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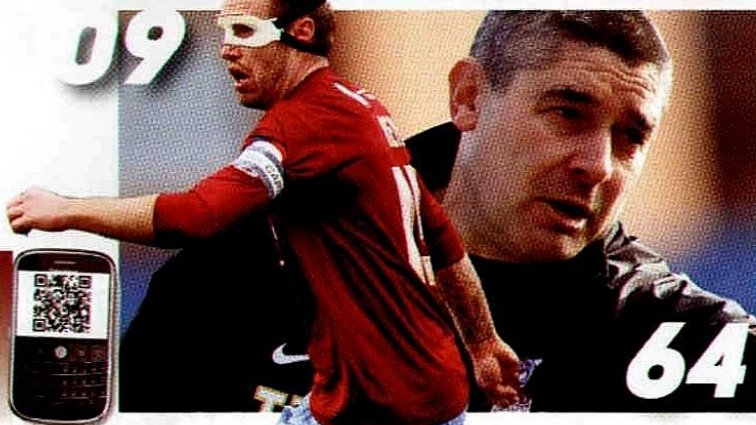
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Second bite of the cherry

Iron manager Brian Laws pens his latest notes ahead of this afternoon's home clash against Swindon Town.

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO GLANFORD PARK FOR OUR FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON, WHICH SEES SWINDON TOWN VISIT US TODAY.

I'd like to welcome Kevin MacDonald, his coaching staff, the players, directors and supporters of the Robins to the stadium.

But, most importantly, I want to welcome you, our supporters.

We all know the ramifications of today. What we have to do is make sure we do our part and win.

Spirits have been very high in training this week after we shocked the division, and particularly our relegation rivals Colchester United, with a fine win away at an Milton Keynes Dons who were still chasing promotion.

It has given us a second bite of the cherry because we're now in a position a lot of people thought we wouldn't be in this time last week.

We have to grab it with both hands and enjoy the day, but also give it a right go.

Today, we're appealing to everyone right away to get behind us. We want an afternoon of passion. We know what we've got to do. It isn't impossible, it's a fantastic opportunity.

We have a fighting chance now though. Colchester make the tough trip to Carlisle United today and aren't in the best of form, and they will have had to overcome a lot of nerves on what I'm sure has been a difficult

week for them.

It's important that our supporters are patient and I ask you all to set aside your frustrations at how things have gone over the last two or three seasons for 90 minutes of football today.

We had a real boost, a real shot in the arm, last weekend, and we need everyone to show real positivity.

Hopefully, we could have Andy Barcham and Akpo Sodje back from thigh injuries and boosting the squad. I know for a cup final such as this, every player will be chomping at the bit to play a part no matter what knocks they have. The adrenaline of being involved in such an important game normally pulls people through.

I must thank you for your support this season. It has been a testing campaign but, rest assured, we will work hard over the coming weeks, months and years to get Scunthorpe United back to the heights we have enjoyed over the last decade.

Get behind us today and push us over the line, suck that ball into the back of the net, and do everything that you can do to play your part.

My final notes of the season have to go to Steve Wharton, a man who has given everything to this great football club over years.

He has been a supporter of the club way back when his great father was once chairman and eventually taking over as chairman himself.

Get behind us today and push us over the line, suck that ball into the back of the net, and do everything that you can do to play your part.

He has given huge support to me in my early years as manager through some tough times and some very good times.

In fact, during his reign, Scunthorpe United had it's most successful period in the club's history under his leadership and that should never be forgotten.

No matter what division or manager in charge he has tried to support financially to help the club to progress and move forward.

Mr Wharton will be a big loss as chairman and a friend to Scunthorpe United, it's an end of an era that's for sure.

But now we must look forward and embrace a new chairman who can steer the ship and rebuild new foundations and build a club we can all be proud of once more and the hard work starts NOW.

Up the Iron!

Brian Laws



Today is the day

THE IRON GO INTO THEIR FINAL GAME OF THE CAMPAIGN AT HOME TO SWINDON KNOWING THAT ONLY VICTORY WILL BE ENOUGH TO GIVE THEM ANY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL.

Many fans will also be keeping a close eye on relegation rivals Colchester's result away at Carlisle.

Defeat for the U's and a three goal swing in goal difference would be enough to keep United in League One next season.

Brian Laws' side go into this weekend's fixture on the back of a 1-0 win away at MK Dons. Karl Hawley's goal five minutes before half time gave the side a hard-fought three points and kept the possibility of avoiding the drop alive.

Visitors Swindon defeated Stevenage 3-0 in their previous game and in turn secured themselves a playoff spot in the process.

Scunthorpe are expecting to pack

Brian Laws' side go into this weekend's fixture on the back of a 1-0 win away at MK Dons.

Glanford Park and get supporters behind the team in what is without a doubt their biggest game of the season.

United will be hoping to welcome Andy Barcham and Akpo Sodje back from thigh injuries to boost the attacking options.

However, Callum Kennedy (hamstring), Damien Mozika (hamstring), Josh Walker (knee) Connor Jennings (ankle) and Niall Canavan (broken nose) all miss out.

We'll end this introduction section by thanking you for your support this season and urging you to get behind the team in your numbers today!



FIXTURE RELEASE DATE...

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE FIXTURES FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 9AM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

The new Football League season will then get underway on Saturday, August 3.

SUOSC NEWS UPDATE...

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYBODY AND WELCOME TO THE LAST GAME OF THE SEASON FOR THE IRON.

Today's visitors who we give a warm Lincolnshire welcome to are Swindon Town who could be looking towards Wembley and the play-off final.

Let's hope we can get the win we need today and Colchester slip up! Get behind your team today!

THANK YOU'S

Where can I start to thank people? Karen Lee is our Travel organiser and what a great job she has done this season. I'd also like to thank you the fans for supporting us, and Hornsby Travel for providing the coaches.

Colin Sargeson (Stadler) deserves a lot of credit for doing the scratchcard in the Iron Bar, earning money for the SUFC Youth Team.

Harold Harris (Waldolf) and Colin again deserve praise for taking names for the crossbar challenge.

I'd also like to thank Chris Mumby (programme editor) for reminding me when notes had to be in for print and for giving us space in the award winning programme.

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

The last home match against Walsall saw Iron general manager David Beeby presenting a cheque for £666.66 to Mrs O'Toole who is chairperson of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Interest Group (C.R.I.G) in Scunthorpe along with Jane Smith, the Supporters' Club secretary, who as a Committee suggested C.R.I.G this money has come from the community shield.

A date to watch out for is 1 July 2013 hopefully for the SUOSC Annual General Meeting.

So enjoy the game today, have a nice summer and see you in August.

ENGAGEMENT SHOOT...

WE'VE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM IRON FAN KAREN LEE.



Fixtures out on June

Karen says: "My daughter, Suzi Lee, and her fiancé, Alan Chapman, are getting married at the end of June, and a few weeks ago the club were kind enough to allow them to have their engagement shoot inside the ground, as that was where they met."

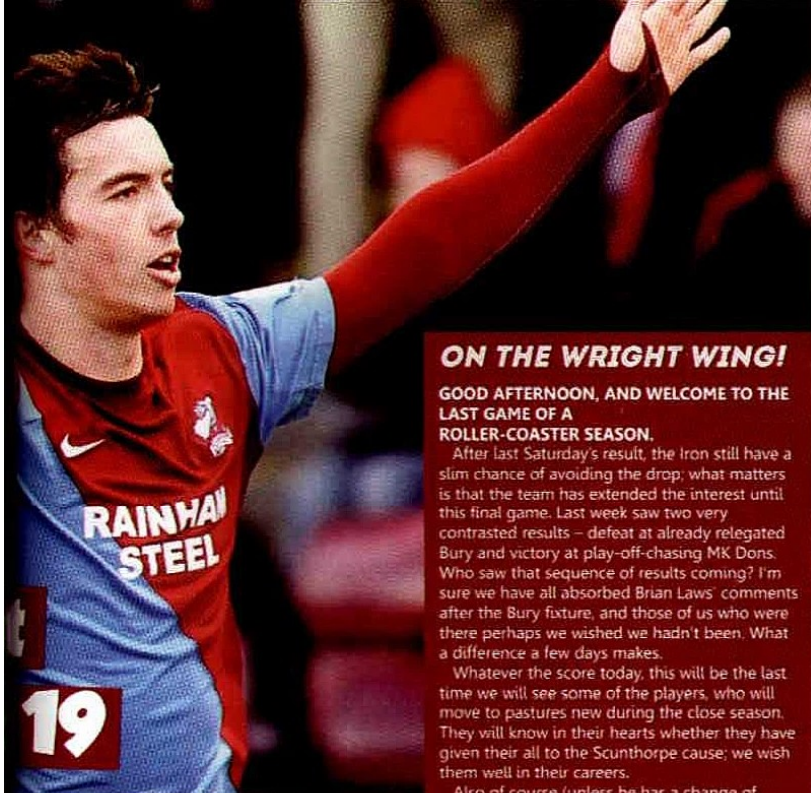
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ON THE WRIGHT WING!

GOOD AFTERNOON, AND WELCOME TO THE LAST GAME OF A ROLLER-COASTER SEASON.

After last Saturday's result, the Iron still have a slim chance of avoiding the drop; what matters is that the team has extended the interest until this final game. Last week saw two very contrasted results – defeat at already relegated Bury and victory at play-off-chasing MK Dons. Who saw that sequence of results coming? I'm sure we have all absorbed Brian Laws' comments after the Bury fixture, and those of us who were there perhaps we wished we hadn't been. What a difference a few days makes.

Whatever the score today, this will be the last time we will see some of the players, who will move to pastures new during the close season. They will know in their hearts whether they have given their all to the Scunthorpe cause; we wish them well in their careers.

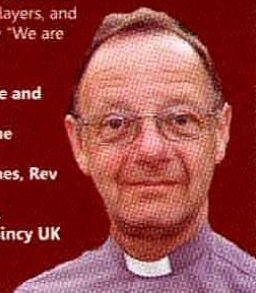
Also of course (unless he has a change of heart) this is Steve Wharton's final game as Chairman. Mr. Wharton has had his critics in the past, but, without his input, Scunthorpe may well have been dead and buried many years ago. We thank him for controlling a steady ship, always quietly, but always firmly.

The club also ceases to employ another who has carved a niche for himself – Jerry. Jerry doesn't really need a surname; he's just – well – Jerry. Many will remember his frantic dashings to collect balls that had been kicked out of the stadium, with the exhortation to 'Go, Jerry, go'. He was also the body behind Scunny Bunny – and must have sweated off pounds in that suit.

Jerry has been a fixture at away matches, and I'm sure could tell us about every ground he has been to. I suspect we will still see Jerry at matches both here at Glanford Park and on our travels – but for now – 'Thank you' Jerry for being one of the characters of the club.

Wherever we find ourselves next season, I hope we'll rally round the new group of players, and be proud to say 'We are Scunthorpe'.

Enjoy the game and have a good summer! Up the Iron! With best wishes, Rev Alan. Club Chaplain. Sports' Chaplaincy UK



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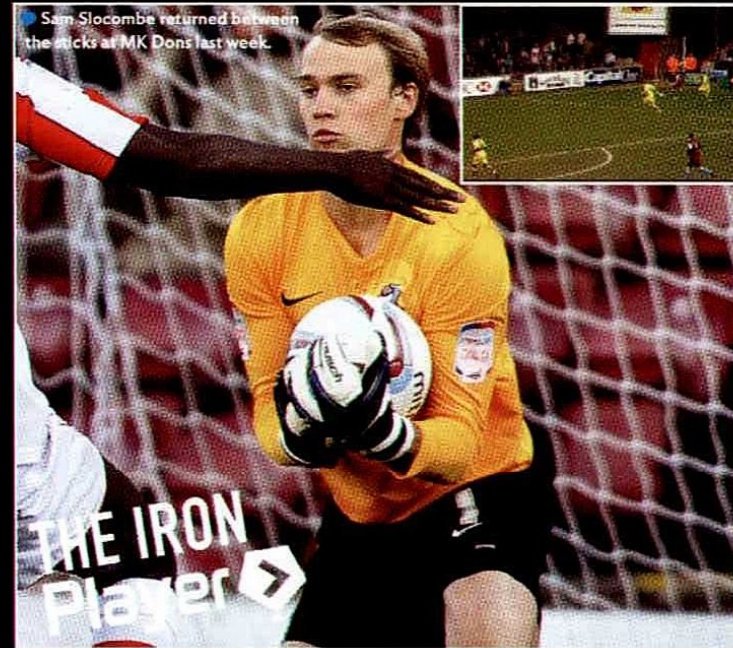
ON JUNE 9, OUR TICKET OFFICE MANAGER JOANNE MITCHELL, ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER HOLLIE, SISTER IN LAW JOANNE SOWERBY, AND NIECE EMILY WILL BE TAKING PART IN RACE FOR LIFE AT LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW GROUND IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK.

They are taking part in the race due to a family member being diagnosed with cancer last year and are trying to raise as much as possible for this worthy cause.

If you would like to sponsor them or make a donation please call into the Ticket Office.



Sam Slocombe returned between the sticks at MK Dons last week.



RETURNING GOALKEEPER SAM SLOCOMBE WAS DELIGHTED THAT SCUNTHORPE WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME MK DONS LAST SATURDAY, WRITES JOE BOWDEN.

United beat the Milton Keynes outfit 1-0 thanks to a first-half Karl Hawley strike, and gave themselves hope of avoiding the drop out of League One in the process.

The Iron now need to beat Swindon at home on Saturday and hope that Colchester lose away at Carlisle simultaneously.

Moreover, the two results must also collaboratively work a three-goal swing between the two team's goal difference in Scunthorpe's favour.

"We've taken it to the last game, which is what we spoke about before the fixture," Slocombe told *The Iron Player*.

"I was glad that we put the performance in that we did otherwise it could've been a very difficult afternoon.

"I think the lads feel that we've righted the wrong (of the 2-1 midweek loss at Bury)."

Referring to the result's influence upon the relegation battle itself, Sam intimated that the pressure is now all on Colchester.

Ahead of last Saturday, United looked all-but-relegated.

"I was glad that we put the performance in that we did otherwise it could've been a very difficult afternoon."

But following their win – coupled with Colchester failing to beat Shrewsbury – the Iron are very much back in contention to survive.

"I feel that Colchester will feel nervous now," Sam said.

"They'd have gone into the game knowing that a point would take them out of it (the battle for survival) and made them safe.

"But now they're going to spend the week thinking about that.

"It puts more pressure on them."

In terms of his return to the team – Slocombe also confessed that he was happy with both his personal and his teammate's performances – which culminated in Scunthorpe's first clean sheet since late-February.

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We have to do our part first

Club captain Paul Reid provides his latest column ahead of the home encounter with Swindon Town, and reflects on recent events.

WELCOME EVERYBODY, IT IS THE FINAL DAY OF THE SEASON AND WE KNOW WE HAVE A BIG JOB ON OUR HANDS THIS AFTERNOON.

This season has gone so fast, it only seems a few weeks ago that I was saying we have 15 games left to turn this season around. Now we are faced with a do-or-die situation where we need to beat Swindon.

I think the older you get the faster each season seems to pass you by.

Following last weekend's win away at Milton Keynes Dons and Colchester United dropping points, we have a lot more confidence going into this game. Everybody in the team believes that we have what it takes to go out there and get a win.

With that win we feel that we go into this final game of the season with no pressure at all as we currently occupy the final relegation place.

In a way I would say that all the pressure for this final match of the season is on Colchester United, who are away at my former club Carlisle United.

After their final whistle would have blown following the conclusion of their draw last weekend they would have thought that was job done and they would have been safe from avoiding relegation. But, with our win we have heaped a lot of pressure on them and they have had that on their shoulders all week.

I would expect them to be rather shook up after that and I can imagine that continuing to follow through to the

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The club have put on another fantastic offer which will hopefully attract a really big crowd to Glanford Park for this afternoon's match and hopefully they will bring a great atmosphere with them.

A big crowd is always a good start to get the players fired up for an important game. No matter how big the crowd this weekend we will still be fired up because we do not want to see this club in League Two.

It is that old cliché again, but all we can afford to do is win our match and hope that Carlisle United can do us a really big favour.

Being a Carlisle lad and knowing many people that are still associated with the club I sent a text the other day to

their physio asking for them to do us a favour and beat Colchester.

The way they are playing at the moment I could see them getting a good result, but all that is irrelevant if we do not get the win against a side today that have already secured a play-off place.

We cannot afford to rely on Colchester slipping up this afternoon, we need to go out and beat a side that we drew with earlier in the season. We have shown at times that we can win games when we have played well and some of those wins have come against sides that are near the top of the league.

When it gets to around this time of the season and you are in a relegation battle or a push for promotion there will always be fans checking other results throughout on their mobiles or portable radios.

It comes as no surprise then that if Carlisle do score and give us a great chance for survival then the message will make its way to the players and the management. However, as a professional team we need to remain composed and complete the task that lies in front of us.

This is the last rally call of the season so COME ON IRON FANS let's get a win this afternoon and hope Carlisle can do enough for us to stay up.

Up the Iron!

Paul Reid

"The gaffer has come in and we have had a few meetings together and I have got a lot out of those meetings. He has given me my chance and I have got a lot of respect for him because of that."

This week, **THE IRON** speaks to striker Matt Godden, who is enjoying his best run in the side since becoming a professional four seasons ago, starting the last four matches for his side. What does he expect today then?

UNITED STRIKER MATT GODDEN STILL BELIEVES THE IRON ARE STILL HOLD A VERY GOOD CHANCE OF AVOIDING RELEGATION TO LEAGUE TWO WHEN THEY ENTERTAIN SWINDON ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE SEASON AT GLANFORD PARK, WRITES ADAM GRICE.

Godden, who had two previous loan spells at Blue Square Bet Premier side Ebbsfleet United earlier this season, has led the frontline in recent weeks after finally being given his chance in the side.

The 21-year-old told **THE IRON**: "It has been very good to return to the club and start playing regularly at this level.

"Obviously to come back from Ebbsfleet and be back in around the players has led to the gaffer giving me my chance."

He added: "I could have done with a goal last Tuesday night at Bury and I should have really scored but as long as I am playing then I am happy.

The Canterbury born striker signed professional terms for the Iron in 2009, who were then under the management of Nigel Adkins, after two years as a youth trainee.

However, Godden was only rewarded with his first competitive start for the North Lincolnshire outfit earlier this season in the 3-0 loss at Preston North End.

"I have waited near enough four years for this. I have been in and out of the squad and I came off the bench when Baraclough was here, but I never really got my chance under Alan Knill," he continued.

"The gaffer has come in and we have had a few meetings together and I have got a lot out of those meetings. He has given me my chance and I have got a lot of respect for him because of that."

Earlier this season, the Iron striker scored five goals in 10 appearances for Ebbsfleet and he believes that his experiences from playing regularly lower down the pyramid has been significantly beneficial.

Godden said: "Every loan spell that I have been on has been really good, obviously I really enjoyed my time at Ebbsfleet because it was closer to home and I was playing week in week out which was needed.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

"It was Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday, Thursday some weeks, so I was getting the game time that I so badly needed.

The four games in a week did my fitness a lot of good but obviously I was scoring as well which was great for my confidence.

"It was really beneficial for me."

Following last weekend's penultimate round of fixtures United find themselves in with a shout of avoiding relegation and Godden feels that is they perform like they did in their last outing at Glanford Park, then they can pull off the great escape.

He said: "It is going to be another tough game. It is another massive game at home and if we show and play like we did against

Walsall then we definitely have a big chance if we can convert the chances that we have been creating. "The aim was to



It is very good for the club and it is great for Tony because he puts a lot of work in with the youth players. He is putting in a lot of hard work alongside Paul Harsley.

take it to the last day and hopefully survive in front of our home support."

However, he did admit that some of the recent performances had not been good enough.

Godden said: "From a team point of view Preston we just were not good enough and everybody knows that, the fans saw that and they had a right to boo us at the end.

"Walsall seemed like a totally different side, we started well and we just maintained our performance. We worked really hard in the build up to the Walsall game and we just carried on from what we had been doing in training.

"I thought we was unlucky not to get the three points and then against Bury the first half we played well and created a few chances before we fell apart in the second half. We just was not good enough and we did not get out of our own half."

Since Godden was recalled to

Glanford Park by manager Brian Laws in March he has formed an excellent working relationship with fellow striker Karl Hawley, who he admitted complements his own game.

"I get on really well with Karl, I think we are starting to understand each other a lot more now and it is going pretty well," he stated.

"I know he is a strong lad and when he has a defender pinned up against him there will not be many that will get past him. I know that I can come around him and link off the front of him."

The 21-year-old added: "My link up play is getting better and in the lead up to the Walsall game I really enjoyed training with him."

Next year the Iron boss has confirmed that his squad will possess a wealth of youth team players and he credits the work that the youth team development officer Tony Daws has done, alongside his assistant Paul Harsley.

It is a path trodden by Godden and fellow former youth team star Niall Canavan.

Godden said: "It is very good for the club and it is great for Tony because he puts a lot of work in with the youth players. He is putting in a lot of hard work alongside Paul Harsley.

"With the financial situation of the club now, the youth side is going to play a lot in the future of this club. Everybody knows that and no matter what league we are in next season it looks like we are going to have a very young side.

"With the three young lads it shows what they can do in training they have been getting their early rewards by being on the bench. They have all shown what they can do when they have been given their chance so I think the future is bright for these players."



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General manager David Beeby provides us with a behind-the-scenes look at what's been happening off-the-field since the last home game.

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It is a big ask, but it is possible and that is something we didn't expect after defeat at Bury just over a week ago. Victory at MK Dons wasn't predicted by many and it has left us with this last opportunity to get out of trouble.

We can't control what happens in the Carlisle v Colchester game but what we have to do is make sure we complete our part and that means we have to win. Once we have achieved that then we can look to Carlisle to do us a favour.

It's sure to be a tense afternoon but the team need our support and it is

important we give it.

Today's game is also Steve Wharton's last as Chairman before he steps down. I personally owe Steve a debt of gratitude for giving me an opportunity when I left university in 2001 and then in more recent times as general manager.

Steve's reign as Chairman has seen the most successful period in the Club's modern day history and that is no coincidence. The Chairman is Scunthorpe through and through and will be missed.

As you may have already seen in this programme, season ticket prices have been released. Prices will remain unchanged for next year which is the

seventh consecutive season without an increase. We are also looking at ways to add value to the season ticket package for next season. Season ticket holders are vital for the Club and we need your support now more than ever.

I've also got to mention Jerry Mahony who is leaving us on a full time basis. While we are sorry to see him go on full time basis we're delighted that he will continue to steward the coaches and work match days. This club needs people like Jerry.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support throughout another difficult season. I hope next year that we can give you more to shout about. It would be great if that could start today.

Get behind the team today!

David Beeby



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TEAMSHEETS...

Scunthorpe United: Johansen, Nolan, Reid (C) (M), Canavan, Newey, Ryan, Duffy, Collins, Forde (Grella, 63), Godden, Hawley (Sodje, 62).

Substitutes not used: Slocombe, Ribeiro, Mirfin, Gibbons, Alabi.

Walsall: Johnstone, Holden, Purkiss, Downing, J. Chambers, A. Chambers, Mantom, Grigg (M), Paterson, Brandy, Westcarr (Baxendale, 85).

Subs not used: Roberts, Benning, Featherstone, Hemmings, Sawyers, Bowerman.

NEWSFLASH...

Scunthorpe made four changes to the side which lost at Preston, with Eddie Nolan, Anthony Forde, Karl Hawley and Paul Reid all returning in place of Christian Ribeiro, Andy Barcham, Akpo Sodje and David Mirfin.

Walsall made three changes to the team which drew with Sheffield United

KEY MOMENTS...

1 Min: Matt Godden almost put the Iron ahead straightaway when he headed goalwards noticing Sam Johnstone off his line, but he glanced it just wide.

4 Min: United won a succession of early corners but couldn't capitalise from them, coming closest when Niall Canavan headed off target.

8 Min: Walsall's Febian Brandy showed tricky skill to beat Tom Newey, but his

shot was saved comfortably by Eirik Holmen Johansen.

20 Min: Mark Duffy picked the ball up on the right and sent in a vicious cross from the by-line which nobody gambled on.

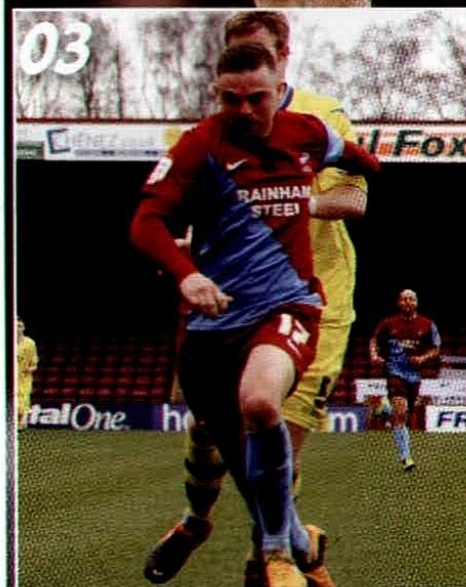
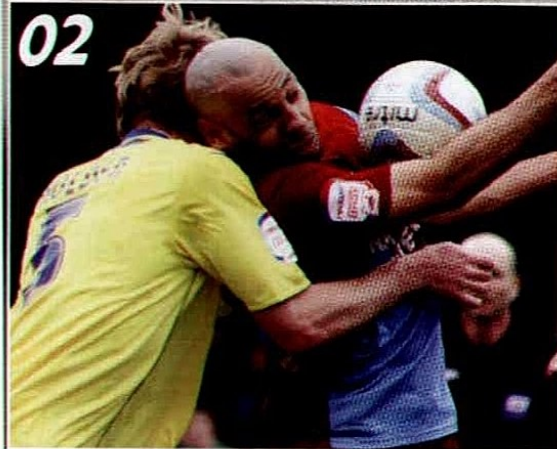
28 Min: Karl Hawley was played in on the right and cut inside to fire a low shot which former Iron loanee Johnstone was equal to.

