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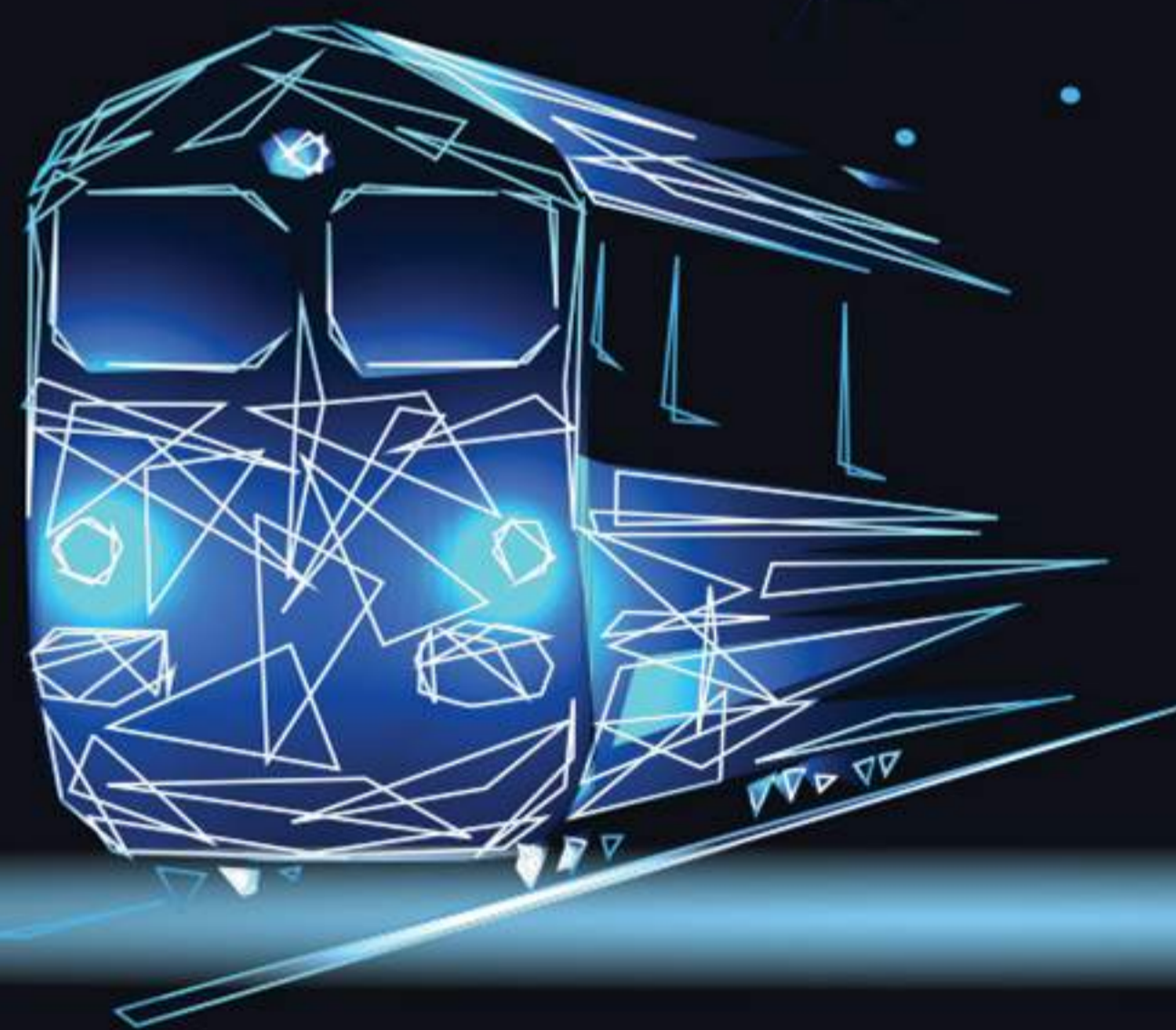
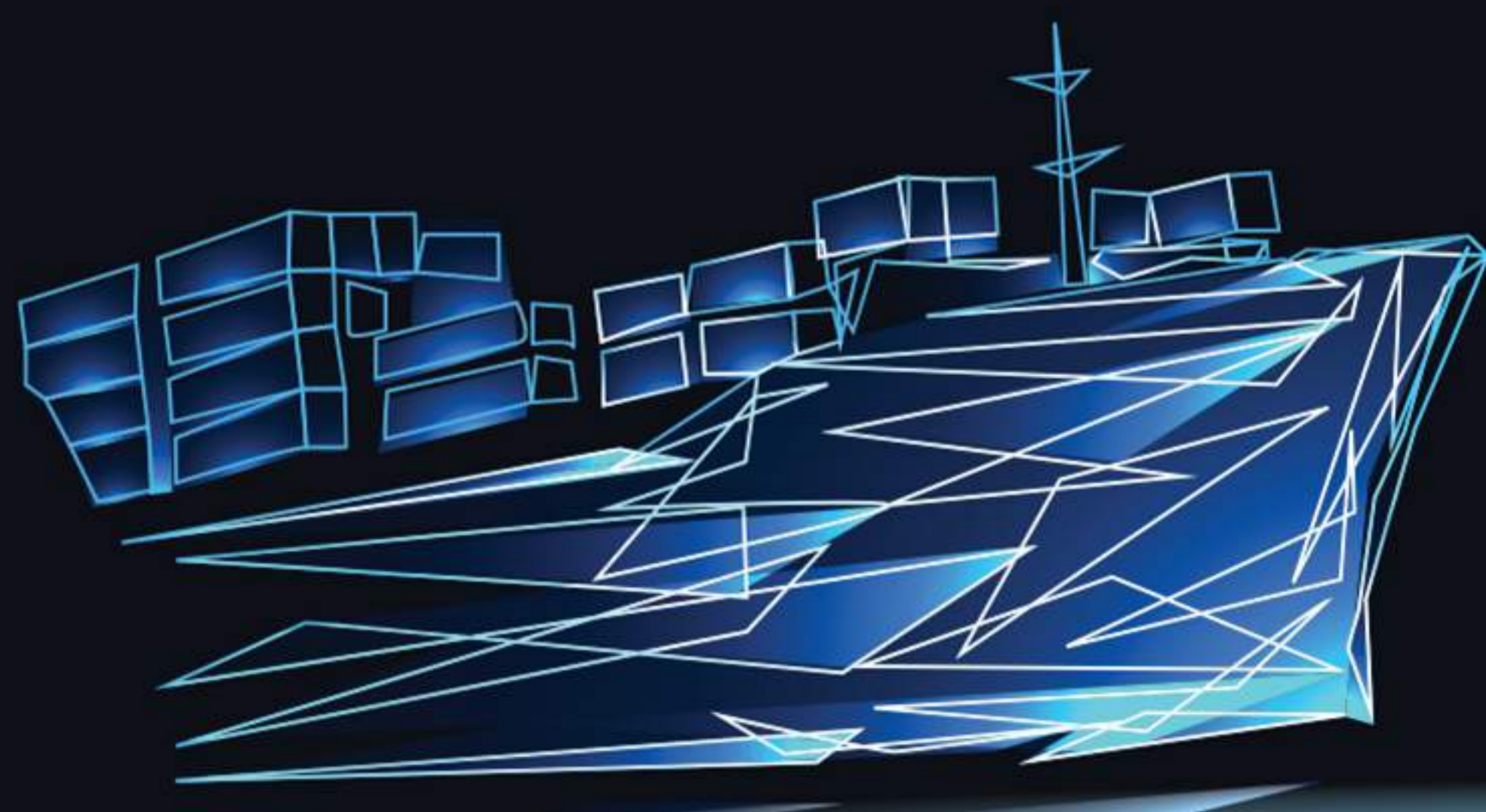
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JIMMY DEAN

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



Good afternoon and welcome back to Glanford Park for our second home game in four days.

We welcome Bishop's Stortford to North Lincolnshire for the match, and I extend a welcome to their players, management, Directors and supporters who have made the trip here today.

Tuesday night was another special night under the lights. As bad as Saturday at Chester was, it was the polar opposite on Tuesday and I was delighted that the lads gave me a positive reaction. We went from the worst performance of the season to, in my opinion, the best. It was an important result and an important performance against a side that were third going into the game.

Full credit goes to the lads for the reaction - they've shown they're up for the fight. They've shown they're up for playing for this football club, and I was really proud of them all for what they put into the game. They played some outstanding football and scored some outstanding goals, and it could have been many more than just six scored on the night.

There's an expectation level from me now, and certainly from you all too. There's no excuses, no excuses at all. We have to back up that result in midweek, and I think we are ready and thriving to do that. It has been my message to the players.

We cannot be complacent, the bar has been set by Tuesday's performance and we have to strive to reach those levels again. Bishop's Stortford represents another challenge, and this time we contest for

three points against a side that are scrapping for points at the other end of the table. We are under no illusions that it'll be another match where we will have to be at it to get anything.

In midweek, there were more than a few positives. Excellent performances all over the pitch, a clean sheet, six goals, just to name a few. Connor Smith was given an opportunity and scored his first two goals for the club, Jason Law returned from injury to start and scored his first goal for us, and club captain Michael Clunan got an hour as he played for the first time since August. He showed exactly what we've been missing, and that's all I have to say about Mikey.

We have a number of other players, such as Alfie Beestin, Maxi Kouogun, Cal Roberts, Danny Elliott and a couple of others all to come back too, as we add strength in depth. Most have returned to training and are only weeks away from being in contention, which is a massive positive for us.

A massive thank you to everyone who turned out on Tuesday night to support us. Those were the nights we were talking about. When it's cold,

wet and windy, and it would be easier to stay at home, we need your support, both on and off the pitch. Those here turned out after an abysmal performance on Saturday.

I'm just going to say the same again - to have the least change possible to our playing squad, we need people coming through the gate. Michelle and the Board need it. Win, lose or draw, my message is going to be the same. Keep supporting us, keep backing us. It's integral - the lady stood up when no one else did, and she's in a tough position, but she's doing fantastic.

Come out and support us, come out and back your club. That's what it is; your club. Without the fans, there'll be nothing left.

