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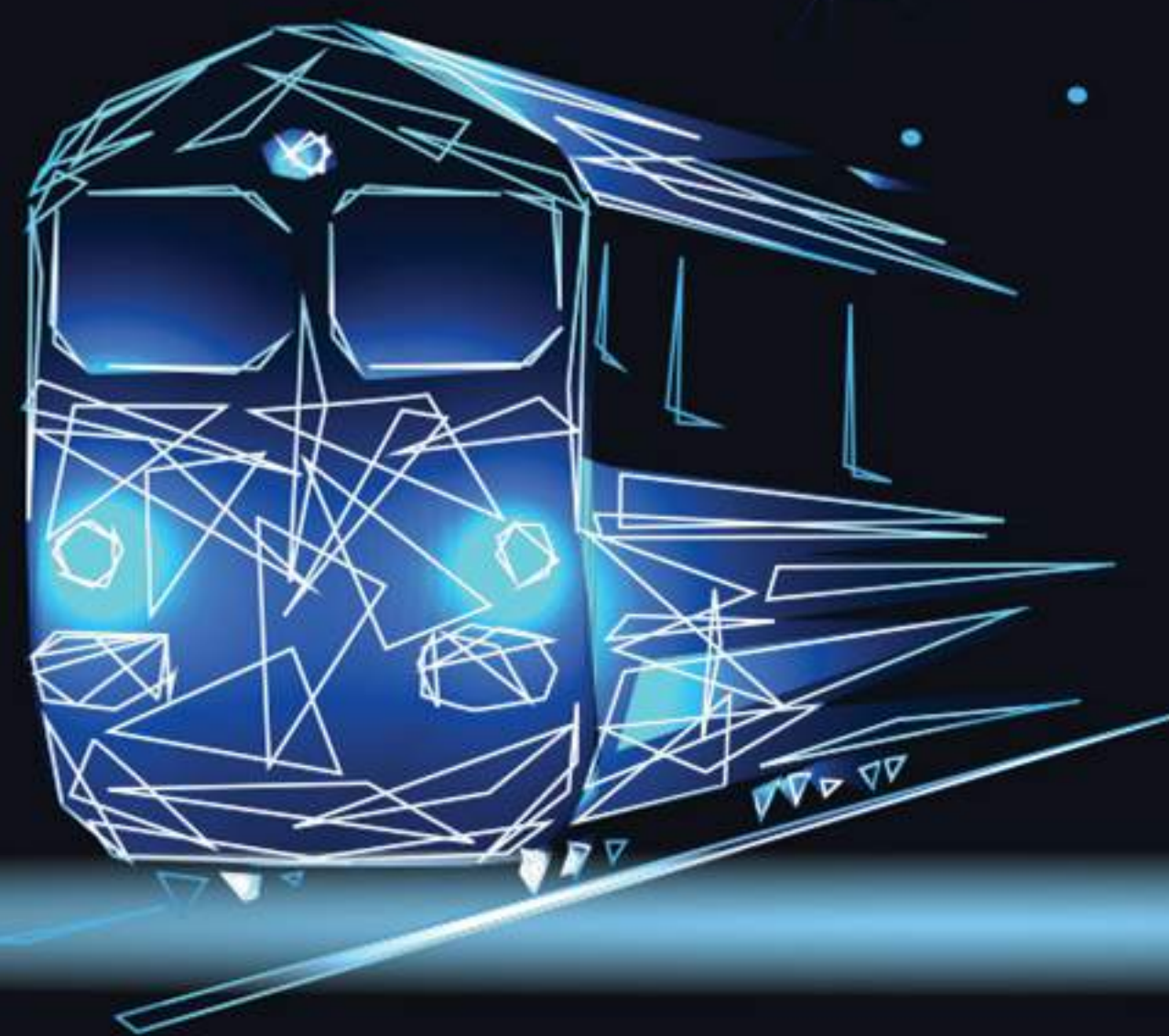
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JIMMY DEAN

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



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

Our trip there right back in August was a bizarre one. The pitch was underwater for the last 15-20 minutes of the game following a downpour and arguably the game should have been called off because of it, or at least suspended. Ultimately, it was a disappointing result, and one that we want to put right this afternoon.

A week ago, we welcomed Rushall Olympic here. It was a big three points. We were off it with the ball in the first half, looked a bit nervy and edgy in our performance. Without the ball, we were three or four yards off, particularly in midfield. At half-time, I've had my say and pointed out three or four fundamental areas where we had to be better, and we were. We got two good goals late on and a clean sheet too, and it was an important win mentally.

To take such a good win seven days ago into what happened on Tuesday night was a massive kick in the teeth. We were massively frustrated with decisions on the night, and had a couple of goals disallowed controversially, along with a penalty claim turned down. Having got in front, we were then disappointed not to have seen the game out, although we were also frustrated at the time the equaliser was scored. It would have been a near perfect away performance where we dug in throughout had it remained at 1-0, but instead we were left disappointed from an evening that was really hard to take in the end.

Curzon Ashton have had a strong season so far, and have picked up some big results across the year. We will have to be at our best to get anything from the game, but we are ready to continue fighting. We will continue to do us, and not worry about any other team in the league. We have a third of the season left to go, and all we can do is take each game as it comes and try to beat the opposition in front of us. There are plenty of points to play for, and I'm sure, plenty of twists and turns to come as well.

One thing we have to do is stick together. We came together and stood United throughout the adversity of last year, and we must stick together through these next couple of months of the season. The unity we have will drive us all forward as a group and help us achieve our ambitions.

Devastatingly, we received the news earlier this week that Callum Roberts' injury is worse than expected and will be out for longer than the four-to-six weeks

originally expected. We will support him through his recovery, but it's another blow, and we are gutted for him. Hopefully he will come back stronger and firing ready for next season.

His injury has presented an opportunity for Dion Sembie-Ferris, who has been outstanding in his two starts in the last week. Last weekend, he got a goal and he got the assist in midweek. He's got a lot of confidence at the moment, and hopefully you will all start to see the calibre of player he is, and what I've always known he is capable of.

A big thank you for your support as always. Get behind us today, as you always do!

United we Stand!

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

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

BACKROOM DUO DEPART FOR PASTURES NEW

Scunthorpe United can confirm backroom duo Dorian Mars and Glenn Boden have departed the club, opting to move onto pastures new.

Dorian joined the Iron in February 2022, initially taking the role of Head of Academy Medical and Sports Science. In July 2022, he was promoted to the First Team as Physiotherapist.

Prior to joining the club, Mars completed a BSc Honours degree at the University of Nottingham after three years as a Physiotherapist Assistant in the NHS between 2015 and 2018. After completing his degree in 2021, he spent six months at Doncaster Rovers before switching to Scunthorpe.

He departs the club to take on a role within the NHS.

Former physiotherapist Alex Dalton, who left the club to move to Doncaster Rovers in 2012, has agreed to work as a matchday physiotherapist until the end of the season, with Rodger Wylde continuing his role throughout the week.

Glenn joined the club in September 2018 as Head of Academy Analysis. He assumed that role for over four years until October 2022, when he transitioned to the first team as Head of Football Analysis.

Prior to switching over to the first team, Glenn was also Head of Academy Strength and Conditioning for over a year between July 2021 and October 2022.

He departs the club, moving to League One side Carlisle United.

Scunthorpe United would like to thank both Dorian and Glenn for their hard work, professionalism and endeavour during their time with the football club, and wish them all the very best for the future.