33 Min: Scunthorpe won a free kick on the left which an unmarked Paul Reid met at the back post, but Johnstone denied the skipper with an unconventional but effective save.

44 Min: Another great chance went begging when Anthony Forde played through Godden, who volleyed delicately over Johnstone but unfortunately over the bar too.

54 Min, GOAL: Walsall came out with intent after the interval, and made the breakthrough when Craig Westcarr squared the ball to Will Grigg in the six yard box, who fired past Johansen.

57 Min: The Saddlers' confidence was up, and they had a chance to extend their lead when Ben Purkiss found



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BONUS CONTENT

Scan this QR code to hear Niall Canavan react to the draw against Walsall.



Grigg, but his header went over.

76 Min: Duffy flew down the wing and flicked the ball to Godden in the area, who then opted to find Grella, but the American couldn't quite get the ball from under his feet and the chance disappeared.

88 Min, GOAL: Desperately seeking a goal United sent Canavan up front, and it paid dividends when the centre half headed in Grella's brilliant cross. **90 Min:** The game had a frenetic end as both teams pushed for a winner, and Johansen had to pull off a fantastic save to deny Brandy from close range.

THE FINAL WORD...

Brian Laws: "The important thing for us was that we didn't stop going. It was quite evident that the players gave their all

today to try and get the result and the point could be important. The one sure thing is we've got to capitalise on our first-half performance and take it into the final three games. We need to make sure we do everything we can to stay in this division."

Dean Smith: "Scunthorpe came out fighting at the start of the game and, credit to them, we weren't able to get into the tempo that we like to play. We improved in the second half, and it was disappointing that we couldn't hold onto our lead, but we're still in the mix."

MATCH STATS...

	SUFC	WFC
Shots:	14	10
Shots on target:	5	4
Corners:	6	3
Possession:	51%	49%
Fouls:	9	10

PHOTOS...

01. Michael Collins takes possession of the ball.
02. Karl Hawley holds the ball up under pressure from a Saddlers defender.
03. Matt Godden chases a loose ball as he leads the attack.
04. Tom Newey swings a ball into the penalty area.
05. Niall Canavan celebrates his late leveller for the Iron.
06. Jimmy Ryan spreads play in the centre of the park.
07. Paul Reid guides a header towards goal.
08. Niall Canavan guides the equaliser into the back of the net.
09. Niall Canavan races away in celebration.

See extended match action on...

THE IRON Player



THE END OF THE SEASON IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION, AND TO LOOK BACK AT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SINCE WE GATHERED IN JULY FULL OF HOPE.

And although results on the pitch have not matched the expectations of fans, the growth of an independent and active supporters trust.

The Iron Trust had 253 full members this season, after launching at the start of last summer's open day in an attempt to give supporters a stronger voice in the running of the club.

Since then it has established a £2,000 shareholding in the club, and met regularly with senior club staff.

The Trust has argued in favour of greater fan engagement, allowing members to put questions to the club's board of directors at the SUFC AGM as well as questioning Iron director Dennis Hobson at the Trust AGM. The club also agreed to a Trust suggestion to release information about this season's budget to help fans understand the financial situation which means an operating loss of £1million for this season (on top of £1.9m for last term).

"Progress has been good and recruitment in line with our hopes taking into consideration the current fortunes of our club," said Tony Gosling, chairman of the Trust.

"We want to be a dynamic and respected Trust who can remain independent but supportive of our club."

One of the Trust's main launch events last year was a UK premiere of a Spanish TV documentary on Alex Calvo-Garcia, followed by a question and answer session with the Wembley goalscorer.

The Trust are planning a similar event for pre-season, and welcome membership renewals and sign-ups now.

The price will remain £10 for adults, £3 for U16s and £20 for families (2x adults and unlimited U16s).

The Trust board are all volunteers, with the greatest expected expenditure being the purchase of shares in the football club.

"We must continue to remain a critical friend building on the trust and honesty we have already established with the



Reviewing our progress this season

The Iron Trust, the recently-launched group of Scunthorpe fans looking to invest in the club and develop its relationship with supporters, continues to grow from strength-to-strength.

"The close season will not see any slow down on the Trust's activities, with the Trust working with the club, Study United and North Lincolnshire Museum to develop an "Iron Museum" project.

club's board and management team," added Tony.

"The message to Trust Members is that we will continue consulting with them, we will continue to air their concerns, views and ideas. We will be discreet in the way we do that and present ourselves with integrity."

You can sign-up online at

<http://www.theirontrust.com/online-signup>.

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The idea was originally bandied around by a few supporters after North Lincolnshire Museum's 2011 exhibition on the club.

The popularity of this led to suggestions of a permanent collection, which will likely be predominantly displayed online but could be displayed in a variety of venues - including Glanford Park and North Lincolnshire Museum.

"We received a very positive response when we told the club's board we wanted to pursue this as a long-term aim" said Trust board member Luke Thornhill, who is heading up the project.

"They pledged the full support of the club, we also have had very upbeat

expressions of interest from Study United, who already have some work we can build on, and the Museum, who are clearly the local experts on collecting and archiving items of historical interest.

"We want the Iron Museum to do all the usual things like recording results and records, but more than anything we want it to represent experiences. I am particularly keen to get recorded interviews with people who recall our earliest days in the Football League - or earlier, if possible - to contrast it to what it is like standing on the Donny Road End today. Or imagine the comparison between the great Barrie Thomas' daily routine and that of Billy Sharp or Gary Hooper went through.

"If anyone has any suggestions for areas of interest or has items they would be willing to donate or loan please get in touch, either through the club or emailing us at theirontrust@gmail.com."

QUIZ TIME



TEST YOURSELF WITH OUR SERIES OF TEASERS

Questions:
JOHN BILLINGER



How many different clubs have appeared in the 20 years of the Premier League?

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And which of these is currently in League Two?



What is the nickname of Watford?

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Which team appeared in the 2012 FA Cup Final for the first time?



For which TV company is former Manchester United defender Gary Neville a pundit?

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What was Hull City's highest finishing position in the Premier League?



Hibernian were the first British club to do what?

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Who was the first 'European Footballer of the Year'?

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And which player has won the equivalent (FIFA Ballon d'Or) for the last three years?



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Which three teams from the first league in 1888 are in the Premier League?



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Who is Southend United's current manager?



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Leeds United took over Elland Road from which club?



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Which goalkeeper was known as 'the albino bear'?



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Who has scored the most Premier League goals?



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Which Iron players were in the 2006-07 PFA League One team of the year?



Which club does referee Howard Webb support?

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Two clubs have won the old First, Second, Third and Fourth Divisions. Which?



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Matt Le Tissier played from 1985 to 2002 for which club?



HOW DID YOU DO?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the name given to a group of lions?
2. What is the proper name of a 'sausage dog'?
3. Spinach is high in which mineral?
4. Which British gorge has a cheese named after it?
5. On which river is the Niagara Falls?
6. In which year was the Great Fire of London?
7. What are crampons used for?
8. In which county are the UK's highest cliffs?
9. What is the currency of Japan?
10. From which fruit is 'Perry' made?

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FOOTBALL ANSWERS: 1. 45, 2. Bradford City, 3. The Hornets, 4. Stoke City, 5. Sky Sports, 6. 17th, 7. Play in Europe in 1955/56, 8. Stanley Matthews, 9. Lionel Messi, 10. Aston Villa, Everton and Stoke (later Stoke City), 11. Phil Brown, 12. Leeds City, 13. Peter Schmeichel, 14. Alan Shearer (260), 15. Joe Murphy and Billy Sharp, 16. Rotherham - his home town, 17. Burnley and Wolves, 18. Southampton, 19. Pridle, 20. Dads-hund, 3. Iron, 4. Cheddar, 5. The Niagara, 6. 1666, 7. Mountain climb-ing, 8. Devon, 9. The Yen, 10. Pears.

● Andy McFarlane scored in the 4-1 win over Scarborough.



THE 2012/13 SEASON MAY HAVE NOT GONE HOW MANY IRON FANS HAD HOPED OR EXPECTED, BUT TODAY'S FIXTURE AGAINST SWINDON TOWN COULD ISSUE THEM A GET OUT OF JAIL CARD, WRITES JAMES MOODY.

Granted we have to have heaps of luck along the way, with a number of different scenarios being brought into the equation.

27/04/1996 versus Scarborough; W4-1

It would be hard to beat a record breaking result in this fixture against Scarborough, with their club record win of 8-1 being set earlier in the season against Torquay United, but the end of season report being executed by Mick



Buxton's men showing that they were more than capable of matching that feat. In Boro was a

resilient side, although second from the bottom of Division Three with only this fixture and one more to play. The reverse fixture at Glanford Park had shown the opposition's grit, holding the Iron to a 3-3 draw in what was a six goal thriller



● The Iron celebrate the winner.

April

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Fresh from the 2-2 derby draw against Doncaster just four days prior, the Iron were looking to end their away campaign with a win, a feat which hadn't occurred since a month prior against Northampton Town.

for the 2231 in attendance in late November.

Fresh from the 2-2 derby draw against Doncaster just four days prior, the Iron were looking to end their away campaign with a win, a feat which hadn't

occurred since a month prior against Northampton Town. With Scarborough in a struggling position in the league, their ground's average attendance had dropped below that of the leagues, just 1700 people arrived to view the game.

It was mainly all Scunthorpe too, so any home fans would be claiming a case of déjà vu for the season as they slumped to yet another drubbing of

a scoreline. It was evident from the two fixtures that Scunthorpe had against them, that they had a real problem with their defence, shipping goals left, right and centre.

Andy McFarlane added his sixteenth of the campaign to solidify his place as the Iron's top goalscorer for the season, although that wasn't really in any doubt, especially looking back to his share of four goals in that 8-1 victory which broke club records. Phil Clarkson netted the second; his sixth and final goal for the Iron in his one year stay at Glanford Park. It was his third goal in as many games for the side, who scored the second goal in their 2-2 draw four days earlier.

The final two goals came via the boot of David D'Auria, one of which a penalty, to seal what turned out to be Scunthorpe's final three points of the season; with them drawing their final game at Glanford Park against Darlington a week later; in a similarly enthralling 3-3 draw in what was a typical end of season spectacle.

The season ended with the Iron at the bottom of the top half of the table, just gripping onto the final place in the top twelve courtesy of the draw. It was incidentally their lowest finish in the league for three seasons, having narrowly missed out on the play offs the season prior. An even lower finish of 13th was in store the following season, however.

How the league table stood afterwards:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
11 Northampton	45	17	13	15	49	43	+6	64
12 Scunthorpe	45	15	14	16	64	58	+6	59
13 Doncaster	45	16	11	18	49	59	-10	59

Iron line-up: Samways, Hope, Wilson, Housham, Knill, Bradley, Turnbull, D'Auria, McFarlane, Nicholson, Clarkson.

Subs: Eyre, Paterson.

27/04/1954 versus Tranmere Rovers; DI-1

The third placed finish for only their fourth season as a league club was no mean feat for the Iron who vastly improved on a 15th place finish from the previous season. Strangely, like today, Scunthorpe's season ended on this day 59 years ago; but only for half the clubs in the league. The other half played out another weekend of football in what was their 46th encounter of the season, the Iron slipping to third in that final round, despite ending their campaign in second position.

The Iron's final home game of the campaign three days earlier had ended in an Iron win over Carlisle, with nearly 8000 people seeing the season bow out in impressive fashion, in a campaign which had exceeded expectations.

Merfyn got Scunthorpe's only goal to end his season with a league tally of nine, just one short of joint top goalscorers Jack Haigh and Gordon Brown, who were both on ten. Remarkably Jimmy Whitfield also finished one short of the clubs accolade on nine goals, whilst Jack Brownsword managed eight in what saw a whole host of goals scored in the season.

The season had been a success all round, with the Iron also reaching the fourth round of the FA Cup for the first time in their history, albeit requiring seven games within the rounds before being knocked out of the fourth round by Portsmouth in a second replay, played at Arsenal's Highbury. No replay was required of round one though, with the Iron setting another record, smashing their local rivals Boston United 9-0 in a thoroughly

embarrassing day for the visitors to the Old Show Ground. Scunthorpe's opponents on this day 59 years ago, Tranmere, finished in 14th, perhaps reason



Merfyn Jones.



for one of the lowest crowds at Prenton Park in the season, seeing only 4800 fans, when many of the crowds had topped that and even hit five figures on more than one occasion.

How the league table stood afterwards:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1. Port Vale	45	26	16	3	73	20	+53	68
2. Scunthorpe	46	21	15	10	77	56	+21	57
3. Barnsley	45	24	9	12	76	56	+20	57

Iron line-up: Malan, Underwood, Brownsword, McGill, Taylor, Hubbard, Jones, Haigh, Brown, Gregory, Roberts.

Briefly on this day...

The nineties provided the only cheer for fixtures on this day in history, with 3-0 and 4-1 victories over Chesterfield and Scarborough in 1991 and 1996 respectively. Prior to the 1991 fixture the Iron had suffered five successive defeats on this day, spanning back to 1964. Three draws have been played out on this day, all within three years of each other between 1954 and 1957. Only two clean sheets have been kept by Scunthorpe on this day.

Scunthorpe's record on this day...

P12 W2 D3 L7 F12 A16

Swindon Town's record on this day...

P14 W8 D3 L3 F27 A13

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Birthdays on April 27...

TESS DALY (1971); British TV host, married to Vernon Kay. The Derbyshire born presenter is known for presenting *Strictly Come Dancing*.

MARTIN KELLY (1990); Liverpool and England international defender who has made 28 appearances for the Reds since 2007 (spending ten years in the youth set up prior to his full debut).

DARCY BUSSELL CBE (1969); Retired English ballerina.

Others include: Eric Bristow "The Crafty Cockney" (Darts; 1957), Samuel Morse (Morse Code Inventor; 1791).

UK Number One singles on April 27...

1965 - Ticket To Ride (The Beatles)

1969 - Get Back (The Beatles)

1977 - Knowing Me Knowing You (ABBA)

1987 - La Isla Bonita (Madonna)

2006 - Crazy (Gnarls Barkley)

Front Page News on April 27...

1961 - Sierra Leone becomes the latest West African state to win independence, after more than 150 years of British colonial rule.

1992 - The House of Commons elects a woman to the post of Speaker.

1993 - All members of the Zambia national football team lose their lives in a plane crash en route to Dakar, Senegal to play against a FIFA World Cup Qualifying Match.



Swindon Town's highlight on this day...

A vastly different experience for our visitors today sees them often finish the season strongly when they play on this day with their Premier League fixture against Chelsea in 1994 their last defeat (2-0). Elsewhere they have enjoyed emphatic victories over Leicester (5-2), Orient, Colchester (both 4-1), Chester and Coventry (both 3-0). Swindon have only failed to score in four of their fourteen fixtures on this day.





Multiple Sclerosis Society

Multiple Sclerosis [MS] is a long-term neurological condition which is usually diagnosed in young adults. Once diagnosed, MS stays with a person for life. It is an unpredictable condition and affects people in different ways impacting on their work, their home life and, of course their health. Around 100,000 people in the UK have MS.

The MS Society, now celebrating its 60th Anniversary, supports thousands of people affected by MS.

The MS Society is the largest charitable funder of MS research in the UK, with a focus on improving care and finding a cure. Locally, regionally and nationally, volunteers and staff work together to offer support across the UK. Locally, the Scunthorpe & District Branch provides help and support for those affected by MS. In order for this work to continue, we rely on public donations. Your help today is much appreciated. If you are affected by MS or need local information, please contact: Mrs Barbara Hutchinson [Local Support Officer]

**Tel: 01724 340188 or MS National Support Helpline: 0808 8008000
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Nic Dakin, MP for Scunthorpe County Constituency, said:

"I am very pleased to support the MS Society because of the vital assistance it gives to the tens of thousands of MS sufferers in the UK and the many more family and carers MS affects. Its investment in research gives sufferers hope for the future and the help it provides gives comfort for today."

FAREWELL TO THE CHAIRMAN



IT'S THE END OF AN ERA THIS AFTERNOON AS STEVE WHARTON SITS IN THE CHAIRMAN'S SEAT AT SCUNTHORPE UNITED FOR THE VERY LAST TIME, WRITES BOB STEELS.

And he more than anyone will be so desperately disappointed that his departure coincides with the Iron flirting with a relegation back to the basement division of the Football League, where club history has seen them languish so long, for the first time in nine years.

Wharton has tried to leave before - but now just a year or so short of his 70th birthday, this time there will be no coming back. He is a man who, remarkably perhaps, has divided opinion among United fans.

Most recognise his achievement in steering one of the smallest clubs in the Football League to play recently at Championship level three times in four seasons.

Others criticise him for a supposed lack of ambition by not digging deeper into his own pocket to splash the sort of cash that the club itself could never afford.

What is undeniable is that most other people within football have held Scunthorpe United up in recent years as the model way in which a small club can be successful without running up the sort of debts that have crippled many others.

To borrow a quote from former manager Nigel Adkins, Wharton has always wanted United to be 'the best they could be'. He has never lacked ambition for the club - but has always insisted that it must be tempered with a touch of realism.

Look back nine years ago and you will see just how much this club meant to Scunthorpe United - and just how much he has meant to the club. He never really wanted to become the Iron's chairman at all, but found himself suddenly thrust into that role in the summer of 2001.



Steve Wharton celebrates winning the League One title in 2007.

I remember in a first interview with him, Wharton insisted he would not outstay his welcome and if he could not bring success to Glanford Park within a couple of years, then he would stand aside and let somebody else have a go.

Success did not follow quickly and early in 2003/04, Wharton did step down from the boardroom - but the men he left behind were divided. They all wanted success for United but did not how to achieve it.

Six months later, with the club was in real danger of being relegated from the Football League, Wharton didn't just sit idly by and watch. What was happening hurt him to the core - and he returned to steady the ship.

When they finished third from bottom in League Two at the end of that season, no sane Scunthorpe fan would have dared dream about what was to follow. But what had just happened was a real wake-up call for all concerned - probably too for Wharton himself.

He quickly set in motion the wheels that were to help Brian Laws and his management team drag United out of the gutter and bring some pride back to Glanford Park.

Twelve months later the Iron were celebrating promotion to League One - and two years later on they were heading to Championship level for the first time in 47 years!

Wharton knew that if the club was to establish itself at that level, then Glanford Park would have to become all-seater.

He had the ambition to have plans drawn up to build a huge extension to the home end of the ground to include both conference and leisure facilities, probably realising that much of the cost would have to come out of his own pocket.

He then began talking to North Lincolnshire Council about the possibility of United moving from Glanford Park to another brand new stadium as part and parcel of a major redevelopment on the western side of town being planned by the local authority.

But the changing financial climate put that on hold, and Wharton too suffered his own health problems towards the end of Scunthorpe's first season at Championship level.

It was continuing problems with his health that did not permit Wharton to

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give the time and energy he wanted to help Ian Baraclough during his short tenure of management.

Appointing Alan Knill proved, in hindsight, to be a big mistake and now, as United head back to League Two, much of Wharton's work is in danger of being undone.

Now just a year short of his 70th birthday, the chairman always knew that a time like today would arrive when he could no longer continue at the club.

That's why he always wanted United to be self-sufficient, and not spend money they could not afford. What happens next? That's something we are all waiting to see this summer.

Who will it be that offers the Iron the new leadership they now need. No-one probably shares the same degree of passion for Scunthorpe United as Wharton.

Even in his departure, he has left a significant loan in the club to help them through difficult times.

History should judge Wharton kindly.

And United's fans should thank him for his efforts, while wishing him this afternoon a long and happy retirement.



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Since the start of the 1999-2000 season saw squad numbers introduced into the Football League, the numbers on the back of shirts have dramatically risen. Over the course of the season,, **JOE BOWDEN** will look at some of the characters who have worn a specific number between then and now.

BILLY SHARP - 2005-2007 - APPEARANCES - 95 - GOALS - 57

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT FORMER-24 BILLY SHARP IS ONE OF THE BEST - IF NOT THE BEST - PLAYER IN THE RECENT HISTORY OF SCUNTHORPE UNITED. The burly Yorkshireman signed for Scunthorpe a short while into the 2005-2006 season, as a direct replacement for Paul Hayes, who had left the club to join Barnsley. A relatively unknown quantity at the time, the then-youngster was signed by Brian Laws from his boyhood club Sheffield United largely upon the basis that he'd scored nine goals in 16 games during the course of a loan spell in League Two with Rushden and Diamonds at the end of the 2004-2005 season. That goals total, however, was relatively petite in comparison to the amount of strikes which he notched during the two seasons which he went on to spend at Glanford Park - during which he formed a phenomenal partnership with another young striker in Andy Keogh. Billy's exact tally was 57 goals in 95 matches; 24 of which came in his first season, and 33 of which came in his second - as United won League One. Furthermore, it must be added that he was also at least joint top-scorer in League One during both of those campaigns. Therefore, it was somewhat inevitable that even following United's promotion to the Championship, Sharp would leave in the summer following the Iron's promotion - the only real question was where he would end up?



ANDY WRIGHT - 2008-2012 - APPEARANCES - 87 - GOALS 0

VERSATILE ANDY WRIGHT SIGNED FOR SCUNTHORPE FOLLOWING A SPELL IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH CAPE COD CRUSADERS DURING 2008. The Merseyside-born player had spent his youth career playing for Liverpool, but after his release from the Anfield outfit had elected to cross the pond so as to further his career in 2004. There, he completed a degree in Physical Education at West Virginia University, before signing for the Crusaders in 2007. While in the US, his form caught the attention of Nigel Adkins, and following a successful trial at Scunthorpe, he put pen-to-paper on a contract at Glanford Park in 2008. He went on to make 87 appearances for the club (as well thirteen for Grimsby during two separate loan spells in 2010 and 2012 respectively) before he was released last summer by boss Alan Knill. It was a decision that didn't go down universally well with Iron fans, especially considering his ability to play across both defence and midfield, as well as his Cliff Byrne-like tendency to give 100% whenever selected. Nevertheless, life went on for the likeable player, and he managed to find himself a League Two club - Morecambe - well before the new season began.



LEE RIDLEY - 2000-2007 - APPEARANCES - 100 - GOALS - 2

SOME OF YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT SCUNTHORPE-BORN LEE RIDLEY WORE THE NUMBER '24' SHIRT DURING HIS FORMATIVE DAYS AT THE CLUB. The left-back, who went on to make exactly a century of appearances for the Iron, was assigned the number during the 2000-2001 season - United's first back in the old Division Three following relegation from the old Division Two in the summer of 2000. By and large, however, Lee played for the club during the good times. He enjoyed promotion with Scunthorpe during both 2005 and 2007, and even picked up a League One winners' medal during the latter of these. He also scored the opener in a televised FA Cup match between the Iron and Wrexham in November 2004, which United won 2-0 against a team then placed a league above us. It was in the summer of 2007 that Ridley left to join Cheltenham, fearing that his first-team opportunities might be limited with the emergence of Marcus Williams at Glanford Park.

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The burly Yorkshireman signed for Scunthorpe a short while into the 2005-2006 season, as a direct replacement for Paul Hayes, who had left the club to join Barnsley.



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PRESENT STRIKER MATT GODDEN, WHOM HAS HAD HIS FIRST REAL CRACK AT THE UNITED FIRST-TEAM DURING RECENT WEEKS, WORE '24' FOR UNITED UP UNTIL THE END OF THE 2010/2011 SEASON, WHEN THE IRON WERE RELEGATED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the time, it was then picked up by youngster ASHLEY PALMER ahead of season; but after Palmer's release from the club last summer, the number was assumed by present '24' Jamie Wootton for this season.



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THE 2012/13 SEASON CONCLUDES FOLLOWING THE 46TH NINETY MINUTES OF THE SEASON, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EVEN MORE FORMER IRON PLAYERS NETTING IN THE FINAL MATCH OF THE SEASON, WRITES JAMES MOODY.

Indeed, no fewer than six former Scunthorpe players all found the net on the penultimate weekend of the season, with a whole host of goals netted since the last piece documented in the Walsall programme.

The most notable, for comedy value, saw ADAM BOYES get an equaliser for Barrow, but it was not for his goal which drew the notable attention towards the fixture. The goal for Barrow aided them to a draw against fellow relegation rivals Ebbsfleet, yet the goal came ninety minutes later than it should have arrived, with kick off delayed by that amount of time after the travelling coach were stuck behind a baked bean spillage on the M6. Being a night game, the fixture didn't finish until 11pm.