Thank you for getting behind us, as always.

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

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

TICKETS DETAILS RELEASED FOR AWAY TRIP TO BLYTH SPARTANS



Tickets are now on sale for the Iron's away trip to face Blyth Spartans on Saturday, November 4th (3pm kick-off).

It has been confirmed that Scunthorpe United supporters must purchase their tickets online in advance of the National League North clash.

Segregation will be in place, meaning away fans must only enter the ground via the Plessey Road turnstiles with the entrance situated next to Gino's Fish and Chip shop, as access to other areas of Croft Park will not be permitted.

United fans are asked to ensure they are purchasing "General Admission (AWAY FANS)" when selecting their tickets online.

Scunthorpe have a maximum of 900 tickets available for the encounter at Croft Park. Tickets are available directly from their website.

BANBURY UNITED TICKETS AVAILABLE DIRECTLY FROM HOST CLUB



United fans can now purchase tickets for our away trip to face Banbury United on Tuesday, November 7th (7.45pm kick-off).

The Iron will make a first trip to the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium, and have a limited number of tickets available from the side.

Scunthorpe supporters must purchase tickets online in advance only, with no cash or card sales at the gate. Tickets must be purchased by midday on Tuesday, November 7th. There will be no entrance without a pre-purchased ticket.

Segregation will be in place, with United fans are asked to ensure they are purchasing "AWAY FANS - General Admission" when selecting their tickets online.

Scunthorpe supporters have been allocated the Town End of the ground and should enter via the Town End turnstiles. As normal, tickets can be obtained directly from Banbury.

INTEREST BEING TAKEN FOR SECOND COACH TO BOSTON ON TUESDAY

At the time of writing, interest is being taken for a second supporter's coach to Boston United on Tuesday.

Costing £14 for members and £16 for non-members, the coach departs Glanford Park at 5pm, and makes all the usual stops in the 35 minutes prior.

Should you wish to book on, please contact Jerry Mahony or visit the ticket office.

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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,

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CLUB RECORDS

League win: 8-1 v Luton Town (Division Three -

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October 28, 1995)

League points: 91 - League One - 2006/07

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

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



FOCUS ON... CONNOR SMITH

We continue our interviews with the Iron squad this season by talking to Connor Smith, who got two goals in the opening seven minutes on Tuesday...



First team manager Jimmy Dean described putting Connor Smith in his starting XI on Tuesday night as a sink or swim situation, and it's hard to argue that the result was swim.

The Hearts of Midlothian loanee had found himself out of the squad altogether at the weekend in the disappointing defeat at Chester, and his surprise inclusion from being the 18th man only 72 hours earlier looked from the outset as last chance saloon to show what he could do in claret and blue.

Speaking in his post-match press conference, the United gaffer stated: "I've had chats with Connor, his agent and Hearts at length. They're all great people. Sometimes you have to do a little bit of adapting, and I felt that's where Connor was at."

I said to Con that it was sink or swim time and that I want a reaction, and he's been nothing but positive. He's shown his quality and class and scored two great goals. Considering the boy hasn't been playing, we've got Danny Whitehall who has scored two free-kicks, Jacob Butterfield who has got one free-kick and hit the bar on Saturday, he's picked up the ball and stuck it in.

"Credit to him - it's fantastic character from the young lad, and I'm delighted for him."

With the last home game

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Jimmy Dean

against Brackley Town needing a special free-kick strike from Jacob Butterfield to settle the tie, and top goalscorer Danny Whitehall netting two direct free-kicks so far this season, it was perhaps shocking to see the Scottish 21-year-old shaping up to take the free-kick. And whether Smith had been suffering from confidence issues from not being picked in recent weeks, or not, he certainly didn't display it - instead ice cool nerves to whip the ball over the wall and into the back of the net to give the Iron a fifth minute lead against a side in third.

Havin heard the quote “sink or swim” from the gaffer, Smith reacted: “I felt like it was down to me to keep myself in the team. Thankfully I did well, and it helps that all the boys were doing well too. I didn’t mind that he was putting that pressure on me because I feel like I can handle. I’ve been involved in first team football since I was about 15 years old, so it doesn’t really phase me.”

“I went into Tuesday knowing I had to do well and that pushed me on. The year before last, for the majority of the whole season when I was at Queens Park, I played on the left wing, and I handled it well. I did well that season, so I feel like it’s one of my preferred positions. I’ve played there a lot of times before, so the change of position for Scunthorpe wasn’t too different for me.”

Smith set his Iron career alight on Tuesday night, but he showed signs of what he was about on his debut away at Alfreton. Coming off the bench, with Scunthorpe playing with 10 men, he was unlucky not to get the winner on the day.

“I came on in that game, and probably should have scored. If I scored, that wouldn’t probably helped me get into the team, and after that I wasn’t in the team for a few weeks. I started a game against Buxton, which was abandoned and I was poor. That was the game looking back where I question whether I was ready to start. I hadn’t started a game since last year, I hadn’t trained much back at Hearts. Now, I feel really fit. I’ve trained every day, I’ve done extras in the gym and running after training. I felt fit on Tuesday.”

Dean also alluded to slight confidence issues in his post-match press conference in midweek, with Smith alluding to the battle with being in England on his own, and not being selected to play.

“I was quite low on confidence. I wasn’t playing. I spoke to my dad, and told him I was playing on Tuesday, and he said to go and do what I was doing last year, go and get yourself some goals, and



thankfully I did. On the pitch before the game, I hit a terrible free-kick in the warm-up and Cam Wilson said “you’re definitely not on free-kicks tonight”, and I said “watch, I’ll score one tonight, so it’s mad how stuff like that works - get the bad ones out the way in the warm-up.”

Bishop’s Stortford present a potential banana skin for the

“...I went into Tuesday knowing I had to do well to keep myself in the team. Thankfully I did well...”

Connor Smith

Iron following a demolition of a third-placed side in midweek. Bishop’s Stortford arrive in 23rd having lost their last five games.

“We’ve done well against the top half teams so far this season. Obviously, I’ve not been

here since the start, but against the bottom half, I feel like we've struggled. Today, we need to attack the game like we did on Tuesday night. We want to come away with three points, a clean sheet, and score as many goals as possible. As a team, we need to keep building, and if we do that, things will take care of itself. Once we scored earlier on Tuesday, they had to come out, and once they do, we can break teams down more easily.

"Mostly every week, my mum and dad have been coming down, and my missus has too. She's down this weekend. When we play Blyth Spartans, it'll give me a chance to go home after. When it was a struggle with not playing, I tried to go home as much as possible, because it was hard for me being down here. Now that I've settled in, I'm good mates with the boys, so I feel like they keep my head. It's tough, being the first time I've been away. I'm loving it now, I just want to keep playing. I am quite independant, so I can go home and play Call of Duty or FIFA and chill, but Robbo (Josh Robertson) is also in digs in Scunny, so I've been going out for food or coffees with him.

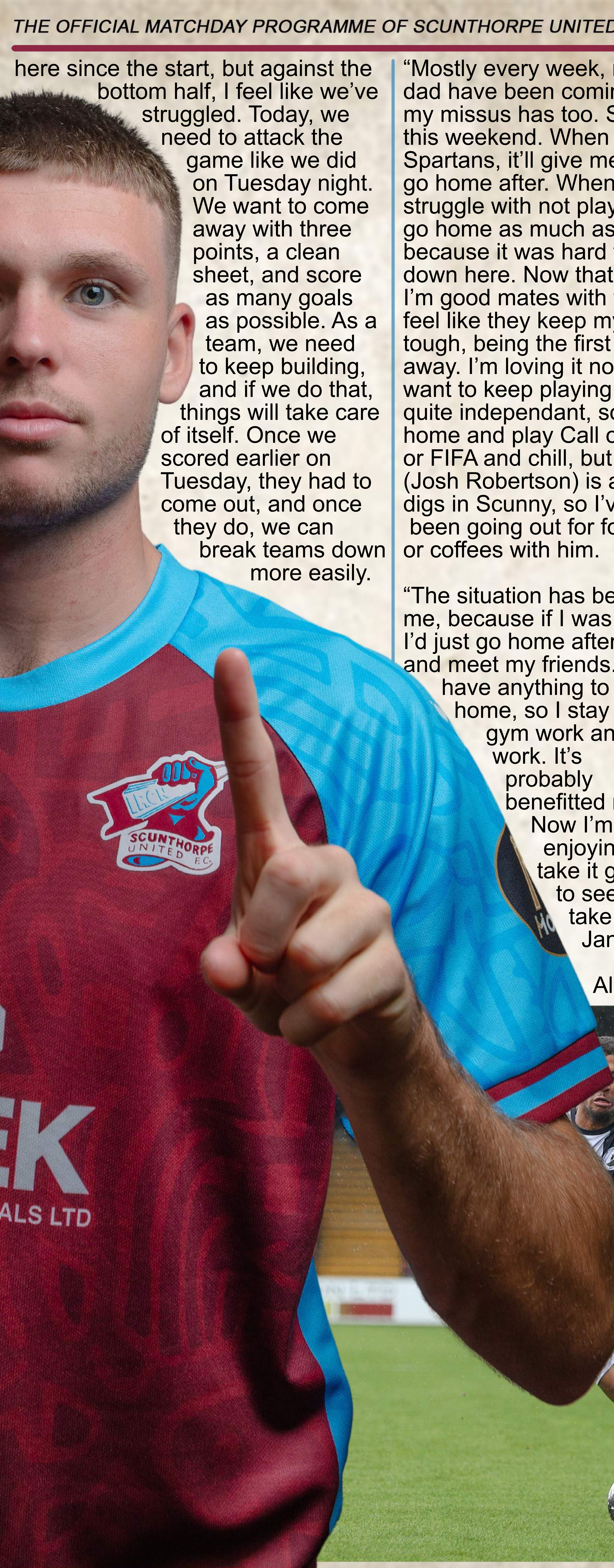
"The situation has benefitted me, because if I was back home, I'd just go home after training, and meet my friends. Here, I don't have anything to do if I go home, so I stay here, do more gym work and do more work. It's probably benefitted me. Now I'm playing, I'm enjoying it. I need to take it game-by-game to see where things take me through to January."