RICHIE BENNETT SOUTHPORT LOAN EXTENDED

Richie Bennett had his loan with fellow Vanarama National League North side Southport extended until the end of the season.

Since joining the Sandgrounders, he's netted four goals in all competitions..

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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, 1966, 1978, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2022

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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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FOCUS ON... DION SEMBIE-FERRIS

We continue our interviews with the Iron squad this season by talking to returning attacking midfielder Dion Sembie-Ferris, who netted last weekend...



Returning to the Iron to make his mark, it's been a positive start to life back in claret and blue for attacking midfielder Dion Sembie-Ferris.

His opening year with the club has been hampered with injuries and setbacks, but having had a stint back at old side Peterborough Sports, he appears to have returned with bags of confidence.

His two starts thus far have seen him score in the win over Rushall Olympic and then provide an assist in midweek against Blyth Spartans.

"It's good to be back. It's good to be starting, and getting some game time. I've worked hard while I was on loan, trying to get back in. I still wanted to be successful here. I know I've still got a long way to go, but I think I've had a good start.

"I'm pleased with the assist, but

at the same time it was frustrating in a game that was comfortable for us. It was a good away performance, and they didn't really trouble us. We worked so hard to go ahead, but we've got to move on from that. In this team we have enough about us to get through it, and that showed against Rushall."

For the 27-year-old, it was important for him to return to the Iron and hit the ground running following his somewhat stalled start up until this point.

"I've been very big on saying that I want to be successful here... this is a big club with an incredible history, and I want to be part of a team that makes some history."

"It's been really important (to hit the ground running). I've been very big on saying that I want to be successful here, and said numerous times that this is a big club with an incredible history, and I want to be part of a team that makes some history.

"I've said again and again that this club shouldn't be in this league and this situation, but unfortunately it is, and we will do our best to get back to where we used to be. I'm as hungry as ever to play my part

Dion Sembie-Ferris

here, and I think I can really add something.”

One thing was quite apparent about his loan back at his and Jimmy Dean's old side, and why it was successful - he was back within his comfort zone. And, at a time when confidence needed to be stored, it was certainly the only option on the table when it came to making a decision.

“It was massive for me (to go back there). I had a few options, but Peterborough Sports was the only one that stuck out for me. I've got a daughter back home, a girlfriend and all my family are there. It's a home comfort zone. I've got a lot of close friends there, and it's really easy to settle in. I knew I'd get the game time.

“Luckily enough, I was able to hit it off from the get go. I was very grateful to the gaffer to let me go there on loan, get some minutes, and get me some belief that I can do it at a club like Scunthorpe.”

There were some dark days prior for the former Colchester United winger, who by his own admission questioned at one stage whether he deserved to be at the club, as he went on to explain: “Even with my injuries, I had beat myself up because I hadn't been able to perform to my full capabilities.

“I started doubting whether I was good enough to be at the club, and it really affected me, but now since the loan, I believe in myself. I'm starting to show that - and I know it's only two or three games, but I think I'm starting to show what I can do.

“When you've played at a level like Colchester, making loads of appearances in League One and Two, I think when you come to clubs like Scunthorpe, and it's not working out, you end up back at home, or back in your digs on your own, staring at four walls and think why it's not working, or what am I not doing.

“For me, I'm always overcritical with my performances and second guessing what I could've done better. That was a big one



for me, I couldn't quite get to grips why it wasn't working out for me. You can use the injuries as excuses, but that's not what I want to be. I wanted to come here and make a mark, and now's my time to show it's my second chance at redemption.”

Gaffer Jimmy Dean has a lot to answer for Sembie-Ferris' continuation in football, with the pair now in their sixth year working together.

“I've had five or six incredible years with the gaffer. He stopped me from quitting football when I came out of Colchester.

“I started doubting whether I was good enough to be at the club, and it really affected me, but now since the loan, I believe in myself...”

Dion Sembie-Ferris

I was dwindling away in the lower leagues, not enjoying my football, and still in the dumps about being let go, when I thought I was progressing.

"I was grateful that he put an arm around me and he looked out for me, but also got the best out of me. There isn't any other gaffer that I'd rather work with at this moment in time. He's got an incredible hunger for winning. I can really work with that, I respect it, and all the other boys can see that he's a winner. Any loss hurts, and you can see it. I know how badly he wants this to work, and I know how badly I want it to

work, not just for myself or the team, but for him as well. He's deserved a role like this.

"It was tough knowing that I'd been with him for five years and he'd got the best out of me, but I just wasn't able to bring that out at the start. He's always believed in me, stayed true and been honest with me, and I'm just very grateful that he's brought me back at a time where he can see I'm in my stride, and given me the license to do what I need to do on the pitch. I'm incredibly grateful that, slowly, I'm repaying that faith he had in me, and hopefully I can continue to do that."

From a punching side always eager to beat the big dog, to the big side fending off the

underdog, he is experiencing the other side of things with the Iron.

"I enjoy it. I enjoy both sides of the coin. I enjoyed being the underdog and beating bigger teams, but I also enjoy playing for a big club. These are still boys playing for their livelihoods. They're playing football for a roof over their heads for them and their families. When you see these teams try to band together to try and stop Scunthorpe getting promoted, I enjoy it because I love competition, and I love proving people wrong.

"The resilience of the squad and the gaffer shows. On our worst days on the pitch, we can still pick something else. We are Scunthorpe, and shouldn't be in this league, but it's not a walk in the park. I've been in this league for nearly two years, and know how tough it is. I've been part of a team that loved playing against the bigger sides. When teams come up against Scunthorpe, they all want to beat us, so we have to be at our best. When we're not, we have to get together and try to pull something out of the hat. Everyone wants to beat Scunthorpe, and teams don't want us to succeed. There are a lot of people that don't want us to succeed."

And with a third of the season left to play, there's plenty still to play for, and Sembie-Ferris believes the team has what it takes to complete the task.

"We're still optimistic. Stranger things have happened. We have a mountain to climb, but we have to be optimistic. There's no point feeling defeated when there are so many games left to play. We've just got to take one game at a time, take the reins off, not feel too nervous, or worried about making mistakes. We've got quality in abundance, and I think more often than not, it has come through."



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



Good afternoon and welcome to the Attis Arena for this Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Nash.

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

Half-Term Activities

Despite it being the start of half term holidays, we'll be busy next week offering our exciting activities to local children. On Monday we'll be hosting our, ever popular, Limitless Lego sessions.

Participants will have the opportunity to search The Attis Arena on our Lego Minifigures scavenger hunt. This will be followed by creating their very own story books using our specialised Lego sets and our Lego Story Visualiser software on our iPads.

It's always a delight to see the imaginative stories that are produced each time.

On Tuesday we'll be back with morning and after sessions using our Sphero Robots.

Participants will take on a series of football challenges using the Sphero's. They'll need to use their programming skills to solve each challenge, which will then be played out on our custom football pitch playing mats. The challenges include dribbling, passing and shooting around the pitch.

We can't wait to get started!

