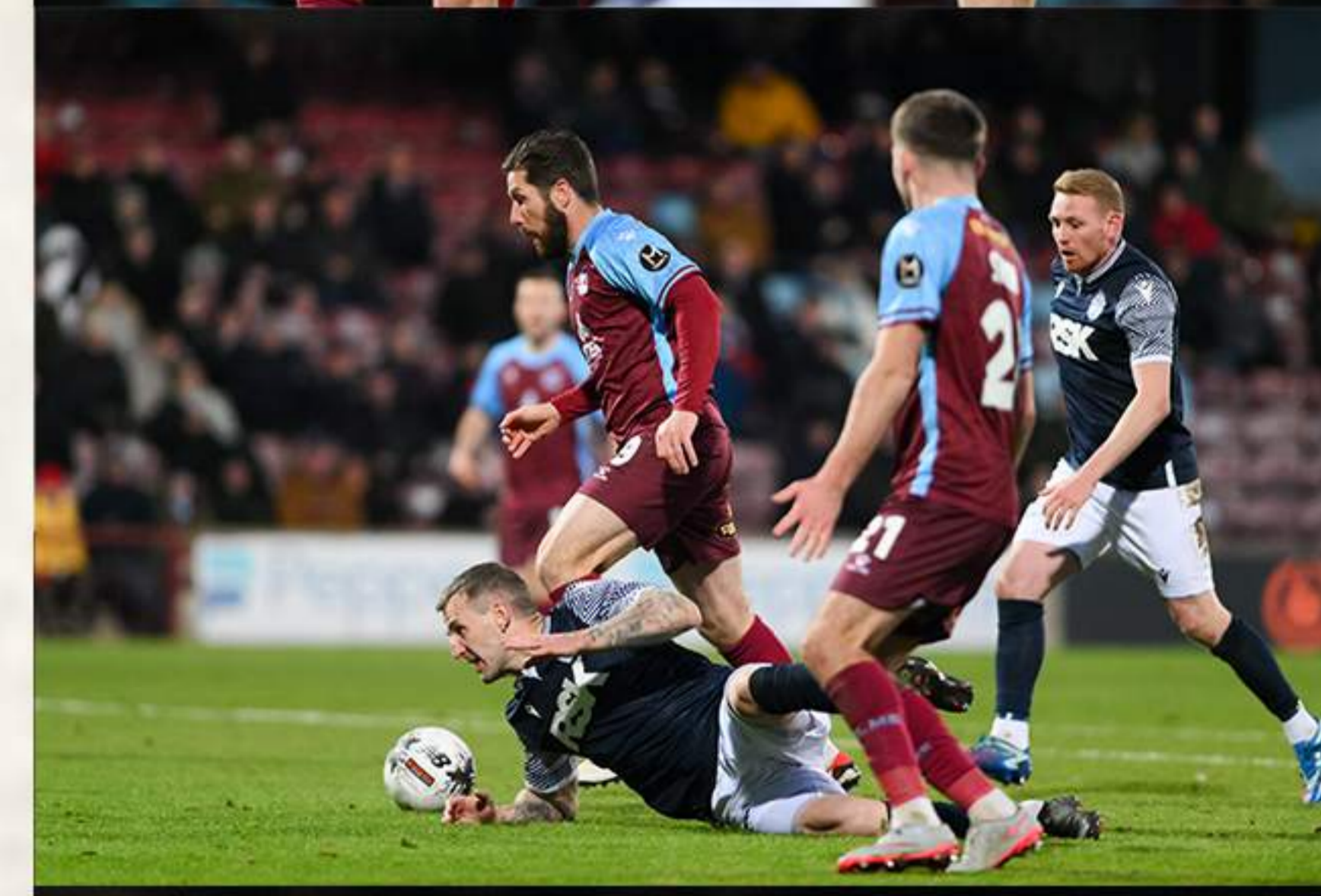
- 9 Elliott (for Butterfield, 83)
- 10 Roberts (for Kouogun, 45)
- 11 Wilson
- 22 Shrimpton (for Smith, 74)
- 23 Jenkins

