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United's manager welcomes Swindon Town to the Sands Venue Stadium for our first game of the 2021-22 league season...

Welcome to the Sands Venue Stadium as we prepare to take on Swindon Town for our first home game of the new season today. That's extended to Ben Garner, his staff and all who have travelled for the match from Wiltshire.

I'm absolutely delighted to have you back in the stadium supporting us this year. We really missed you last season and as a Scunthorpe lad I know the fans can make a huge difference at a stadium like ours where you're so close to the pitch. Thank you for supporting us via iFollow and to those who still bought season tickets and donated money to the club.

I've been pleased with pre-season and how the lads have handled it. After just over a week's training we started the games with a friendly away at Barton Town and then built it up with four matches against higher level opposition. We played really well against Burton Albion and Hull City, while we were unfortunate in front of goal on occasions against a Lincoln City side who were excellent on the night. We showed character to come from behind at AFC Wimbledon last weekend and win 2-1 in a game where the intensity was similar to a league match, and hopefully that's an aspect we can improve on from last season.

At the time of writing, we've made eight additions, and I'm sure you will give a really warm welcome to Alex Kenyon, Harry Davis, Ross Millen, Lewis Thompson, Tyrone O'Neill, Harry Bunn, Tom Billson and Alex Perry. They're signings we're really happy to have made and hopefully they can have a big positive impact on the team. They all buy into that aspect - the team - and that's the way we must go going forward. It's not about individuals but the group as a whole.



Hopefully we can give you plenty to shout about and a team to be proud of. We've been patient with getting players in but I think those who went to the pre-season friendlies could see the characters we've brought in and the way we want to play.

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I'd like to conclude by welcoming our matchball sponsor Shaun Maxwell, and I hope he and his group have an enjoyable day with us.

Enjoy the game, and up the Iron!

Neil Cox

IRON ROUND-UP

Some recent news from the Sands Venue Stadium...

A SUMMER OF CHANGE

There have been lots of ins and outs at the Sands Venue Stadium this summer.

It all started when the list of players departing the club at the end of their contracts came out soon after the previous season finished, and featured 17 players.

Charlie Barks, Jacob Bedeau, Junior Brown, Lewis Butroid, Jordan Clarke, Andy Dales, Abo Eisa, Alex Gilliead, George Hornshaw, Mark Howard, Jem Karacan, Adam Kelsey, Harrison McGahey, Kelsey Mooney, Olufela Olomola, Raynner Silva and Kevin van Veen all left the Iron.

John McAtee would go on to leave too, signing for National League outfit Grimsby Town, while **Joey Dawson** left to join Scottish giants Celtic and **Lewis Spence** went to Hamilton Academical in the Scottish Championship. Under-23s manager **Russ Wilcox** also departed the club.

Academy graduates **Dan Gallimore** and **Cameron Wilson** both signed the professional terms offered to them in May.

The first signing was completed in mid-June, with experienced Morecambe central midfielder **Alex Kenyon** penning a one-year deal. The next player through the door also signed after leaving the same club, and came in the form of defender **Harry Davis**, who is another player that has amassed over 300 career appearances.

Within days of the players returning for pre-season training, right-back **Ross Millen** was the next acquisition, penning a two-year deal and joining after leaving Kilmarnock.

Another full-back followed, after impressing in training and the first friendly at Barton Town. **Lewis Thompson** joined on a one-year deal after departing Championship outfit Blackburn Rovers.

Two further trialists were next to sign permanently after impressing in training

and the friendly matches they were involved in. Experienced attacker **Harry Bunn**, who has experience of being in a Championship promotion-winning side when at Huddersfield Town, signed a one-year deal, while young forward **Tyrone O'Neill** penned a two-year contract after leaving second tier side Middlesbrough.

Then, 12 days ago, we completed the signing of highly-rated goalkeeper **Tom Billson** on a season-long loan from Coventry City, before bringing in ex-Wigan midfielder man **Alex Perry** the following afternoon following an impressive trial.