A Game of Two Halves

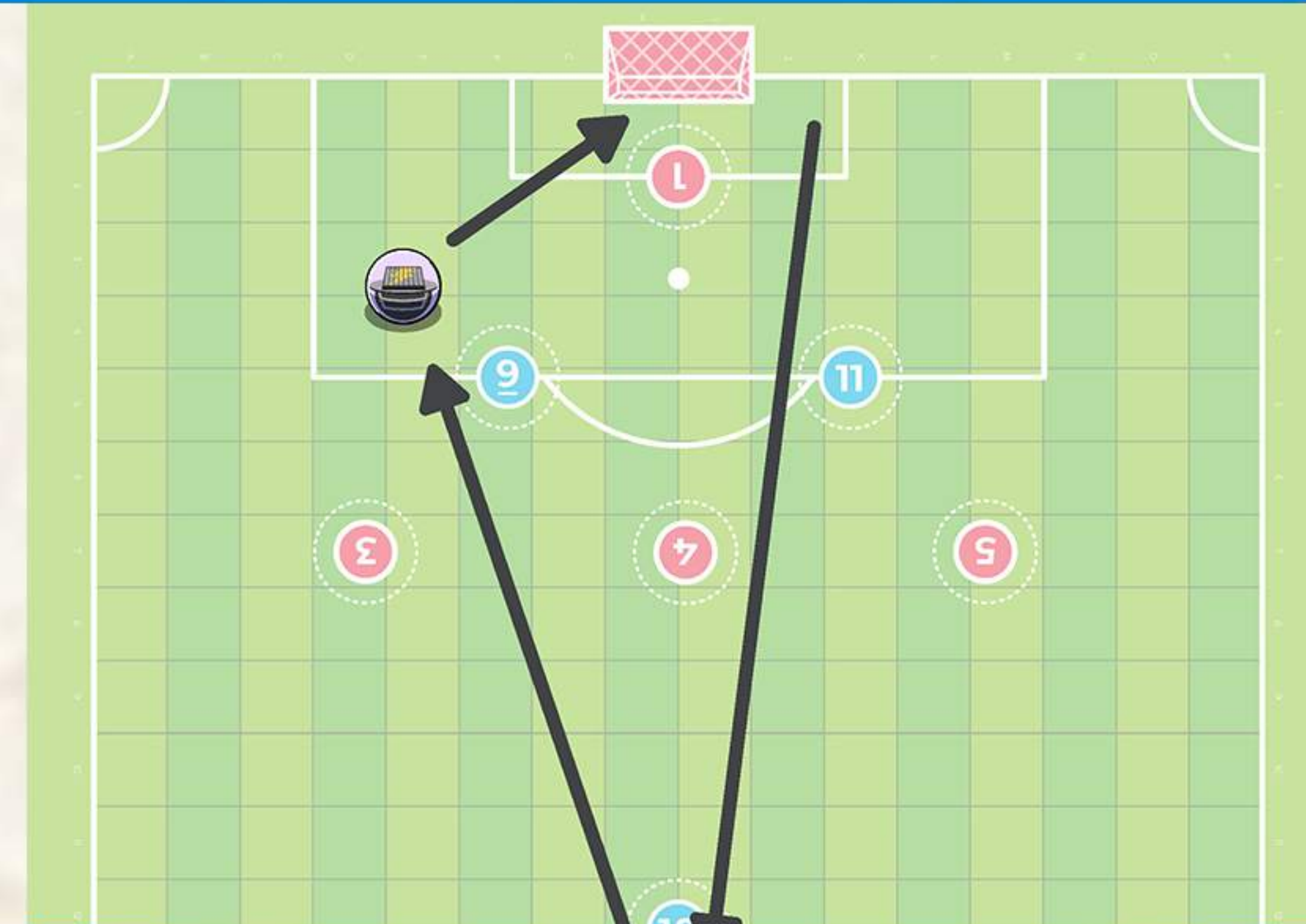
Yesterday, we welcomed Year 10



pupils from Sir John Nelthorpe School in Brigg to our Study Centre for the next part of their A Game of Two Halves programme. They came for their Physiotherapy and Recovery Masterclass with our expert tutor Jenny Fielding. Having completed a hands on massage session in our Study Centre, we then toured the stadium, including the gym and recovery/treatment room.

The Coaching for Performance group also completed their masterclass today at Premier Pitches. Former Iron manager Brian Laws passed on his expertise to the participants who, along with the Physio and Recovery group, will now go on to complete their final session, a trip to the world-renowned St George's Park, the home of English football.

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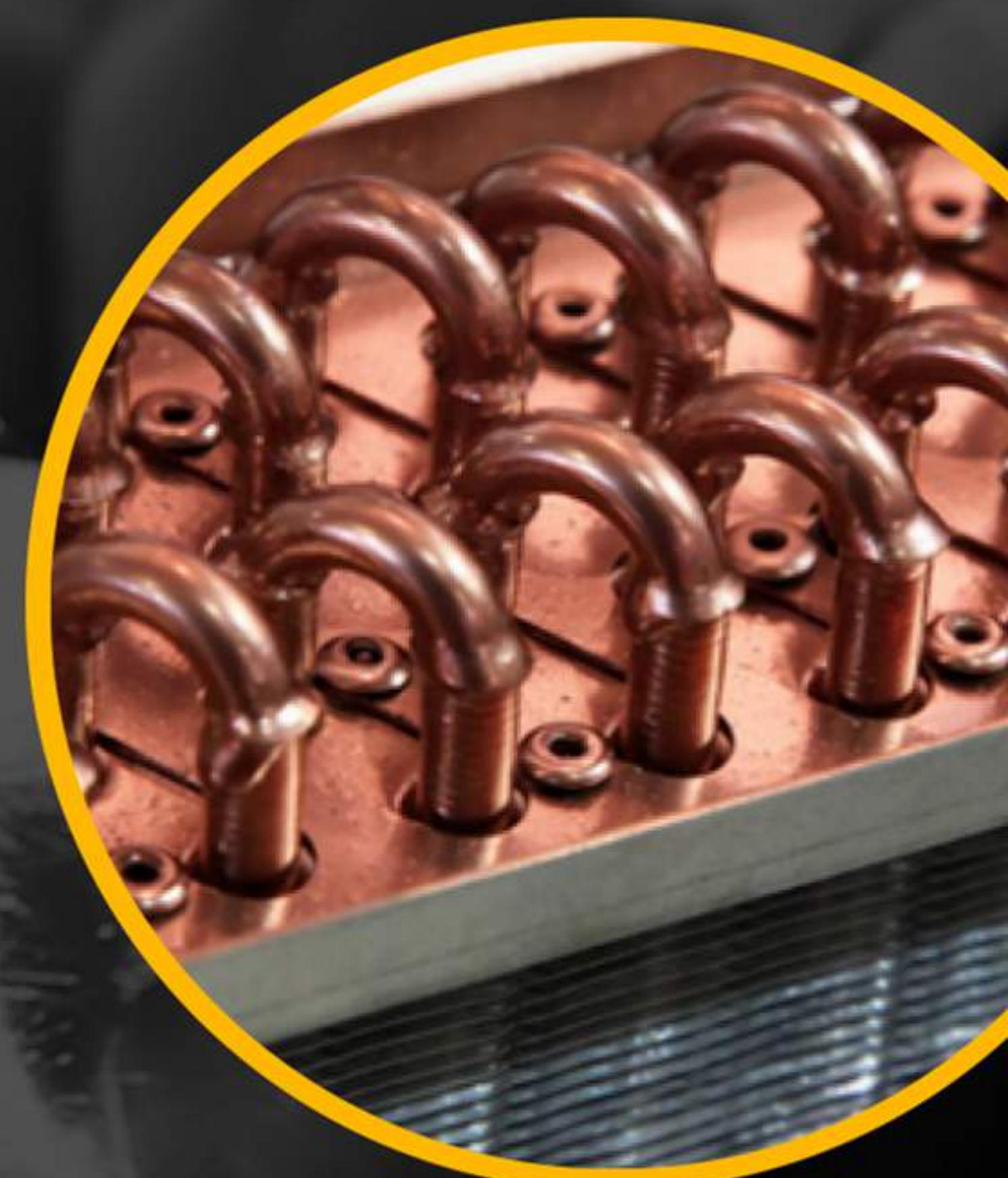
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Attis Arena for today's game.