SAM TOGWELL has never been one to frequently hit the net, in fact, until the start of the month, the 28-year-old had only netted once for Chesterfield since his departure from the Iron last season. He will have enjoyed his third for the Spireites rather more than the one that preceded it by a week, sweeping home a late equaliser deep into stoppage time against Bradford City; a game which saw GARRY THOMPSON gain an assist in Nahki Wells' opener for the Bantams. The former Scunthorpe winger, released by Alan Knill last season, scored his eighth goal of the season in their 4-1 win against Bristol Rovers at the start of the month.

Another former Iron to net on the same night as Thompson was Rotherham's MICHAEL O'CONNOR. The former Scunthorpe midfielder and

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Northern Ireland international grabbed his sixth goal for the Millers against Exeter in their 4-1 win after a drought of thirteen games without netting.

In amongst that he saw red, serving a three match ban spanning much of February.

Taking a sidestep from the goals, STEVE MILDENHALL, who was on loan at Scunthorpe at the tail end of 2012, has hinted at remaining at the Memorial Stadium with Bristol Rovers next season; the side he joined on New Years Day from Millwall. His

current deal at the New Den expires in the summer, with the shotstopper claiming he has already entered contract negotiations with the Pirates.

One player the Iron will be calling on today to put in a performance is Carlisle's LEE MILLER. His side play Colchester United, the only team catchable to the Iron, with the striker netting in each of his last two games. Any goals today will see him reach double figures for the campaign. If the Cumbrians fail to take the points in the encounter, it will mean the Iron plummet to League Two for the first time since the goalless draw at Gay Meadow versus Shrewsbury Town in 2005; (a game which shows how far Manchester City stopper Joe Hart has come), and will set up games against MICHAEL RANKINE and RUSSELL PENN,

● Chesterfield's former Iron midfielder Sam Togwell.



Togwell on target

We continue our latest series, looking at the exploits of a number of former Scunthorpe United stars.

the two final former Scunthorpe players from League Two to net. Rankine scored for Aldershot, who still have a chance to beat the drop to the Conference. It was only his third goal of the season, but gifted the Shots three invaluable points. Penn got his goal for Cheltenham, the midfielder bagging his second of the season in their 1-0 away win at Exeter.

With CLEVELAND TAYLOR falling out of favour at his parent club Burton, he took out a loan spell at local rivals Grimsby Town; a venue where he became an instant hero to the Mariners fans. He netted a stoppage time equaliser at Blundell Park in their 2-2 draw against Southport, maintaining their play off position. The winger has made seven appearances for the side who he will remain with for the play

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offs.

The Championship goalscorers saw JERMAINE BECKFORD grab four in two games for Huddersfield Town as they bid to beat the drop. The same can be said for GRANT McCANN, who netted in Peterborough's defeat, with any of 15 clubs mathematically in contention for relegation with only three games left. MARTIN PATERSON was the final goalscorer in the division, whilst ROB JONES bagged a goal for Doncaster in League One, who will find themselves in the second tier next season, JONATHAN WALTERS the only former Iron in the Premiership getting on the scoresheet.

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THE IRON'S LONDON SUPPORTERS' CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING THIS AFTERNOON'S FINAL HOME GAME OF THE SEASON, FRESH FROM THEIR LATEST CHARITY CYCLE RIDE EPIC.

Twelve members of SULSESC cycled the 300-plus mile journey from Bournemouth to Preston earlier this month, setting off after the game at Bournemouth on Easter Monday and arriving in Preston in time for the match at Deepdale the following Saturday.

Through sponsorship donations, the total raised for charity by the ride stood at a magnificent £6,239.50 earlier this week. The two charities to benefit were Bliss, the charity for premature and special care babies, and Macmillan Cancer Support.

This was the fifth such ride undertaken by SULSESC, the first being in 1999 from Leyton Orient to Glanford Park in memory of former chairman John Birkett which raised over £6,000 for Cancer Research.

Subsequent rides followed in 2000 (London to Bournemouth) and 2001 (London to Torquay) but after a 10-year gap, it was the sad passing of long-time club members Ian Tremayne and Andrew Metcalfe in 2009 and 2010 respectively which led to Bike Ride IV in 2001.

On that occasion, 14 cyclists pedalled their way from QPR'S Loftus Road ground to Glanford Park, raising more than £10,000 for the RNLI and Diabetes UK.

In total, the five rides have raised more than £30,000 for the club's chosen charities.

After Bike Ride V, chief organiser Chris Vaughan, the SULSESC club treasurer, said: "We did it! After watching United play at Bournemouth on the Monday, we cycled north to stay overnight near Ringwood before continuing via stopovers at Calne, Worcester, Newport in Shropshire and then Warrington, to Deepdale.

"Between two disappointing results for the mighty Iron, we cycled 300 miles up hill and down dale, often in the teeth of the storm and never wearing less than four layers.

"The sheer determination displayed by the riders to reach their destination - and some days, it required sheer pig-headed determination - deserves your continued support, so if you haven't yet donated, please do so even though we've now passed our target. Our charities will be pleased to receive as much as you can afford. It will make the frozen faces, creaking knees and sore backsides all worth it."

Donations can still be made by visiting the SULSESC website at www.suldesc.com and clicking on the charity cycle ride link at the foot of the home page.

SULSESC MEMBERSHIP

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LONDON SUPPORTERS' CLUB, VISIT THE SULSESC WEBSITE AT WWW.SULDESC.COM AND CLICK THE 'JOIN' LINK.

SULSESC caters primarily for Iron fans living in London and the South East but has members throughout the world, including Canada, the USA and Singapore.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MARK DUFFY HAS BEEN VOTED PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY MEMBERS OF THE LONDON SUPPORTERS' CLUB.

The Iron midfielder will be presented with the John Birkett Memorial Shield - in memory of the former SULSESC chairman who died from cancer in 1998 - before today's game and will become the 24th recipient of the award in its 26-year history (Andy Flounders and Andy Butler both won it twice).

ROLL OF HONOUR

1987-88	David Harle
1988-89	Tony Daws
1989-90	Andy Flounders
1990-91	Andy Flounders
1991-92	Paul Longden
1992-93	Matt Elliott
1993-94	Matt Carmichael
1994-95	Alan Knill
1995-96	Tony Ford
1996-97	Steve Housham
1997-98	Chris Hope
1998-99	Jamie Forrester
1999-00	Lee Hodges
2000-01	Andy Dawson
2001-02	Mark Jackson
2002-03	Tommy Evans
2003-04	Andy Butler
2004-05	Andy Butler
2005-06	Andy Keogh
2006-07	Joe Murphy
2007-08	Jack Cork
2008-09	Gary Hooper
2009-10	Paul Hayes
2010-11	Josh Lillis
2011-12	Sam Slocombe
2012-13	Mark Duffy





UNITED WILL BID A FOND FAREWELL TO A VERY POPULAR, LONG-TERM MEMBER OF THEIR BACKGROUND STAFF FOLLOWING TODAY'S GAME, WRITES TOM HARDY.

Groundsman Jerry Mahony has been involved with the Iron since he was a teenager, but has worked full time for the club for around twelve years.

During that time he has performed a number of jobs such as selling programmes, cutting and marking the pitch and performing the role of club mascot, Scunny Bunny.

However, due to medical problems, the decision was made to let 51-year-old Jerry explore his opportunities elsewhere.

"The decision was mutual, partly because of my health," he told **THE IRON**.

"It's disappointing but my health isn't very good, I've done my shoulder in and my knees aren't right from kneeling on concrete for all these years.

"This heavy lifting isn't good for me at the moment. I can still do it but I'm struggling."

He added: "I've cut grass, marked the pitches, done general repairs, a bit of everything really. I wouldn't call myself a handy man though.

"It's been enjoyable, but there's been a lot of more work to do lately.

"I'm looking for a driving job or something with computers in an office. That's the direction I'm going for."

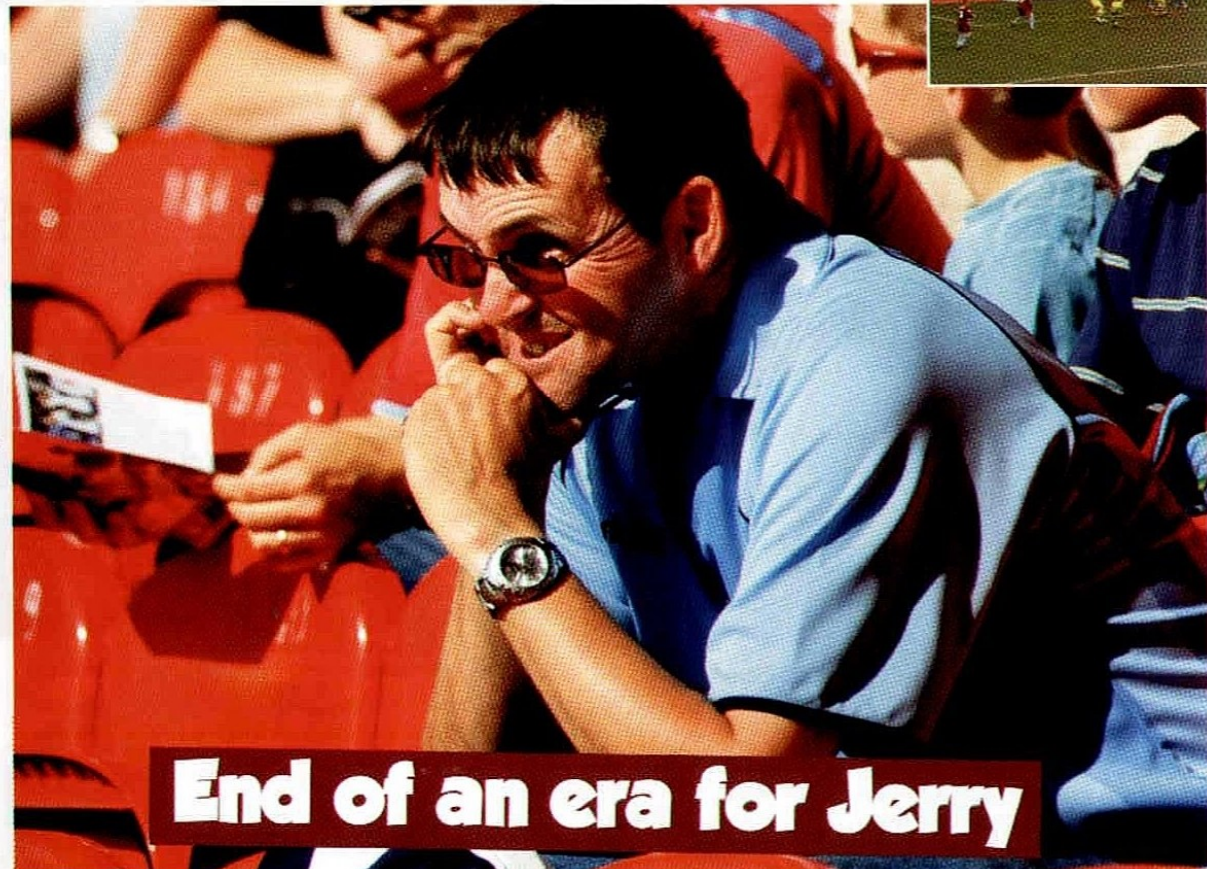
Jerry first started working for Scunthorpe as a teenager selling merchandise back in the days at the Old Show Ground and managed to work his way up from there.

He remembers the first game he ever went to see at the stadium when he was just nine years old, and since then, he has been a diehard Scunthorpe fan, rarely missing a game.

"My first game was in 1969, I think it was against Shrewsbury and we lost 3-2. Kevin Keegan was playing but I don't remember a great deal else," he said.

"My Dad worked shifts and he used to take me to games when he could, I think I went to about ten games in my first season."

"From 1974 to 2002 I never missed a home game. Then I had a liver transplant and that made me miss about four matches.



End of an era for Jerry

"All in all, I think I've missed about five games at home in the past 29 years and thirteen away matches since 1980. Most have been down to health reasons.

"The best match I've ever been to was Swansea at home in the play-offs in 1999 when we won 3-1. It was the best atmosphere I've ever seen here.

"I'd like to think them days are around the corner again but it might take a few years to rebuild."

The chance to wear the Scunny Bunny mascot outfit fell into Jerry's hands more through luck than anything else.

And since 1998, he has entertained United crowds at Glanford Park and helped push the team on to victory.

"When we were sponsored by Pleasure Island, they brought down their mascot and they had someone to do it for them," Jerry explained.

"There was one time when their guy couldn't do it so I filled in.

"Pleasure Island stopped sponsoring the shirts and apparently the Telegraph did a competition for a new mascot, but I didn't even see it.

"Then Scunny Bunny was born, so to speak.

"Someone else was due to do it but on the day of the game they pulled out. And I've ended up doing it for the past fifteen years.

"I still do it now, I haven't been doing as many home games but I'll make my comeback today and I'll carry on doing it next season."

Ahead of today's match, Jerry admitted that he is very anxious as the prospect of relegation to League Two looms.

He, like all United fans, is hoping the Iron can secure victory against Swindon and in

turn, Colchester fail to take anything from their game at Carlisle.

"It's going to be a nervous day. We've got to hope Carlisle can beat Colchester by one and we've got to score two here.

"It depends, Colchester might shut up shop or Carlisle might think they'd prefer to come to Scunthorpe next season rather than travel an extra 200 miles!

Jerry added: "We lost against Bury and then put in a performance against MK Dons, who had a chance of getting into the play-offs.

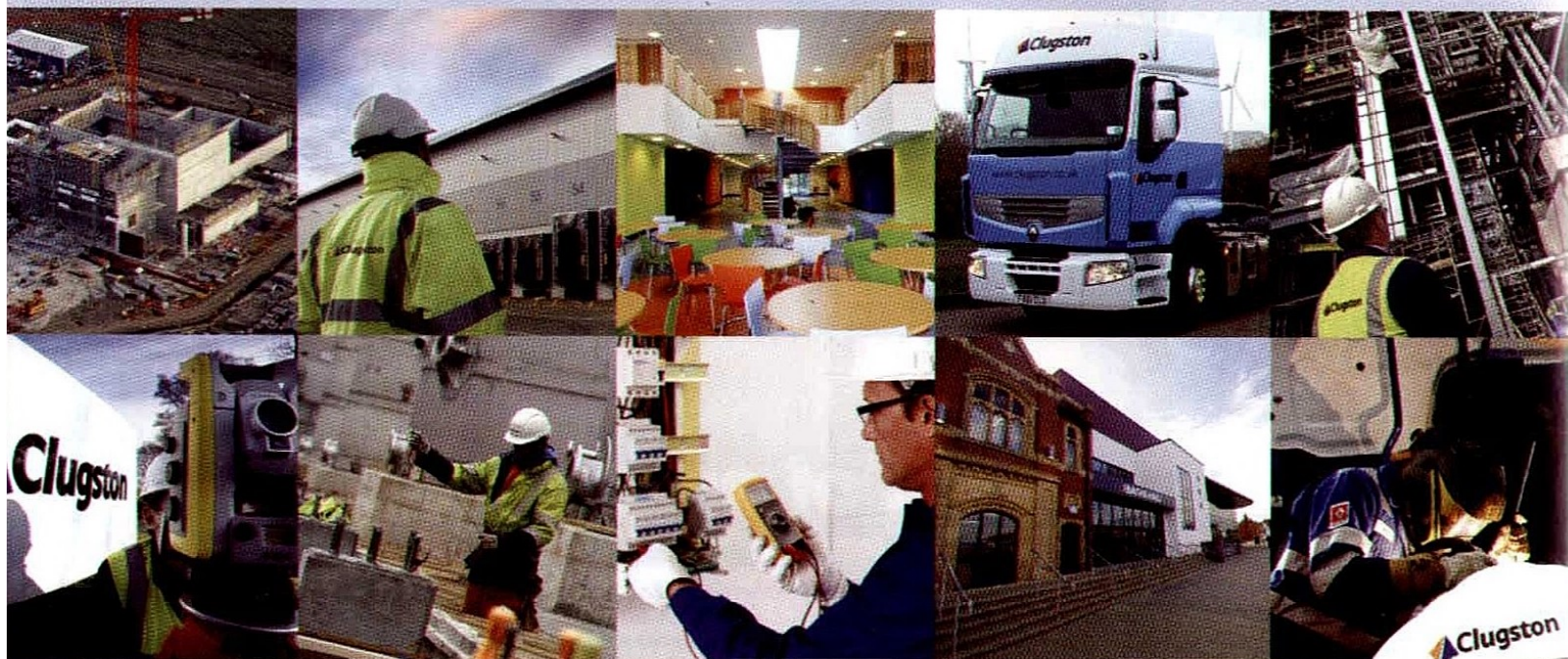
"Football's a funny old game, if someone gave me £1000 to put it on a result here today, I wouldn't know where to go.

"Having a big crowd behind you can make a big difference. Hopefully the gate will be bigger than usual and there'll be a good atmosphere."

Thank you for everything, Jerry.



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IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT AFTER NINE MONTHS, 45 GAMES AND TWO MANAGERS THAT THE IRON'S SEASON COMES DOWN TO WHAT HAPPENS IN 90 MINUTES.

The club have stopped short of dressing up Brian Laws with a Lord Kitchener-style moustache this week.

But fair play to them for their efforts to spread the word about this afternoon's game, attract a bumper crowd and also keep people believing that what seemed was the impossible, is now possible.

A lot of angst remains about the Iron's decline in the past couple of years.

Questions will have been asked internally as to the whys and wherefores, but for today let them be put to one side.

There have been some fantastic finales at Glanford Park in recent seasons. Today, who knows, may hopefully bring another.

If you're after drama, see Cliff Byrne's historical header against Tranmere Rovers in 2009, as the Iron memorably snatched a late, late equaliser that



Hoping for another Cliff Byrne moment

The Scunthorpe Telegraph's Chris Sumpter sets the scene by reflecting on the season gone by, final day drama of the past and a Churchillian address from Lee Turnbull.

earned them a place in the play-offs

For occasion, what about that 3-0 stroll against Carlisle United ahead of the League One title celebrations in 2007 – a result and performance which encompassed everything about how good that United side were.

Battles these days have been spent at the other end of the table and made for difficult times, both on the pitch and in the stands.

And though Colchester United remain overwhelming favourites to still be in League One next term, at least it's nice to have had a bit of a buzz back.

That's something that must return more regularly next season – regardless of the division in which Scunthorpe will compete.

There have been numerous calls to arms in the build-up to this afternoon's game, from Laws et al, but perhaps the best came from one of the most popular faces at Glanford Park.

Lee Turnbull's association with Scunthorpe United seems to go back to the club's Midland League days.

He has held nearly every role possible in the dressing room – and probably swept its floor as well.

So I felt it fitting to share the Churchillian address he gave to Scunthorpe Telegraph readers in his weekly column on Thursday.

"We are a club built on the hard work and commitment of their staff and players to produce those never to be forgotten moments at Chelsea, Wembley or even Torquay (in that club record 8-1 victory)," he wrote.

"We are a club with a solid community footprint that engages and cares about the past and the present.

"Managers and players have moved on – some to great heights, some to the relief of us all – but the one thing we need on Saturday is the spirit of yesteryear to come back and fill the veins of this wonderful little stadium.

"We start now, we build and grow from Saturday onwards."

If that doesn't make the hair on the back of your neck stand on end, nothing will.

“Hopefully there'll be a similar amount of pride and bite (though not the sort Luis Suarez would bring) about the Iron's performance this afternoon.

Hopefully there'll be a similar amount of pride and bite (though not the sort Luis Suarez would bring) about the Iron's performance this afternoon.

Regardless of today's result, it seems likely another summer of change awaits at Glanford Park, which almost seems to have had a revolving door installed.

But while players and managers come and go, the future of you and I, I'm sure, requires much less clarification.

I'll be here and so will you – fingers crossed we may even be joined by a bit of success.

Enjoy the summer.

IN SATURDAY APRIL 6, THE SCUNTHORPE UNITED POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL TEAM, AKA THE SCUNTHORPE MIGHTY IRONS, TRAVELLED UP TO MIDDLESBOROUGH FOR THE ANNUAL POWERCHAIR SHIELD.

The five strong squad included Captain Benji 'Talk Talk' Taylor, Becky 'the Bloodhound' Birkett, Peter 'the Whizz' Bromley, Gill 'the Trapper' Smith and Paul 'the Sniffer' Ward.

The team played three games and results unfortunately didn't go the way the team and coach Matt Robinson had hoped losing all three, however every cloud has a silver lining. The team was awarded the 'Fair Play' award and goalkeeper Gill Smith was named player of the tournament after she made a series of outstanding saves.

The team did the whole of Scunthorpe proud and the performances they put in



means there can be plenty of optimism for the future.

As well as the Powerchair football squad our Social Inclusion Officer Matt Robinson also manages our Adults' and Under 16s' disability football teams. Training costs £2 per session and takes place every Monday 3:30-4:30pm at Premier Pitches

For information about the Disability and Powerchair football teams and details on how to join please contact the SUFC Trust office on **01724 747673**.

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For information on how you can take part in the NCS, look for flyers around the ground or call the Trust on **01724 747673**.

ON TARGET / MAY WHITSUN CAMPS

WE RECENTLY BEGAN FILMING OF THE ON TARGET AND STREET SPORT DVD. THE DVD WILL BE USED IN SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES TO PROMOTE THE PROJECTS SO LOOK OUT FOR THE CAMERAS DOWN AT THE SESSIONS.

The Trust would like to say a big thanks to all the football teams who took part in the Easter On Target/Street Sport football tournament; the day was a great success and this was largely down to those that came down took part. We also must thank Invenio Academy for offering their premises and facilities to host the event.

For details in how you can take part in On Target free Friday night football please see across the page.

DURING THE MAY WHITSUN HOLIDAY, SCUNTHORPE UNITED TRUST WILL AGAIN BE HOLDING OUR HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMPS.

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The Iron's Powerchair team prepare for kick-off.



News of the latest activities going on with the Scunthorpe Un

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Invenio Academy, Scunthorpe

- 5.30pm - 6.30pm for 8-12 year olds
- 6.30pm-7.30pm for 13-19 year olds

The Pods, Scunthorpe

- 6pm-7pm for 8-12 year olds
- 7pm-8pm for 13-19 year olds

Epworth Leisure Centre, Epworth

- 6.15pm-7.15pm for 8-13 year olds



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BIRTHDAY PACKAGES

HAVE YOU GOT A BIRTHDAY COMING UP? NEED TO PLAN A PARTY FOR YOUR CHILD?

The SUFC Trust run birthday parties down here at Glanford Park for football mad children and help take all the stress out of organising a party.

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Non-matchday or matchday birthday parties.

All parties last an hour and a half and can be booked on a weekday or on a matchday.

A non matchday birthday costs £110 and includes the following:

- > A tour of Glanford Park
- > A Party Buffet for 14 children and two adults

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> A football and a birthday card signed by all the team for the birthday child

The matchday birthdays cost £150 and include all of the above with the added bonus of 14 child and two adult tickets for the home game, which gives a whole day match experience of watching the Iron!

These are very popular with children and adults alike and have limited spaces per match.

Are you interested then? For more information or to book a party please call the Scunthorpe United Trust on **01724 747673** or email: **sam_sufc@hotmail.co.uk**.

AVAILABLE DATES:

Fixtures are released on June 19, 2013. Call **01724 747673** to book tickets.



We've had some end of season drama here, but I can't really quite recall anything in the last game apart from Cliff Byrne's header against Tranmere.

LEE TURNBULL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE SUFC TRUST

ALTHOUGH THE FOOTBALL SEASON STOPS, THE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT ARE PROBABLY AT THEIR BUSIEST.

We'll have our half term courses which will be on in Whit Week at Glanford Park. Also running during the summer will be our NCS project with 105 local young people.

Our futsal learners work on their education programme during term time so again they'll be working hard towards ending their first year of their BTEC Level 3 qualification.

We'll be looking to maximise those opportunities and will be working with the community to provide some good activities and hopefully some good fun for the young people who take part.

Birthday party packages are available throughout the summer on an evening and hen fixtures come out for next season, you can book for birthday's and mascots with Ryan, our mascot co-ordinator.

In terms of the situation regarding today's match, I think we'd have settled for it a few weeks ago and the win against MK Dons has given us a bit of belief.

It's not just about us though as we know, it's about Carlisle vs Colchester as well. Sadly, whatever happens here, we need a favour from Greg Abbott's men up at Brunton Park.

It's a difficult place to go and I'm sure Carlisle will want to finish the season on a high but equally, like us, Colchester are fighting for their lives.

If the scenario was, come quarter to five today, that we won and Carlisle manage to beat Colchester then I'm sure we'll party long into the night.

I think there'll be a few twists and turns along the way, there always seems to be on the last game of the season, it's never quite as straightforward as you anticipate.

I'm sure the crowd's reaction will tell Brian, Russ and the players exactly what's going on. Hopefully, because of the offer that the club have made of £5 admission charge, we'll have a really good crowd in

here.

Let's hope we can turn back the clock and replicate those glory games against Reading and Tranmere at home when we managed to stay in the Championship and get into the playoffs.