Elsewhere, former Iron loan defender **Tony McMahon** returned in a first team coaching role, while experienced ex-Rotherham defender and Barnsley assistant manager **Dale Tonge** came into the youth set-up as Professional Development Phase Coach after **Steve Thornber** left the club. **Claire Swindell** also took the role of Academy Head of Sports Science & Medicine after leaving Swindon Town, with **Darren Mouatt** set to depart the club following a lengthy period of service.

We wish everyone who has left the club this summer all the best for the future.

> Experienced duo Harry Davis and Alex Kenyon were our first two summer additions.



IN MEMORIAM: KEV CUMMING

Scunthorpe United was saddened to learn of the passing of former long serving groundsman Kev Cumming in June.

He began working for the club in September 1998, joining former Head Groundsman Graham Colby at the Iron after both previously worked for the council on the Brigg Recreation pitches. By that time, Graham had seven years under his belt with Scunthorpe, while Kev was leaving a job at the steelworks.

Kev was assistant groundsman at the club for 17 years before leaving in 2015, working tirelessly to keep the pitches in good condition for training and matchdays. He will be remembered as a very hardworking and kind member of the team.

Speaking in an interview for the programme in his final year in the role, he said: "I always enjoyed being outside and my initial experiences helped me when I came to Scunthorpe. The feedback we get is one of the best parts of the job.

"It takes a lot of hard work from everybody for that win to come together. We get a great deal of satisfaction when we've done all we can to get a game to go ahead."



SUTTON UNITED TICKETS

Tickets are set to go on sale for our next home game, which sees us face Sutton United on Saturday, August 21st (3pm K/O).

You can make a saving by buying in advance, with full details on our club website (www.scunthorpe-united.co.uk).

You can buy by visiting our ticket office, calling **01724 747670** during opening hours or online 24/7 via www.suftickets.com.

Our ticket office is open 10am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the next week, and from 11am on that particular matchday.

We will also have hospitality available for the fixture against the EFL newcomers and this can be purchased by calling our hospitality team on **01724 747684** or emailing sales@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

BARROW CUP TICKET NEWS CONFIRMED

Barrow have confirmed ticket details for Iron fans ahead of our Carabao Cup first round tie against them at Holker Street on Tuesday, August 10th (7.45pm kick-off).

United fans will also be able to buy their tickets for the game by navigating to the 'Away Match Day Tickets' section of Barrow's ticketing website, which can be accessed via <https://barrowafc.shop/away-tickets-portal/>.

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Tickets will be available on the day of the game from Barrow's Ticket Booth in the Fan Zone but fans are advised to buy in advance to avoid matchday queueing.

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IRON ROUND-UP

PRE-SEASON ROUND-UP

The Iron's first game of pre-season came at Barton Town on Saturday, July 10th and it was a game which saw us emerge 4-1 victors.

Ryan Loft opened the scoring from the penalty spot in the first half after Harry Bunn was brought down in the home side's area.

Aaron Jarvis was fouled in the box early in the second period, with Alfie Beestin stepping up to slot home. Beestin then scored a fine second goal for himself from the edge of the area.

The scoring was completed soon after, as Lewis Thompson played Devarn Green in down the left side of the area and the attacker slotted home.

United were due to face Farsley Celtic the following Saturday but the match was cancelled as a precaution due to a suspected Covid case in the squad.

The next match came on Tuesday, July 20th when League One side Burton Albion came to town, and Scunthorpe were impressive 2-1 winners.

George Taft headed home the opening goal after 15 minutes, getting on the end of a Bunn cross, but the visitors soon levelled.

However, United started the second half well and got the winner on the hour mark as Tyrone O'Neill's shot went in off the post.

Next up was a derby against Hull City on Saturday, July 24th, which ended in a narrow 1-0 win for the Championship team but saw a strong United performance.

Lincoln City, who were League One play-off finalists last season, came three days later and registered a 2-0 win, although Scunthorpe did have chances on the night.

The Iron picked up an excellent win at League One side AFC Wimbledon last Saturday, coming from behind to win 2-1. Harry Bunn scored with a deflected effort, while Ryan Loft scored from the penalty spot.