A big thank you to our sponsors last weekend, who all enjoyed a great day with us culminating in three points. G&M Consulting Limited were our match and digital programme sponsors for the encounter, and chose their man of the match as Dion Sembie-Ferris, who capped the announcement with a goal shortly after.

Our matchball sponsor was Surv Dosanjh - Just Mortgages, while The Hop Inn, Brigg were our captain sponsors. We hope all will join us again in the future.

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Looking ahead, we have very few opportunities to sponsor us for the remainder of the season, but do have a couple of gaps for our next home league encounter.

We are also hosting a DIY SOS

MESSAGES

Today we remember devoted Iron fan Paula Shipton, who sadly passed away.

All at Scunthorpe United were deeply saddened to learn of her passing, and we extend our thoughts and condolences to all her family and friends.

event on March 12th between 10am and 12noon for any tradespeople to come down and network, and to see where the local community can help us, and how we as a club can help you too.

MASCOTS

Today we welcome one mascot to the Attis Arena!



Eight-year-old Bella-Marie Coote joins us this afternoon as our only mascot.

She attends Holme Valley Primary School, enjoys football and watching Scunthorpe United. Her favourite player is Reagan Ogle and Cameron Wilson.

We have availability to be a mascot for the rest of the season, with silver and bronze packages left. Email julie.taylor@scunthorpe-united.co.uk to book or for more details.



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ONLINE SHOP

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have new range of pop sockets, as well as a new range of Kelme stock now in the building from gilets to footballs, backpacks to full zip jackets.

As we enter 2024, we continue to

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

As always, you can contact us by emailing hello@sufcshop.com for enquiries, order queries, or to generally get in touch.

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



Our Merch Draw raised a total of £146 for the club, We want to say thank you to all those who participated and inform you all that the funds have already been sent to the club

Congratulations to Mike Jackson on winning the Hoodie!

Keep your eyes peeled on our facebook page for the next competition...

New in at Scunthorpe United



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MIDLAND LEAGUE DUTIES

A BRIGHT WINTER

TRAVELS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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

A century ago, the cold chill of February was freezing fingers to the bone in North Lincolnshire, and the only heat was felt near to the fireside, where the flames danced in dizzy confusion.

It was a time to expect a layer of snow on the window sill, and outdoor activities needed the extra layer. When the snow did fall, it did not stop sports such as football, and player still turned out, however low the mercury plunged in the thermometer. A couple of sprints round the Old Show Ground block was just the tonic to keep Scunthorpe United's players warm in their claret and blue layers.

At Scunthorpe United, Secretary Mr. Harry Allcock had a smile on his face, and the same smile was being worn by the supporters of the Club, because recent results were excellent. In the last five games, the Natty Nuts had gleaned a maximum ten Midland League points. Norman Reynolds, the Scunthorpe United custodian, had kept five cleaned sheet, while the whole of the defence had given their all. Quite often the front five had been seen as the weak link, but they had played up better than ever. The old campaigner, Kitchen was the engine room of this department, but he had been happy to allow Raby to do the scoring, and the young centre forward had seven goals to his credit during this purple patch.

During this run, doubles had been inflicted on Rotherham Town, and more lately, Chesterfield. The other success was on the North bank of the Humber, where a visit to Anlaby Road had brought a two goal advantage against the Tiger Cubs of Hull City Reserves. The only dent in the armour was a Lincolnshire Cup loss to the senior Grimsby Town team, at Blundell

Park.

Another event which had happened in the past fortnight was the serious injury sustained by Captain Oscar Hargreaves, who broke his leg in three places, during the visit of Chesterfield to the Old Show Ground. Supporters saw the popular left fullback stretchered off, in great pain, to hospital. Surgeons had successfully set the leg, and he was progressing as satisfactorily as could be expected, but it was quite apparent that dear Oscar had played his last game.

The date on the calendar was coming up for Saturday February 16th 1924, and Harry Allcock was making plans for the team to make the journey to the Central Avenue ground at Worksop. Two years



The Knut in conversation

ago the Nottinghamshire club had won the Midland League, and finished third last term. They were rubbing shoulders with the top sides in the division, in the current year. A tough match was expected, and a trial was given to Flanagan on the right wing, having left Grimsby Town. If either of these side were going to become the new champions, this was a jewel needed to go in the crown. Thus, with this in mind, the Nuts were represented by the following men: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury and Franklin, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Millson, halfbacks; Flanagan, Kitchen, Raby, Green and Foster.

If ever Scunthorpe needed to rise to the occasion, this was the time they took to the skies in a lead balloon. Worksop took the game by the scruff of the neck, and drilled a constant bombardment of shots at Reynolds' goal. Norman kept most of them out, but by half-time the Scunthorpe ship had been holed three times. It was a disappointed set of Scunthorpe players that trudged back to the dressing rooms for a hot tea, and a regroup. In truth, the damage was already done. In the second period, United played up far better, and kept the difference to those three



Raby - a scorer at Forest

CHAMPIONSHIP RIVALS.**SCUNTHORPE LOSE GROUND AT WORKSOP****FINE GOALKEEPING BY REYNOLDS.**

For the second week in succession Scunthorpe United were away from home when they met Worksop at the Central-avenue ground this afternoon. It was an important game for both teams, inasmuch as they were both included in the possibilities for the Midland League Championship.

Both had dropped the same number of points prior to this game but Worksop had a higher position in the table through having played a game or two

A note of the Worksop loss

goals, without the visiting forwards making any sort of impact. A 3-0 score brought the Nuts back down to earth, and a lesson had to be learned.

On the following Monday, Scunthorpe United had to return to the same County, and play the Reserves of the Nottingham Forest. Flanagan had played his last and only game for the Club, and was replaced by Thorpe from the second eleven, otherwise it was a case of 'as you were.' The home team were players who had

when Flanagan went straight down and got within a dozen yards of the goal, when he shot, but the ball went over the bar.

Shortly afterwards, Raby put the ball through between the Worksop backs, but Kitchen was beaten by Richardson. There was an improvement in United's play hereabouts and a suspicion of a penalty when Richardson pulled Raby back in order to allow Allen to clear. The United forwards however did not press on the home backs sufficiently. Allen was given every chance to clear a shot from Milson. Foster showed a

found the bubble of the spirit level settle at the halfway point in the Midland League ladder, and a keen contest was expected. At kick-off the crowd was only moderate, with visitors thin on the ground, most being at the works stoking steel furnaces.

However, the Nuts took the lead close to the half hour on the

referee's watch, and there was a question as to the validity of it. The build up to the goal was started on the left side of the park, as Scunthorpe were in command of.

Foster took hold of the ball, out wide on the flank, and transferred it to Green, whom some thought was in an offside position, but the linesman's flag stayed down.

Green produced the neatest of passes for centre forward Raby to rush onto, and plant the ball beyond the Nottingham Forest keeper. Legal

or not, the goal counted, and put the Scunthorpe men 1-0 to the good.

The second half saw the Forest Reserves bust a gut to find that elusive equaliser, but Bradbury and Ashmore were having strong games, and the lead held firm, just as the clock was running down.

It mattered not that this was not the pretty spectacle that the home supporters hoped they would witness, but when the referee blew time, the points were safe in the bag for Scunthorpe United. It was just the tonic after the difficulties experienced at Worksop, and restored moral among the ranks.