We've had some end of season drama here, but I can't really quite recall anything in the last game apart from Cliff Byrne's header against Tranmere.

We need a win and we've got to get it, hoping that Carlisle can beat Colchester. The odds are stacked against us but we can only try and do our bit here and then see what happens.

Swindon are already in the playoffs, and hopefully they take the foot off the gas. I'm sure Kevin MacDonald will be mindful of that and he won't want any injuries or suspensions.

They've got some decent players, Adam Rooney and James Collins at the top end of the pitch provide a goal threat, Alan Navarro in midfield is a good ball player and Aden Flint is a big, strong centre half who came from Alfreton.

They'll fancy their chances in the playoffs as well because the league isn't great, as we've seen this season and anyone can beat anyone.

When I was a youngster at Middlesbrough in the Championship I played at Shrewsbury on the last game of the season and we got relegated unfortunately.

There's always scenarios that pop up at the end of the season. I remember at Wycombe we had to win a game to get into the play-offs and we manage to do that.

I've been involved a few times in those kind of situations and it is very nervy and tense. Free flowing football goes out the window and it's a bit crash, bang, wallop, but if that's what it takes then let's hope it's enough today.

Lee Turnbull



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S CRUCIAL GAME AGAINST SWINDON, WRITES JANE LAWS.

It's been a pleasure to see the Iron back to winning ways and last Saturday's result against M.K.Dons has certainly lifted the mood at Glanford Park.

Let's hope this momentum continues towards a positive outcome today.

It's been a very tense season at Glanford Park where we've experienced many, many challenges, with today culminating in the most important challenge of the season. I sincerely wish the team all very best in their mission to retain their League One status.

The players who we come into contact with during the study centre education visits have always remained confident of their abilities and have represented themselves, and the club, very well when meeting the children and staff from North Lincolnshire schools.

Thank you to all the players who have carried out school visits this season, the children really do appreciate your time and enthusiasm.

Ten things you maybe didn't know about Study Parks

We realise that every game there might be new fans or people who don't normally attend games, particularly today, as we hope the town gets behind the Iron's final push for survival, if so, welcome! So, we thought it might be an idea to give you ten facts about us which you might not know:

1. We have two study centres, one at based here at Glanford Park and the other which is based at Heslam Park, home to Scunthorpe Rugby Union Football Club, Scunthorpe Barbarians Rugby League Club and Scunthorpe Town Cricket Club.
2. Sport is used as the vehicle for the young people's learning. However, the scheme isn't about the physical aspects of sport; we focus more around academic achievement through specifically designed learning programmes.
3. The curriculum at the centre at Glanford Park is based around creativity and media. Most of the units of work take full advantage of the state-of-the-art ICT equipment available in the study centre.



4. Study Heslam offers a different experience from Study United FC. Although still focusing on the remit of raising academic standards in English, maths and ICT, the centre specialises in healthy living and lifestyles.

5. The centre is a unique partnership between the football club and North Lincolnshire Council

6. The centre supports approximately 1000 learners per year.

7. Positive impact of the programme of study include; noticeable gains in confidence, social skills, motivation and attitude, with 90% of pupils feeling more encouraged to undertake new learning challenges and 94% feeling more positive about school and applying learning to their school work.

8. This year, 92% of our Key Stage 2 alternative provision students have gained national accreditation, some against all odds.

9. Attendance at the centres is consistently high, averaging 97%.

10. Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting all aspects of the centres work, from administration, technical support and supporting learners in sessions. If you fancy volunteering why not give us a call on (01724) 747686?

Don't forget you can keep up to date with the very latest news from Study Parks during the close season, including video and audio and more photos created by our learners at www.study-parks.org.uk. We are also on Twitter - @studyparks, @studyunitedfc and @studyheslam and we have a Facebook page at facebook.com/studyparks.

Finally, many thanks to all my team Study Parks who have contributed to the creation of our programme notes this season. It's been our pleasure to keep you, the fans, informed with our important work with the local community and I hope you've enjoyed reading about what we do.

My thanks also go to the many fans who we've met up with over the season and who continue to help to support the work of Study Parks.

My final acknowledgements are reserved for the Chairman, Steve Wharton, who has been a huge ambassador and has championed the work of the centre tirelessly over the last decade.

It was his recognition of the potential of the centre which turned the dream into reality back in 2002, thank you Mr Wharton for your unwavering support, I hope you are proud of what the centre has achieved and how it continues to support the local community into the future.

I would like to wish everyone all the very best for the close season.

Take a deep breath and sing your hearts out. Up the Iron.

SAFETY MATTERS

GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND WE WELCOME THE DIRECTORS AND FANS OF SWINDON AND THEIR MANAGEMENT TEAM TO GLANFORD PARK.

Today is a very important day to ourselves as a club we are in the bottom four, we have to win and Colchester have to lose, all I ask is that supporters behave and follow the rules. I welcome Swindon supporters, please accept our hospitality and enjoy the afternoon.

The last home game at Glanford Park was against Walsall on 13 April. Again, it was a very good first half, but we found ourselves losing 1-0 and then a determined second half produced a good goal from Niall. Unfortunately the next game at Bury ended up with defeats after dictating the first half and everyone thought that was that, we went to MK Dons and we won 1-0 and Colchester could only draw, we now have to believe that today we will come through.

I would ask that Swindon supporters follow the regulations and sit in your seats as there are children around who will want to see the game, so please be aware of all your supporters around you and enjoy the afternoon. I know that there will be a good following today, but I am sure you will be looking to the Play-off games.

To all our supporters I would ask that as normal you follow the regulations and sit in the seated area as you would do normally.

I have spoken about what we require today from the two games that will influence our position, but I have to look at the safety of all attending today's game. I have received my letter from the FA speaking about no one to come on the pitch at the end of the game. I will ask that you do stop off the pitch whatever the result so the players can come out and applaud you for keeping with the club to the very last game and having that belief that we will survive. I have numerous scenarios that I have to plan for and how each one will pan out. We do have police present for this game and they will assist my stewards in keeping the peace and everyone safe. Please help me and the club to ensure that we don't get reported to the FA.

We have numerous events during the summer starting with The Extreme Stunt Show next Thursday 2 May.

Again I would ask that supporters take an extra 15 minutes to visit the Iron Bar, the Executive Lounge or the OSG Bar in the Telegraph Stand and watch the results come through and have a drink whether that is soft or alcoholic - soft if you are driving please!

I would like to remind supporters with regards to the keepers and players warming up and shooting towards the stand. All supporters must be aware that balls do fly around before the game and sometimes they do come into the crowd.

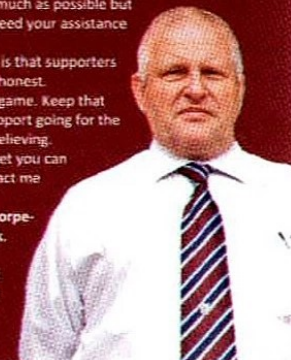
As the safety officer I want to thank you in advance for your help in following the rules and regulations, my staff will help as much as possible but we always need your assistance to be safe.

All we ask is that supporters are fair and honest.

Enjoy the game. Keep that faith and support going for the lads. Keep believing.

Don't forget you can always contact me on aw@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

Up the Iron!
Alan Welsh,
Stadium
manager



IT IS EASY TO SEE WHY MIKE WHITE IS SO SUCCESSFUL IN HIS CAREER IN RADIO, WRITES CHRIS WHITFIELD.

Mike admits that as a 10-year-old he used to commentate to himself on football matches as he watched them on TV, or to his mates as they played the game, which he admits: "Usually invited comments like 'Oh! Mike will you shut up!' but now they admit I was always destined to do it!"

But it wasn't just his speaking skills which were emerging at that early stage.

He continued: "At about 11 or 12 I wanted to get into sports journalism and again I'd watch games and this time I'd write reports on them."

After leaving school he studied media at Hull College and while there he was able to gain some work experience at the Hull Daily Mail reporting on Hull City juniors

I mean when we scored in the Walsall game I was up and down in my seat as I was doing the commentary – you get immersed in it, it's difficult not to.

and some reserve team games. He admits this early contact with a football club gave him an invaluable insight into the culture of professional football.

He said: "I got to know Terry Dolan [the manager at the time] very well and he always looked out for me and helped me out if need be."

While clubs tend not to be so open these days, he speaks very highly of Scunthorpe and the access the gets to the manager and players.

"When we go to press days we are not shunted into the background, but we don't abuse this access and we are able to develop good working relationships with the club based on mutual respect for each other," he said.

He feels that his early experiences at Hull helped him with this. After College he got a job at the newspaper in advertising, but his love was always the editorial and sports side and he eventually secured a weekly column covering local amateur football in Hull, which gave him his first by-line (accreditation by name for his work).

A move to Kent saw a period in Mike's career which to describe as colourful might be an understatement! He took an initial position in a call centre; within six months he was promoted to the client services department and within a year he was an account manager boasting some prestigious clients such as Coca-Cola and Nikon.

As he says: "It was completely different [to what he was used to] and eventually I was nine years in marketing."

However sport was never far away, but this time it was wrestling which took his attention, a sport for which he has always had affection.

"Even when it became uncool to watch I kept watching it – loved it!" he says.

"Following a conversation with a friend who worked in the wrestling industry in Kent, I was invited along to see what I could do and as I dislike pain I took up refereeing!"

"Although I had never done it before I thought I would give it a go!"

Because of his natural talent – or as he puts it "I had a bit of a gob on me!" – he became a ringside announcer and also managed a couple of wrestlers.

He admits: "I loved it! It was a release and I developed a new persona Mike White, Business Adviser to the Stars! In other words I wanted an image which said 'I'm no ordinary manager I only deal with stars!' It was fantastic; we had so much fun doing it!" And, it was all done as a hobby!

It would seem that the media career he originally sought was a distant memory but not so. A move back to Yorkshire led to work with Hospital Radio in Hull, initially covering rugby league.

"I owe a lot to the Station Manager, Nick Palmer, who gave me so much help in those early days," says Mike. "It is a well worn path from hospital radio into local radio and I was mentioned to David Burns

BBC Radio Humberside's Mike White.

On your wavelength

We continue our behind the scenes profiles by focusing on BBC Radio Humberside's Iron commentator Mike White.

[the Station's former Sports Editor] who offered me some part time hours on the station." Mike was working full time for Kingston Communications at this time and in 2005 he took the gamble to give up his job and commit to the radio; it was a gamble which paid off as he is now a full time member of the sports team.

In the early days at Radio Humberside, Mike mainly covered rugby league so it took him some time to become recognised as a football man, however working with David Burns at Hull City and now established at Scunthorpe he feels his rugby image is behind him.

His first full commentary on the Iron was in 2006 covering for Matt Dean, ironically, at Gillingham where he had lived while in Kent! He has covered games from time to time since then, but it has been this season that has seen him take on match commentaries permanently, usually with George Kerr or Lee Turnbull alongside as expert summarisers. His match preparation is detailed.

He explained: "When we have a game coming up I will spend time watching the next team on the Football League Show, reading about them or looking for snippets

of news, I then draw up a written text which itemises all the information I will use during the broadcast.

"This will include details of form, their players, and previous games and their matches with us, etc."

"I will also include latest news from Scunthorpe, referee information and any other relevant bits. I then fully familiarise myself with it to ensure it flows and doesn't sound like I'm just reading it."

When asked to name his most memorable match he nominates, without hesitation: "The Tranmere game in 2009, when we made the play offs. The atmosphere was electric!"

Mike is full of praise for United, saying: "I have really enjoyed the chance of working closely with the Iron."

"I find them such a friendly club, they make me very welcome, and I feel I have ridden the highs and lows with all the fans, I mean when we scored in the Walsall game I was up and down in my seat as I was doing the commentary – you get immersed in it, it's difficult not to."

This is a man who clearly enjoys his work and who genuinely values his relationship with this football club.



"If we could've won a couple of games that we've drawn or lost then we wouldn't be in trouble. But it's easy to say. I'm not sitting here thinking that's the art of management. You have to grind out results and put games to bed, that's the major thing."

This week, **THE IRON** speaks to striker **Karl Hawley**, fresh from scoring the winning goal against Milton Keynes Dons last week which gave Scunthorpe United a shout of securing League One survival today.

SINCE JOINING ON A FREE TRANSFER AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER, KARL HAWLEY HAS BEEN A REGULAR FIXTURE IN THE IRON STARTING ELEVEN, WRITES TOM HARDY.

With 39 appearances so far this season, the 31-year-old striker has found the back of the net on ten occasions, which is his highest tally since the 2006-07 campaign.

Of these ten goals, there has arguably been none more important than the winner against MK Dons last weekend which kept the Iron's chances of survival alive.

"The ball came out to the right and my first initial thought was to hold back for a cutback," Hawley told **THE IRON** as he explained his crucial goal at Stadium:MK.

"I dipped inside the centre half, it took a slight deflection and I just managed to stop it from going behind me and scooped it in.

"I was delighted that I scored, obviously."

He added: "We went into the MK Dons game and our objective was to get three points and we managed to do that to take our chances of staying up into the last game.

"It's our job, we're professional people and we owed it to ourselves and the fans and everyone involved in the club to show them that we're still fighting, and that's what the boys are doing.

"I think we had a bit of luck but it was overdue and that's what you need when you're defending like that.

"We were throwing bodies in front of the ball and in front of the goal and we managed to get the three points."

United have to beat the Robins this afternoon and hope that Carlisle can defeat Colchester by a margin which will sway goal difference in Scunthorpe's favour.

If both sides' goal difference finishes the

same, the decision of who will remain in League One next season will come down to the number of goals scored.

And Hawley, the former Cumbrian, is hoping that his old side can lend him and his teammates a helping hand today.

"I still know a few of the lads and I'll be throwing them a few texts and seeing if they can do us a favour," he said.

"But they're professional people and they're going to go and try and win their last home game.

"I know how much it means to the fans, they don't want to go half-hearted and I'm sure they won't.

"We've got to win by at least a couple and Carlisle have got to beat Colchester by a couple.

"All we can do is try and win on the Saturday

and the rest

takes

care of

itself. We can't affect that so we've got to take control on our own. If we win then who knows?"

The Iron's chances of avoiding relegation seemed almost dead and buried following the 2-1 defeat away at Bury.

Hawley had put his side ahead on the stroke of halftime but a lacklustre performance after

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the break and two quick-fire goals left Brian Laws' men with nothing to show for their trip to Gigg Lane.

But instead of focusing on that particular game, United's

second highest scorer this season admitted that the team's performances across the whole campaign have not been up to scratch.

"I think there's so many games where we've played well in spells, made one mistake and conceded or not quite scored," he added.

"You can go through the whole season and there are probably about 90% of the games where you think if certain things might have happened, then it could've been different.

"But you can't play or think about football like that, everyone makes mistakes, it's a spur of the moment thing and about decision making.

"The boys at the top make better decisions and that's why they're up there."

Hawley continued: "If we could've won a couple of games that we've drawn or lost then we wouldn't be in trouble.

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thinking that's the art of management. You have to grind out results and put games to bed, that's the major thing.

"Like against Bury, we should have won that game and in the second half it should've been all over."

Following his release from Notts County at the end of last season, Hawley was snapped up by former Scunthorpe boss, Alan Knill.

However the arrival of Brian Laws in October didn't affect the experienced striker as he had become accustomed to playing under a number of different managers during his time at Meadow Lane.

In fact, Laws was so impressed by the former England C international's performances that he offered him an extension to his contract which originally expired in January.

"Obviously I was delighted to stay. I've enjoyed it, even though it's been a difficult season," Hawley said.

"I've been playing and there's a good bunch of lads here who welcomed me as soon as I came in.

"The first manager was all about playing football, whereas this gaffer is more about the other side of the game like working hard and closing down.

"That's the major difference, it's a bit of old school - new school. I haven't got a problem with either style, it's each to their own and we've got to buy into that - that's all you can do as a player."

Another man who was brought in at the same time as Hawley was Leon Clarke - who still remains the club's top scorer despite the fact he moved to Coventry at the beginning of January.

The pair formed a solid partnership together but since Clarke's departure, Hawley has had to link up with a number of new faces, in particular Akpo Sodje.

A change in strike partner can sometimes prove to be tricky, particularly when two players have developed a good understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"It's difficult but that's part and parcel of the game. You don't really worry too much about that and you get on with it," Hawley insisted.

"It doesn't matter who you play upfront with, you've got to make the best of the situation.

"Whether it's Leon Clarke, Akpo Sodje, Mike Grella or Matty Godden, you've got to try and get the best out of that person and hopefully they get the best out of you to work together for the team, for yourselves and each other.

"But I think Leon and Akpo are different players to be honest. Leon's a lot more technically gifted whereas Sodje is strong and good in the air.

"Leon didn't even like heading! He used to say 'just because I'm tall, they think I can head the ball'.

"That's what he first said to me. He didn't really like heading it but he was still decent in the air. Obviously he's an out and out goalscorer as well."

With just one game of the season remaining and a whole host of contracts which expire in the summer, much of the Scunthorpe squad will be battling to ensure they still figure in Brian Laws' plans for next year.

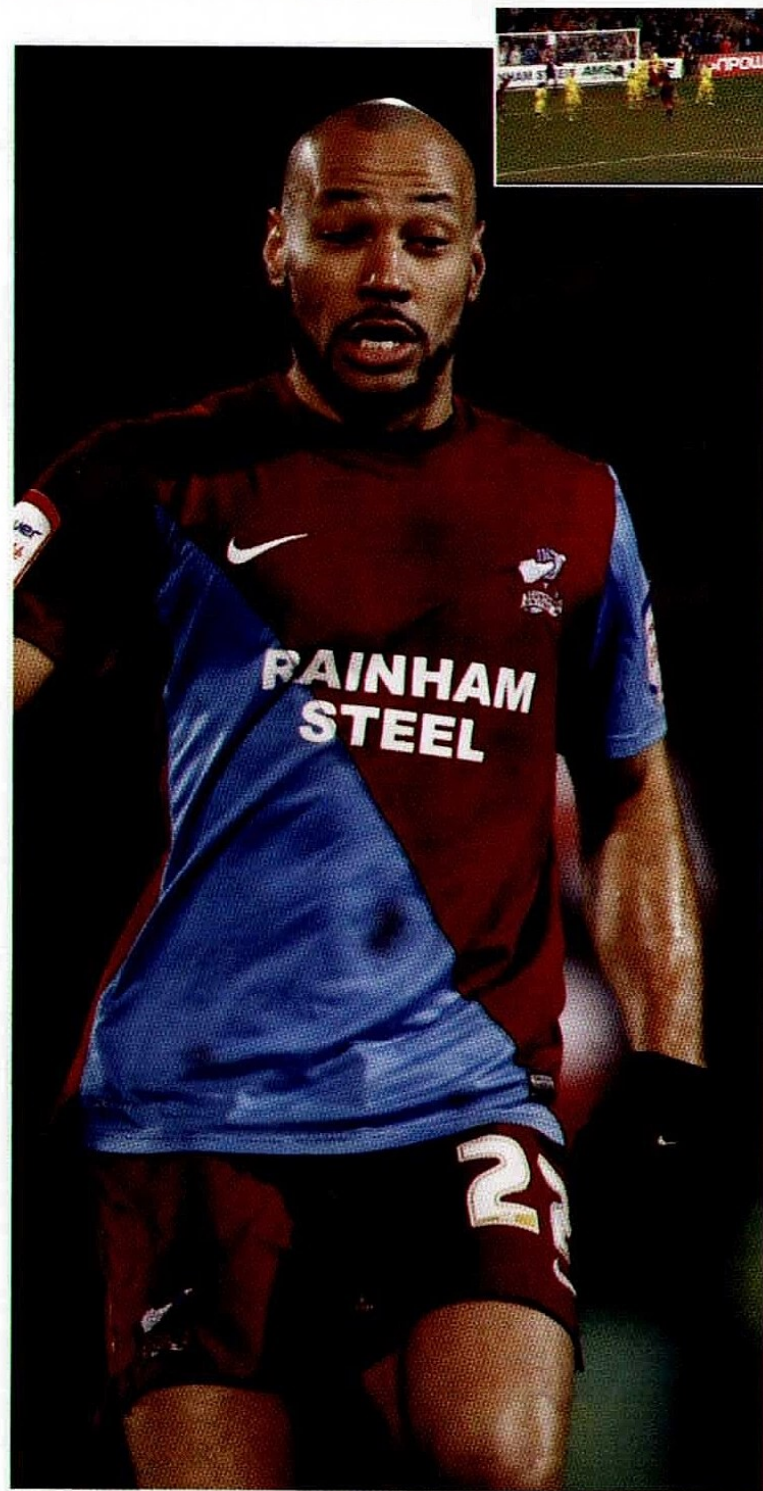
Even though the Iron's relegation to League Two could be confirmed today, Hawley doesn't hold any regrets from his time so far in North Lincolnshire.

"I don't live in regrets. Everyone makes mistakes and everyone choose their own decisions on and off the field," he said.

"You're always learning, as a person and a footballer.

"I tend to think if something doesn't work in a situation, I'll do something else because I didn't pick the right choice.

"That's how I live my life."



SCUNNY BUNNY BLOG

GOOD AFTERNOON BOYS AND GIRLS AND WELCOME TO GLANFORD PARK AS WE ENTERTAIN SWINDON TOWN TODAY.

Well, it will be the close season following today's game! If you're planning a party and need a locally based bunny to liven up proceedings, bear me in mind! To book me for any events, please contact the football club by calling **0871 221 1899**.

In addition, if you have a birthday coming up at the start of next season and want it announcing on these pages, please email theiron@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

Enjoy the match, and cheer on the players today as we look to win three valuable points against Swindon! Believe!

Up the Iron!
Scunny Bunny



TODAY'S MASCOTS

WE HAVE ELEVEN MASCOTS FOR THIS AFTERNOON'S MATCH WITH THE ROBINS.

The first is **MATTHEW MITCHELL**, aged nine, who attends Brumby Junior School. He enjoys football, golf and cricket, and Michael Collins is his favourite Scunthorpe player.

Our second mascot this afternoon is **GEORGE JACKSON**, aged six, who attends Crowle Primary School. He enjoys football and Tae Kwon Do, and his favourite player is Jimmy Ryan. While he also used to like Garry Thompson.

Our third mascot today is **OWEN COYLE**, aged nine. He attends Scotter Primary School and his main hobby is watching and playing football. Akpo Sodje is his favourite player and he also enjoys playing for Scotter U10 Sharks.

If you are interested in your child being a Scunthorpe United mascot, call 01724 747673 or email communityfootball@hotmail.com.



JUNIOR IRON

The fourth mascot today is **ALFIE TOCK**, aged eight. He attends Carcroft Primary School, and enjoys swimming, cubs, computer games and football. Mark Duffy is his favourite player.

LEANIE THOMPSON is our fifth mascot today. She is eight and attends Leys Farm Junior School. Football and swimming are her main hobbies, while Karl Hawley is her favourite player.

BEN COLLINS is our next mascot. He goes to Messingham Primary School. Aged six, he is a massive football fan and is looking forward to being a mascot today.

We also have **CAMERON MARSHALL** as a mascot today. He attends Berkeley Junior School and is aged eight. He loves football, swimming, and his favourite player is Mark Duffy.

Elsewhere, **ALFIE FUDGE**, aged eight, will also be a mascot today. He goes to Berkeley Junior School and enjoys playing football for Appleby-Frodingham. Mark Duffy and Paul Reid are his favourite players.

LEWIS WHITELEY is our ninth mascot, aged 10. He attends Leys Farm Primary School and he enjoys football, gaming and reading.

LUKE ELLIS is our penultimate mascot. Aged eight, he attends Bottesford Junior School and his main hobby is football. Mark Duffy is his favourite player.

Our final mascot is **BAILEY CLARK**, aged ten. He goes to Broughton Junior School and enjoys football, golf, badminton and biking. Jimmy Ryan is his favourite player.



**SCUNTHORPE UNITED
v SWINDON TOWN**

FINAL SCORE:

IRON:

DONCASTER:

GOALSCORERS:

YOUR BEST BIT:

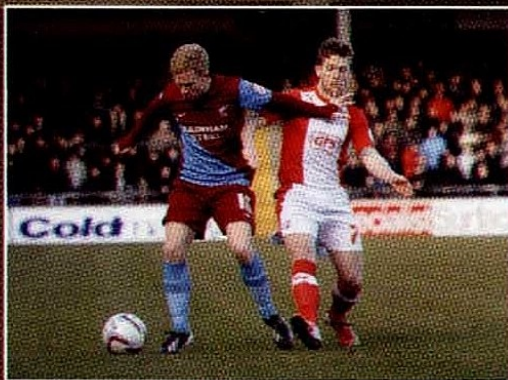
Happy birthday to YOU!

Happy birthday to the following Junior Iron members!

- Ryan Wood
- Harry Clarke
- Callum Taylor
- Daniel Lees
- Adam Shackleton
- Joe Berry
- Harry Taylor
- Ashley Gallagher
- Curtis Sparks
- Thomas Runton
- William Bess

- Liam Parkinson
- Kay Kingsley
- Thomas Atkinson
- Jack Hull
- Eve Lokowski
- Alfie Simington
- Tom Meaghan
- Daniel Plum
- Hannah Gar-ton
- Jordan Mills
- Ben Knight
- Duncan Stewart
- Ryan Clarkson





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

We have made some alterations to this image from the home clash with Crawley in our latest Spot the Difference teaser. We've been cunning and made five changes to the photo! Where are the changes then? Will the beady eyed fans amongst you spot the alterations?