Then, on Tuesday night, we were 1-0 winners in a Lincolnshire Senior Cup quarter-final at Grantham Town, with the victory secured by a late Mason O'Malley free-kick as numerous players received important game time.



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MATCHDAY INTERVIEW

RYAN LOFT

Fresh from scoring the winner in our friendly at AFC Wimbledon last week, frontman Ryan Loft is feeling the benefit of a proper pre-season and is hoping to prosper in League Two this term...

Striker Ryan Loft is excited about the new season, and the opportunity to build on his first campaign in claret and blue.

With nine goals in all competitions to his name, the 23-year-old was one of the stand-out players for United last term and has felt the benefit of a full pre-season this time around.

Since returning for training on July 1st, Loft has played a part in each of the friendlies and scored two goals - both of which came from the penalty spot in the victories at Barton Town and AFC Wimbledon.

The most recent of those victories came against a League One side whose style Loft thinks will match a lot of outfits in our current division.

He said: "It was another good test last week against a good team, and I think the game was more realistic to what they're going to be like in League Two coming up - in terms of physical and in your face. I felt we dealt with it well though and bounced back after going 1-0 down. There are still things we can improve on, but overall it was a good test like the other friendlies were.

"It's been a hard pre-season but we'll all feel the benefit of it and we're looking forward to today's game against Swindon Town now.

"I signed the week before the season started last year and know how much a difference a proper pre-season can make, while we've all been able to train together rather than in small groups (which is what happened last year due to Covid-19).

"It's been a number of weeks of hard work building up as a team. We have a tight group and I think we're all up for the challenge."

While Loft isn't making his personal targets public, the forward feels he can make a big impression in the division.

He added: "I'm looking forward to it. Hopefully it's going to be a good season ahead. I feel I learnt a lot last season from playing in a lot of games and we can do well this season.

"The players we've brought in bring experience and youth, and it's always a good mixture to have. The older boys have been around the game a little bit and bring the best out of the younger ones. The group is coming together nicely."

Loft is also looking forward to finally playing a competitive game in front of the fans at the Sands Venue Stadium this afternoon, almost a year after signing for the club.

He said: "The fans were great in the three home games we had recently and make a massive difference. Even at Wimbledon, though it was all home fans, it just gets that extra percentage out of you.

"It will be a good challenge today against Swindon, after some good tests in pre-season, but the most important thing is the game today.

"I think our opponents will be well up for it too and we know it'll be a tough match. They're going to bring a good following and hopefully it will be a really good atmosphere today."

SWINDON TOWN IN OPPOSITION



Ryan Payne introduces us to this afternoon's first visitors of the season, while also picking out a star man and profiling the boss...

It's been a summer of change for Swindon Town. A turbulent time off the pitch at the County Ground saw John McGreal's time as manager last just 30 days, and uncertainty over ownership of the club meant it was a tough summer for the Robins.

But it seems now the club have made the right steps forward. Clem Morfuni was named as the new owner and chairman of the club, with former Bristol Rovers manager Ben Garner joining as head coach. Players Ben Gladwin and Lewis Ward joined the club shortly after the change in ownership, and now Swindon can put the summer difficulty behind them ahead of the 2021/22 campaign.

Joe Wollacott joined the club on a free transfer from Bristol City at the start of July. The goalkeeper had spent time on loan at the club last season, joining the Robins on a permanent deal. Pierce Sweeney also joined Swindon on a free transfer, but his time with club didn't last long. Due to family circumstances, the 26-year-old left



the club by mutual consent and returned to Exeter City. They were later joined by Gladwin and Ward, who joined from Milton Keynes Dons and Exeter respectively.

Pre-season for the Robins has also been far from straightforward. A draw to Melksham Town was followed by defeat to Hungerford Town, before a home fixture against Swansea City was cancelled.

They did record their first win of pre-season with a 3-2 victory over Swindon Supermarine, before being defeated 1-0 by Weymouth. A fixture away to Barnet was cancelled due to a number of COVID-19 cases within the squad, and the Robins concluded their pre-season with a 1-0 defeat at home to Peterborough United.