Next week, the Club was set for two more fixtures, one at home to Wath Athletic, and on the last Monday in February, at Denaby.

It was a heavy schedule, but Scunthorpe United found themselves coping.

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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

Curzon Ashton FC was formed in 1963 following the amalgamation of two clubs, Curzon Road and Ashton Amateurs. The newly formed club joined the Manchester Amateur League, winning the title twice and finishing runners-up in their first three seasons.

A step forward took them into the Manchester League, and after a period of consolidation a string of honours followed in the early 1970's, amongst them runners-up in both the First and Premier Divisions, twice in respect of the latter. In 1977-78 they took the title by storm, winning a league and cup double and in 1978-79 Curzon become founder members of the Cheshire League Division Two, winning promotion at the first attempt, just missing out on the title, by just two points. The first season in the top flight was celebrated with the club's then finest moment when they became the first North West based club to reach the semi-final stage of the FA Vase. Their dream of a final was however quickly diminished, losing both legs 2-0 to Stamford, with the home tie producing a then

then record attendance of 1,800.

The Club were competitive in the NPL First Division, as one of the founding members, but after they reached their highest finish of fourth in 1995-96, the following season, problems on and off the field beset Curzon, and their ten year stay in the NPL ended.

Troubles on and off the pitch, and plenty of changes would see them relegated for the first time. If relegation wasn't enough, the club received a "double-whammy" when they were placed in the Northern Counties East League (NCEL) following a meeting of the Northern Joint Liaison Committee, a decision which not only shocked officials of the club but many others connected with football in the region.

An appeal to the National League System sub-committee, supported by the Northern Premier League but opposed by both the NWCL and NCEL, proved fruitless, and so the club became the first to be moved in this way since the pyramid system was introduced.

Curzon would have a new home for 2005, with the ground formally opened on 8 September 2005 by

Sir Alex Ferguson for a game in which Manchester United provided the opposition.

It was the beginnings of an upturn in Curzon's fortunes and after previous repeated attempts to return to the NPL they had to wait until season 2006/07 to benefit once again from the re-structure of the pyramid system.

2012-2013 saw the club celebrate their 50th Season but in terms of league success, it was their worst for some time, the club finishing seventh and missing out on the play-offs for the first time since they rejoined the NPL in 2007.

Having been promoted in 2013-14, they would go up once more via the play-offs in the successive season, joining the National League North for the first time in their history. It was successive promotions for the only the second time in their history.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1963

NICKNAME: The Nash

GROUND: Tameside Stadium

CAPACITY: 4,000

CHAIRMAN: Wayne Salkeld

MANAGER: Craig Mahon

ASS. MANAGER: Alex Brown



INTRODUCING...

CURZON ASHTON



MANAGER

Craig Mahon

Appointed manager in September 2023 after Adam Lakeland moved to King's Lynn Town. Mahon joined Curzon from Chester in the summer of 2020.

Technically gifted and brilliant on the ball, Mahon was the driving force of the Nash midfield last season. Another Ireland youth international, Mahon is also the Nash captain. His leadership skills and ability on the ball are second to none within the club.

GOALKEEPER

1. Cameron Mason

Cam re-joined the Nash from Guiseley in the summer. Cam is an excellent shot stopper with great distribution. He has even made an appearance at international level for England C. He is no stranger to the Tameside having made over 170 appearances for the Nash at the time of rejoining, making him a fan favourite.

DEFENDERS

4. Marcus Poscha

Joined Curzon at the start of 2021-2022. He made 29 appearances scoring four goals from the back. He is a very old-fashioned defender and loves a strong challenge.

5. Devon Matthews

Joined Curzon in the summer of 2022 from Mossley AFC, after finishing the season as their player's player of the year. He is a tall, commanding centre back, who is very comfortable with the ball at his feet which accompanies his excellent ball playing ability very well.

ONE TO WATCH...

Alex Kenyon

Age: 31

Nationality: English

Position: Midfielder

A former player at the Iron, Kenyon began his career with Everton before being released in the summer of 2008 and he then joined non-league Chorley. Kenyon then joined Lancaster City in the summer of 2009 before signing for Conference Premier side Stockport County in May 2012. After suffering relegation with County in 2012–2013, he joined League Two side Morecambe in June 2013, where he'd remain until 2021.

Scunthorpe United then signed him on a one-year deal. Kenyon left Scunthorpe United in January 2022 by mutual consent.

In March 2022, Kenyon signed for Scottish Championship side Ayr United.

In July 2022, Kenyon returned to England to join National League North club Chester. He signed for the Club in July 2023.

19. Jordan Richards

Jordan joined the Nash in January of 2023 from Farsley Celtic. Jordan is a right-sided defender whose speciality is his ball-playing ability as he has a great passing range, and he is an excellent crosser of the ball. To accompany this, Jordan is a danger from set pieces with the ability to score from all kinds of ranges from a free kick or deliver a devastating corner.

22. Adam Barton

Barton joined the Nash from manager Adam Lakeland's former club, Farsley Celtic. Barton is a composed centre-back, who can deputise in central midfield. A full international with Northern Ireland, Barton has a fantastic reading of the game, alongside an excellent passing range from the back. Barton is also a former League Two Champion with Portsmouth.

MIDFIELDERS

7. Isaac Sinclair

Isaac re-joined the Nash in the Summer of 2023 following a three-year spell at Bamber Bridge. Isaac is a tireless, hardworking midfielder player who can play centrally or out on the wing. Isaac will often find himself in space ready to receive the ball and drive with it up the pitch.

11. Will Hayhurst

Will Hayhurst joined Curzon this summer from Farsley Celtic, where he worked under current Curzon boss Adam Lakeland. He has made nearly 50 career appearances in League 1 playing for Preston North End. His preferred side is the left and will look to put good quality crosses into the box.

14. Stefan Mols

Stefan joined the Nash in the summer of 2023 from Northern Premier League playoff winners Warrington Town. Stefan is a technically skilled central-midfield player who is very calm on the ball,

especially in tight spaces. His intelligence on the pitch and his ability on the ball are what define him as a player.

15. Jamie Allen

Jamie joined the Nash from Telford in the summer of 2023. Jamie is a quick and dynamic winger who loves to take on his man, when you pair this with his excellent decision making, he is a difficult package for any opposition to handle.

18. Dillion Edmundson

Dillon is a player who has come up from the youth ranks at the Nash, his prolific goalscoring at youth level is what earned him an opportunity to feature for the first team. Dillon is a hard-working, pacy forward whose technical ability is right up there with his teammates. Capable of playing centrally or on the wing Dillon is a danger to any side

21. Craig Mahon

Mahon joined Curzon from Chester in the summer of 2020. Technically gifted and brilliant on the ball, Mahon was the driving force of the Nash midfield last season. Another Ireland youth international, Mahon is also the Nash captain. His

leadership skills and ability on the ball are second to none within the club.

FORWARDS

9. Jimmy Spencer

Joined the Nash in February 2023 from Farsley Celtic. He is a back-to-goal striker whose first touch is exceptional. This paired with great technical ability and his natural strength make it very difficult for any defender to get the better of him.

10. Miles Storey

Miles joined the Nash last summer from Hereford FC. Miles is a dynamic wide forward player who possesses great pace and loves to drive with the ball and beat his man. Miles even has European experience, making three appearances in the Europa league qualifying stage during his time at Aberdeen FC.

12. George Waring

A towering centre forward who possesses a great aerial threat, also technical with exceptional dribbling and finishing ability.