Also a youth

international, we got the thoughts of Smith from representing his country since Under-16 level.

"That's been brilliant. Obviously, it's an honour to play for your country, and I've been made captain a few times as well. To do that, at any level, is an honour. The next step, is to try to get back into the Under-21s team, and then push towards the first team, which is the goal for any Scottish player. Hearts are one of the top four or five teams in Scotland, so if you're playing for them, it gives you a good shout to play for the national team.

"The main plan is to play as well as possible here. There are 13 games until January, when the loan is reviewed, and if I end up going back to Hearts with - hopefully - 10 goals in those games, then the manager at Hearts will decide whether I stay here, go on loan somewhere higher, or if he wants me to stay at Hearts. If I keep playing, keep scoring goals, getting assists and we keep winning, and top of the league before January, I wouldn't rule out being here!"



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BOARD UPDATE

An update from the Board of Directors ahead of today's game...

The Board of Directors issue an update ahead of the Iron's latest home clash against Bishop's Stortford, three weeks since the change of ownership...

Firstly, it's good to have Jimmy Dean back in the building after his operation, and congratulations to the whole team on an excellent performance on Tuesday night against Spennymoor Town. Let's hope the Iron fans enjoy the same success this afternoon against Bishop's Stortford. Every week we need you as the "12th Man", and that continues tomorrow where we hope to have another bumper crowd.

While we have secured the club at present, we are now focused on the next step, which is securing our home at Glanford Park. Discussions continue to progress well, and we are hopeful of a contract exchange by the middle of November, with completion shortly afterwards.

However, that is when the hard work really starts. We really need the support of all our fans coming through the turnstiles and local businesses investing in both the club, and our community. Let's face it, this football club is integral to the town of Scunthorpe, and we sincerely need everyone to do their bit.

We, as a club, are battling extreme levels of debt inherited - a figure which exceeded over £1.2 million, and the majority of that is required immediately. Non-payments to HMRC, pensions, VAT, and football creditors are all seen as priority creditors, and we need to generate income to fund these debts as well of course paying our dedicated staff on time in the coming days.

As a Board, we have already demonstrated our commitment to stabilising the club's immediate financial health, and have

and have managed to reduce that level of debt, but we still face an uphill fight to keep reducing it. We must develop a business plan which is sustainable from sponsorship, donations and our supporters coming to watch us. All of this, including purchasing from the shop, booking hospitality in our restaurant, catering and any other initiatives, is critical for our future.

Tomorrow, we play Bishop's Stortford where we hope to put on another great display and pick up three more points as we challenge for the top of the league. We need each and every one of you to come down to Glanford Park and cheer on the team. This club needs you.

The Board of Directors extends their sincere thanks to all those who have so far played a role in our endeavours so far. The past three weeks have been a testament to the strength of unity within the Scunthorpe community, and the wider footballing family. The support received has been monumental, and we look forward to further collaboration as we look to shape a prosperous future for our beloved football club. We are working really hard to stabilise the club, and will continue to work on developing initiatives to help us move forward.



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**Board of Directors
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STUDY UNITED

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



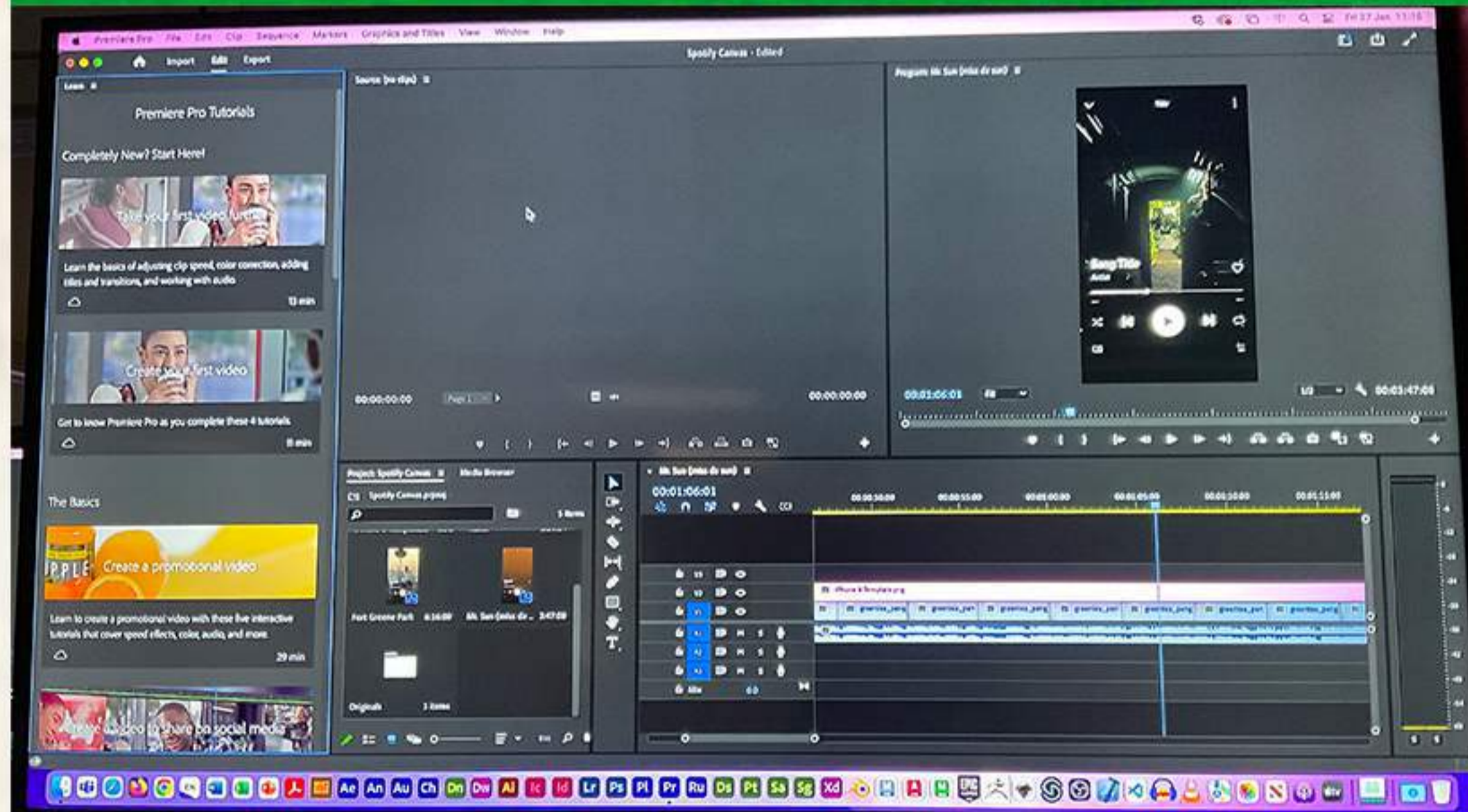
Good afternoon everyone and welcome back to Glanford Park for today's Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Blues. We hope that it will be an entertaining game and that the Iron are celebrating a victory come the final whistle.

A Game of Two Halves

Our A Game of Two Halves programme goes from strength to strength, and this month we are delighted to welcome back North Lindsey College.

A new cohort of thirty pupils from their NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity programme will soon take part in a taster day in college, followed by their Master Classes. Former Iron manager Brian Laws will be running a Coaching for Performance session at Brigg Recreation Ground and Jenny Fielding will be running a hands-on Physio and Recovery workshop here in the study centre at Glanford Park. This will include a tour of the stadium including the gym and recovery/treatment room. Both Groups will then go on to complete their final session, a trip to the world-renowned St George's Park, the home of English football.

A GAME OF TWO HALVES



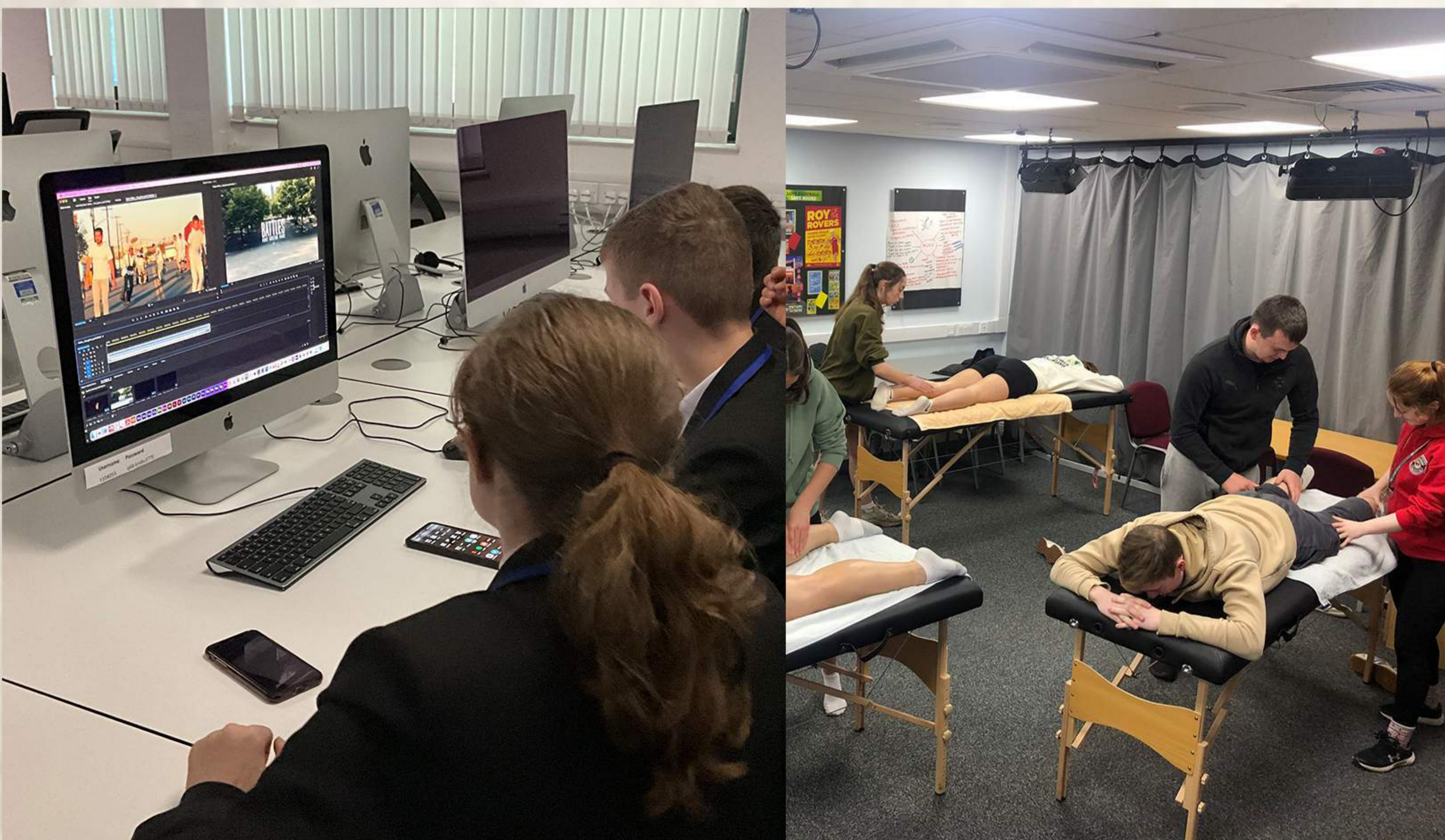
Pupils from Outwood Academy Foxhills will also be finishing off their own programme with a visit to the Media Department at Hull University. While on campus they will create a Spotify Canvas (a 20 second video clip) from a full length music video. They will also learn the basics of professional editing software, Adobe Premier Pro, to produce some fantastic videos.