Back in Sky Bet League Two following a 23rd place finish in League One last season, the past year has been tough for Swindon. But with a change in ownership and with a few more players set to join, the club can move forward to a brighter future.

ONE TO WATCH: BEN GLADWIN

One of the club's summer signings, midfielder Ben Gladwin is no stranger to Swindon Town. Including loans, this move makes it the fourth spell the 29-year-old has had at the County Ground.

Beginning his professional career in the depths of non-league, Gladwin played for the likes of AFC Wallingford, Windsor & Eton, Burnham, Hayes & Yeading and Marlow. He was given a chance in the Football League with Swindon, before moving to QPR.

Two loan spells to Swindon and one at Bristol City followed, before a permanent move to Blackburn Rovers. Gladwin spent two-and-a-half years at Ewood Park, but struggled to break into the first-team.

He spent the next 18 months at MK Dons, playing in League One, before making the return to Swindon this summer.



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HEAD COACH: BEN GARNER

The new man at the helm, Ben Garner took over as manager of Swindon Town in July 2021. Replacing John McGreal, who lasted only 30 days in charge of the club.

Garner began his coaching career with Crystal Palace, spending seven years with the Eagles as an academy coach. He was later promoted to first-team coach under Ian Holloway, before Garner left the club in 2015. Garner's next move was to West Bromwich Albion, where he spent two years as a first-team coach.

He was later appointed as Steve Coppell's assistant head coach at Indian Super League side ATK, before he ventured into management for the first time with Bristol Rovers in December 2019. His time at the Memorial Ground came to an end in November 2020.

After a small time away from the game, Garner returned to management this summer and he's looking to make up for lost time with the Robins.

He commented last week: "Training could not have gone much better. I must give all players and staff massive credit because right now everyone at the club is maximising the time we have to prepare for our first competitive game of the season."

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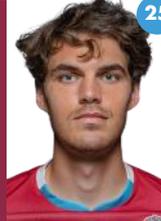
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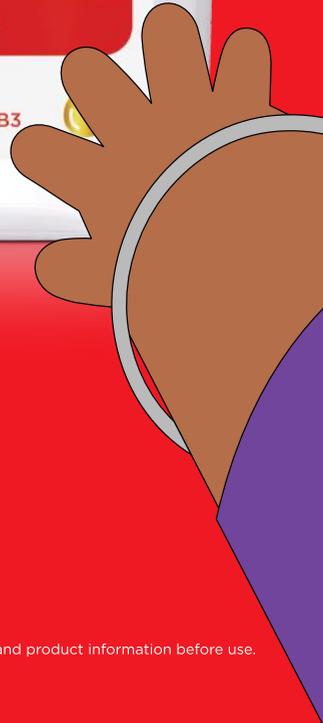
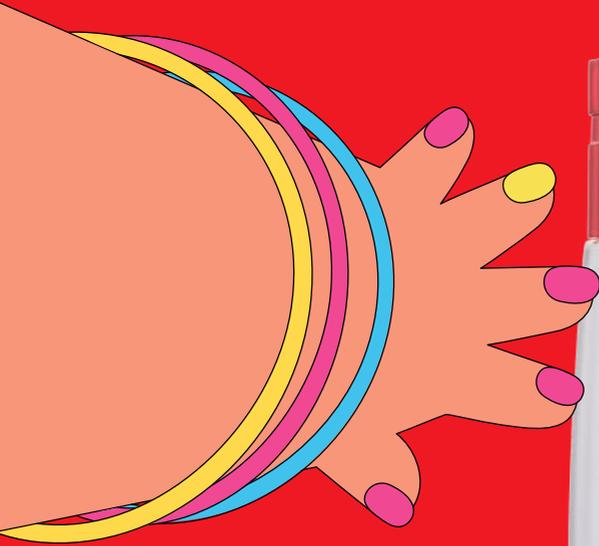
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IRON ROUND-UP

Some recent news from the Sands Venue Stadium...



BOOK FOR THE IRON'S GOLF DAY

Scunthorpe United have confirmed their annual Golf Day for Wednesday, September 29th, 2021.