CURZON ASHTON'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD22 - Gloucester City 3-0 Curzon Ashton
 MD23 - Chorley 4-0 Curzon Ashton
 MD24 - Curzon Ashton 3-2 Southport
 MD25 - Southport 0-3 Curzon Ashton
 MD26 - Curzon Ashton 0-0 Farsley Celtic
 MD27 - Boston United 1-1 Curzon Ashton
 MD28 - King's Lynn Town 0-4 Curzon Ashton
 MD29 - Rushall Olympic 2-2 Curzon Ashton
 MD30 - Curzon Ashton 0-3 Buxton
 MD31 - Curzon Ashton 2-1 Alfreton Town

Having conceded seven without scoring and suffering heavy defeats away at Gloucester City and Chorley, the Nash have turned things around and, despite a recent 3-0 humbling at home to Buxton, the side have otherwise picked up points throughout.

With 15 points attained in their last 10 games, the side are firmly in with a shout of making the end of season play-offs, and they've shown they can beat the teams in and around them, most recently defeating Alfreton Town in their latest game, who had in the game prior thwarted league leaders Tamworth from gaining all three points.

A draw against Boston United and back-to-back wins over Southport shows what calibre the team are on their day, while they're more than capable of putting teams to the sword as well.

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SUPPORTERS' GROUPS

We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

Good afternoon to all Iron fans as we gather once again at the Attis Arena for the visit of Curzon Ashton. We at the Trust extend a warm welcome to any travelling Nash fans.

The Iron Trust board elections have recently taken place with over 200 members taking the time to vote. Out of the six candidates who put themselves forward for the four places, serving board members John Needham (secretary) and Mark Stockdale (treasurer) were re-elected. Bryn Gosling steps up from his position of co-opted member and we extend a very warm welcome to new member Matt Ellis who probably needs no introduction as he is known to the masses through the Iron Bru podcast.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Berkeley Hotel last Wednesday and with the formal part over, club owner Michelle Harness came along to take questions from Trust members in what promised to be a 'warts and all account' of 2023. A big thank you to Lee and Cheryl, hosts at the Berkeley Hotel, for their hospitality.

Hat-trick draw numbers for the month of January were as follows:

1st prize £75 - number 76; 2nd prize £25 - number 181 and 3rd prize £10 - number 111.

If you are not already a member please see us at Trust corner to sign up.

The January vote for our player of the month award only concluded last night, I hope Trust members remembered to vote, unlike our treasurer Stocky senior who 'forgot' to vote for himself in the board elections after getting the closing date wrong!

Special mention to Trust member Ian Dawson who was a Director during the WHAM era. He is now semi-retired and devotes his days off working on behalf of the board to help stabilise club fortunes off the pitch.

The Trust is fast approaching 1000 members and when that milestone is reached we at the Trust will wine and dine one member plus a guest at a home game and throw in £50 for their drinks kitty. The winning member will be selected via a random draw.

Newly joining members include Paul Marsh, who saw over 1000 consecutive home matches prior to Covid ending his run. Also in the ranks is Luke Harrison, Scunthorpe born Luke is a rising star in the sport of Speedway who will ride for the local Scorpions teams in 2024.

Up the mighty Iron!



IRISH IRON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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

0-1

Callum Roberts, 17'

ATTENDANCE: 880 (600 away)



SPORTS

- 1 Crook
- 4 Fryatt
- 6 Lawlor
- 8 McCammon
- 9 Jones
- 11 Nicholson
- 14 Jones
- 18 Fox
- 19 Meyer
- 22 Felix
- 23 Gash

SUBSTITUTES

- 13 Elsom
- 5 Johnson
- 7 Fowkes
(for Jones, 23)
- 10 Jarvis
(for Nicholson, 83)
- 27 Miles
(for Meyer, 49)

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 4 Kouogun
- 5 Evans
- 7 Clunan
- 9 Elliott
- 10 Roberts
- 11 Wilson
- 15 Pugh
- 20 Scales
- 33 Denton

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
- 6 Boyce
(for Elliott, 88)
- 8 Beestin
(for Roberts, 34)
- 19 Butterfield
(for Pugh, 66)
- 22 Shrimpton



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Danny Elliott, 90'
Dion Sembie-Ferris
90+7'

2-0

ATTENDANCE: 3,285 (27 away)



IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 4 Kouogun
- 5 Evans
- 7 Clunan
- 9 Elliott
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 27 Sembie-Ferris
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly (for Denton, 78)
- 6 Boyce
- 8 Beestin
- 11 Wilson (for Butterfield, 76)
- 15 Pugh (for Elliott, 90+1)

RUSHALL

- 1 Weaver
- 2 Green
- 4 Fletcher
- 5 Brown
- 6 Browne
- 8 Moore
- 9 Oseni
- 11 Maher
- 12 Nklambi-Masidi
- 15 Clarke
- 19 Sullivan

SUBSTITUTES

- 7 McLintock (for Moore, 83)
- 10 Coyle
- 14 Carvalho-Landell (for Maher, 70)
- 16 Edge
- 17 Farmer (for Oseni, 78)