After a lunch, in one of the many campus restaurants, the afternoon will be spent learning some typography skills. This time using Adobe Illustrator. They will choose a font, combine their initials and create their very own custom logos, which they will then colour.

We're still busy recruiting schools for our programmes. If you work at a school or have any specific involvement as a parent or governor and you would like to find out more about this project or any other learning programme we offer to schools please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us by telephone **07385 427656**, or by email **contactus@studyunited.org.uk** or alternatively visit our website **www.studyunited.org.uk** for more information.

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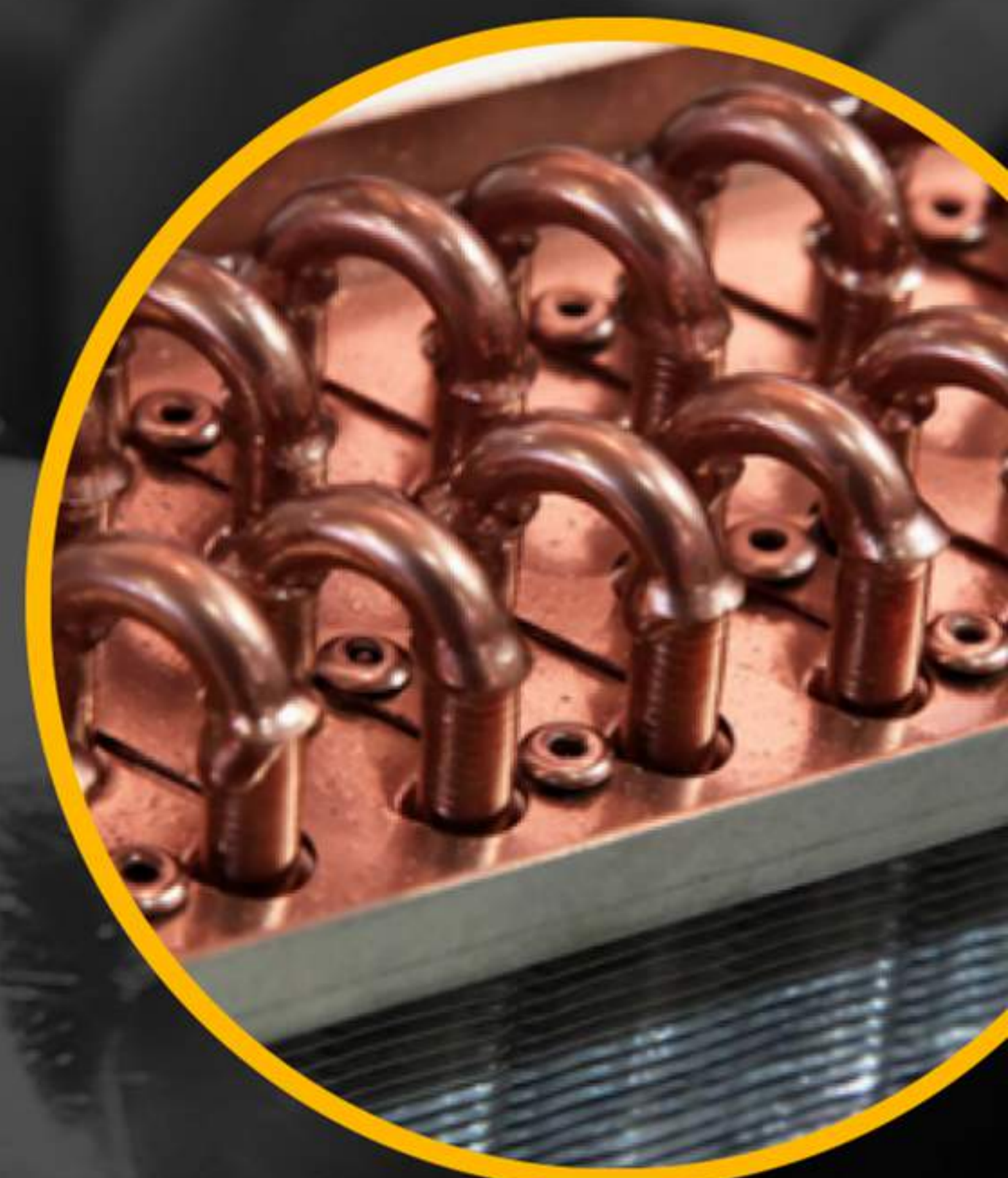
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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

Wow, what a win on Tuesday night under the lights, proving to be another special encounter at Glanford Park in midweek.

We were delighted to welcome Symes Baines Broome Solicitors as match sponsors in midweek, who had a fantastic night with us, made even better by scoring six goals without reply. They chose two-goal Connor Smith as their man of the match on his return to the starting XI, which was richly deserved.

We also hosted the Miah Family as matchball sponsors, and NLTS UK Limited as captain sponsors. A great big thank you to all three parties for their support at the weekend, it does not go unnoticed and it is appreciated by all at the club.

Last week, we set up another crowdfunding page, which was targeted at being a raffle to allow a table of four to enjoy our captain sponsorship package for as little as £5. When we hit £1,000 raised, we extended the package to the digital programme sponsorship too. Today we welcome the Joiner Family as captain sponsors, and John Henderson and guests as digital programme sponsors. We hope they have a great day with us.

Our matchball sponsors this afternoon are North Lincs Structures Limited. A family-run company based in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, established in 1996, they specialise in structural steelwork for a multitude of uses; domestic, agriculture, refurbishment, commercial or industry.

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Our main match sponsors this afternoon are Aspire Business Group who have been working closely with the club in recent weeks, since the club went under new ownership. We thank them for the support they are giving us off the pitch with a number of matters, and also for giving us their support this afternoon by being a sponsor.

We will shortly unveiling a number of opportunities to sponsor for the rest of the season, and we are sure these will be snapped up very quickly, so be quick to get in contact with us if you are interested.

Finally, we would like to thank former Commercial Manager Glyn Sparks for his assistance in midweek. Glyn now plies his trade at York City, but enjoyed helping out as a guest in midweek.

Keep an eye on our website and social media as a number of commercial opportunities begin to be released. We are excited to be soon launching our own club lottery, with details to follow in the next couple of weeks.

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

Up the Iron!

BIRTHDAY MESSAGE



A very happy birthday to Olivia Staniforth who celebrated turning 14 on Friday. We hope you had a fantastic day and continue the celebrations with three points.

MASCOT



Our one mascot this afternoon is Orla Smith, who is eight. Orla attends Barnby Dun Primary School and enjoys playing football. Orla's favourite Iron player is Alfie Beestin.



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ON THE ROAD BANBURY UNITED

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH -
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The Iron are set to travel to Oxfordshire for a midweek fixture against Banbury United, in what will be the first encounter between United and the Puritans.

Banbury were founded in 1931 and are competing at their highest level of football since their formation. The Puritans earned promotion to the Vanarama National League North in the 2021-22 season by winning the Southern League Central Division by finishing an astounding 23 points clear.

THE STADIUM

The tie against the Puritans will take place at the Spencer Stadium, with Banbury looking to turn over the Iron and continue their positive start to the campaign which allows them to sit 14th in the league standings, having amassed 18 points from their opening 13 fixtures following some impressive displays.

Last season Banbury fought strongly to survive relegation from the National League North

at the first time of asking. They cemented the place in the league for the 2023-24 season with a 17th place finish largely due to their impressive defensive displays that saw them have the 11th best defence in the division.

The Spencer Stadium has a capacity of 3,116, of which the Iron have been allocated 300 tickets to face a Banbury side that have an average seasonal attendance 878 fans per game.

BY CAR

150 miles from Glanford Park, it will take approximately two hours and 40 minutes to journey from the Iron's stadium.

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> When arriving at the last roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on Concord Avenue until arriving at the Spencer stadium.

CAR PARKING

Town centre car parks are up to 15 minutes walk from the ground. There is limited spectator parking at the ground however it is always available for those requiring accessible parking. Spectators also cannot park on Station Approach or on Tramway Road.

Additional car parking is available in the Banbury Railway Station car park off Station Approach, follow directions of steward.

For midweek games a parking charge of £1 will now apply after 6pm, according to their website.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL

The nearest railway station to the ground is a mere 0.3 miles away, with the route from Scunthorpe taking you to Sheffield and Birmingham before heading to Banbury. With changes, this takes over four hours.