First team players and management will be in attendance for the event, which will be held at Holme Hall Golf Club, Holme Lane, Bottesford, Scunthorpe, DN16 3RF, with arrivals between 8.30am and 9.00am.

Attendees will be greeted with breakfast

refreshments on arrival including bacon/sausage sandwiches, along with tea and coffee, with a two-course meal and presentation in the clubhouse following the round of golf.

Proceedings will begin with a Shotgun Start at around 10.00am, with scoring based on the Stableford method. There will also be further challenges, including the closest pin and longest drive.

It's just £250+VAT for a maximum team of four to get involved in our annual Golf Day. Teams of three can request to include a first team player, coach or staff member from the football club.

Hole sponsorship is also available for the event at £50+VAT.

For any enquiries, or to book a place, contact Adam Grice at adam.grice@scunthorpe-united.co.uk or call **01724 747671**. Book early to avoid disappointment.

MASCOT DETAILS FOR THIS SEASON

United have mascot packages on sale for the 2021-22 season now. Your child can enjoy a day to remember!

Due to COVID-19 protocols, aspects of our package has had to adapt to be in line with current guidance. As a result, there is no access to the changing room area on matchdays, but our community coaches will be on hand to ensure the mascot still has a special day.

Mascots will be able to select a player of their choice, subject to availability, to meet pitchside ahead of the game and have a picture taken. There will also be photograph opportunities with club mascot, Scunny Bunny.

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TODAY'S MATCHBALL SPONSOR

We are delighted to welcome Shaun Maxwell as our matchball sponsor this afternoon.

Shaun is a lifelong fan of the Iron and his wife Caroline wanted to surprise him with this matchball sponsorship on the Iron's return to competitive action, for the first time at home in over 500 days.

We would like to thank Shaun, Caroline and Caroline's sisters, Deborah and Beverley, for their fantastic support and their valued sponsorship this afternoon.

We hope Shaun has a great day with the Iron as matchball sponsor and fingers crossed we are able to secure the three points this afternoon.

SUFC TRUST SUMMER COURSE DETAILS

The SUFC Trust is pleased to announce details of our summer courses, with booking essential to secure your place. Book now to avoid disappointment!

The sessions will run between 10am and 3pm, with registration from 9am, on the selected dates.

All sessions will take place at The Barrett Steel Stadium, Bottesford Town Football Club, Ontario Road, DN17 2TQ, on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 10th, Wednesday, August 11th,

Thursday, August 12th

Tuesday, August 17th, Wednesday, August 18th,

Thursday, August 19th

Tuesday, August 24th, Wednesday, August 25th,

Thursday, August 26th

Children aged from six to 13 are welcome, with registration starting from 9am.

IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION

Booking is essential and it is £15 per child, per day. Book all three days in a single week, pay up front and receive the third day for FREE! (Total price £30 for all three days*)

*The three days must be in the same week to take advantage of the bundle offer

All attendees must wear shin pads, appropriate footwear, bring waterproof clothing and bring their own drinks, packed lunch and any other refreshments.

To book, email d.bacon@scunthorpe-united.co.uk or call **01724 705010**. The following information is essential:

-> Name

-> Age

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-> Any medical conditions

-> School attended

-> Date of course(s) you are booking for

It is imperative that, if your child is unwell on the day of the course, they do not attend.

We'd like to thank Bottesford Town Football Club for allowing us to use their facilities.



IRON LINK UP WITH CANCER RESEARCH UK THIS SEASON

Scunthorpe United is delighted that we will be supporting Cancer Research UK, which will see the charity's logo on the front of the playing shirts for the 2021/22 season.

The agreement will see the club not only promoting the charity through branding on the home, away and third shirts this season, but also raising awareness through marketing activity and activation around events throughout the season.

Scunthorpe United Chairman, Peter Swann, commented: "We are delighted Cancer Research UK have agreed to partner with us to promote the charity which does so much fantastic work to help battle a disease which one in two people will get in their life.

"The charity has been severely impacted through the pandemic and we want to help raise their profile once again to continue the battle to beat cancer which impacts so many lives in different ways."