Visit www.facebook.com/sufcofficial to see our bumper fans' gallery after today's game. Seen yourself or a friend? Get tagging!

FACE IN THE CROWD

IS THIS YOU WHO WE HAVE PICTURED ON THE IPAD TO THE RIGHT?



If so, congratulations, you have won a free junior ticket to an upcoming Scunthorpe United home league game of your choice.

All you have to do is show this part of the programme at our ticket office and claim your ticket. Want to win this competition yourself one day? Well, if you see our photographers around the stadium today, smile for them!

You never know, you might be our next Face in the Crowd winner, so good luck!



STAT ATTACK

Sunderland have won just four points from their last 16 Barclays Premier League games with Everton (W0 D4 L12).



Michu has scored a higher percentage of his team's goals than any other player in the Premier League this season (39%).



Birmingham City have been relegated from the English top-flight 12 times (followed by Leicester 11 & Bolton/Man City 10).

AN EDUCATION IN ALL THINGS IRON!



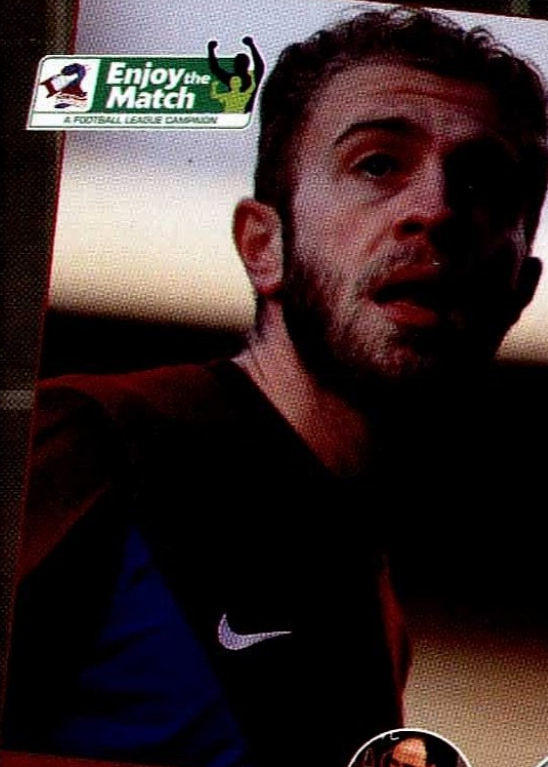
During the 2006/07 promotion winning season, Billy Sharp (30), Jermaine Beckford (9) and Andy Keogh (7) scored 46 goals between them.



In the same campaign the Iron kept 23 clean sheets, four more than local rivals Doncaster Rovers.



This season Scunthorpe have used 36 players, nine fewer than Portsmouth who have had 50 players represent them this season.



G R E L L A

MY FAVES



PLAYER
DEL PIERO



ACTOR
TOM HARDY



OTHER SPORT
GOLF



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LANBOROUGH MURCIELAGO



HOLIDAY DESTINATION
CARIBBEAN



TEAM
JUVENTUS



ANIMAL
DOG



FOOD
FRESH BREAD
PARMA HAM &
MOZARECCA



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
AGAIN NEXT SEASON

***Thank you for
being here through
the goals and own goals,
the tears and cheers,
the rain and more rain!***

*Make a note in your diary at 9am on
19th June to visit your club website
for the 2013/14 season fixtures.
Enjoy your summer.*

www.football-league.co.uk



EIRIK HOLMEN JOHANSEN

AGE: 20 | PLACE OF BIRTH: TONSBERG

JOINED THE IRON: 2013 | PREVIOUS CLUB: TEIE

PARENT CLUB: MANCHESTER CITY

FACTS ABOUT EIRIK

- Johansen has represented Norway at every level from under-15s to the under-23s.
- He made his Manchester City debut when he played seven minutes of the friendly match against League of Ireland XI on 30 July 2011.
- After Johansen was invited for a trial at Manchester City he fractured his foot. That led to his family trying to secure a deal to allow his brother, who is also a goalkeeper, to have a trial with the club.
- The 20-year-old stands at a whopping 6ft 7in tall!
- The Norwegian shot stopper made his debut for Teie IF in the fourth tier of his homeland at the age of 14.



WORD SEARCH

Can you find the following ex-Iron and Swindon players? Warner, Grella, Kennedy, Clarke, Mildenhall, Prutton, Rose, Burrows, Miller, Lucas

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GUESS WHO?

Which current Iron stars have we messed with these photos of?



WHOSE CRESTS?



ANSWERS: A. Accrington Stanley, B. Watford.

ANSWERS
GUESS WHO: A. Anthony Forde, B. Mark Duffy, C. Sam Stoccombe, D. Jimmy Ryan, THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: L. True, 2. Karl Hawley, 3. Black Caviar, 4. Cardiff City, 5. Crutchie Threave, 6. Wembley, 7. Niall Canavan.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN!

Try and answer these quickfire questions in the next minute. On your marks, get set... GO!

- 1) True or False: Michael Carrick has been shortlisted for the PFA Player of the Year award?
- 2) Who scored the opening goal in United's 2-1 loss at Bury?
- 3) Which Australian racehorse retired last week following 25 successive victories?
- 4) Which Welsh side were promoted to the Premier League earlier this season?
- 5) At which venue are the World Snooker Championships currently taking place?
- 6) At which stadium will the 2013 Champions League final take place?
- 7) What number does Iron midfielder Michael Collins wear for the club?



MY SCORE

60 second guide to the Robins

Swindon were formed 134 years ago by Reverend William Baker Pitt. **1879**



Two The Robins are looking for two successive promotions after Paolo Di Canio won League Two with them last season.



The capacity of Swindon's County Ground which is based just off the famous 'Magic Roundabout'. **15,728**

886 The number of appearances that John Trollope made for Swindon between 1960 and 1980. He made a further three as a substitute.



Swindon Town won **1992-93** promotion to the Premier League during the 1992-93 season, the only time the club has played in the top level of English football.

● Swindon's Massimo Luongo celebrates scoring for the Robins.



Swindon ready for the play-offs

WITH THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS SWINDON TOWN HAVING ALREADY SECURED A PLAY-OFF POSITION, THE IRON WILL BE HOPING FOR A FAVOUR AS THEY NEED TO WIN TO ENSURE THEY AVOID THE LEAGUE ONE DROP, WRITES ADAM GRICE.

The Robins, who are now under the management of ex-Aston Villa coach Kevin MacDonald, kept their hopes for a second successive promotion alive as they secured a play-off position with a 3-0 victory over Stevenage.

Whilst the Iron kept their hopes of survival alive with a 1-0 away victory at Milton Keynes Dons.

The Wiltshire based club, who were formed in 1879, won the League Cup in 1969 when they beat Premier League side Arsenal in the final at Wembley.

Roger Smart gave Swindon the lead before Bobby Gould levelled with just four minutes of the match remaining.

Don Rogers then scored a five-minute brace to ensure Danny Williams' side recorded a shock victory in front of 98,189 fans.

As winners of the League Cup, Swindon were assured of a place in their first European competition: the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. However,

"The Robins, who are now under the management of ex-Aston Villa coach Kevin MacDonald, kept their hopes for a second successive promotion alive as they secured a play-off position with a 3-0 victory over Stevenage."

the Football Association had previously agreed to inclusion criteria with the organizers which mandated that only League Cup winners from Division One would be able to take part.

As the team were not eligible, the short lived Anglo-Italian competitions were created to give teams from lower divisions experience in Europe.

The club was founded by Reverend William Pitt in the late 1870s and they turned professional less than two decades later.

They reached the semi-final of the FA Cup for the first time in 1910 but they lost to the eventual winners Newcastle United.

The following season, 1910-11, Swindon Town won the Southern League championship, earning them a Charity Shield match with the Football League champions Manchester United.

SWINDON TOWN FACTFILE Nickname: The Robins | Founded: 1879 | Ground: The County Ground, Swindon
Chairman: Jed McGrory | Manager: Kevin MacDonald | Last season: 1st in League Two | Last manager: Paolo Di Canio

ROBINS' SQUAD STATISTICS

NO	NAME	NAT	POS	D-O-B	BIRTH PLACE	PREVIOUS CLUB
1	Wes Foderingham	ENG	G	14/01/1991	Hammersmith	Crystal Palace
2	Troy Archibald-Henville	ENG	D	04/11/1988	Newham	Exeter C
3	James McEveley	SCO	D	11/02/1985	Liverpool	Barnsley
4	Aden Flint	ENG	D	11/07/1989	Pinxton	Alfreton T
5	Joe Devera	ENG	D	06/02/1987	Southgate	Barnet
6	Alan Navarro	ENG	M	31/05/1981	Liverpool	Brighton & HA
7	Luke Rooney	ENG	M	28/12/1990	Bermondsey	Gillingham
8	Simon Ferry	SCO	M	11/01/1988	Dundee	Celtic
9	James Collins	IRL	F	01/12/1990	Coventry	Shrewsbury T
11	Gary Roberts	ENG	M	18/03/1984	Chester	Huddersfield T
12	Alan McCormack	IRL	M	10/01/1984	Dublin	Charlton Ath
15	Nathan Thompson	ENG	D	09/11/1990	Chester	None
16	Andy Williams	ENG	F	14/08/1986	Hereford	Yeovil T
18	Tommy Miller	ENG	M	08/01/1979	Easington	Huddersfield T
19	Louis Thompson	ENG	D	19/12/1994	Bristol	None
20	Miles Storey	ENG	F	04/01/1994	Sandwell	None
22	Darren Ward	ENG	D	13/09/1978	Kenton	Millwall
23	Raffaele De Vita	ITA	F	23/09/1987	Rome	Livingston
24	Nathan Byrne	ENG	D	05/06/1992	St Albans	Tottenham H
25	Massimo Luongo	AUS	M	25/09/1992	Sydney	Tottenham H
26	Dean Parrett	ENG	M	16/11/1991	Hampstead	Tottenham H
28	Adam Rooney	IRL	F	21/04/1988	Dublin	Birmingham C
30	Leigh Bedwell	ENG	G	08/01/1994	Wantage	None
31	Aaron Oakley	WAL	D	04/10/1994	N/A	None
32	Chris Smith	ENG	D	12/10/1990	Stoke-on-Trent	Stone Dominoes



THE AWAY DUGOUT

SWINDON BOSS KEVIN MACDONALD WANTS HIS SIDE TO PUT IN A GOOD PERFORMANCE TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THE ROBINS' PLAY-OFF PLACE HAS ALREADY BEEN SECURED, WRITES LUKE THORNHILL.

With confidence and home advantage in the second leg of their semi-final still to play for, the Scot said: "We need to keep the momentum going, by getting the right result at Scunthorpe, but then every other manager will be saying that, he said.

"Though we are not frightened of any side so it doesn't matter what position we finish in. Momentum will be the key and we have registered back to back victories now."

The Iron will take hope from what MacDonald described as "sloppy" play during last Saturday's 3-0 win over Stevenage.

That may look like a comfortable victory, but MacDonald wanted a better performance given his side were up against 10 men for more than 50 minutes.

"We were a little sloppy at times in midfield, but we've now had a couple of good solid performances behind us now," he said.

MacDonald took charge of the Robins in February, just 10 days after the departure of Paolo Di Canio.

It is the Scot's first permanent managerial job, though he was widely known for his lengthy period as caretaker boss of Aston Villa prior to the 2010 season.

He oversaw eight competitive games following the sudden departure of Martin O'Neill on the eve of the season, before stepping back to a coaching role when Gerard Houllier was appointed. He left the Midlands club at the start of this season when Paul Lambert took over, ending an association which had started in 1995.

The opportunity to return to football came in February came suddenly, and MacDonald is delighted with his time at the County Ground.

"Swindon was an offer I couldn't refuse. I came down to speak to him [chairman Jed McCrory] and we got on like a house on fire," he said.

"The way it was portrayed to me is that they want it to be a coaching club, to try and develop players. I just felt it was the right fit for me.

"I was getting fed up at home, the missus wasn't too happy with me and my golf wasn't getting any better so I thought I should get back in to football."

GIMME FOUR!



THE ROBINS' FORM GUIDE BEFORE TODAY'S GAME



20-04-2013 - L1
v Stevenage (H)
W 3-0 Flint 2, Roberts



16-04-2013 - L1
v Crewe (H)
W 4-1 A Rooney 2, Luongo, Collins



13-04-2013 - L1
v Sheff Utd (A)
L 0-2



09-04-2013 - L1
v MK Dons (A)
L 0-2



This match is, to date, the highest scoring Charity Shield as Manchester United beat the Robins 8-4 at Stamford Bridge. Some of the proceedings from that match were later donated to the survivors of the Titanic.

During World War II Swindon received compensation of around £5,000 after the County Ground was used to house Prisoners of War.

The Second World War affected Swindon Town more than most other football clubs and the club was almost disbanded, the club needed a large amount of time to recover and for this reason it failed to make any real impression in the league.

The club only made it back into the Second Division in 1963 when they finished runners-up to Northampton Town.

In 1989 manager Lou Macari left the club to take over at West Ham United. This led to former Tottenham midfielder Ossie Ardiles taking over at the helm.

In his first season in charge of the club he



guided them to promotion through the Second Division play-offs. However, the club then admitted 36 breaches to League rules - mainly in relation to fielding ineligible players - which resulted them in being demoted to the Third Division.

This resulted in Sunderland being promoted to the First Division whilst Tranmere Rovers moved up to the Second Division.

Swindon's season has been in the limelight for the majority of the season as they were managed by now Sunderland boss Paolo Di Canio.

Following the un-agreed sale of star man Matt Ritchie the Italian threatened to walk away from the club before finally doing so some weeks later.

This then sparked worldwide interest from the media after reports that Di Canio had 'broken' back into the County Ground to tear down all pictures that were associated with his reign.



How Swindon lined up against Stevenage last week.



Words:
DANIEL COX

THEIR LAST GAME

V STEVENAGE (H) - 20-04-13 - W 3-0



SWINDON SECURED THEIR PLACE IN THE LEAGUE ONE PLAY-OFFS IN IMPRESSIVE STYLE WITH A 3-0 WIN OVER 10-MAN STEVENAGE.

Aden Flint had already put the hosts ahead when Dani Lopez left referee Gary Sutton with little option but to send him off after the Stevenage striker petulantly raised his hands to Swindon skipper Alan McCormack five minutes before half-time.

Boro were already facing a tough task to haul themselves back into the game after Flint reacted sharply to fire the Robins in front. Stevenage failed to clear McCormack's sliced shot and the central defender stuck out a leg to force the loose ball home for his second goal of the season.

Although the visitors offered little threat going forward, Swindon were relieved at the breathing space Gary Roberts' goal gave them after 53 minutes.

The Robins worked the ball to Roberts who turned sharply to buy himself a yard of space to rasp in a shot which took a slight deflection to take the ball out of the reach of goalkeeper Chris Day.

Day then stuck out a leg to deny Roberts a second but it was only a reprieve as a rampant Swindon were rewarded for their pressure with a third goal.

Swindon keeper Wes Foderingham was largely unemployed, with his only action in the first half as he tipped Mark Roberts' looping header on to the top of the crossbar.

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IN THE ENGINE ROOM SIMON FERRY

AGE: 25 | NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
SIMON FERRY ARRIVED FROM SCOTTISH GIANTS GLASGOW CELTIC IN 2010 AFTER A SUCCESSFUL LOAN SPELL WITH THE ROBINS.

The midfielder joined Celtic at the age of 12-years-old, and blossomed through the youth academy alongside team-mate Paul Caddis.

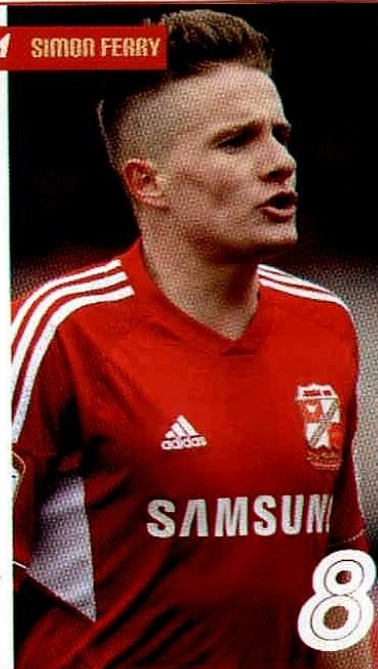
He was a member of the U19 double-winning side before enduring a serious ankle injury that saw him absent for two years.

He did feature in three pre-season friendlies but never made a competitive appearance for the Hoops.

A former Scotland U19 international, Ferry arrived at the County Ground on loan in August 2009.

He won man of the match award on his debut in a 2-1 win over Southend United in August 2009.

He clocked up 43 appearances and



“Amassing just under 150 appearances for Swindon, Ferry is a key cog in the wheels of the Robins midfield.”

scored two goals but experienced heartache at Wembley in a 1-0 League One Play-Off final defeat to Millwall.

He left Parkhead to join Swindon Town permanently, a year after initially signing on loan. He made 25 appearances as the Robins suffered relegation to League Two. Ferry's highly rated performances helped Swindon bounce back to League One in style with a League Two title win under former manager Paulo Di Canio.

Amassing just under 150 appearances for Swindon, Ferry is a key cog in the wheels of the Robins midfield. He is a near ever present this campaign with 48 appearances and has scored five goals so far this campaign - his most prolific tally since joining the club.

AGE: 26 | NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
ANDY WILLIAMS MOVED TO WILTSHIRE FROM YEOVIL TOWN IN THE SUMMER OF 2012.

He began his career with hometown club Hereford United after graduating through the Bulls' youth academy. He made his first team debut as a substitute in the Herefordshire Senior Cup final against Forest Green. He finished as the club's top goalscorer in the 2005-06 season with 13 goals from 45 appearances - most notably in the Conference play-off final win over Halifax Town.

He played in the Football League for Hereford, and finished with 22 goals in 117 appearances.

The midfielder's performances earned a £150,000 move to Bristol Rovers in the summer of 2007. He scored on his debut for Rovers just four minutes after coming on



GIFTED MIDFIELDER ANDY WILLIAMS

as a substitute. He went on to amass just over a century of appearances and scored 10 goals at the Memorial Stadium.

He returned to Hereford United on loan before moving to Yeovil Town permanently in 2010. Williams spent two years with the Huish Park side, and scored eight goals in his debut season before bowing out on a high as the club's top goalscorer with 17 goals. The striker's 25 goals in 78 appearances attracted the interest of the Robins, and he rejected a new contract with the Glovers to arrive at the County Ground.

He has currently blasted 12 goals in 45 appearances so far this campaign, forming a lethal partnership with fellow striker James Collins.

Williams is one of Swindon's key attacking artillery.

REMEMBER THE NAME ADAM ROONEY



AGE: 25 | NATIONALITY: IRISH
ADAM ROONEY ARRIVED FROM BIRMINGHAM CITY ON TRANSFER DEADLINE DAY IN AUGUST 2012.

He began his career with top flight side Stoke City in 2006, playing for the Potters at academy and reserve team level before making his first team debut as a substitute in against Tamworth in the FA Cup.

He scored his first professional goal against Reading in April 2006 before becoming one of the club's youngest ever hat-trick goalscorers at the age of 18-years-old, against Brighton and Hove Albion.

He went on to make 12 appearances in the Premier League for Stoke City before finding first team football limited. He finished his time at Stoke with four goals in two starts and 17 substitute appearances.

He then spent time on loan at Yeovil Town, Chesterfield and Bury before moving north of the border to Scottish side Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the summer of 2008.

The former Republic of Ireland international's 24 goals helped fire Inverness to a Scottish first division title. He then went on to score 21 goals in the SPL, finishing with a prolific return of 44 goals in 103 appearances before earning a move back to England with Birmingham City.

He has currently scored seven goals in 30 appearances for the St Andrews side, including a European goal in a 1-0 win over NK Maribor.

Rooney has developed from a striker into a winger during his spell with the Robins. He has scored nine goals in 30 appearances so far this campaign.

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PROVEN PERFORMER GARY ROBERTS

AGE: 29 | NATIONALITY: ENGLISH
GARY ROBERTS PENNED A TWO-YEAR DEAL WITH SWINDON TOWN IN THE SUMMER OF 2012 AFTER FINDING HIMSELF RELEASED FROM CHAMPIONSHIP SIDE HUDDERSFIELD TOWN.

The left winger began his career as a youth player with Premier League giants Liverpool but didn't gain a professional contract at Anfield. He ventured into the Welsh leagues with Rhyl, Bangor City and Welshpool Town before moving back into English football with Accrington Stanley.

Roberts' 13 goals in 42 appearances helped Accrington return into the Football League by winning the 2006 Conference league title.

The former England C international spent two years with Stanley, scoring 24 goals in over 60



appearances before earning a move to Championship side Ipswich Town in January 2007 after an initial loan spell.

He accumulated just under 60 appearances and scored four goals



for the Tractor Boys before departing for pastures new at Huddersfield Town for a £250,000 fee.

He experienced a successful four years with the Terriers, racking up over 180 appearances and scored 33 goals from midfield. 2009 saw the Liverpoolian finish the club's top goalscorer with 11 goals, resulting in a host of personal accolades for the club before achieving League One play-off final glory in 2012 in a dramatic penalty-shootout win over Sheffield United at Wembley Stadium.

Roberts has proven to be one of Swindon's mainstays in midfield in his debut season. He has scored four goals in 41 appearances so far this campaign.

THE HOTSHOT JAMES COLLINS

AGE: 22 | NATIONALITY: ENGLISH

JAMES COLLINS LINKED UP WITH THE ROBINS IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, AFTER REJECTING A NEW CONTRACT AT SHREWSBURY TOWN.

The striker began his career with Premier League side Aston Villa, progressing through the Villans' youth academy, and was a member of the first team squad away to Rapid Vienna in the Europa League but never made a first team appearance during his time at Villa Park. He made his professional debut on loan at Darlington in October 2009 in a 3-0 defeat to Barnet, scoring two goals in seven appearances before firing four goals in 10 games for Burton Albion.

He joined Shrewsbury Town permanently in January 2011, completing the season with an impressive eight goals from 23

appearances. It was last season where Collins demonstrated his clinical prowess in front of goal, as his 17 goals helped promote Shrewsbury into League One as runners up behind the Robins.

After 25 goals in 73 appearances at the New Meadow, Collins turned down a new deal to arrive at the County Ground. Capped for Republic of Ireland at U19 and U21 level, he notably scored a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Liechtenstein in October 2011.

The 6ft 2in powerhouse has developed into a fans' favourite with the Robins faithful in his debut season with the club, top goalscorer with 17 goals in 48 appearances that has helped secure Swindon a place in the League One play-offs.

He will have to be watched closely by the Iron defence today as they look to clinch survival.





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WE GOT THE PRE-MATCH THOUGHTS OF CHRIS WISE, WHO WORKS FOR BBC WILTSHIRE COVERING AND COMMENTATING ON ALL OF SWINDON'S GAMES, AHEAD OF THIS AFTERNOON'S CLASH WITH THE IRON, WRITES TOM HARDY.

What have you made of the season so far?

It's probably been a more turbulent campaign than anyone could have imagined eight months ago. A change in management and Chairman (twice), the arrival of new owners to rescue the club from near oblivion, a terrific League Cup run and the potential of back to back promotions - it's been a script writers dream. The presence of Paolo Di Canio at the football club means Swindon have rarely found themselves out of the headlines in the past couple of years. I think it will serve them well to avoid the glare of the national media for a few months at least. Given everything that has happened, I think this has to be viewed as a successful season but it will ultimately be defined by whether or not the team reach the Championship.

The club are in contention for back-to-back promotions, do you think it can be achieved through the play-offs this year?