WARRINGTON

- 12 Atherton
- 2 Walker
- 3 White
- 4 Hannigan
- 7 Woods
- 8 Williams
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- 17 Dixon
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- 20 Duggan
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MATCH REVIEW

Cowley, 62'

1-5

Danny Whitehall, 12'
Michael Kelly, 17'
Jacob Butterfield, 43', 45+3'
Callum Roberts, 88'



ATTENDANCE: 2,870 (217 away)



HEREFORD

- 1 Pond
- 2 Skinner
- 3 Livingstone
- 4 Teixeira
- 6 Downing
- 7 Ceesay
- 8 Babos
- 9 Cowley
- 11 Cranston
- 20 Mendes
- 21 Southern

SUBSTITUTES

- 16 Tolley (for Livingstone, 71)
- 22 Rooney
- 23 Freemantle (for Teixeira, 74)
- 24 Arthur
- 27 Cameron

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
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- 10 Roberts
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- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

SUBSTITUTES

- 6 Boyce
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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	3.00	Chorley					
Sat 23	3.00	Buxton					
Tue 26	3.00	Farsley Celtic					
Sat 30	3.00	Farsley Celtic					
JANUARY							
Sat 6	3.00	Boston United					
Sat 13	3.00	Brackley Town					
Sat 20	3.00	Tamworth					
Tue 23	7.45	Darlington					
Sat 27	3.00	Peterborough Sports					
FEBRUARY							
Sat 3	3.00	Rushall Olympic					
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					
TBC	TBC	Blyth Spartans					

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ON THIS DAY: DECEMBER 16TH

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	11	6	1	4	21	18
<i>home only</i>	4	3	1	0	11	6

XI AND SUBSTITUTES

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Elliott (Whitehall, 57'), Wilson (Shrimpton, 73'), Scales, Law (Butterfield, 57'), Denton.

Kelly, Boyce.

s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Wilson (Law, 78'), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 64'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 64').

Kelly, Boyce.

, 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.

STATS PRE-CHORLEY

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- Chorley will be the 135th different team to play the Iron at Glanford Park (124th in the league).

- The Iron have won their last six home games in the league, keeping five clean sheets in the process.

- The Iron have won four away games in the league pre-Christmas for the first time since 2017.

The Iron have won 13 league games so far this season, the joint most they've won after 21 games (also in 2004 and 2016).

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LEAGUE TABLE

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



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as December 15th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	13	6	Justin Johnson	Chorley	8
2	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	11	7	Glen Taylor	Spennymoor Town	8
3	Paul Blackett	South Shields	11	8	Diego De Girolamo	Buxton	8
4	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	10	9	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	7
5	William Harris	Spennymoor Town	9	10	Jacob Butterfield	Scunthorpe United	7

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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	21 (0)	8	1890	25 (0)	9
2	Reagan	OGLE	14 (0)	1	1184	52 (0)	1
3	Michael	KELLY	4 (9)	1	486	8 (9)	1
4	Max	KOUOGUN	12 (0)	1	997	15 (0)	1
5	Will	EVANS	19 (0)	1	1647	23 (0)	1
6	Andrew	BOYCE	11 (2)	1	1035	81 (10)	4
7	Michael	CLUNAN	12 (0)	0	990	14 (0)	0
8	Alfie	BEESTIN	4 (0)	2	360	98 (29)	9
9	Danny	ELLIOTT	8 (8)	4	759	18 (16)	7
10	Callum	ROBERTS	1 (5)	2	240	3 (5)	2
11	Cameron	WILSON	10 (6)	1	926	37 (28)	7
13	Maison	CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
19	Jacob	BUTTERFIELD	20 (1)	7	1636	64 (3)	12
20	Kian	SCALES	20 (0)	1	1699	22 (0)	1
21	Connor	SMITH	9 (3)	5	851	11 (4)	6
22	Fin	SHRIMPTON	5 (7)	1	595	25 (9)	1
23	Jack	JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0
26	Jason	LAW	9 (2)	1	666	9 (3)	1
33	Tyler	DENTON	21 (0)	3	1850	24 (1)	3
44	Ross	BARROWS	5 (4)	0	535	6 (4)	0
49	Danny	WHITEHALL	18 (3)	11	1595	21 (4)	11
OWN GOALS				2			