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research, influence and information. They support research into all aspects of cancer through the work of over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses. This pioneering work into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer has helped save millions of lives. Every step Cancer Research UK makes towards beating cancer relies on vital donations from the public. Together with their supporters and partners, their vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

We would like to thank Utilita for their front of shirt sponsorship over the last two seasons.



Giving Football Back to Small Business

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CAPTAIN

Fresh from being named first team captain this week, our new skipper writes his first notes for the matchday programme...

Good afternoon Iron fans and welcome back to the Sands Venue Stadium as we begin the league campaign at home to Swindon Town.

It's great to have you all back in the stands for the first time since March 2020, when strangely I was playing for the opposing team that day.

Pre-season has been really positive. It's always tough but long gone are the days of running laps round the pitch. Instead, we have faced a testing mix of both football and fitness work helping us to prepare for the upcoming season. The pre-season games have been challenging, we've had some tough fixtures but can take positives out of all the matches we've played. From day one we have tried to create an environment and mentality of winning games with some good results along the way.

Swindon have had a lot to deal with over the last couple of months. It's been a hard time for them but hopefully that is now behind them following their new ownership.

We know we're going to face a tough game today but we will use what we have learnt from pre-season to hopefully show what we are capable of and strive to come away with three points.

It's an honour to be named captain for the forthcoming season. I would like to thank the manager for putting trust in me and I will give everything for the club both on and off the pitch.

I'm looking forward to the role. I have previous experience of it with Crewe, having done it for a few years there, and have stepped in at previous clubs after that as well. It's



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something I really enjoy. I feel it'll get the best out of me, and my job's to get the best out of everyone else as well. I will give my all for the football club, lead by example and try to help us improve on and off the pitch.

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I look forward to seeing you all today and hope you enjoy the game.

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CAMERON WILSON INTERVIEW

After impressing in pre-season, the former academy attacker is looking to make an impact during his first season as a pro...

As we enter the new season, how do you think pre-season has gone for you?

I think pre-season has gone well. I've worked hard through it and shown the gaffer what I'm capable of. I just need to look forward to the season now, hopefully get some minutes and work hard in training.

Speaking to the gaffer, he seems surprised with what you've shown. Do you feel like you've surprised yourself this pre-season?

Not really, because I know what I'm capable of doing, but I just need to keep working hard and keep impressing him.

What do you feel you've done to adapt so well?

I've worked even harder than before and have been more vocal than I was with the youth team. I just want to get on the ball and show what I'm capable of. I'm not frightened of whoever I play against, I just want to get on the ball and create chances. The manager keeps trying to build my confidence up and has been excellent, more than anything I could ask for.

We've faced four teams who sit above us in the pyramid this pre-season; how does that set you up for the season?

Very well I hope. It's going to help us kick

on through the season because we played well for the majority and got some good results against Burton Albion and AFC Wimbledon. We could take positives.

How positive do you feel that you might get your chance this season?

I want to take it slow, and see if I get any game time, and if I do I'll do my best.

What's it been like playing in front of fans?

It's been good, I like getting on the ball and trying to entertain them, and making them happy. When I do something good I can hear them and it makes me even more confident.

Since becoming a professional, what's changed for you?

Not much really, it's about continuing to try and do everything right. I've been here since U11s and have come through the youth team - hopefully if I can make an impression in the first team it will help the other lads looking to come through be encouraged. Tony Daws has been a massively positive influence for me.

Have you set any targets for the season?

If I'm playing, which I hope to, I want to get goals and assists but have no target on how many yet.



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TOM PUGH INTERVIEW

Playing at right-back during pre-season, we catch up with the former academy midfielder, who incidentally made his league debut against today's opponents 17 months ago...

You've played more minutes than anyone this pre-season. How has that been for you?

It's a great feeling playing games for the first team. To get the minutes I have, especially in a different position of right-back, has been good. It's been really good getting to know the new players too and how they play. I've played right-back before and also played there in my first season as a scholar.