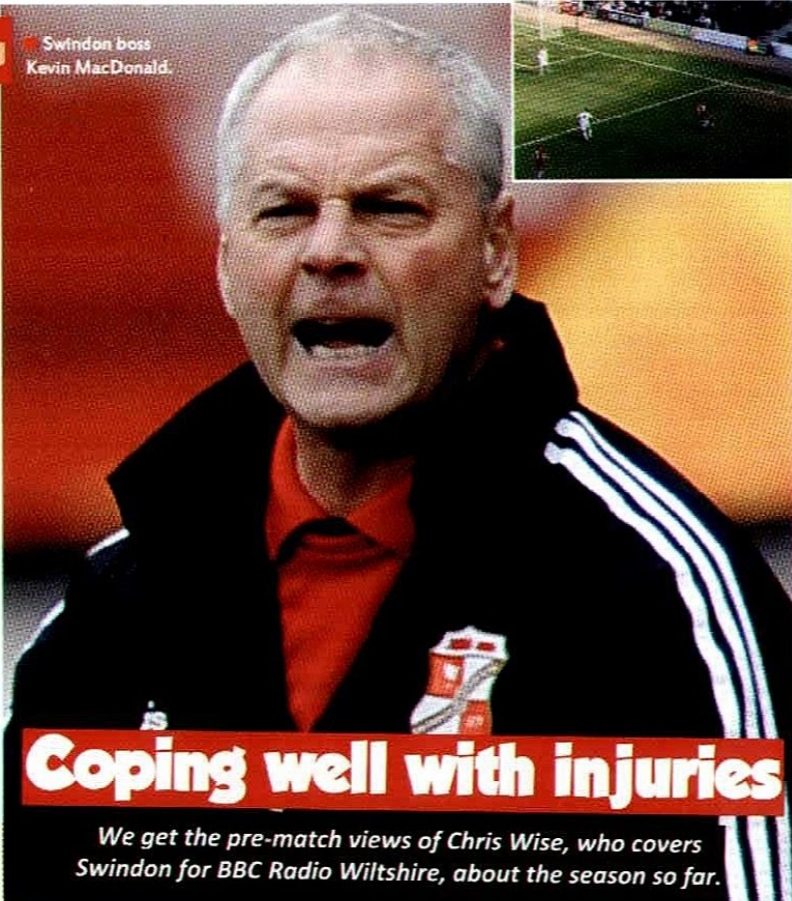
It's certainly a possibility. The team is packed full of quality and have shown

they are capable of beating anyone in this league. There are two key factors for me which will define how Swindon's season unfolds from here. Firstly, the manager Kevin MacDonald is dealing with an injury list as long as your arm. Several of those absent players are key members of the first-team squad too so it'll be a case of how the side cope with depleted numbers. It's also fair to say that Swindon perhaps should have been coming into today's game fighting for an automatic promotion spot. They were top of the League One table less than three months ago. My slight concern would be whether there is the belief that they can still go up through the play-offs after missing their chance to finish in the top two.

Why do you feel Swindon have adapted to life in League One so easily?

It probably comes down to the simple case of momentum. The likes of Southampton and Norwich have done it in recent years from League One to the Premier League and likewise, Swindon had found that winning mentality in League Two that they were able to carry over into this season. I also don't think there is a huge difference between the bottom half of League One and the top end of League Two. There were some sound purchases in the summer too - players that knew the league well. They did come at a cost though with the club having had the financial clout to

Swindon boss Kevin MacDonald.



Coping well with injuries

We get the pre-match views of Chris Wise, who covers Swindon for BBC Radio Wiltshire, about the season so far.

compete with the best of them.

If the club were to go up, where do they need to strengthen over the summer?

They'll probably need to toughen up in all areas of the pitch bar the goalkeepers

I'd imagine. A key position for me is a winger though as they've failed to replace Matt Ritchie since his untimely departure to Bournemouth back in January - a switch though which helped the club to remain in business.

Famous Fans



SWINDON MAY BE A PLACE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION COULDN'T LOCATE ON A MAP, BUT THERE FOOTBALL CLUB HAS ATTRACTED A DECENT NUMBER OF CELEBRITY FOLLOWERS, WRITES ADAM HANCOCK.

Jamie Cullen is one of the club's most recognisable followers. The singer-songwriter has followed in the footsteps of his father by regularly attending games at The County Ground.

Cullum is best known for his jazz-pop music (answers on a postcard) and also his style and charisma whilst

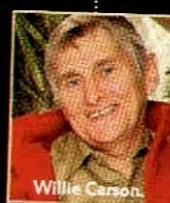
playing the piano. He also has his own weekly Jazz show on BBC Radio 2.

In 2010 Cullum married former model Sophie Dahl. She has been spotted at The County Ground with Jamie, taking in the odd League One match.

If the Swindon Town marketing department are looking for a way to boost season ticket sales, then a picture of Sophie Dahl at the County Ground might just boost sales from the male population.

Moving on and it's to the world of horse racing which we turn. Former jockey turned television pundit Willie Carson is another Swindon Town supporter.

Best known for being the short bloke stood next to Clare Balding on the BBC, Carson was a five times British



Willie Carson.

Champion Jockey.

His spectacular horse racing career led him to becoming an OBE in 1983 and a team captain on A Question of Sport. Personally I'm not sure which is the bigger honour.

Carson is a huge Swindon fan and was chairman of the club for six years. His reign ended in 2007 and, somewhat predictably, an appearance on I'm a Celebrity get me out of here followed in December 2011.

Moving from Willie Carson to a blonde bombshell isn't the easiest link to make, so I won't try to be witty, instead I'll leave you with the news that former model and television presenter Melinda Messenger is another Swindon Town fan. That could be another coup for the Swindon marketing team.



HAVING GUARANTEED A TOP SIX SPOT LAST WEEKEND, IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF THE SWINDON TOWN PLAYERS TOOK THEIR FOOT OFF THE GAS THIS AFTERNOON, WRITES ALEX RENSHAW.

But that is certainly not the message being put across as the Robins look to gather momentum for the end of season play-offs.

Swindon will be looking for their third win in three games today after convincing victories on home turf against Crewe and Stevenage and as club captain Alan McCormack told the club's official website, the players have every intention of extending that winning streak here at Glanford Park.

"The most important thing is to go into the play-offs on a good run as that will set a standard for the other teams to match.

"Over the last few years it's usually been the case that the team that goes into the play-offs in good form tends to go on and win it so the lads are raring to go and we'll certainly be looking for some momentum.

"Mathematically we can still reach fourth place which means we can still dictate whether we play at home in the first leg or the second leg.

"It would be nice to play at home in the second leg but the most important thing is to go into the tie with a win."

Since taking the managerial reins from Paolo Di Canio in February, Kevin Macdonald has helped the club to make their play-off place dream a reality with a succession of fine results and performances.

The former Aston Villa and Republic of Ireland assistant manager is currently undertaking his first role as the main man in the dugout and he too is adamant that momentum will be the key to a

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successful play-off campaign.

He said: "It's very important to go into the play-offs with some momentum and we have to go into it with that little bit more confidence that everybody else seems to have.

"Their (the players) heads were down for a little while but that's all part of being a coach and being a manager because you have to get



those players back up and firing on all cylinders again.

"But that confidence should be there all the time because you don't stay consistently in the top six places of the league unless you are one of the best teams in the league.

"It doesn't bother me at all who we get in the play-offs because, as I've said all along, we're as good as anybody in this league so we have nothing to fear.

"I don't think the tie will be over until the last minute of the second leg because all of the teams in the play-off picture are very similar in terms of ability and I think it will just come down to who gets that little bit of luck.

"We've had a look at the contract situation with a few people but part of it will depend on which division we're in so it's up to the players to focus and try to get us over that line in the play-offs."

Meanwhile, 18-year-old forward Connor Waldon made his professional debut last weekend as a late substitute in Swindon's 3-0 win against Stevenage at the County Ground.

Born and bred in the Town and a Reds fan to boot, Waldon was ecstatic to have made his maiden appearance for the club.

He commented: "It was the best feeling of my life and the whole experience has just been amazing.

"I've been working hard in training and now I've got my chance so all I can do is continue to keep pushing like every other player does.

"The manager told me to work hard and enjoy it which I did and now I just want to go out there and play week in, week out.

"The fact that we managed to secure a Play-Off place as well as just amazing and it really was a great day all round."

Aiming for play-off form

Visiting captain Alan McCormack provides the visiting view this afternoon.



BETTING



TO WIN

Scunthorpe	5/2
Draw	Evens
Swindon	2/1

SCUNTHORPE WIN

1-0	8/1
2-0	13/2
2-1	10/1
3-0	16/1
3-1	16/1
3-2	25/1

SWINDON WIN

0-1	4/1
0-2	7/1
1-2	8/1
0-3	15/2

DRAW

0-0	5/2
1-1	11/2
2-2	14/1

FOREIGN LEGION

WE CONTINUE A SEASON-LONG FEATURE TODAY AS WE PROFILE THE LEGENDARY (AND NOT SO LEGENDARY) STARS OF SWINDON TOWN, WRITES NATHANIEL HOLLAND.

TWO GOOD...

RORY FALLON

Current Aberdeen striker Fallon played at the County Ground between 2003 and 2006, scoring 25 goals in that period. The New Zealand international played for his country at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa and he has represented numerous teams in the UK that include Barnsley, Swansea, Plymouth and Ipswich. Fallon signed for the Robins in November 2003 from Barnsley and he bagged his first goal in a 3-2 defeat to Plymouth. Andy King was the man that brought Fallon to the club and the Gisborne born striker scored seven goals including a brace against Luton. Many fans will also remember his overhead kick from the edge of the area against Bristol City to earn Town a 1-1 draw in Division Two (now League One). Fallon struggled during the 2004-05 season and after only scoring four goals in 33 games he was loaned to Yeovil where he scored on his debut against the Iron. The following season, however, Fallon hit 14 goals by January 2006 and was soon snapped up by promotion chasing Swansea City for £300,00. He added a further five goals that season finishing with 19 in one season, a personal best.

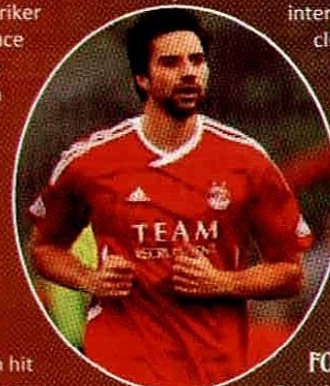
JAN AAGE FJORTOFT

Former Norway international Fjortoft signed for Swindon in July 1993, when the Robins were part of the newly formed Premier League. At first, the Norwegian struggled to adapt to the English game as Town were struggling to stay in England's top flight but a rich run of form hit the 6ft 3in forward and he managed 13 goals in the final 17



Former Norway international Fjortoft signed for Swindon in July 1993, when the Robins were part of the newly formed Premier League.

games of the season, including a hat-trick versus Coventry, where his trademark Aeroplane celebration was born. Unfortunately this was not enough to keep John Gorman's men in the Premier League. Fjortoft returned back from the USA World Cup in 1994 and continued his goal scoring form, netting 26 goals in Division One (now the Championship). This included nine goals in the League Cup helping Town reach the semi-final. His scintillating form attracted interest from a host of Premier League clubs and he was soon on his way to Middlesbrough for £1,300,000 in 1995. In total he scored 39 goals in 87 games in two seasons at the County Ground and has since had spells at Sheffield United and Barnsley and has cost a total of £3,700,000 in transfer fees in a career that spanned 16 years.



ONE BAD...

FOLA ONIBUJI

Dennis Wise signed the current Tooting & Mitcham striker following a successful spell at Cambridge United. The Nigerian born forward scored 2 goals in 16 games in a four-month spell in the 2006-07 season. He scored his first goal for the club in a 1-1 draw with Notts County in League Two before adding his final goal in a 2-1 win over Shrewsbury Town. With poor form he was sent on loan to League One Brentford until January, failing to score for the Bees before dropping back to League Two with a permanent transfer to Wycombe. He has since had a spell at Accrington before dropping into non-league.





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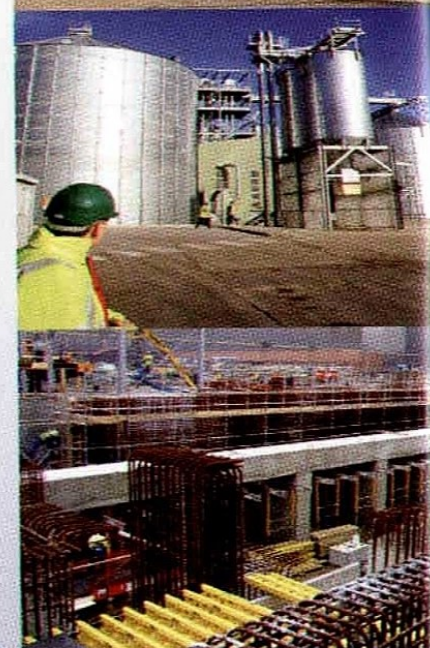
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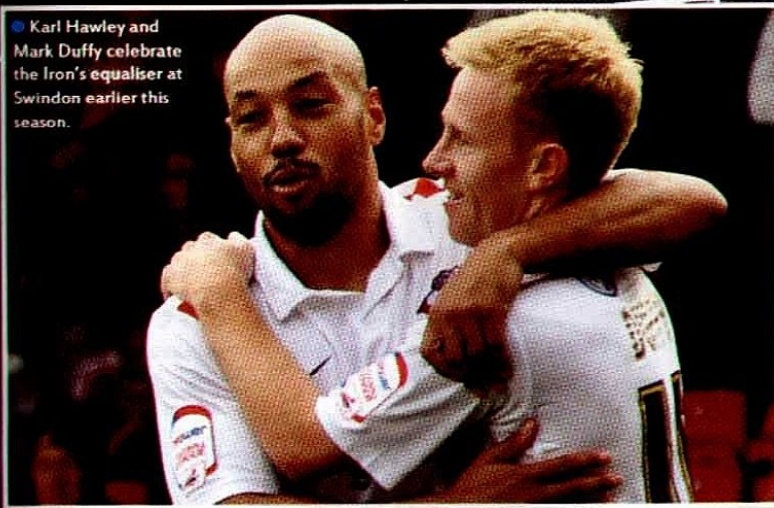
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● Karl Hawley and Mark Duffy celebrate the Iron's equaliser at Swindon earlier this season.



TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE SEASON, ONE THAT IRON FANS WILL RIGHTLY WANT TO FORGET, BUT HOPEFULLY IT CAN FINISH ON A HIGH WITH SURVIVAL CLINCHED, WRITES AIDAN MCCARTNEY.

Hopefully we'll be able to do the business on the field to ensure League One football next season. Today opponents Swindon are desperate to get out of the league and after securing the lottery of play-off football in the next few weeks stand a good chance. The Iron earned a hard fought 1-1 draw at the County Ground earlier this season thanks to a equaliser from Karl Hawley after James Collins had given the home side an early lead.

ROBINS LEGEND...

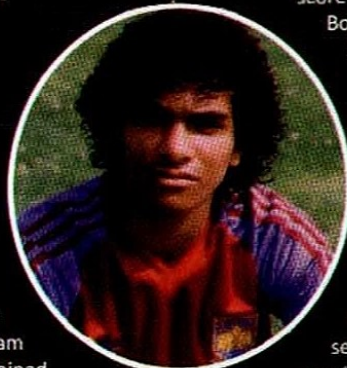
FRANK BURROWS

Burrows began his career at Raith



Rovers where he played for three seasons before he moved south to England and the Old Show Ground with Scunthorpe in 1965. The tough tackling defender impressed for the Iron in the heart of defence during his two years with the club before he joined Swindon Town in 1968 for £12,000. He went on make nearly 300 league appearances for the Robins and during his first successful year with the club was

responsible for promotion and winning the league cup. After eight years at Swindon as a player, he moved into the backroom staff in 1975/76, when he became the first team coach. After then, he joined Portsmouth, firstly as an assistant before becoming manager.



The Iron earned a hard fought 1-1 draw at the County Ground earlier this season thanks to a equaliser from Karl Hawley after James Collins had given the home side an early lead.

From there, he managerial spells at Swansea, West Ham, Cardiff and West Brom.

SKILFUL WINGER...

BOBBY BARNES

Barnes came through the ranks at Upton Park and went to play over 300 times for the Hammers during his six year spell with the club. He turned professional in 1980 and scored on his league debut against Watford to make the right impression. He had an extended run in the first team before falling out of favour in November 1985 when he was shipped out on-loan to Scunthorpe. He made 6 starts for the Iron but failed to

score and soon return to the Boleyn Ground. In March 1986 he was to end his ties with West Ham after signing for Aldershot for a fee of £15,000. His career took an upward spiral as he helped the shots to promotion in 1987. His form led Swindon to pay £50,000 for his services, with Steve Berry moving in the other direction. Barnes impressed for



the Robins, scoring 13 goals in his 52 appearances for the club before joining Bournemouth in March 1989 for double the fee Swindon had paid, around £110,000. However it didn't work out for Barnes at Dean Court and he soon moved to Northampton. He netted 37 times in 98 league games for the Cobblers as he established himself as a key player. Financial problems saw him depart the club in 1992 for Peterborough. Spells in Scotland followed before he moved to Hong Kong. He is now a member of the PFA.

NORTH EAST LAD...

ALAN SPROATES

After being brought in the North East, Sproates moved to Swindon from Sunderland at the age of 19. He spent two years at the County Ground but after two years where he played only a handful of games, the 21-year-old moved to

Darlington in 1965. Alan remained with the Quakers until the end of the 1973-74 season after making over 300 league starts for the club although he spent the summer of 1972 playing in the North American League with Miami Toros. In 1974 he finally left Darlo to sign for Scunthorpe at the start of the 1975 season but he only spent one campaign with the Iron, making 24 appearances before he was off globe-trotting again. This time he moved to the Australia with the Ukrainian Sport Club Lions played in Adelaide. He then emigrated to America to play out the rest of his career and he now lives in California.



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AN EXTREMELY QUICK GETAWAY AFTER WORK SAW US ON THE ROAD BY 4PM AND HEADING TOWARDS SCUNTHORPE TO CATCH THE MOTORWAY, WRITES **DONNA WRIGHT**.

We found ourselves on the same route we had taken just over a week ago when we travelled to Preston.

This time, however, it was rush hour when we hit the M62 and all its roadworks, meaning we came to a standstill for quite some time and the journey took us much longer than we had hoped.

Having set off so promptly though we still made it to the ground with time to spare.

A quick bag check later (the most threatening content being a packet of Tic Tacs!) and £17 lighter I was inside Gigg Lane.

With no time to stop for tea on the way I was feeling ravenous so I tucked in to a piping hot cheese and onion pasty before finding a seat.

As soon as I made my way to our stand I remembered having visited last season due to the unusual shape of the pitch. If you choose to sit on the first few rows you are, in fact, below the pitch and it looks bowed, which makes it difficult to see the goal at the far end. I chose to sit a few rows back and settled in to my seat, hoping to cheer on the boys to a much needed victory.

In no time at all it was time for the game to begin. Both teams came out fighting, which made for quite an unsettled start. Even more unsettling was the untimely departure of Niall Canavan when he had to be substituted due to an injury very early on.

The Iron continued to fight and were soon on top though and looked the better of the two teams.

This continued for much of the first half and they were rewarded for their tenacity when Karl Hawley found the back of the net from a superb cross from Mark Duffy. 1-0 at half time.

Hoping to push on from a great start



the fans were really behind the boys, singing and cheering them on. This changed as the game wore on, however, as the fighting performance of the first half seemed to be waning. Knowing how much we needed to keep the lead, the fans were fearful of the danger looming as Bury seemed to pick up the pace.

Sadly, their efforts were rewarded in the 68th minute when they equalised. Just two minutes later Nicky Ajose, a former Iron player, put Bury in the lead.

It was very frustrating to see our hopes slipping away, along with the lead, which is why I think some disgruntled supporters chose to leave the ground early.

However, I have never left a game before the final whistle and I don't intend to start now. I watched the remainder of the match willing the boys to score but it wasn't to be and the game ended 2-1 to Bury.

With only two matches left and sitting five points adrift of our nearest rival

both the boys and the fans are going to have to dig deep and pull together...and with a little bit of luck you never know. Up the Iron!

PROGRAMME REVIEW

"WHITE & BLUE REVIEW" WAS BURY'S PROGRAMME, WRITES LUI WRIGHT.

On the front cover it looked quite cluttered and I didn't like the white, blue and red colour scheme but that is just personal preference. On the inside the colour scheme carried on but it looked a lot less cluttered and was in columns that were in bubbles. The articles though were good, varied and interesting. I particularly liked "The Football League Paper" as it is something different from most programmes and was a good read.

"In Opposition" was quite a long section with a lot of good writing although I didn't like the way the player facts were sorted out. This is because they are usually all in their own boxes but this time they were in two columns and were all jumbled together so it was difficult to see where one ended.

Programme editor: Gordon Sorfleet.
Value for your £3.00: 7/10.



AWAY DAY RATINGS



THE JOURNEY...

Method of travel: Fiat 500.

Departure time: 4pm - a quick getaway after work.

Journey: One of the worst journeys we have encountered with stop start traffic for several miles on the M62.

Finding the ground: Apple maps coupled with street signs.

THE GROUND...

Admission: Adult - £17.

United fans: 150-200 fans, I would guess, made the long evening trek to Bury.

Fans' behaviour: A good supportive crowd in the first half which sadly turned against the team as the game wore on.

Attitude of police/stewards: Friendly.

State of ground: A well worn pitch in places but stand in good condition, with plenty of legroom between rows of seats.

View from the away end: A good overall view providing you sit a few rows back, otherwise you appear to be sat below pitch level.

Food/drink facilities: Usual fare, including piping hot cheese and onion pasties at £3.00 each.

THE MATCH...

General: A promising first half with both teams fighting hard for the ball.

What impressed you most about

United?: Their determination in the first half.

United's star man: Matt Godden - another very good performance with some great interceptions.



BURY

Clarke-Harris 68, Ajose 70

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SCUNTHORPE UNITED

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Hawley 45

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UNITED WERE DEFEATED 2-1 AWAY AT ALREADY RELEGATED BURY. KARL HAWLEY GAVE THE IRON THE LEAD MOMENTS BEFORE HALF-TIME, BUT THE HOSTS HIT BACK IN THE SECOND PERIOD, WRITES LAURA WARBURTON.

TEAMSHEETS...

Bury: Belford, Eastham, Hughes, Regan, Worrall (C), Carrington, Thompson, Soares, Mezague, Ajose, Clarke-Harris.

Substitutes not used: Healy, Pratt.

Scunthorpe United: Johansen, Nolan, Canavan (Mirfin, 11), Reid (C), Newey, Ryan, Duffy, Collins, Forde (Grella, 68), Godden, Hawley (Sodje, 70).

Substitutes not used: Slocombe, Ribeiro, Gibbons, Alabi.

NEWSFLASH...

The Iron started with the same line-up that drew at home to Walsall, with Karl Hawley and Matt Godden again leading the Scunthorpe attack.

Bury made two changes from the defeat against Oldham, with Carl Regan and Valery Mezague coming in.

KEY MOMENTS...

2 Min: Scunthorpe got off to a quick start, pressurising Bury straight away, and Karl Hawley turned and shot straight at Cameron Belford.

7 Min SUB: Paul Reid's cross was headed goalwards by Niall Canavan, but the defender ended up with a broken nose for his troubles and had to be replaced by David Mirfin.

18 Min: Mark Duffy cut in on the right and whizzed in a shot which Belford had to parry for an Iron corner.

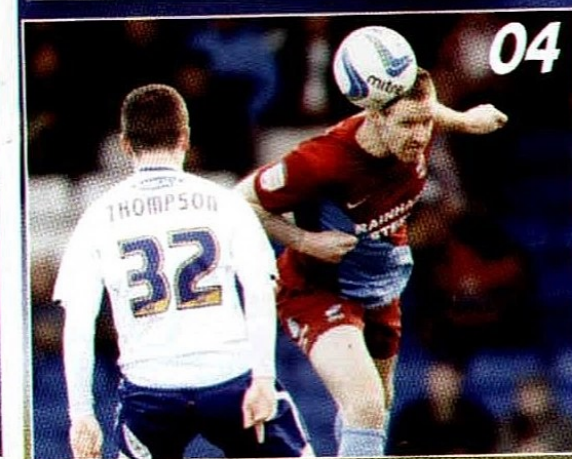
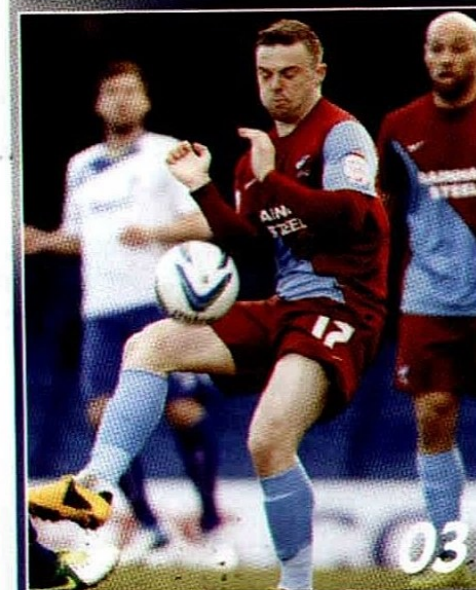
22 Min: United came close again when Hawley's close range effort was blocked after some good wide play from the visitors to set him up.

24 Min: Matt Godden beat the offside trap to be played through one-on-one, but his volley past the onrushing Belford went wide.

26 Min: Godden was again played in behind, but this time found Hawley alongside him, whose deflected effort was saved by Belford.

30 Min: Bury started to create chances, and Mark Carrington's low drive was blocked, whilst Tom Soares effort from distance went well wide.

45 Min, GOAL: Duffy floated in a free kick from the right which Hawley



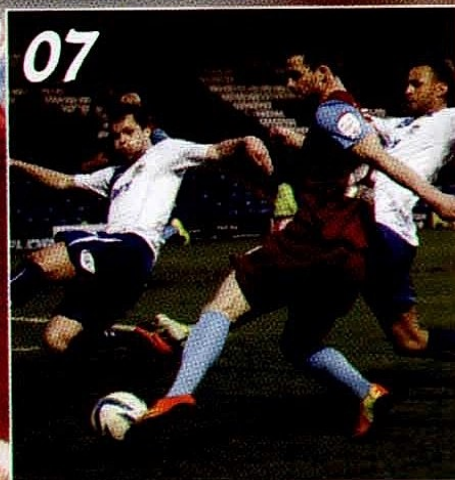


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BONUS CONTENT

Scan this QR code to hear Michael Collins talk after the defeat at Bury.



headed delicately into the net for his eighth goal of the season.