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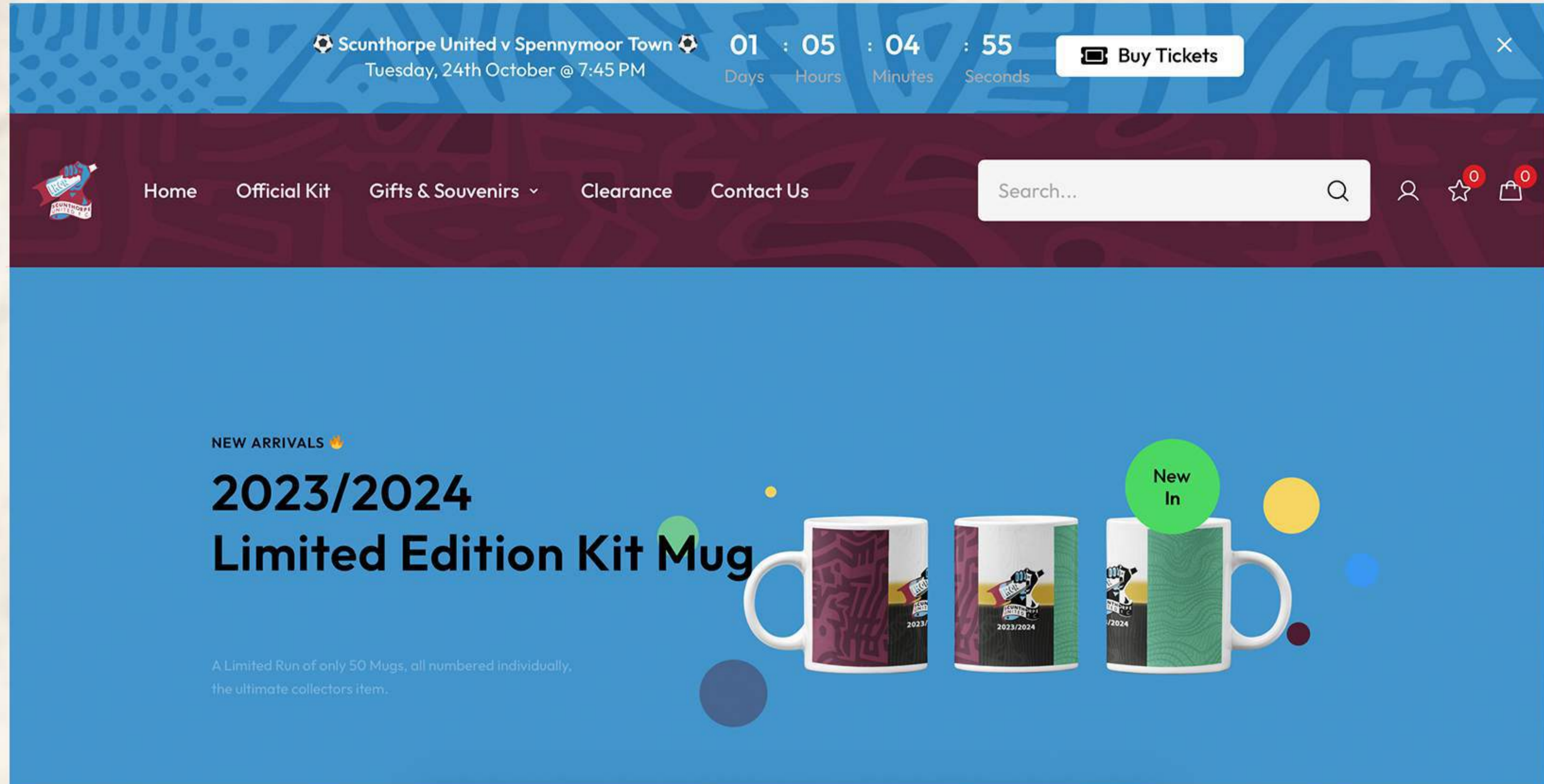
A brief outlook at our new online shop which was launched in collaboration with our United we Stand range.

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

The Merch Labs now fulfil all of the Iron's online orders, handling the process from the order being placed, to being dispatched, with all confirmations coming directly from them.

Debug Labs Ltd got involved to turn around the new site, which hosts all of the Iron's products online, and is a marked improvement from the previous model used.

Their primary response was the "United we Stand" rally, where they managed to turn out a monumental amount of t-shirts, hoodies and other merchandise in a small period of time ahead of the Brackley encounter. To have such a small workforce of three individuals dedicated to achieve this was nothing short of humbling. As supporters can imagine, many companies offer lead times of six-to-eight weeks, so to get what



we got in just a week, was fantastic, and we thank them for all their hard work and support over the last month.

The shop continues to introduce new ranges where possible. Each item, we must consider the minimum order quantity and the cost and quality to see whether it is viable to put on the shelves. We were delighted that we introduced wireless charges in midweek and we sold out on matchday. More are expected next week sometime.

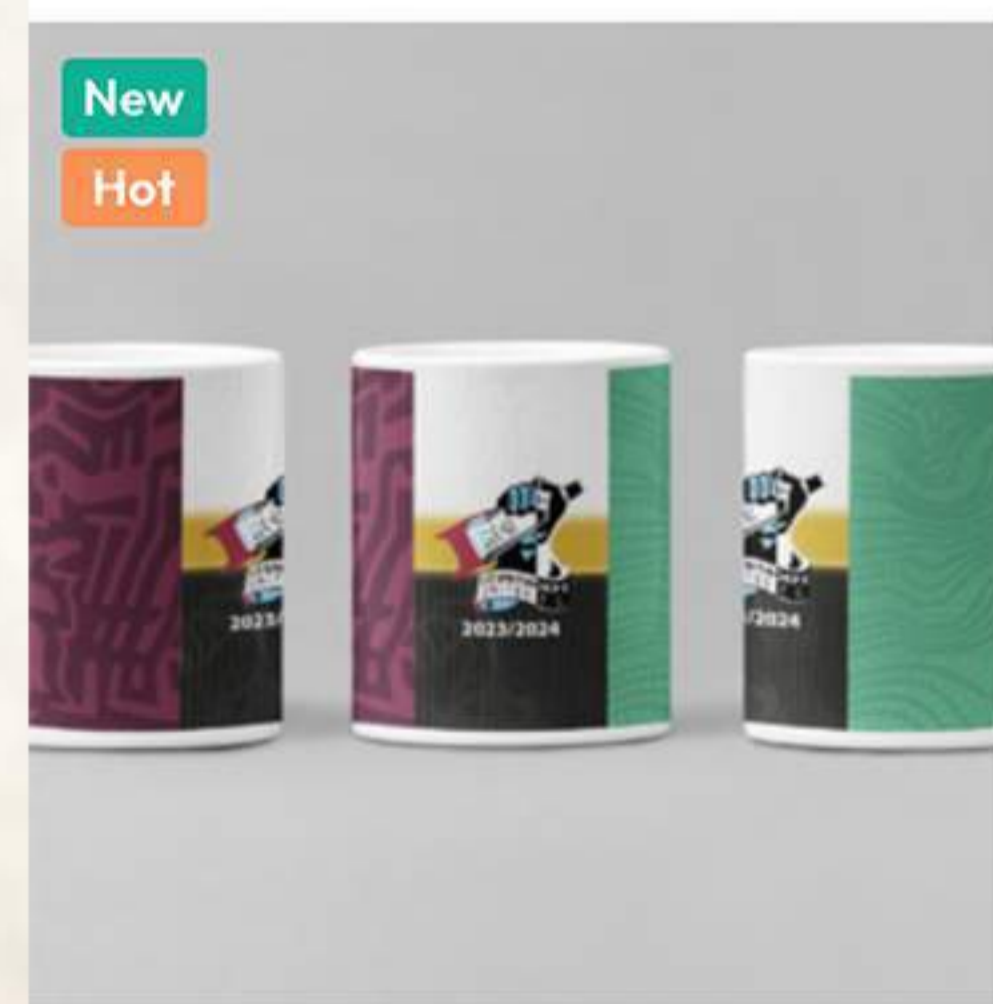
We also added to the "United we Stand" range in the form of two designs of bottle openers, while there is a new aluminium bottle design and mug available, along with much more.

Heading in store soon, we will be looking towards Christmas, the club's calendar and more.

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MIDLAND LEAGUE DUTIES STILL IN THE CUP

CHALLENGES FROM BARNESLEY IN THE LEAGUE

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

Scunthorpe United had turned the corner, after a dismal start to the Midland League campaign of 1923-24, which saw them languishing near the bottom of the table, with two points from two draws, after four game.

Since midway through September, the team had produced far better performances, and thanks to the backing of the Old Show Ground crowd, gained victories over Sutton, York City, and a creditable draw against an unbeaten Notts County Reserves, who topped the table.

Further progress had been made in the F.A. Cup, as the team drove through three rounds, thanks to home fixtures, against Grimsby Rovers, Cleethorpes Town, and lately, derby rivals Gainsborough Trinity. The result of 2-0 against a more formidable opponent in Trinity was most significant, because the Nuts dominated their opponents throughout the game, and each player played his part.

One hundred years ago, the next fixture on the calendar was the visit of Barnsley Reserves to the Show Ground, on October 27th, 1923. The Colliers always provided tough Resistance at this time, and the directors put their thinking caps on to select a team to cause them an upset. Raby was unavailable, and so the forwards were shuffled, and Barley from Winterton promoted from second team duty. Thus, the representation was as follows: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury and Hargreaves, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Millson, halfbacks; Lawton, Burkinshaw, Barley, Kitchen and Foster, forwards.

This was the seventh consecutive home fixture for Scunthorpe United, and when Harrogate won

the toss, Scunthorpe felt the benefit of the wind at their backs match

Scunthorpe's eleven were generally on top, and created several chances, but each time the final shot was lukewarm, and unable to trouble the Barnsley

keeper. There was a suggestion in the critical report that there were too many inexperienced men in the home ranks. Foster was guilty of wasting a few of them, and Barley was not up to scratch for this level of football.