The manager and coach Tony McMahon were both right-backs, so it must encourage you the fact they've both seen something in you for that position?

I have a lot of experience around me to help me push on in that position, I think.

Are you pleased with how the pre-season games went? We played a lot of decent standard opposition really.

It's always good to play teams higher in the pyramid and see where we are against them. I think I dealt with them well in some games and there have been plenty of things to learn and improve on.

We've obviously had the fans back for the friendlies too and they've been praising your performances, so that must be good for your confidence?

It's excellent having the fans back and I think it makes a big difference, while it's also great having my family here to watch me. It's been a long 18 months without

spectators in the stadium so having my family here and being able to talk about the game with them afterwards is a really good thing. They'll hopefully be here for the match today.

What do you expect from Swindon today?

That's where I made my league debut, back in March last year, and they were a great side then, and won the league. I haven't seen much of them since but we know it'll be tough, being the first game of the season, and everyone will want those three points, so we'll do our best to get them. That's what we're all looking for, a great start.

You had the boost of the win at AFC Wimbledon last week, and it felt like a league game really with the fans there and intensity of it, didn't it?

It's a great little ground as well, against an established League One side. We were under the cosh in the last 20 minutes or so, but that was a test for us to keep the lead and hopefully we can continue to do that this season. We showed good character coming from behind to win the game, and it was a case of getting the team going again when we did go behind.

Finally, what are your personal aims for the season?

I just want to try and get as many minutes as possible, in whatever position that is. Ultimately I want to progress as a player and see where it takes me.



SEASON LOG 2021-22

DATE	OPPONENT	K/O	COMP
Sat 7 Aug	Swindon Town (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 10 Aug	Barrow (A)	7.45pm	CC1
Sat 14 Aug	Rochdale (A)	3pm	LG2
Tue 17 Aug	Walsall (A)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 21 Aug	Sutton United (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 24 Aug	Manchester City U21s (H)	7pm	PJT GS
Sat 28 Aug	Tranmere Rovers (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 4 Sep	Northampton Town (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 11 Sep	Exeter City (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 18 Sep	Carlisle United (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 25 Sep	Port Vale (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 2 Oct	Newport County (A)	3pm	LG2
Tue 5 Oct	Rotherham United (A)	7pm	PJT GS
Sat 9 Oct	Harrogate Town (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 16 Oct	Forest Green Rovers (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 19 Oct	Barrow (A)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 23 Oct	Crawley Town (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 30 Oct	Colchester United (A)	3pm	LG2
Tue 9 Nov	Doncaster Rovers	7pm	PJT GS
Sat 13 Nov	Salford City (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 20 Nov	Mansfield Town (A)	3pm	LG2
Tue 23 Nov	Leyton Orient (H)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 27 Nov	Bradford City (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 7 Dec	Stevenage (A)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 11 Dec	Hartlepool United (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 18 Dec	Bristol Rovers (H)	3pm	LG2
Sun 26 Dec	Oldham Athletic (A)	3pm	LG2
Wed 29 Dec	Northampton Town (H)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 1 Jan	Carlisle United (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 8 Jan	Tranmere Rovers (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 15 Jan	Exeter City (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 22 Jan	Newport County (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 29 Jan	Port Vale (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 5 Feb	Oldham Athletic (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 8 Feb	Walsall (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 12 Feb	Swindon Town (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 19 Feb	Rochdale (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 26 Feb	Sutton United (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 5 Mar	Crawley Town (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 12 Mar	Colchester United (H)	3pm	LG2
Tue 15 Mar	Barrow (H)	7.45pm	LG2
Sat 19 Mar	Salford City (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 26 Mar	Harrogate Town (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 2 Apr	Forest Green Rovers (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 9 Apr	Mansfield Town (H)	3pm	LG2
Fri 15 Apr	Leyton Orient (A)	3pm	LG2
Mon 18 Apr	Stevenage (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 23 Apr	Bradford City (A)	3pm	LG2
Sat 30 Apr	Hartlepool United (H)	3pm	LG2
Sat 7 May	Bristol Rovers (A)	3pm	LG2

TEAM

2021-22 HOME AND AWAY KITS NOW ON SALE

The Iron's brand new home and away kits are available to buy now from www.sufcshop.com and our club shop.