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MATCH-BY-MATCH

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AUGUST							
Sat 5	W2-1	Tamworth	8	Matthew McQuillan	2063 (750 away)	Curley (og - 45+5'), Whitehall (71')	Fitzsimons
Sat 12	D1-1	Peterborough Sports	8	Declan Brown	3380 (52 away)	Butterfield (50')	Fitzsimons
Tue 15	W4-0	Darlington	1	Richard Eley	3392 (339 away)	Whitehall (26', 41), Beestin (78'), Sembie-Ferris (90+3')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 19	W3-0	Rushall Olympic	1	Lee Hible	937 (559 away)	Beestin (11'), Whitehall (85'), Denton (88')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 26	L0-1	Curzon Ashton	2	Niall Smith	868 (635 away)		Fitzsimons,
Mon 28	W4-1	Scarborough Athletic	1	Liam Corbett	4860 (640 away)	Shrimpton (18'), Wilson (31'), Elliott (pen, 60'), Mulhern (og, 71')	Fitzsimons
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 2	D2-2	Alfreton Town	2	Oliver Mackey	1324 (855 away)	Whitehall (31'), Elliott (41')	Fitzsimons
Tue 5	W3-1	South Shields	1	Jack Hall	3477 (166 away)	Scales (7'), Elliott (17'), Whitehall (pen, 85')	Fitzsimons
Sat 9	A-A	Buxton	2	James Bancroft	3661 (170 away)	Bennett (82')	Fitzsimons
Sat 16	D0-0	Brackley Town	FAC	Alex Sawden	1909 (26 away)		Fitzsimons,
Tue 19	L1-3	Brackley Town	FAC	Dean Skipper	471 (100 away)	Elliott (25')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 23	D1-1	Chorley	4	George Laflin	1711 (403 away)	Elliott (44')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 30	L0-3	Buxton	4	Ben Robinson	3077 (78 away)		Fitzsimons
OCTOBER							
Sat 7	W1-0	Brackley Town	4	Oliver Mackey	5063 (46 away)	Butterfield (60')	Fitzsimons
Sat 21	L0-2	Chester	5	William Davis	2676 (363 away)		Fitzsimons,
Tue 24	W6-0	Spennymoor Town	3	Harry Jones	3135 (114 away)	Smith (5', 7'), Denton (40'), Law (54'), Butterfield (62'), Whitehall (81')	Fitzsimons
Sat 28	W6-1	Bishop's Stortford	2	Oliver Noonan	3610 (33 away)	Smith (8'), Ogle (30'), Evans (39'), Denton (64'), Whitehall (75', pen, 90+7')	Fitzsimons
Tue 31	D1-1	Boston United	3	Michael Robertson-Tant	2178 (570 away)	Smith (75')	Fitzsimons,
NOVEMBER							
Tue 7	W2-0	Banbury United	3	Liam Corbett	913 (215 away)	Butterfield (7'), Smith (39')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 11	W2-0	Gloucester City	1	Helen Conley	4195 (35 away)	Butterfield (18'), Whitehall (pen, 51')	Fitzsimons
Tue 14	L1-3	King's Lynn Town	3	Josh Crofts	1140 (223 away)	Boyce (15')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 18	W2-0	Darlington	FAT	Nicholas Dunn	1977 (148 away)	Smith (8'), Butterfield (27')	Fitzsimons
Tue 21	W1-0	Southport	2	Luis Griffiths	3035 (72 away)	Kouogun (72')	Fitzsimons
Sat 25	W1-0	Warrington Town	2	Alex Sawden	3527 (160 away)	Roberts (53')	Fitzsimons
DECEMBER							
Sat 2	W5-1	Hereford	1	Isaac Searle	2870 (217 away)	Whitehall (12'), Kelly (17'), Butterfield (43, 45+3'), Roberts (88')	Fitzsimons
Fri 8	L0-2	Solihull Moors	FAT	Dean Watson	1899 (29 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 16	W3-0	Chorley	1	Dane McCarrick	3281 (101 away)	Whitehall (pen, 25', 63), Smith (52')	Fitzsimons
Sat 23	D0-0	Buxton	1	Shaun Taylor	1245 (529 away)		Fitzsimons,
Tue 26	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	Declan Brown	4468 (58 away)	Law (52'), Whitehall (62')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	George Warren	2333 (1800 away)	Evans (19'), Shrimpton (84')	Fitzsimons,
JANUARY							
Sat 6	D2-2	Boston United	2	Thomas Wilson	4672 (563 away)	Elliott (pen, 10', 42')	Fitzsimons
Sat 13	L0-2	Brackley Town	2	Jonathan Maskrey	1008 (256 away)		Fitzsimons,
Sat 27	W1-0	Peterborough Sports	2	Neil Pratt	880 (600 away)	Roberts (17')	Fitzsimons,
Tue 30	L0-1	Tamworth	2	Gareth Thomas	5277 (249 away)		Fitzsimons
FEBRUARY							
Sat 3	W2-0	Rushall Olympic	2	Harry Jones	3285 (27 away)	Elliott (90'), Sembie-Ferris (90+7')	Fitzsimons
Tue 6	D1-1	Blyth Spartans	2	Thomas Wilson	810 (190 away)	Elliott (79')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 10	3.00	Curzon Ashton					
Sat 17	1.00	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	Darlington					

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ON THIS DAY: FEBRUARY 10TH

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	15	2	7	6	19	24
<i>home only</i>	12	2	5	5	15	16

XI AND SUBSTITUTES

UNUSED SUBSTITUTES

Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Elliott (Whitehall, 57' ⚽), Wilson (Shrimpton, 73'), Scales, Law (Butterfield, 57'), Denton.	Kelly, Boyce.
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.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan (Shrimpton, 27'), Beestin, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 67'), Butterfield (Kelly, 73'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Elliott.
Ogle, Kelly (Elliott, 57'), Kouogun, Evans, Butterfield, Scales, Shrimpton (Pugh, 77'), Sembie-Ferris (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall.	Chapman, Boyce.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Boyce, 83'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton (Kelly, 68'), Whitehall (Sembie-Ferris, 68').	Chapman, Pugh.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 61'), Butterfield (Kelly, 61'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 74').	Boyce, Sembie-Ferris.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott (Sembie-Ferris, 82'), Wilson (Smith, 66'), Butterfield (Kelly, 75'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Bennett.
Ogle (Sembie-Ferris, 80'), Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield, Smith (Jenkins, 58'), Shrimpton (Bennett, 63'), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Boyce.
Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 74'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton, Whitehall (Bennett, 78').	Chapman, Boyce, Sembie-Ferris, Barrows.
Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 75'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 45'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton.	Chapman, Smith, Barrows.
Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 52'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Barrows, 72'), Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 87').	Smith, Bennett.
Kelly, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 65'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins (Bennett, 73'), Denton (Pugh, 72'), Barrows, Whitehall.	Shrimpton, Butler.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Kelly, 88'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 84'), Scales, Jenkins, Denton.	Smith, Barrows.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott (Whitehall, 10'), Bennett (Wilson, 61'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins, Denton, Barrows (Law, 84').	Kelly, Pugh.
Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 63'), Boyce, Clunan (Jenkins, 63'), Butterfield (Kelly, 67'), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Bennett.
Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 75'), Boyce, Butterfield (Kelly, 62'), Scales, Smith, Jenkins, Law (Wilson, 62'), Denton, Whitehall.	Bennett, Pugh.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 70'), Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 77').	Kelly, Barrows.
Ogle (Barrows, 14'), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 71), Scales, Smith, Law (Roberts, 71), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Wilson.
Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Wilson, 53'), Scales, Smith (Kelly, 74'), Law (Roberts, 71'), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Jenkins.
Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales (Jenkins, 73), Smith, Law (Roberts, 58), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 73).	Kelly, Kouogun.
Kelly (Denton, 45), Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Roberts (Wilson, 74), Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 58).	Chapman, Boyce, Shrimpton, Law.
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Kouogun (Roberts, 45), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Elliott, 83), Scales, Smith (Shrimpton, 74), Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Jenkins.
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Kelly (Law, 59), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales, Smith (Elliott, 59), Denton, Whitehall.	Campbell, Kouogun, Wilson, Shrimpton, Jenkins.
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Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 80), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 80).	Kelly, Kouogun, Shrimpton.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Wilson, 79), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 79), Scales, Law, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 68).	Kelly, Kouogun.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Shrimpton, 65), Elliott (Kelly, 89), Roberts (Smith, 76), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Butterfield.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Elliott, Roberts (Kelly, 89), Butterfield (Beestin, 59), Scales, Smith (Shrimpton, 64), Denton.	Kouogun, Wilson.
Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Shrimpton, 83), Elliott, Roberts, Scales, Law (Wilson, 61), Denton.	Kelly, Kouogun, Barrows.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Elliott (Boyce, 88), Roberts (Beestin, 34), Wilson, Pugh (Butterfield, 66), Scales, Denton.	Kelly, Shrimpton.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin (Whitehall, 66), Elliott (Kelly, 57), Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 74), Butterfield, Scales, Denton.	Boyce, Pugh.
Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Elliott (Pugh 90+1), Butterfield (Wilson, 76), Scales, Sembie-Ferris, Denton (Kelly, 78), Whitehall.	Boyce, Beestin.
Ogle, Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Elliott, Pugh (Wilson, 65), Scales, Sembie-Ferris (Barrows, 90), Whitehall (Beestin 80).	Boyce, Butterfield.

STATS PRE-CURZON ASHTON

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- The Iron scored a 90th minute winner for the first time last weekend since December 2020 and the first time in front of a crowd since November 2017.
- It was also the first time two goals have been scored beyond 90 minutes for the Iron since April 2013 (W3-1 v Swindon Town)
- Curzon Ashton will be the 139th different team to play Scunthorpe at the Attis Arena, and 128th in the league.