Thankfully, Reynolds was very well covered by Bradbury and Hargreaves, and was never troubled by anything the Barnsley men offer in front of his goal, as a



The Knut and Stumpie

threat. From early times this match had 0-0 written all over it, and so a goalless draw proved to be a final out-come. This was more of a disappointment to the Scunthorpe crowd, as it did not contain the exciting elements of the previous goal baron affair with Notts County Reserves.

The experiment with Barley was abandoned, and White was re-instated from the Reserves for the next encounter, the FA Cup tie with Boston, at the Show Ground. Also Raby came back into the side for Foster, who had been struggling to please in recent matches.

The FA Cup tie against Boston did not attract the expected interest, and a moderate crowd was in evidence at kick-off. However, there were a few away supporters of the 'Stumpies' around the terracing of the ground. Perhaps the cold wind whipping about the park was one reason why supporters preferred to stay at home around the fire of hard Yorkshire coal throwing out some heat.

To give the Nuts team some credit, their men went straight in for the kill, and made sure the ball was always near the Boston target. The player that caught



William Bradbury, solid defending against Barnsley

SCRAPPY GAME.

NUTS ENTERTAIN BARNESLEY RESERVES

POOR SHOOTING IN BAD CONDITIONS.

For the seventh week in succession the Nuts had a home game this afternoon, when Barnsley Reserves supplied the opposition in the Midland League. The United introduced Barley, from Winterton, at centre forward, whilst the only change in the visitors' team was Gook, at inside left. The teams were:

SCUNTHORPE: Reynolds; Bradbury and Hargreaves, Skull, Ashmore, and Millsom; Lawton, Burkinshaw, Barley, Kitchen, and Foster.

BARNESLEY RES.—Cope; E. Cook and Dixon; Rowlands, Russell; and Brown; Curran, Pollard, Appleyard, Cook, and

smartly by the upright from Lawton. Another spell of aggressive work by the United saw Cope in difficulties on more than one occasion. He had to fist away a troublesome centre from Lawton and Ashmore tried a shot which was headed away by Russell. There was some force behind the ball and it took the Barnsley man all his time to retain his foothold. Barnsley had a look in after this and a good piece of play by Curran ended in Appleyard trying a shot. Reynolds had to come out of his goal to meet the ball owing to the resistance of the wind. Cook got well down but missed the goal with a tame shot.

the ball but gave possession back to the Scunthorpe forward, who passed square to White, who slid it into the net from a yard out for the softest of goals.

It was White that set the home crowd cheering to their heart's content, with the second strike. The move started in the home side's half.

Burkinshaw took a throw-in and White was given possession of the ball. He turned and made smart speed in the direction of the Boston goal, hitting a sweet shot that beat all, and flew

into the back of the net. At half time the Nuts had a commanding 2-0 lead. In the second half it was Scunthorpe that continued to do the pressing. A third goal almost came from a Lawton headed effort, and Skull had another shot deflect towards goal off a defender, but the Boston Central pivot, Bradburn manage to scramble across the goal line to clear. White had the opportunity to complete his hat-trick, but fired the ball straight at the keeper from the penalty spot. United's men were happy to advance into the Fourth Qualifying Round, and once again Lady Luck had blessed them with home advantage, and Rotherham Town would be the opponent.

The Barnsley headlines

the eye was White, who did all the damage. On five minutes, Kitchen shuffled past two defenders and shot at goal. The keeper stopped

throw-in and White was given possession of the ball. He turned and made smart speed in the direction of the Boston goal, hitting a sweet shot that beat all, and flew

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OUR VISITORS TODAY

We take a look at this evening's opponents Spennymoor Town, who are high-flying in the Vanarama National League North, sitting second...



A BRIEF HISTORY

The club was formed on Thursday, January 28th 1874 at the Chequers Hotel in the town.

Just over two weeks later the first match was played with the East of England Non Conformist Grammar School (now Bishop's Stortford College) being defeated 2-1, with goals coming from Rev. R J Tomes. In that first season 15 games were played, three of which were won, with seven others drawn. The club colours at that time were vivid crimson and olive green.

After several years of playing just friendly matches, the club became one of the founder members of the Hertfordshire FA in 1885 and played in the first ever County Senior Cup competition that same season, beating Aspley 2-1 away from home in their first match. The club progressed into league football in the 1890s by joining a succession of locally based competitions. The highlights between 1889 and 1929 were the "double" seasons in 1912-13, when both the Saffron Walden & District League and the Stansted & District League titles were secured, and 1919-20, when the

East Herts League and the Stansted & District League were won.

The club was accepted into the FA Cup for the first time in the 1924-25 season and then it was in 1929 that the next milestone was reached when the club was accepted into Division Two (East) of the Spartan League.

The mid 1960s turned out to be a very exciting period for the club as in the space of three years, the Bishops having by now joined the expanded Athenian League, were runners-up in Division Two, champions of Division One and runners-up in the Premier Division. The Premier Division title was eventually captured in the 1969-70 season. Then, a long-term ambition was realised when an application to join the Isthmian League was accepted for the 1971-72 season. There was another huge upturn in the club's fortunes as the 1980-81 season was another memorable one in the Bishop's history. The club won the Isthmian League Division 1 title and the "double" came in May 1981 in the final of the FA Trophy when Terry Sullivan scored a late goal to leave Isthmian League Premier Division side Sutton

United defeated 1-0 This victory came after a record breaking run of 13 games that had begun in the preliminary round in the September of the previous year.

In more recent times, the 2021-22 campaign was one of the most memorable in recent years with a settled squad setting about on a remarkable campaign that saw the club taste defeat just five times in 42 league outings, amassing 87 points to finish second behind Champions Worthing. The club's all time clean sheet record was also broken, with an astonishing 1088 minutes without conceding a goal during the season. Unfortunately the team fell just short, suffering injury time heart-break in a 2-3 defeat at home to eventually promoted Cheshunt.

The Blues would not be denied in 2022-23, however, collecting 88 points en-route to securing the Isthmian Premier Division Championship, the club's first league title win in 29 years.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1874
NICKNAME: The Blues
GROUND: Woodside Park
CAPACITY: 4,525 (525 seated)
CHAIRMAN: Ian Kettridge
GENERAL MANAGER: Shan Toms



INTRODUCING...

BISHOP'S STORTFORD



MANAGER

Steve Smith

70 per cent shareholder, and therefore owner of Bishop's Stortford, Steve Smith is also the manager of the football club.

With a history in the game, he was assistant manager at Heybridge Swifts from July 2012 until November 2013, before moving to the same role at Chelmsford. He has had a couple of spells in the dugout for Bishop's Stortford including as an assistant and joint manager before taking the managerial helm solely.

GOALKEEPER

1. Jack Giddens

Age: 31

Nationality: English

Giddens added his Isthmian League Premier Division title he won with the Blues alongside winning the same competition with Billericay Town, having also played for St Neots Town, Aveley and Tilbury. He won the Supporters' Player of the Season in 2018-19 at East Thurrock United. With the Blues he was part of a club record 1088 minutes without conceding a goal in 2022, and was included in the Isthmian League Fans' Team of the Season, and Managers' Team of the Season. In 2022-23 he racked up 25 clean sheets in 45 matches. Named Blues Captain in October 2023.

DEFENDERS

11. Harry Beadle

Age: 20

Nationality: English

Highly rated young central defender who is on loan at the club from Colchester United. Made his

ONE TO WATCH...

3. Jack Thomas

Age: 25

Nationality: English

Position: Midfielder

Thomas spent two seasons with the Blues Academy set-up and gained valuable experience of senior football with Sawbridgeworth Town in the Essex Senior League in the 2016-17 season.

He made his Blues first team debut in a Hertfordshire Charity Cup Semi-Final tie against Hitchin Town in September 2017 and has been a key part of the Blues' midfield since then.

He won the Young Player of the Year award for 2018-19.

He returns after a brief stint with Concord Rangers in the Vanarama National League South last season, hoping to clock up his 200th Blues appearance this campaign.

professional debut for the U's against Gillingham in an EFL Trophy game in September 2021 and was a key part of the Blues Isthmian Premier title winning squad last campaign. He returned to the club in October after a brief loan stint with National South neighbours Braintree Town.

2. Mark Haines

Age: 34
Nationality: English

Haines arrived for his second spell on loan from Chelmsford City with a gap of almost seven years from his first spell having been on a month's loan from the clarets in early 2012 when the Blues were in the Conference League North. Having played for West Ham United and Southend United youth teams, he joined Grays Athletic and then Chelmsford City - with whom he was named Young Player of the Season in 2009-10. He is the Essex side's longest serving player with almost 300 first team appearances.

17. Harrison Sodje

Age: 19
Nationality: English

Left-sided full back who joined the club on loan from League One side Leyton Orient in October. The 19-year-old has previously enjoyed loan spells with Aveley, Heybridge Swifts and Cray Wanderers.

7. Tosin Olufemi

Age: 29
Nationality: English

Joined from Haringey Borough at the start of last season, he was their top scorer in 2021-22 but slotted in at right-back for the Blues and is a proficient penalty taker.

MIDFIELDERS

6. Ollie Peters

Age: 24
Nationality: English

Peters joined the Blues in February

2022, and notched his first goal in March. He scored a hat-trick in the FA Trophy win at rivals Harlow last October, and the fans voted his free kick at home to Hornchurch on Boxing Day as the Goal of the Season.

10. Fraser Alexander

Age: 20
Nationality: English

Central midfielder who has experience at a higher level, once captaining Ipswich Town under-21s and made his first-team debut for the Tractor Boys in the EFL Cup in August 2022. He enjoyed a successful loan spell with Cheshunt in National League South last term. Joined the Blues in the summer.

8. Ben Marlow

Age: 28
Nationality: English

A graduate of the West Ham United Academy, Marlow played for the Hammers from the age of eight to 23. He represented the Blues seven times in the 2015-16 season before joining East Thurrock United, where he made 86 appearances and scored 11 goals. Ben scored the

Blues' Goal of the Season in 2021-22 with a long-range injury-time winner in a 1-0 win against Lewes.