Infant home kits and long sleeve home shirts will be available at a later date while the special edition third shirt with the supporters names included in the design is going through the manufacturing process and is estimated to arrive in early October.

Produced by our technical kit partner, Macron, both shirts feature our brand-new front of shirt partner, Cancer Research UK. We are delighted to have Pepperells Solicitors on the rear of the shirt after renewing their back of shirt sponsorship once again, while Sands Venue Hotel and Resort remain as the back of the shorts sponsor.

The home kit is a traditional claret and blue colour with a fade design on the shirt. The shorts are blue with claret trim and blue socks. This combination of blue shorts and blue socks was also voted for by the fans through the supporters' survey earlier in the year.

The away kit is black with brilliant yellow flash design and was a clear winner in the fans vote for the away kit. It has black shorts and socks with Macron's yellow detail.

Both kits are available to purchase now with prices as follows:

Adult short sleeve shirt: £42

Adult long sleeve shirt: £45

Junior short sleeve shirt: £36

Adult shorts: £19

Junior shorts: £17

Adult sock: £12

Junior sock: £10



ROCHDALE AWAY TICKETS AND TRAVEL NEWS

Tickets and travel are on sale for the Iron's League Two trip to face Rochdale, which takes place on Saturday, August 14th (3pm kick-off).

We have been handed an initial allocation of just over 530 tickets for the game. These tickets are situated in the Reside Estate Agency Stand and are reserved seating.

You can purchase tickets in person at the Iron ticket office, by calling **01724 747670** during opening hours or through visiting **www.sufctickets.com**. Buy in advance from the Iron and we receive 5% of the sales.

Should they not sell out, match tickets will remain on sale from the Iron ticket office until 3.30pm on Friday, August 13th.

Meanwhile, official coach travel will also be on sale, costing £16 members and £18 non-members. Departure times are 11.30am

from the Hornsby bus depot, 11.35am from Ashby Broadway, 11.45am from the Museum and Baths Hall, and 12noon from the Sands Venue Stadium. Travel must be purchased in advance from our ticket office or online via **www.sufctickets.com**.

Advance ticket prices for the game are as follows:

CATEGORY	PRICE
Adults	£22
65+	£17
21 and under	£14
11 and under	£7

Wheelchair users are changed their age band price with the carer being free of charge.

Ambulant disabled are charged the appropriate rate for their ticket, however should they need a full-time carer to accompany them, the carer is admitted free of charge. Proof of carer status or middle to higher band of disability as required.

WALSALL DETAILS ANNOUNCED

Tickets and travel are on sale for the Iron's League Two trip to face Walsall, which takes place on Tuesday, August 17th (7.45pm kick-off).

We have been handed an initial allocation of 400 tickets for the game, which will also be available to stream live in the UK and overseas on iFollow Iron (video match passes will go on sale nearer the time of the match and United receive 100% of the profits for passes bought via our website).

You can purchase tickets in person at the Iron ticket office, by calling **01724 747670** during opening hours or through visiting **www.sufctickets.com**. Buy in advance from the Iron and we receive 5% of the sales.

Should they not sell out, match tickets will remain on sale from the Iron ticket office until 12noon on Tuesday, August 17th.

Meanwhile, official coach travel will also be on sale, costing £17 members and £19 non-members. Departure times are 3.30pm from the Hornsby bus depot, 3.35pm from Ashby Broadway, 3.45pm from the Museum

and Baths Hall, and 4pm from the Sands Venue Stadium. Travel must be purchased in advance from our ticket office or online via **www.sufctickets.com**.

Advance ticket prices for the game are as follows:

CATEGORY	PRICE
Adults	£20
60+	£16
U21s	£15
U18s	£10

There are also wheelchair and carer tickets amongst the allocation, with it being full price for disabled tickets and free for the carer.

Walsall would like to make our supporters aware that they have an Away Fans Bar, which will open from 6pm, while car parking at the stadium costs £5 per car.



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