Players out on loan

	Marcus	CARVER	0 (0)	0	0	9 (11)	0
13	Aaron	CHAPMAN	0 (0)	0	0	7 (0)	1
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.

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

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ON THE ROAD BUXTON



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD -
3PM**

The Iron are next on the road for their final encounter before Christmas, taking on Buxton in the first away reverse fixture of the campaign.

Technically the third match between the two sides this season, the first was abandoned in stoppage time at the end of the game at Glanford Park before the replayed game took place a few weeks later.

THE STADIUM

Buxton is the home of bottled Peak District water and Silverlands - the highest football ground above sea level in England at 1,000 feet, and one of the oldest.

The ground is one of the best in the league, holding up to 5,200 spectators with an impressive 500 seater main stand on the half way line with some standing either side.

Opposite is the Scratching Shed or 'Shed' as it is known with covered terraced standing. Behind the goals, there is uncovered standing at one end and the Railway End Terrace at

the other. On trips to Buxton, away fans are often in the Shed and the open end behind the goal.

BY CAR

78 miles from Glanford Park, it will take approximately one hour and 40 minutes to journey from the Iron's stadium.

It is the fourth shortest trip of the Iron's season.

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- > Continue on A617 before taking the roundabout to A619
- > Continue forward on A619 before turning right onto A6020
- > After 9.6 miles, turn right onto The Duke's Drive / A6
- > At the roundabout, take the first exit onto Dale Road / B5059
- > There's a slight right onto Peveril Road before a left turn onto Clifton Road and a right turn onto Silverlands, with the destination on your right

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- > Market Place Car Park (SK17 6EB)
- > Sylvan Park (SK17 6BY)
- > Spring Gardens Car Park (SK17 6BY)

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL

Buxton railway station is also nearby, but it is a short steep walk uphill from there to the ground. There is an hourly direct train service from Manchester Piccadilly to Buxton departing Manchester at 8 minutes to the hour. The return trains depart Buxton at 22 minutes past each hour.

FACILITIES

Facilities include a bar, small club shop, and a food hut which sells the usual burgers, hot dogs, chips, teas and coffees all at reasonable prices.



COMING SOON

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

FARSLEY CELTIC

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2023 - 1PM KICK-OFF

The first of back-to-back meetings against the side, with an earlier kick-off, the Iron welcome Farsley Celtic to Glanford Park on Boxing Day.

Sat in 14th place with 29 points from their 21 games played, the side jumped three places following their dramatic victory in midweek over Curzon Ashton when they turned a 1-0 deficit into a 2-1 win in the 94th and 97th minute.

The side are undefeated in six games unbeaten in the league, with their only defeat in the last seven coming in the FA Trophy against Radcliffe Borough. Prior to the win over Curzon Ashton, they registered two home goalless draws over Spennymoor Town and Hereford in what was a run of four home games on the trot.

Last month, they got back-to-back wins over Boston United and Buxton, although they've previously suffered defeats to Darlington and Alfreton Town.

The side were tipped to struggle in pre-season, but they defied the odds with their early campaign form, winning two and drawing three of their opening five games of the season, with the victories coming against Rushall Olympic and Bishop's Stortford.

Ahead of facing the Iron twice over the festive period in the space of four days, the side are due to be at Banbury United this afternoon before hosting Gloucester City on Saturday, December 23rd.

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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