FORWARDS

9. Tom Derry

Age: 28
Nationality: English

Derry began his career with Gillingham and has gone on to represent the likes of Braintree Town, Tonbridge Angels, Kingstonian and Welling United. Joined the Blues in September from Isthmian Premier side Cray Wanderers for whom he netted 13 times in 50 appearances.

Tobias Braney

Age: 19
Nationality: English

A promising young striker who arrived at the club in August on loan from Premier League side Luton Town. Tobias joined the Hatters from Bowers & Pitsea in 2022 and previously spent time on loan with Chesham United.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD'S START TO THE SEASON...

- MD1 - Bishop's Stortford 3-0 Chester
- MD2 - Gloucester City 1-1 Bishop's Stortford
- MD3 - Brackley Town 1-0 Bishop's Stortford
- MD4 - Bishop's Stortford 0-1 Farsley Celtic
- MD5 - Spennymoor Town 1-0 Bishop's Stortford
- MD6 - Bishop's Stortford 1-0 Boston United
- MD7 - Chorley 2-1 Bishop's Stortford
- MD8 - Bishop's Stortford 1-4 Rushall Olympic
- MD9 - Bishop's Stortford 1-0 Darlington
- MD10 - Hereford 1-0 Bishop's Stortford
- MD11 - Bishop's Stortford 2-3 Southport
- MD12 - Blyth Spartans 3-0 Bishop's Stortford
- MD13 - Bishop's Stortford 1-4 Warrington Town
- MD14 - King's Lynn Town 3-2 Bishop's Stortford

Following a strong start, taking four points from the first two games, including an impressive 3-0 home win over promotion-hopefuls Chester, the side have hit a stumbling block of late and have lost the last five games in the league.

Their last win came on matcday nine against Darlington. The side have taken just one point on the road so far this season, which was their first trip. The side have conceded 13 goals in their last four games, letting in at least three in each of those.

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SUPPORTERS' GROUPS

We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

Another home game after the brilliant home victory against a very good Spennymoor Town side on Tuesday evening.

The score of 6-0 could easily have been 10. Today we welcome Bishop's Stortford and the travelling Blues fans who make the 300-mile round trip. The Spennymoor fans set the bar however singing "keeper, keeper give us a wave" to Ross Fitzsimons who duly obliged them at 0-6!

Bishop's Stortford is an historic market town in the county of Hertfordshire 22 miles north of London; people born in the town include Cecil Rhodes and Russell Brand. Famous or infamous - that's up to you!

As ever, the Trust will have a presence at Trust corner for this afternoon's game; please drop in to see us. As usual we have a range of exclusive Trust goodies many designed by member Will Wharton. We are happy to sign up new members to either the Trust or our monthly hat-trick draw. The latter comprises of ten monthly prize draws offering £75, £25 and £10. The December and May draws are a single prize of £500. Shares in hat-trick draw cost £1 each with a minimum monthly commitment of £5. Treasurer Mark Stockdale runs the draw and pays out the winnings.

Spotted at the Spennymoor Town match was a young Iron fan by the name of Luke Harrison. Luke is only 16 and already a major name in his own sport of Speedway. The local team of Scunthorpe Scorpions has just won the Championship Knock-out Cup and many Iron fans follow local speedway. Most notably Andy Skeels from SULSEC is also editor of the Speedway Star. Andy follows the Iron mainly on our southern travels. Luke is a much sought after name in Speedway and widely tipped to follow fellow Scunthonian Tai Woffinden, a three-time world speedway champion.

Tuesday sees the Iron travel to Lincolnshire county rivals Boston United for a first-ever visit to the new Jakemans Community Stadium followed by a mischievous night visit to Blyth Spartans; our furthest north away game. Safe travels to the Iron faithful.

From all of us at the Iron Trust, we wish you well as supporters, but especially those fellow members who care passionately about the Iron and are prepared to stand up now and in the future for all things Scunthorpe United.

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.

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.

Scunthorpe-based supporter Phil Moody is selling a range of the memorabilia on behalf of Bernard Griffin. You can see the full offering by contacting him on Facebook or via Twitter (@MoodyPhilip). The club have also shared a selection of his posts to the wider community, with only a limited number remaining.

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

Charlie Caton, 31'
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2-0

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CHORLEY

- 1 Stanway
- 3 Taylor
- 4 Weeks
- 6 Williams
- 8 Glendon
- 9 Caton
- 10 Whitehouse
- 11 Thomas
- 18 Sparrow
- 25 Roberts
- 33 Edwards

SUBSTITUTES

- 5 Burke (for Taylor, 90+5)
- 7 Peers (for Caton, 45+3)
- 14 Evans
- 20 Murray
- 29 Maguire

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 9 Elliott
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MATCH REVIEW

Connor Smith, 5', 7'
 Tyler Denton, 40'
 Jason Law, 54
 Jacob Butterfield, 62'
 Danny Whitehall, 81'

6-0

ATTENDANCE: 3,135 (114 away)



IRON

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

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly (for Butterfield, 67)
- 11 Wilson
- 14 Bennett
- 23 Jenkins
- 44 Barrows (for Evans, 63)

SPENNYMOOR

- 1 Montgomery
- 3 Staunton
- 4 Ross
- 5 Mbeka
- 6 Curtis
- 7 Harris
- 8 Fielding
- 9 Taylor
- 10 Ramshaw
- 16 Pollock
- 24 Ledger

SUBSTITUTES

- 11 Anderson (for Fielding, 53)
- 19 Ferguson
- 21 Shanks
- 22 Greenfield (for Harris, 55)
- 23 Gallacher



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MATCH-BY-MATCH

DATE	KO / RES	OPPOSITION	POS	REFEREE	ATT	IRON SCORERS	STARTING XI A
AUGUST							
Sat 5	W2-1	Tamworth	8	Matthew McQuillan	2063 (750 away)	Curley (og - 45+5'), Whitehall (71')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 12	D1-1	Peterborough Sports	8	Declan Brown	3380 (52 away)	Butterfield (50')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Tue 15	W4-0	Darlington	1	Richard Eley	3392 (339 away)	Whitehall (26', 41), Beestin (78'), Sembie-Ferris (90+3')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 19	W3-0	Rushall Olympic	1	Lee Hible	937 (559 away)	Beestin (11'), Whitehall (85'), Denton (88')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 26	L0-1	Curzon Ashton	2	Niall Smith	868 (635 away)		Fitzsimons, Ogle
Mon 28	W4-1	Scarborough Athletic	1	Liam Corbett	4860 (640 away)	Shrimpton (18'), Wilson (31'), Elliott (pen, 60'), Mulhern (og, 71')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 2	D2-2	Alfreton Town	2	Oliver Mackey	1324 (855 away)	Whitehall (31'), Elliott (41')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Tue 5	W3-1	South Shields	1	Jack Hall	3477 (166 away)	Scales (7'), Elliott (17'), Whitehall (pen, 85')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 9	A-A	Buxton	2	James Bancroft	3661 (170 away)	Bennett (82')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 16	D0-0	Brackley Town	FAC	Alex Sawden	1909 (26 away)		Fitzsimons, Kelcey
Tue 19	L1-3	Brackley Town	FAC	Dean Skipper	471 (100 away)	Elliott (25')	Fitzsimons, Kelcey
Sat 23	D1-1	Chorley	4	George Laflin	1711 (403 away)	Elliott (44')	Fitzsimons, Kelcey
Sat 30	L0-3	Buxton	4	Ben Robinson	3077 (78 away)		Fitzsimons, Kelcey
OCTOBER							
Sat 7	W1-0	Brackley Town	4	Oliver Mackey	5063 (46 away)	Butterfield (60')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 21	L0-2	Chester	5	William Davis	2676 (450 away)		Fitzsimons, Ogle
Tue 24	7.45	Spennymoor Town	3	Harry Jones	3135 (114 away)	Smith (5', 7'), Denton (40'), Law (54'), Butterfield (62'), Whitehall (81')	Fitzsimons, Ogle
Sat 28	3.00	Bishop's Stortford					
Tue 31	7.45	Boston United					
NOVEMBER							
Sat 4	3.00	Blyth Spartans					
Tue 7	7.45	Banbury United					
Sat 11	3.00	Gloucester City					
Tue 14	7.45	King's Lynn Town					
Tue 21	7.45	Southport					
Sat 25	3.00	Warrington Town					
DECEMBER							
Sat 2	3.00	Hereford					
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					

ON THIS DAY

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ON THIS DAY: OCTOBER 28TH

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	14	4	4	6	24	25
<i>home only</i>	4	1	2	1	4	3

RECORD AGAINST TEAMS WITH CHESS PIECES IN THEIR NAME

	P	W	D	L	F	A
KING	43	21	10	12	71	48
QUEEN	12	3	1	8	13	22
BISHOP	2	1	1	0	2	0
KNIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROOK	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAWN	0	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 74'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton, Whitehall (Bennett, 78').

Chapman, Boyce, Sembie-Ferris, Barrows.

Ogle, Kouogun (Boyce, 75'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 45'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton.

Chapman, Smith, Barrows.

Ogle, Kouogun (Boyce, 52'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Barrows, 72'), Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 87').

Smith, Bennett.

Ogle, 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.