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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	Tamworth	32	12	1	3	10	3	3	22	4	6	56	19	37	70
2	Scunthorpe United	31	12	2	2	6	5	4	18	7	6	59	25	34	61
3	Scarborough Athletic	32	11	4	1	5	1	10	16	5	11	44	37	7	53
4	Brackley Town	31	9	3	3	6	4	6	15	7	9	37	24	13	52
5	Chester	32	10	3	3	4	6	6	14	9	9	38	23	15	51
6	Chorley	30	9	3	3	5	5	5	14	8	8	52	36	16	50
7	Curzon Ashton	31	7	3	5	7	5	4	14	8	9	43	34	9	50
8	Hereford	32	10	2	4	5	3	8	15	5	12	41	45	-4	50
9	Boston United	31	9	3	3	4	6	6	13	9	9	39	32	7	48
10	Alfreton Town	30	8	4	3	5	4	6	13	8	9	51	39	12	47
11	South Shields	31	9	3	4	4	5	6	13	8	10	49	37	12	47
12	Warrington Town	31	7	4	4	6	4	6	13	8	10	46	39	7	47
13	Blyth Spartans	32	6	5	5	5	4	7	11	9	12	49	48	1	42
14	Farsley Celtic	30	5	6	4	5	5	5	10	11	9	29	33	-4	41
15	Buxton	31	4	7	5	6	1	8	10	8	13	43	41	2	38
16	Peterborough Sports	30	5	4	6	5	4	6	10	8	12	35	42	-7	38
17	Banbury United	30	4	4	7	6	3	6	10	7	13	29	45	-16	37
18	Spennymoor Town	29	4	4	6	6	2	7	10	6	13	41	48	-7	36
19	Rushall Olympic	31	5	4	7	4	3	8	9	7	15	40	48	-8	34
20	King's Lynn Town	32	3	6	7	4	5	7	7	11	14	36	52	-16	32
21	Southport	30	4	2	9	5	3	7	9	5	16	33	57	-24	32
22	Gloucester City	32	5	3	8	2	4	10	7	7	18	35	49	-14	28
23	Darlington	30	2	7	6	4	0	11	6	7	17	22	54	-32	25
24	Bishop's Stortford	31	4	0	12	1	2	12	5	2	24	29	69	-40	17



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as February 9th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Paul Blackett	South Shields	20	6	Harry Green	Scarborough Athletic	11
2	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	16	7	Justin Johnson	Chorley	11
3	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	14	8	Isaac Buckley-Ricketts	Warrington Town	11
4	Kyle Finn	Tamworth	12	9	Jason Cowley	Hereford	11
5	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	12	10	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	10

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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	31 (0)	14	2790	35 (0)	14
2	Reagan	OGLE	24 (0)	1	2084	62 (0)	1
3	Michael	KELLY	5 (14)	1	623	9 (14)	1
4	Max	KOUOGUN	16 (0)	1	1357	19 (0)	1
5	Will	EVANS	29 (0)	2	2547	33 (0)	2
6	Andrew	BOYCE	17 (3)	1	1577	87 (11)	4
7	Michael	CLUNAN	22 (0)	0	1890	24 (0)	0
8	Alfie	BEESTIN	8 (3)	2	778	102 (32)	9
9	Danny	ELLIOTT	15 (11)	8	1381	25 (19)	11
10	Callum	ROBERTS	6 (5)	3	619	7 (5)	3
11	Cameron	WILSON	12 (11)	1	1179	39 (33)	7
13	Maison	CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
15	Tom	PUGH	2 (5)	0	182	44 (27)	0
19	Jacob	BUTTERFIELD	26 (2)	7	2144	70 (4)	12
20	Kian	SCALES	30 (0)	1	2589	32 (0)	1
22	Fin	SHRIMPTON	5 (11)	2	664	25 (13)	2
26	Jason	LAW	12 (3)	2	913	12 (4)	2
27	Dion	SEMBIE-FERRIS	3 (5)	2	323	8 (9)	2
33	Tyler	DENTON	30 (0)	3	2611	33 (1)	3
44	Ross	BARROWS	5 (5)	0	539	6 (5)	0
49	Danny	WHITEHALL	24 (4)	14	2046	27 (4)	14
		OWN GOALS		2			

Players out on loan

	Marcus	CARVER	0 (0)	0	0	9 (11)	0
14	Richie	BENNETT	2 (1)	0	151	11 (3)	1
17	Harrison	POULTER	0 (0)	0	0	0 (8)	0
18	Josh	ROBERTSON	0 (0)	0	0	0 (2)	0

Players no longer at the club

21	Connor	SMITH	12 (4)	6	1093	14 (5)	7
23	Jack	JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0

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

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

IT'S AN IRON STAT!

Dion Sembie-Ferris is the first player to score their first two goals for the club in the 90th minute since Charlie Goode in 2015.

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ON THE ROAD SCARBOROUGH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH -
1PM

Sold out in just over an hour, the Iron's next trip on the road will be to Scarborough Athletic's Flamingo Land Stadium for an early kick-off.

The fixture against the Spartans will be United's second of three away league fixtures in the month of February, with 600 tickets snapped up instantaneously for the encounter.

THE STADIUM

Scarborough Athletic play at the Flamingo Land Stadium, finally returning home after 10 years in exile, ground sharing at Bridlington Town FC, in summer 2017.

Construction of the stadium started in 2016 with the first match at the stadium being played on 15 July 2017 against Sheffield United.

The stadium originally had a capacity of 2,070 with 250 seats, but since the building of a new stand in Summer 2019, the capacity has increased to 2,833 with 586 seats. In July 2022, the

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> Follow A64 in Scarborough passing the Park & Ride. At the lights turn right onto Valley Road, continue straight on at the roundabout and take the next right onto Ashburn Road. Continue straight on and the stadium is at the end of the road past the UTC and Coventry University.

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Turn left out of the railway station and head out of town. At the traffic lights, cross over Belgrave Crescent and walk through the bollards onto Londesborough Road. Follow the road down the hill and the sports village is signposted.

FACILITIES

The Flamingo Land Stadium boasts a large clubhouse at the top of the main stand, including a bar and sponsor facilities.

The club shop is located pitch side.



COMING SOON

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

ALFRETON TOWN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron return to the Attis Arena in a fortnight's time, hosting Alfreton Town in our final home encounter of the month.

United were given an uphill task in the reverse fixture earlier in the season when Kian Scales was dismissed inside the opening five minutes for an alleged act of serious foul play. Scunthorpe rallied hard and produced a 2-2 draw on the day, twice going ahead through Danny Elliott and Danny Whitehall before being pegged back. It was also a debut for Connor Smith for the Iron, on loan from Heart of Midlothian.

For Alfreton, they currently sit in tenth position with 47 points from their 30 games so far this season. The side has flirted with the play-off places across the campaign so far, and did record a goalless draw with Alfreton Town in recent weeks.

Should they not make the play-offs, it will be their away form that will thwart them, with just five wins from 15 on the road. Contrastingly, they've just lost three of 15 on home soil.

Their last game, however, was a 2-1 away defeat to the Iron's opposition this afternoon, with Alex Kenyon among the scorers on home soil.

The Reds have four games, including this afternoon, to play before the two sides meet at the Attis Arena towards the end of February. Their three games prior to the encounter will be at Alfreton in a seven day period, hosting South Shields, King's Lynn Town and Banbury United.

TICKET NEWS

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

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NEXT UP ON THE ROAD

SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC SAT 17 FEB KO 1PM

NEXT UP AT HOME

ALFRETON TOWN SAT 24 FEB KO 3.00

YOUR MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: ELLIOT BELL

ASSISTANTS: ADEWUNMI SONEYE

TAYLOR METCALF