53 Min: The Iron looked to extend their lead and almost did when good work from Godden and Hawley set up Duffy, but he drilled his shot wide.

68 Min, GOAL: Bury found an equaliser when Jonson Clarke-Harris fired a sublime free kick beyond everyone and into the net from the edge of the box.

70 Min, GOAL: Bury's comeback was complete just minutes later when Carrington played in Nicky Ajose, who slotted through the legs of Eirik Holmen Johansen.

82 Min: Ajose had a chance to extend the home side's lead, but fired his shot wide after being played through.

THE FINAL WORD...

Brian Laws: "We missed some

great opportunities to really kill the game and this has been the story of our season so far. It'll be a miracle if we stay up. We really folded in the second half and we have to be a lot better than that if we are to stay up and survive at this level. We have to keep going and have another big game at MK Dons next."

Peter Shirtliff: "I'm a big believer that the way you finish one season is how you start the next one, so hopefully we can finish on a high. It is a consolation but I'm pleased for the players because they've tried hard all season."

MATCH STATS...

	BFC	SUFC
Shots:	13	13
Shots on target:	8	8
Corners:	3	5
Possession:	51%	49%
Fouls:	8	11

PHOTOS...

01. Niall Canavan breaks his nose in the early stages.
02. Karl Hawley tries to get in an early shot.
03. Matt Godden tries to block a Shakers clearance.
04. Paul Reid pounces to clear the ball with his head.
05. Matt Godden looks to run on to a throughball.
06. Jimmy Ryan in the heat of the midfield battle.
07. Anthony Forde tries to beat two men down the left.
08. Karl Hawley celebrates his goal.
09. Brian Laws cuts a frustrated figure on the touchline.

See extended match highlights on...



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The Player of the Year Awards will take place on Monday evening and more than 150 guests will be attending.

Presentations on the evening cover a whole range of supporters and groups, but the main Ernie Storey Award, is given to the player of the season as selected by the fans.

Scunthorpe's two new shirts for next season will be on display, and for anyone who has sponsored the players' match kit, they will be available on Monday for collection.

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OUR LAST WEEKEND AWAY OF THE SEASON... I CANNOT BELIEVE IT HAS COME ROUND SO QUICKLY. WE DECIDED TO LET THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON TRAFFIC GET OUT OF THE WAY AND SET OFF AFTER TEA. IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SMART MOVE AS WE HAD A VERY CLEAR RUN, ARRIVING IN DUNSTABLE, OUR HOME FOR THE WEEKEND, IN JUST TWO AND HALF HOURS - TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO!), WRITES **DONNA WRIGHT**.

On Saturday morning we drove the short distance in to Milton Keynes ready to hit the shops.

After all it is the awards dinner in just over a week so a new dress needed to be bought! Unusually for me I bought the first dress I saw.

Very unusual actually as I normally traipse round all the shops before returning to buy the first one I saw. My husband and son were no doubt relieved! I even bought new shoes - the first pair I saw too - so it was a very productive morning.

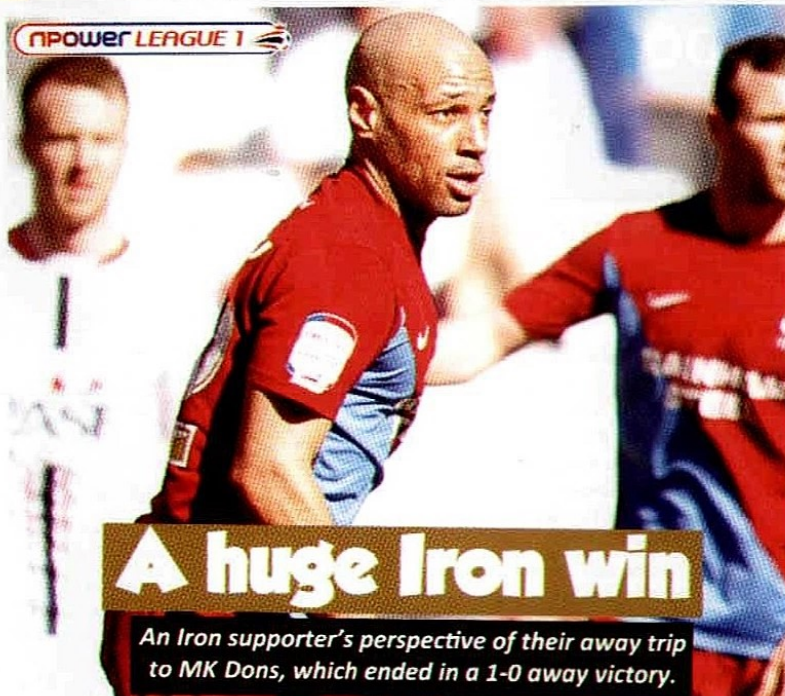
Feeling rather pleased with how the day was panning out, I was full of optimism for the match so without further ado we made our way to Stadium MK, home of MK Dons.

After the usual mandatory bag check we made our way to our padded seats, where we enjoyed our sushi in the sunshine while watching the boys warm up for the penultimate time this season.

With the sun beating down on us we waited for the referee to blow his whistle...game on!

The teams began very evenly matched, with neither really taking a hold of the game.

With our hosts pushing for a promotion playoff place and The Iron



A huge Iron win

An Iron supporter's perspective of their away trip to MK Dons, which ended in a 1-0 away victory.

fighting to avoid relegation it was understandable.

This nervous style of play continued for most of the first half but I did feel that Scunthorpe looked the better of the two teams and their perseverance to push forward and attack was rewarded when Karl Hawley put the ball into the back of their net just before half time.

As delighted as the travelling band of loyal supporters were it made for a nervous second half as it was reminiscent of the match at Bury last Tuesday.

All credit to our players though as MK Dons continued to attack, and made several substitutions in their bid to score, the boys were resolute and defended consistently. They received their just rewards when the referee blew the final whistle and the game ended 1-0.

Listening to fans after the match, I am pleased to report that they are every bit as optimistic as me. We only need

to win the last remaining game by two goals, providing our closest rival loses, so come on let's get behind the boys for the last time this season. Up the Iron!

PROGRAMME REVIEW

"RED DOT" WAS MILTON KEYNES' PROGRAMME WHICH ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKED LARGER THAN YOUR STANDARD PROGRAMME AND ALSO HAD A NICE CLEAR LAYOUT, WRITES LUI WRIGHT.

It contained a lot of very good articles and I didn't find a single mistake within it. I also found one of the things they are doing over summer very interesting, which is renting out the pitch so fans can play on it. I think is a good idea and it will get them some extra money at £46.00 a head.

I think that the Scunthorpe section was good as well because it contained some interesting articles although it was just the standard things that you get in every programme.

Programme editor: Simone Corgan.
Value for your £3.00: 8.5/10.



AWAY DAY RATINGS



THE JOURNEY...

Method of travel: Fiat 500.

Departure time: 6:15pm Friday evening.

Journey: A really good run down the A1 and across the A421 to arrive in just 2 1/2 hours.

Finding the ground: Google maps.

THE GROUND...

Admission: Adult - £20, Junior - £5.00.

United fans: Three coach loads plus independent travellers.

Fans' behaviour: A good supportive crowd throughout today.

Attitude of police/stewards: Friendly.

State of ground: My favourite away ground with padded seats!

View from the away end: A great overall view.

Food/drink facilities: A good range including cheeseburgers (with salad garnish!), hot dogs, bacon butties, pies and pasties plus hot and cold drinks and snacks...all at reasonable prices.

THE MATCH...

General: While it was not the prettiest game I have seen Scunthorpe play, they were certainly the better of the two teams and it was a well earned three points.

What impressed you most about United?: Their determination to keep the ball out of the back of our net.

United's star man: Jimmy Ryan - he seemed to be every where on the pitch this afternoon.

Referee: 8/10. Fair throughout.





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S CUNTHORPE RECORDED A 1-0 VICTORY AT MILTON KEYNES DONS TO TAKE THEIR RELEGATION BATTLE DOWN TO THE FINAL DAY OF THE SEASON THROUGH KARL HAWLEY'S GOAL, WRITES LAURA WARBURTON.

TEAMSHEETS...

Milton Keynes Dons: McLoughlin, Otsemobor (Lowe, 61), Doumbe (Lines, 81), Kay, Williams (W), Gleeson (C), Potter, Powell, Chadwick (McLeod, 82), Bowditch, Bamford.

Substitutes not used: Smith, Baldock, Galloway.

Scunthorpe United: Slocombe, Ribeiro, Mirfin, Reid (C) (W), Newey, Ryan, Duffy, Collins, Forde, Godden (Alabi, 76), Hawley.

Substitutes not used: Johansen, Howe, Gibbons, Hornsey, Grella, Adelakun.

NEWSFLASH...

The Iron made three changes from the defeat at Bury, with Sam Slocombe returning in goal ahead of Eirik Holmen Johansen, David Mirfin starting ahead of Niall Canavan who misses out with a broken nose, and Christian Ribeiro replacing Eddie Nolan.

KEY MOMENTS...

1 Min: MK Dons had the first chance of the game when Patrick Bamford's low drive forced Sam Slocombe into a save.

14 Min: The home side were dominating and Jon Otsemobor headed narrowly over the bar as they looked to take advantage.

20 Min: Scunthorpe had their first attempt when Anthony Forde set up Mark Duffy, whose shot was deflected over the crossbar.

23 Min: Shortly afterwards Forde found

Duffy again, and this time Ian McLoughlin had to tip his effort round the post.

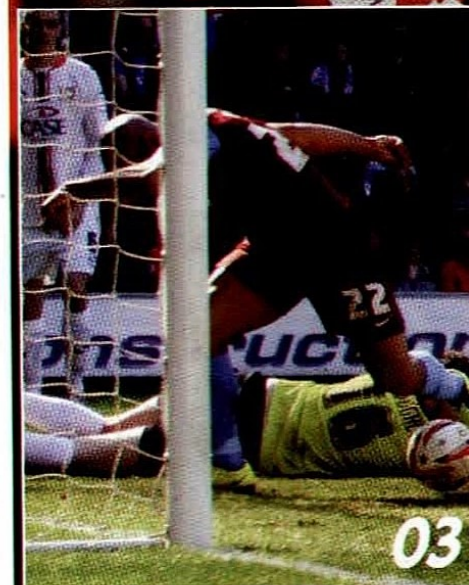
30 Min: Bamford received the ball in a dangerous area for the Dons, but his shot was straight at Slocombe.

41 Min, GOAL: The Iron took the lead just before half time when Jimmy Ryan outmuscled his defender to send in a low cross which Karl Hawley bundled in from close range.

47 Min: The home side came out for the second half with more impetus, and Slocombe did well to deny Shaun Williams, before Otsemobor volleyed over from the subsequent corner.

53 Min: Slocombe was finding himself busy on his return to the team, and made a fine double save to deny first Daniel Powell and then Dean Bowditch.

70 Min: The Iron goalkeeper was on





BONUS CONTENT

Scan this QR code to hear Karl Hawley react to the win at MK Dons.



hand once more as he made a great close range save to stop Ryan Lowe from scoring.

80 Min: The Dons were desperately trying to find a way past Slocombe, but he was in fine form to make further saves from Darren Potter's powerful drive and then when Luke Chadwick cut inside to shoot.

85 Min: A rare Iron attack saw them unlucky not to double their lead when McLoughlin fumbled a kick which Forde latched onto, and his low and hard shot cannoned back off the post.

89 Min: Scunthorpe counter-attacked, with James Alabi finding Karl Hawley in space, but his shot was diverted just wide by the keeper.

THE FINAL WORD...

Brian Laws: "It's got to be



classed as an important win for us for sure. Great credit to the players because coming in to this game it was a must win. We are still in with a shout, we've still got a little bit of fight left in us and hopefully we can get a huge crowd behind us on Saturday against Swindon."

Karl Robinson: "It's a reality check for a lot of people. Second half we were alright. We completely dominated the game and probably should have got back on level terms, but the first half has let us all down I think. For me today, we've let the fans down today."

MATCH STATS...

	MKD	SUFC
Shots:	12	4
Shots on target:	6	3
Corners:	10	3
Possession:	57%	43%
Fouls:	7	17

PHOTOS...

01. Mark Duffy embarks on a first half run forward.
02. Paul Reid climbs to head the ball across goal.
03. Karl Hawley bundles his side into the lead from close range.
04. The striker wheels away in celebration after netting his side's goal.
05. Karl Hawley and Matt Godden celebrate.
06. James Alabi chases as his side put on some late pressure.
07. Anthony Forde takes the ball down the left flank.
08. Tom Newey tries to keep the ball by the byline late on.
09. Jimmy Ryan gives the Iron fans the thumbs-up.

See extended match highlights on...

THE IRON Player





FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE IRON'S YOUTH TEAM CAMPAIGN, WHICH SAW UNITED PLAY EXCELLENT FOOTBALL AND FINISH THIRD IN THE LEAGUE TABLE, ACADEMY MANAGER TONY DAWS SAT DOWN TO GIVE HIS THOUGHTS ON HOW THE SEASON HAD GONE, WRITES ADAM GRICE.

Overall Tony, how do you think this season has gone?

It has gone really well and I am delighted with the outcomes at the end of this season for numerous reasons. There is no doubt about the fact that for the vast majority of the season, we have played some excellent, attractive football, scoring 50 goals in 26 games and managing to keep six clean sheets throughout the season. The team has been the youngest that I have ever put out with three under sixteen boys and one under fifteen boy playing in the under eighteens in almost every game. On top of that we have finished in third place which is the highest placing in the league that we ever had achieved. With four games to go we were away at Hull City and before the kick-off we all knew that if we won the game we had a chance of winning the league. We were 1-0 up with 10 minutes left and we were playing some outstanding football. Unfortunately we were beaten 2-1 when we deserved to win the game. I feel that if we had won that game it would have put us in a really strong position to challenge for the league title and being in that situation was a great achievement with such a young and inexperienced team. Ultimately our main aim is to get at least one boy signed professionally at the end of each season. We are fortunate enough that the club are signing three this year so that is something that we can be really positive about and I hope that the boys continue to work hard and strive to achieve their goals. We have some excellent young players coming through the Academy. Hakeeb Adelakun has already become the youngest player ever to play for the club making his debut away at Tranmere over the Christmas period at only sixteen years of age. Jamie Wootton made his Football League debut at home to the best team in the league Bournemouth in early December and most recently Luke Hornsey has been called up to the bench. We have a good group of first years moving in to year two of their apprenticeship and we have an outstanding group of school leavers set to join us full time in July. I am very pleased and positive about the progress being made in the Academy and I feel that we are in a position to supply players to the first team more than ever before.

What are your views on the three players that have been given professional contracts?

Youth development officer Tony Daws reacts to the way the season has gone.



Delighted with the progress

Following the conclusion of the youth team season, we caught up with Academy Manager Tony Daws to discuss how it has gone.

I am very proud of all three of them. They have all worked really hard over the last two years and they are all different types of players, we have one coming through from each unit of the team. George, at left-back, has really developed a lot towards the end of the season. He is very difficult to play against or to get past, technically he is very good. The defensive side of his game - one-on-one - has really come on and improved. On top of that he has shown that he is good at getting forward and supporting attacks from wide areas. He has been the silent player really, not getting the reviews for scoring but putting in steadily improving performances that put him in a position to challenge for a contract. Luke Hornsey in central midfield has done really well this season. Physically he is right up there; he is quick, strong and agile. Luke has a very good engine and he can run all day penalty box to penalty box. He is technically very good and this season Luke has added a lot to his game particularly developing the ability to be able to run with the ball and burst through the opponent's midfield. Then we have Jamie

Wootton who has always had the ability to score goals right through the Academy age groups. This season Jamie has improved his game understanding and his work ethic. By Christmas he had scored 20 goals in as many games and I think that if he had continued playing in the youth team after Christmas he would have probably ended up with 30 or 35 goals. We sent Jamie out on loan to Frickley Athletic to get some first time experience playing men's football and to 'rough him up' which will stand him in a really good stead for the years to come.

The last few weeks must have been encouraging for you with Niall Canavan and Matt Godden getting in the team on a regular basis?

Niall and Matt both came through from the same crop of players that we had four years ago. The good thing was that Niall played 15 times in the Championship. For a young former youth team player to come through and play at that level against sides that included international players is an achievement in itself.

What has been good since Brian and Russ came back to the club is that they have given Niall the confidence and the opportunity to play week-in-week-out. He is now challenging the more senior players like Paul Reid and David Mirfin in terms of trying to be one of the first names on the team sheet. I think Niall's performances before his broken nose were a positive, he has managed to score six goals this season and he was beginning to develop the potential that he always had as a youth team player. Matt Godden has always been able to score goals; he has just never been given the opportunity before to do it in the first team. He is the best goal scorer that I have ever worked with and now his opportunity may have come. Matt has an excellent attitude, he works hard on the pitch and on the training pitch to improve his game and once he 'finds his feet' in the Football League and scores his first goal, I have no doubt that he will bang the goals in on a regular basis. Hopefully he will become one of the first team regulars at this football club.



HIS WEEK ON OUR OFFICIAL TWITTER SITES, @SUFCOFFICIAL AND @THEIRONPROG, WE'VE BEEN ASKING YOU TO SEND THE PLAYERS YOUR GOOD LUCK MESSAGES AHEAD OF TODAY'S GAME.

@braithwaite96_ says:
good luck tweet to all the lads against swindon! Hope the dench james alabi gets an appearance & gets on the score sheet! #UTI

@rayner_69 says:
good luck lads lets go get the 3 points 1st and worry about other games after #Believe league1 survival here we come #uptheiron

@scunnyoz13 says:
Let's finish this off together

@tomwalkeden says:
Good luck to the boys. hoping for a big turnout and a big performance. Up The Iron!! We can stay up #Believe

@st3ino says:
The Norwegian @SUFCOfficial fans are praying for a miracle! With a packed park everything can happen! #uti #believe

@sharonthesheep says:
good luck scunny we know you can do it.
@steveH1972 xxx

@iamthegibson says:
Just as many of us began to give up you gave us that hope most Iron fans did not think was possible. We #believe. Do us proud!

@RGrimbleyby says:
get the 3 points & hopefully stay up with a @Jimmy_Ryan7 hatrick!

@Matt_Watchorn says:
Good luck lads. Concentrate on your own game not anybody elses! #believe #stayingup

@kerrylee23 says:
all the best too the players I will be at the mach on Saturday up the iron

@cliffmansam says:
All the best for the game lads, will be cheering up in Newcastle, UP THE IRON!

@mickhind7 says:
We may have been in Dire Straits most of the season but on Saturday we are all Brothers In Arms #PACKTHEPARK



Backin the Iron

@scunny2 says:
Don't stop believing. Stay Up, The Iron!!!

@scunny32 says:
As an ex Iron boss once said; "control the controllables". Get the win today lads and let fate do the rest. Good luck #believe

@LisaHolmes66 says:
good luck guys .. We were down but not out... You can win this .. #Believe UTI

@blaggster09 says:
c'mon Iron we worked so hard to get to where we have been the last nine years keep the dream going #uti #believe

@kalsingh1 says:
step forward and be counted for yourself, the club and the fans. We are Scunthorpe United. Time to unite #UTI #believe

@PeterO17 says:
Good luck Lads. Show class, have pride, display character and believe #uti

@natholland1 says:
come on the iron! Just got to believe and everything will be fine #UTI

@irongreeny180 says:
Good luck lads. All we ask today is you give your absolute all and we do our part. The rest is down to Carlisle! Good luck #UTI

@JohnHendo says:
Good luck to ALL the Iron players on Saturday, keep us in League One #UTI #believe

@naeemstevens says:
if we give up, the players will see that and give up themselves #believe

@JimPalmer38 says:
Dare to dream what seemed an impossible dream, we can do this #stayingup

@JakeWykes says:
Get behind the boys from start to finish we are the 12th man and got to show it! #Believe

@GaryDay2011 says:
"It's never over until the final whistle of the final game of the season" #Believe

@motiv822 says:
When you put on that shirt, the badge on the front is more important than the name on the back... Good Luck and Up the Iron

@scunnyoz13 says:
We've given ourselves a chance Now let's take it. Sing loud for the Iron

BOURNEMOUTH SECURED THEIR PROMOTION TO THE NPOWER CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER THEY BEAT CARLISLE 3-1 AND BRENTFORD COULD ONLY MANAGE A DRAW AGAINST HARTLEPOOL, WRITES KEV ROBINSON.

The Cherries dealt out a comprehensive victory which saw goals for Steve Cook, Harry Arter and Brett Pitman, as Lee Miller's 50th-minute effort for Carlisle proved only to be a consolation.

Bournemouth's return to the second tier after an absence of 23 years was confirmed later on in the day after third-placed Brentford failed to beat lowly Hartlepool in the late kick-off.

Hartlepool put Brentford under early pressure when Luke James scored the opening goal in the 25th minute but Marcello Trotta equalised for the Bees five minutes before the break.

However, it was not enough to stop Bournemouth, who have 82 points and are assured of a top-two finish as their nearest challengers Brentford and Doncaster meet in the final game of the season.

Doncaster could have sealed automatic promotion for themselves but they threw away the chance after losing 1-0 against Notts County.

The defeat, in which Joss Labadie scored the only goal in the 14th minute, saw Doncaster slip into second place, one point behind Bournemouth.

At the other end of the table, Scunthorpe boosted their slim chances of escaping from relegation with a 1-0 win at MK Dons.

Karl Hawley scored for the Iron in the 41st minute to leave them with a mathematical chance of avoiding the drop if they can beat Swindon, Colchester lose to Carlisle and they can engineer a three-goal swing in the last game of the season.

Portsmouth took the shine off Sheffield United's charge into the play-offs when they beat them 3-0 at Fratton Park.



"The Cherries dealt out a comprehensive victory which saw goals for Steve Cook, Harry Arter and Brett Pitman."

Shaun Cooper, David Connolly and Jed Wallace all scored in the first half to leave the Blades on the wrong end of a defeat, but they remain in sixth place with two games left to play.

Joe Edwards' first-minute goal for Yeovil saw them claim a 1-0 win over

Crewe, while fellow promotion hopefuls Swindon beat 10-man Stevenage 3-0.

Aden Flint opened the scoring for Swindon ahead of Stevenage striker Daniel Lopez's 39th-minute dismissal. Gary Roberts then increased Swindon's lead just after half-time before Flint added his second 17 minutes from time to complete the scoring.

Jean Yves Mvoto's last-minute goal for Oldham saw them climb their way to safety as they beat Crawley 2-1.

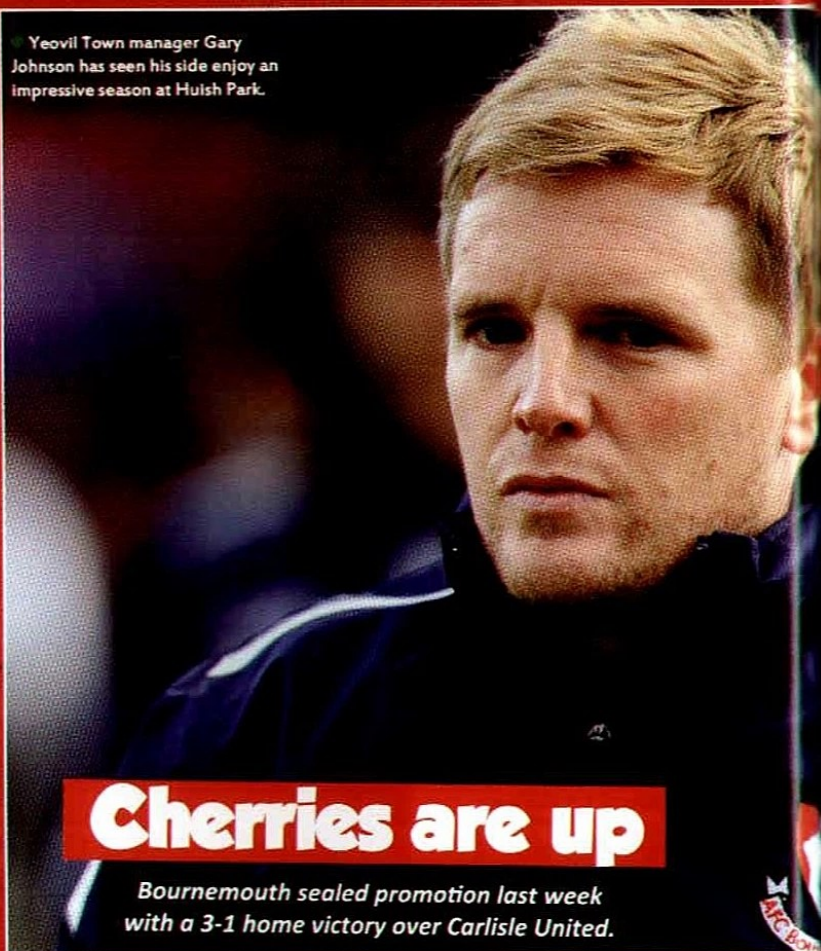
(Pictured centre) Matt Smith's 56th-minute strike was cancelled out by Crawley defender Mark Connolly's header midway through the second half, but Mvoto had the final word as Oldham moved clear of the bottom three.