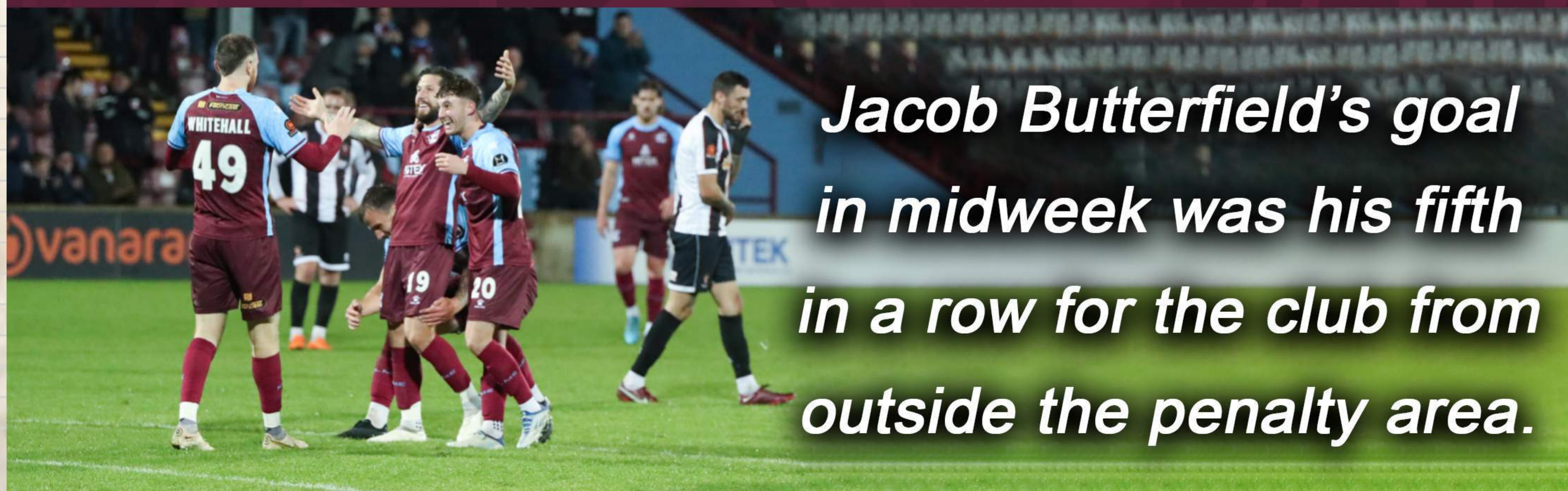
Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 63), Boyce, Clunan (Jenkins, 63), Butterfield (Kelly, 67), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Whitehall.

Wilson, Bennett.

STATS FROM SPENNYMOOR

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- The Iron scored six goals on a Tuesday night for the first time since November 1991, which was a 6-2 win against Rochdale.
- United netted six goals in a game for the first time since March 2016 when they beat Swindon Town 6-0 at Glanford Park.
- Scunthorpe scored twice in the opening seven minutes of a game for the first time since October 2018 when they went on to lose 3-2 to Wycombe Wanderers, and the first time at home since November 2000 (v Mansfield - W6-0).
- The Iron have scored a direct free-kick in consecutive home games for the first time since January 2017 when Josh Morris netted against Peterborough United and Bury.
- Ross Fitzsimons now has five clean sheets for the Iron, the quickest goalkeeper to do so since Jake Eastwood in 2019.
- Scunthorpe kept consecutive clean sheets at home for the first time since April 2021.



Jacob Butterfield's goal in midweek was his fifth in a row for the club from outside the penalty area.

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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	13	5	0	2	4	2	0	9	2	2	25	7	18	29
2	South Shields	14	6	1	0	1	3	3	7	4	3	27	16	11	25
3	Scunthorpe United	13	5	1	1	2	2	2	7	3	3	27	13	14	24
4	Spennymoor Town	13	4	1	1	3	1	3	7	2	4	24	20	4	23
5	Brackley Town	14	4	1	2	2	3	2	6	4	4	20	13	7	22
6	Chorley	13	3	2	1	3	2	2	6	4	3	16	14	2	22
7	Alfreton Town	13	4	2	1	2	1	3	6	3	4	23	18	5	21
8	Chester	13	5	1	1	1	1	4	6	2	5	16	11	5	20
9	Blyth Spartans	14	5	0	2	1	2	4	6	2	6	20	16	4	20
10	Buxton	13	2	3	1	3	1	3	5	4	4	22	11	11	19
11	Curzon Ashton	13	2	2	3	3	2	1	5	4	4	18	13	5	19
12	Warrington Town	14	2	3	2	3	1	3	5	4	5	19	21	-2	19
13	Scarborough Athletic	13	5	1	1	1	0	5	6	1	6	15	17	-2	19
14	Banbury United	13	2	2	2	3	1	3	5	3	5	10	17	-7	18
15	Rushall Olympic	13	3	1	2	2	1	4	5	2	6	17	18	-1	17
16	Boston United	12	4	0	2	1	2	3	5	2	5	14	15	-1	17
17	Hereford	13	4	0	2	1	2	4	5	2	6	12	17	-5	17
18	Farsley Celtic	13	0	4	2	4	1	2	4	5	4	12	17	-5	17
19	Southport	14	2	1	4	3	1	3	5	2	7	15	25	-10	17
20	Peterborough Sports	14	3	1	3	1	2	4	4	3	7	15	22	-7	15
21	King's Lynn Town	14	2	3	2	1	2	4	3	5	6	16	26	-10	14
22	Gloucester City	14	2	2	3	0	3	4	2	5	7	12	19	-7	11
23	Bishop's Stortford	14	3	0	4	0	1	6	3	1	10	12	24	-12	10
24	Darlington	13	0	5	2	1	0	5	1	5	7	9	26	-17	8



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as October 27th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	9	6	Lewis Salmon	Alfreton Town	6
2	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	8	7	Justin Johnson	Chorley	6
3	William Harris	Spennymoor Town	8	8	Glen Taylor	Spennymoor Town	6
4	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	7	9	Samuel Osborne	Buxton	5
5	Paul Blackett	South Shields	7	10	Brandon Smalley	Gloucester City	5

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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	13 (0)	4	1170	15 (0)	4
2	Reagan	OGLE	11 (0)	0	990	49 (0)	0
3	Michael	KELLY	3 (7)	0	352	5 (7)	0
4	Max	KOUOGUN	9 (0)	0	772	11 (0)	0
5	Will	EVANS	12 (0)	0	1032	14 (0)	0
6	Andrew	BOYCE	4 (2)	0	405	73 (10)	3
7	Michael	CLUNAN	5 (0)	0	360	5 (0)	0
8	Alfie	BEESTIN	4 (0)	2	360	98 (29)	9
9	Danny	ELLIOTT	8 (3)	4	664	18 (9)	7
10	Callum	ROBERTS	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
11	Cameron	WILSON	10 (2)	1	823	37 (23)	7
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
19	Jacob	BUTTERFIELD	12 (1)	3	1056	54 (3)	7
20	Kian	SCALES	12 (0)	1	996	12 (0)	1
21	Connor	SMITH	1 (3)	2	168	1 (4)	2
22	Fin	SHRIMPTON	5 (4)	1	550	25 (6)	1
23	Jack	JENKINS	3 (1)	0	280	4 (1)	0
26	Jason	LAW	2 (2)	1	165	2 (2)	1
27	Dion	SEMBIE-FERRIS	1 (4)	1	126	6 (8)	1
33	Tyler	DENTON	13 (0)	2	1130	15 (0)	2
44	Ross	BARROWS	2 (2)	0	219	2 (2)	0
49	Danny	WHITEHALL	10 (3)	7	963	10 (4)	7
		OWN GOALS		2			

Players out on loan

Marcus	CARVER	0 (0)	0	0	9 (11)	0	
17	Harrison	POULTER	0 (0)	0	0	0 (8)	0
18	Josh	ROBERTSON	0 (0)	0	0	0 (2)	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!

Following Connor Smith's free-kick goal on Tuesday night, the Iron have now scored from four direct free-kicks this season, the most they've scored since 2017-18.



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ON THE ROAD BLYTH SPARTANS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH -
3PM**

The Iron are set to travel to Blyth Spartans for a top end of the table clash between two sides that have had an increasingly positive start to the Vanarama National League North season.

The fixture against the Spartans will be United's first game in the month of November and will also be the first time that the two sides have met since both the green army's and Scunthorpe's formation in 1899.

THE STADIUM

The tie against the Spartans will take place at the Croft Park stadium as Spartans look to return to winning ways following their recent loss to table toppers Tamworth and a draw on Tuesday night to bottom of the table Darlington. Blyth's home form has been so far instrumental to their impressive start to the term, which sees the green army sat 9th in the league standings having amassed 20 points from their opening 14 fixtures.

Last season Blyth started

equally well but a flurry of poor results from January onwards saw that they finished 19th, only managing to ensure survival on the final day with a dominant display over Hereford where they won 5-0 with goals coming from five different respective scorers.

The green army have played at Croft Park since 1909 with the stadium playing host to numerous large encounters of the years, such as an FA cup 5th round replay against Wrexham during the 1977-78 season which is just one of Blyth's many notable endeavours in the FA Cup.

The stadium itself has a capacity of 4,130 of which 530 are seated. The Iron have been allocated 900 tickets for the fixture and the supporters will be housed in the Plessey Road covered terrace.

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COMING SOON

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

GLouceSTER CITY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2023 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron are set to welcome last year's play-off quarter finalists Gloucester City to Glanford Park for what will be first home fixture of November for Jimmy Dean's team.

As the case with many fixtures this campaign this will be the first time that the Iron will face off against the Tigers, who will make the 346-mile round trip to North Lincolnshire for a highly anticipated National League North encounter.

During the 2022-23 season, as previously mentioned, Gloucester reached the play-off quarter finals after achieving a 7th place league finish. The Tigers were unable to advance however as they were defeated 5-4 on penalties by eventual finalists Brackley Town, after Kieran Phillips failed to convert from the spot.

So far in this campaign, the Tigers have struggled to live up the expectations built from last year's successes, only managing to amass 11 points from 14 games. Despite this, Gloucester triumphed impressively with a 3-0 win against play-off hopefuls Alfreton on October 21st, hence propelling them to within touching of getting out of the relegation places.

Gloucester have already faced today's opponents Bishop's Stortford; the fixture took place on the second matchday of the campaign and the game finished with a 1-1 score line after a late Tosin Olufemi penalty for the blues cancelled out a Brandon Smalley first half strike.

On Tuesday, they narrowly lost 1-0 to Tamworth at the Lamb Ground.

TICKET NEWS

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD FC

MANAGER: STEVE SMITH

COLOURS: BLUE & YELLOW

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NEXT UP ON THE ROAD

BOSTON UNITED TUE 31 SEPT KO 7.45

NEXT UP AT HOME

GLOUCESTER CITY SAT 11 NOV KO 3.00

YOUR MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: OLIVER NOONAN

ASSISTANTS: JONATHAN GILL

MATHEW WRIGHT