Elsewhere, Preston beat Tranmere 1-0 thanks to Jeffrey Monakana's first-half stoppage time goal while Walsall drew 1-1 with bottom side Bury.

Febian Brandy opened the scoring for Walsall in the 22nd minute but a last-minute equaliser by Efe Sodje earned relegated Bury a point.

Meanwhile, Leyton Orient beat Coventry 1-0 thanks to Dean Cox's 45th-minute strike and Colchester drew 0-0 with Shrewsbury.

Yeovil Town manager Gary Johnson has seen his side enjoy an impressive season at Huish Park.



Cherries are up

Bournemouth sealed promotion last week with a 3-1 home victory over Carlisle United.

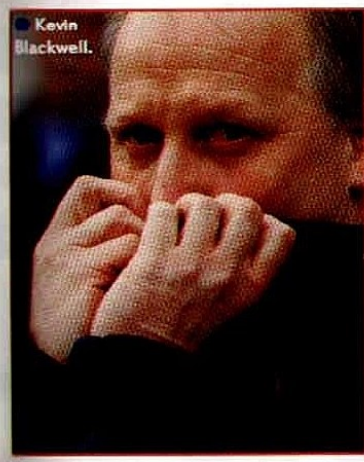
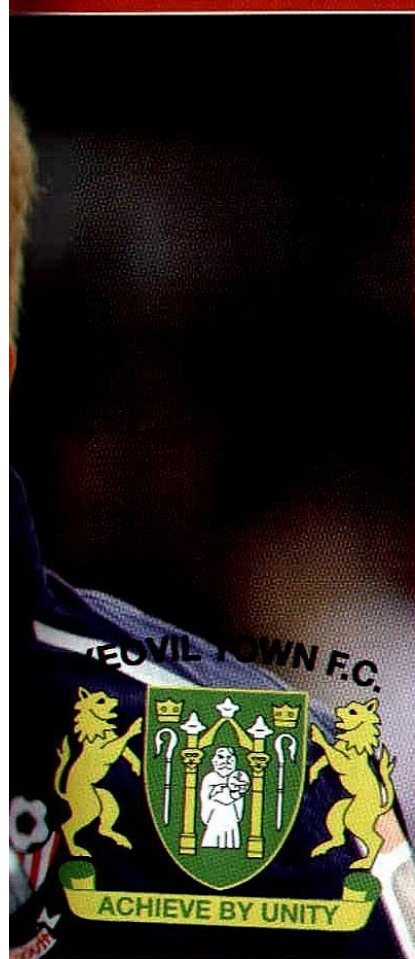
L1 NEWswire

> Kevin Blackwell has revealed he tendered his resignation when the scale of Bury's financial woes became apparent. The Shakers had their relegation confirmed by a 1-0 defeat to Oldham last Saturday - a result that came at the end of a week where the club's board made a public appeal for £1million of external funding to preserve their future. Blackwell was appointed manager at the end of September and told the Manchester Evening News he considered his future in the strongest terms when the first of two transfer embargoes were imposed

at Gigg Lane in early December.

> Colchester manager Joe Dunne admits his side are staring relegation in the face after a goalless home draw with Shrewsbury. The U's will go into the final game of the season at Carlisle today three points above the relegation zone, following fourth-bottom side United's win at MK Dons. Dunne said: "We're staring relegation in the face. It's a big week where you can either be a League Two player and disappear or a League One player and push on. It shouldn't go down to the last day of the season. I'm furious. We were lacklustre and let fear get in the way."





PORTSMOUTH CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST MATCH SINCE COMING OUT OF ADMINISTRATION BY BEATING PLAY-OFF CHASING SHEFFIELD UNITED 3-0 – A SYMBOLIC FIRST STEP TO RECOVERY AFTER 14 TURBULENT MONTHS.

The 2008 FA Cup winners had their relegation to League Two confirmed on Tuesday, but the supporters' trust takeover, completed on Friday, and the news that their 10-point deduction will be applied to this season's total rather than held over, gave the club a long-overdue feeling of optimism, which was reflected by a new plaque on display at the ground.

Shaun Cooper gave the home side the lead against United, David Connolly scored the second and Jed Wallace made it 3-0 with a six-yard finish.

Portsmouth's caretaker manager, Guy Whittingham, said: "We put in a lot of hard work and it paid off. I was



"Where he's going to go? I don't know. When he's going to go, I don't know either. I've had no enquiries but I'm sure something will come of that."

delighted for the fans who have backed us all season and it was a fantastic atmosphere. The players have worked so hard since we got this group together."

Greg Clarke, chairman of the Football League, said they would monitor the club's rebuilding process next season: "The supporters' trust have galvanised the club's fans and the city behind their cause.

However, the hard work is only just beginning and we will continue working with the new owners to help them establish a sustainable future."



TOP SCORERS

P Madden (Yeovil)	23
L Clarke (Coventry)	19
W Grigg (Walsall)	19
B Pitman (Bournemouth)	19
C Donaldson (Brentford)	18
K Lisbie (Leyton Orient)	16
J Collins (Swindon)	14
L Grabban (Bournemouth)	13
J Hayter (Yeovil)	13
B Paynter (Doncaster)	13
C Baker (Coventry)	12

MOST BOOKINGS

H Arter (Bournemouth)	11
J Dunne (Stevenage)	11
T McMahon (Sheff Utd)	11

MOST RED CARDS

A Kay (MK Dons)	3
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NPOWER LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES AND RESULTS

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AUGUST																																		
Tue 14	19:45	A Derby County	CAP1	D 5-5	-	4,724	200								2	1	1	SA	SA	1														
Sat 18	15:00	A Crawley Town	FL1	L 0-3	23	3,172	521											SA	SA															
Tue 21	19:45	H CREWE ALEXANDRA	FL1	L 1-2	24	3,215	189				SB					1		SA	SA										SB					
Sat 25	15:00	H YEEOVIL TOWN	FL1	L 0-4	24	3,279	113				SC			SB				SB	SA	SA									SC					
Tue 28	19:45	A Norwich City	CAP2	L 1-2	-	13,116	150				SA							SC	SB	SC	SB		1							SA				
SEPTEMBER																																		
Sat 1	15:00	A Hartlepool United	FL1	L 0-2	24	3,863	234							SA				SB	SA															
Tue 4	19:45	H NOTTS COUNTY	JPT1	L 1-2	-	1,153	152							SA				SB	SC	SA									SB					
Sat 8	15:00	H SHEFFIELD UNITED	FL1	D 1-1	24	5,533	2,322							SC		SA	1	SB	SC	SA									SB					
Sat 15	15:00	A Shrewsbury Town	FL1	W 1-0	21	5,623	278							SB		1			SA											SA				
Tue 18	19:45	A Oldham Athletic	FL1	D 1-1	21	2,969	178							SC		1		SB	SA											SA				
Sat 22	15:00	H COLCHESTER UNITED	FL1	W 1-0	18	3,133	80							SB		1			SA	SB										SA				
Sat 29	15:00	A Portsmouth	FL1	L 1-2	19	10,995	200	SA	SC							1		SC				SA											SB	
OCTOBER																																		
Tue 2	19:45	H TRANMERE ROVERS	FL1	L 1-3	22	2,768	238											SB	SA										1			SB		
Sat 6	15:00	A Stevenage	FL1	L 0-1	22	2,953	200							SA																			SA	
Sat 13	15:00	H BRENTFORD	FL1	D 1-1	22	3,008	195				SB					1		SA		SA														
Sat 20	15:00	A Swindon Town	FL1	D 1-1	22	7,338	185							SA					SA															
Tue 23	19:45	H PRESTON NORTH END	FL1	L 2-3	22	2,671	246				SA	SA				1			SC											1				
Sat 27	15:00	H MK DONS	FL1	L 0-3	22	2,737	134							SB				SA																
NOVEMBER																																		
Sat 3	15:00	A Gillingham	FAC1	L 0-4	-	4,017	156							SC	SA			SB	SC	SB														
Tue 6	15:00	A Walsall	FL1	W 4-1	22	2,787	126							SA	SB	1			SA															
Sat 10	15:00	A Coventry City	FL1	W 2-1	21	9,892	381				SA					2																		
Sat 17	15:00	H NOTTS COUNTY	FL1	W 2-2	22	4,553	795				SA				1	SB																	SB	
Tue 20	19:45	H BURY	FL1	L 1-2	23	3,027	242							SC	SC	1			SA													SB		
Sat 24	15:00	A Doncaster Rovers	FL1	L 0-4	23	8,037	1,173				SC			SA	SC				SB														SB	
DECEMBER																																		
Sat 8	15:00	H AFC BOURNEMOUTH	FL1	L 1-2	23	2,875	168							SC				SB	SA															
Sat 15	15:00	A Leyton Orient	FL1	W 3-1	22	4,942	341							SA	1																			
Wed 26	15:00	A Sheffield United	FL1	L 0-3	23	21,819	663				SC																							
Sat 29	15:00	A Tranmere Rovers	FL1	L 0-1	23	6,044	300																											
JANUARY																																		
Tue 1	15:00	H OLDHAM ATHLETIC	FL1	D 2-2	23	3,116	265							SA																			SA	
Sat 5	15:00	H SHREWSBURY TOWN	FL1	D 0-0	21	3,004	271								SA			SB	SA														SB	
Sat 12	15:00	A Colchester United	FL1	W 2-1	20	3,258	201																											
Sat 26	15:00	A Carlisle United	FL1	D 1-1	21	3,829	123												SB	SA														
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Sat 2	15:00	A Crewe Alexandra	FL1	L 0-1	22	4,302	315												SA	SA	SB													
Tue 5	19:45	H PORTSMOUTH	FL1	W 2-1	20	2,596	202												SA	SA	SA													
Sat 9	15:00	H CRAWLEY TOWN	FL1	W 2-1	20	3,124	128																											
Tue 12	19:45	H CARLISLE UNITED	FL1	W 3-1	18	3,112	200																											
Sat 16	15:00	A Yeovil Town	FL1	L 0-3	19	4,163	155																											
Sat 23	15:00	H HARTLEPOOL UNITED	FL1	L 1-2	20	3,434	359																											
Tue 26	19:45	H STEVENAGE	FL1	W 1-0	19	2,382	44																											
MARCH																																		
Sat 2	15:00	A Brentford	FL1	L 0-1	20	5,400	337												SB	SB	SC													
Sat 9	15:00	H COVENTRY CITY	FL1	L 1-2	20	3,676	723																											
Sat 16	15:00	A Notts County	FL1	L 0-1	20	4,634	402																											
Sat 23	15:00	H DONCASTER ROVERS	FL1	L 2-3	21	5,288	2,120																											
Fri 29	15:00	H LEYTON ORIENT	FL1	W 2-1	20	3,052	240																											
APRIL																																		
Mon 1	15:00	A AFC Bournemouth	FL1	L 0-1	21	7,465	146												SA	SC	SC													
Sat 6	15:00	A Preston North End	FL1	L 0-3	21	8,118	300													SA	SA	SA												
Sat 13	15:00	H WALSALL	FL1	D 1-1	21	4,049	495																											
Tue 16	19:45	A Bury	FL1	L 1-2	21	1,567	248																											
Sat 20	15:00	A MK Dons	FL1	W 1-0	21	9,752	276																											
Sat 27	15:00	H SWINDON TOWN	FL1																															

KEY: Started Used substitute Unused substitute SA First change SB Second change SC Third change 1 Number of goals Yellow card Red card

IRON SQUAD STATISTICS

No	Name	D-O-B	L1 Apps	L1 Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	2012-13 Apps	2012-13 Goals	Iron Apps	Iron Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals
28	Hakeeb Adelakun	11/06/1996	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
27	James Alabi	08/11/1994	8	1	0	0	8	1	7	1	8	1
11	Andy Barcham	16/12/1986	32	0	4	1	36	1	81	11	224	35
15	Niall Canavan	11/04/1991	39	6	2	0	41	6	76	9	79	9
19	Michael Collins	30/04/1986	26	0	1	0	27	0	66	3	263	25
16	Mark Duffy	20/06/1986	40	4	4	2	44	6	107	9	203	20
23	Anthony Forde	16/11/1993	7	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
14	Robbie Gibbons	08/10/1991	7	0	2	0	9	0	13	0	13	0
17	Matt Godden	29/07/1991	7	0	0	0	7	0	14	2	25	5
10	Mike Grella	23/01/1987	25	1	4	1	28	2	28	2	116	19
22	Karl Hawley	06/12/1981	35	10	1	0	35	10	35	10	368	88
20	Callum Howe	09/04/1994	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Connor Jennings	26/09/1991	11	0	4	1	15	1	19	1	34	9
26	Eirik Holmen Johansen	12/07/1992	8	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	8	0
3	Callum Kennedy	09/11/1989	16	0	1	0	17	0	17	0	68	1
5	David Mirfin	18/04/1985	28	0	4	0	33	0	143	5	346	18
8	Damien Mozika	15/04/1987	11	2	1	0	11	2	31	4	97	9
21	Tom Newey	31/10/1982	42	0	4	0	46	0	46	0	413	8
18	Eddie Nolan	05/08/1988	9	0	0	0	9	0	83	1	163	2
6	Paul Reid	18/02/1982	23	1	1	0	24	0	74	2	352	13
2	Christian Ribeiro	14/12/1989	27	2	4	0	31	2	41	2	67	2
7	Jimmy Ryan	06/09/1988	42	2	4	0	45	2	72	4	228	28
13	James Severn	10/10/1991	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	0
9	Akpo Sodje	31/01/1981	16	6	0	0	16	6	16	6	286	66
1	Sam Slocombe	06/06/1988	27	0	4	0	31	0	66	0	66	0
4	Josh Walker	21/01/1989	23	0	3	0	26	0	44	3	125	9
24	Jamie Wootton	02/10/1994	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0

NPOWER LEAGUE ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	
1 Bournemouth	45	13	6	4	43	21	11	4	7	33	32
2 Doncaster	45	10	5	8	26	23	14	4	4	35	21
3 Brentford	45	14	6	2	37	21	7	10	6	25	25
4 Yeovil	45	13	4	6	36	22	10	4	8	33	31
5 Swindon	45	10	9	4	44	15	10	5	7	27	21
6 Sheff Utd	45	8	10	4	31	21	11	7	5	25	21
7 Leyton Orient	45	13	2	7	30	19	8	5	10	24	28
8 Walsall	45	10	8	5	38	29	7	9	6	27	27
9 MK Dons	45	12	5	6	35	21	6	8	8	25	24
10 Crawley	45	9	8	5	32	25	9	5	9	25	31
11 Tranmere	45	10	5	7	31	21	9	4	10	27	27
12 Notts Co	45	9	5	8	30	24	7	11	5	29	23
13 Crewe	45	11	3	8	24	22	6	7	10	28	40
14 Preston	45	8	9	6	31	22	6	7	9	23	27
15 Carlisle	45	7	7	8	32	41	7	6	10	24	34
16 Coventry	45	7	7	9	29	27	11	3	8	35	30
17 Stevenage	45	7	5	10	26	32	8	4	11	21	30
18 Shrewsbury	45	8	7	7	26	25	4	9	10	25	33
19 Oldham	45	8	4	11	25	26	6	4	12	20	32
20 Colchester	45	8	4	11	25	31	5	5	12	20	37
21 Scunthorpe	45	6	6	10	28	37	6	3	14	18	35
22 Hartlepool	45	5	8	10	19	27	4	5	13	18	38
23 Bury	45	5	6	11	21	31	3	8	12	21	40
24 Portsmouth	45	7	5	11	27	27	3	7	12	22	39



THEY SAID WHAT?!

LIVERPOOL'S LUIS SUAREZ MADE THE HEADLINES FOR ALL THE WRONG REASONS AGAIN LAST WEEKEND AFTER TV REPLAYS SHOWED HIM BITE CHELSEA DEFENDER BRANISLAV IVANOVIC IN THE 2-2 DRAW AT ANFIELD, WRITES MICHAEL CLARKSON.

Red's legend Alan Hansen was quick to blast Suarez on Match of the Day 2, saying: "You don't expect to see anything like this. It's absolutely appalling. Why he did? We'll never know. There's obviously massive flaw in the character."

Robbie Savage added: "We were watching in absolute disbelief. It's absolutely shocking and disgraceful."

Ian Ayre, Liverpool's Managing Director came out after the game with a statement which read: "Luis is aware that he has let himself and everyone associated with the club down. We will deal with the matter internally and await any action from the Football Association."

The player himself took to Twitter on Sunday evening in an attempt to clear the air. In an earlier statement, he said: "I've spoken to Ivanovic on the phone and I could apologise directly to him. Thanks for accepting. I apologise to my manager and everyone at Liverpool for letting them down."

Another Kop icon and pundit Mark Lawrenson summed up Liverpool's predicament for BBC Sport: "Whether he has become a liability is a decision Liverpool now have to make. There will always be a problem here. If the club are going to be brave and say he is up for transfer, then they know they are going to have to take a hit. Because if anybody wants to take him they are not going to pay in excess of £40m, which is the sort of value people might have put on him before Sunday's incident."

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	Category B x23 games	Loyalty renewal for existing st holders prior to 01/06/13	New season ticket prior to 07/06/13	Season ticket from 08/06/13	Shareholder discount until season begins
Telegraph Stand					
Adult	£483	£342	£354	£396	£336
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£322	£210	£216	£240	£204
Under 18	£230	£132	£138	£156	£126
Under 16	£115	£36	£39	£42	£36
Under 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Grove Wharf					
Adult	£483	£342	£354	£396	£336
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£322	£210	£216	£240	£204
Under 18	£230	£132	£138	£156	£126
Under 16	£115	£36	£39	£42	£36
Under 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rainham Steel					
Adult	£391	£270	£276	£306	£264
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£276	£174	£180	£198	£168
Under 18	£184	£96	£102	£108	£90
Under 16	£115	£36	£39	£42	£36
Under 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Executive					
Adult	£667	£492	£510	£570	£486
Over 60	£506	£360	£372	£420	£354
Under 21	£391	£270	£276	£306	£264
Under 16	£276	£174	£180	£198	£168
Family Area					
1 Adult & up to 2 Children under 16	£437	£342	£354	£396	£336
1 Over 60 & up to 2 Children under 16	£299	£228	£240	£264	£222
Additional Children	£69	£36	£39	£42	£36
2nd Parent	£437	£342	£354	£396	£336

Season ticket purchases will hold a 2.5% fee if purchased with a credit card.
 Iron Membership: Adults £14 / Concessions £10 / Under 16 £8

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	Loyalty renewal for existing st holders prior to 01/06/13	New season ticket prior to 07/06/13	Season ticket from 08/06/13	Shareholder discount until season begins
Telegraph Stand				
Adult	£57	£59	£66	£56
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£35	£36	£40	£34
Under 18	£22	£23	£26	£21
Under 16	£6	£6.50	£7	£6
Grove Wharf				
Adult	£57	£59	£66	£56
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£35	£36	£40	£34
Under 18	£22	£23	£26	£21
Under 16	£6	£6.50	£7	£6
Rainham Steel				
Adult	£45	£46	£51	£44
Over 60 / 18-21 / Student	£29	£30	£33	£28
Under 18	£16	£17	£18	£15
Under 16	£6	£6.50	£7	£6
Executive				
Adult	£82	£85	£95	£81
Over 60	£60	£62	£70	£59
Under 21	£45	£46	£51	£44
Under 16	£29	£30	£33	£28
Family Area				
1 Adult & up to 2 Children under 16	£57	£59	£66	£56
1 Over 60 & up to 2 Children under 16	£38	£40	£44	£37
Additional Children	£6	£6.50	£7	£6
2nd Parent	£57	£59	£66	£56

THREE SCUNTHORPE UNITED YOUTH TEAM PLAYERS SIGNED THEIR FIRST PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS THE LAST TIME THE IRON PLAYED AT GLANFORD PARK, WRITES ADAM GRICE.

Jamie Wootton, George Grayson and Luke Hornsey were all presented to the crowd alongside youth team manager Tony Daws and general manager David Beeby during the half-time break of the Iron's 1-1 draw with Walsall.

After putting pen to paper on a one-year deal Grayson told *The Iron Player*: "It means everything to me. It has taken me 10 years to get here but it is a great feeling."

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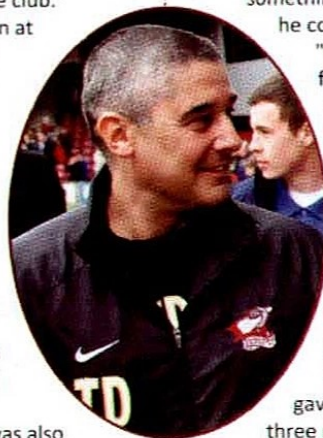
Jamie Wootton, George Grayson and Luke Hornsey were all presented to the crowd alongside youth team manager Tony Daws and general manager David Beeby during the half-time break of the Iron's 1-1 draw with Walsall.

He added: "I am just glad I have finally got my contract. I will just have to work really hard next year to ensure that I can do really well for the club."

Grayson joined the Iron at U-16 level after he was released by the youth academy at Sheffield United.

"I played for Tony Daws when he was at Sheffield United as a youth team coach and after he left I was released, but then he snapped me up and I linked back up with him and that is why I signed here."

Meanwhile Hornsey was also delighted that he had been offered his



first contract.

"It is a good feeling because that is what I have been working towards this for a very long time. It was a very nerve-racking feeling going out on the pitch in front of 4,000 fans to sign my first contract and obviously it is not something that we are used to," he continued.

"It is a massive step up for the three of us but I think we are all capable of making that move up and that faith has been showing in us my the manager. We are going to have to step up to the challenge a lot for next season to ensure that we succeed."

Academy manager Daws gave his opinion on the three players that manager

Brian Laws had rewarded with deals.



"Jamie Wootton has worked really hard and has gone from strength-to-strength over the two years really," he added.

"He scored 21 goals for the youth team before Christmas and things have been going really well for Jamie."

Daws added: "It's been a rollercoaster ride for Luke Hornsey."

"He had a spell on the substitutes' bench last season under the previous manager but that didn't happen at the start of the season when we was hoping he'd get more recognition and kick on."

"Over the last three or four months, George Grayson has developed as much as any of the second years," Daws continued.

"As a left-back he is strong and can defend well one-versus-one."

"He also is a threat in terms of going forward and becoming an attacking outlet."

"He has a great attitude and we hope he can push on now as well."

MARKETING STUDENTS REQUIRED

SCUNTHORPE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PEOPLE PRESENTLY STUDYING MARKETING AT UNIVERSITY TO JOIN US FOR A YEAR-LONG WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT.

Over the last few seasons, we've had students in on work placements for a number of days a week, and we're looking to strengthen our ranks ahead of the 2013-14 campaign. The experience has helped the students obtain excellent grades, build large and impressive portfolios for themselves, and has proved invaluable to them as they've learnt enormously in a fast-paced, high-pressured but fun environment. For the right person, it is a real chance for them to make an excellent first impression in a fiercely competitive industry, and will help them enormously in their quest to find full-time employment when they leave university.

The invaluable work experience we have on offer will run from June 2013 until May 2014 and anyone interested in being taken on for one of the work placements is asked to email theiron@scunthorpe-united.co.uk. Please use the header 'Marketing' in your application.

IRON LOOKING FOR MEDIA STUDENTS

SCUNTHORPE UNITED ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PEOPLE PRESENTLY STUDYING MEDIA-RELATED SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY.

Over the last few seasons, we've had students in on work placements for a number of days a week producing content for Scunthorpe-United.co.uk and our matchday magazine *THE IRON*, and we're looking to strengthen our ranks ahead of the 2013-14 campaign. The experience has helped the students obtain excellent grades, and build large and impressive portfolios for themselves, in addition to boosting the quality of the content on the official club website and in the matchday programme, where their work has appeared. Not only has their writing been there for all to see in print and on the web, but it has also given the students valuable experience of working in a media department at a professional football club. They've all learnt enormously in a fast-paced, high-pressured but fun environment.

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BONUS CONTENT

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THE OFFICIALS

Referee: **Andy Woolmer**
Assistant referees: **William Smallwood**
Anthony Tankard
Fourth official: **David Storrie**

LOOKING TO RECRUIT

UNITED'S MULTI AWARD-WINNING MATCHDAY MAGAZINE **THE IRON** IS SEEKING A FEW NEW CONTRIBUTORS FOR SPECIFIC AREAS NEXT SEASON.

What we're looking for are reliable, talented writers who can add an extra ingredient to the group we have at present.

We would like to improve our **HISTORICAL** coverage so we are seeking some capable columnists who have supported the Iron for a great number of years and have a large depth of knowledge about the club historically, as well as the ability to write entertaining, engaging copy.

Please email theiron@scunthorpe-united.co.uk for further details if that interests you.

Also, if you're a **JOURNALISM** or **MEDIA STUDENT** at university or college looking to bolster your CV too by writing for your club's official matchday programme then please get in touch.

Again, please email theiron@scunthorpe-united.co.uk if you're interested in doing that.

LAST LINE-UPS

