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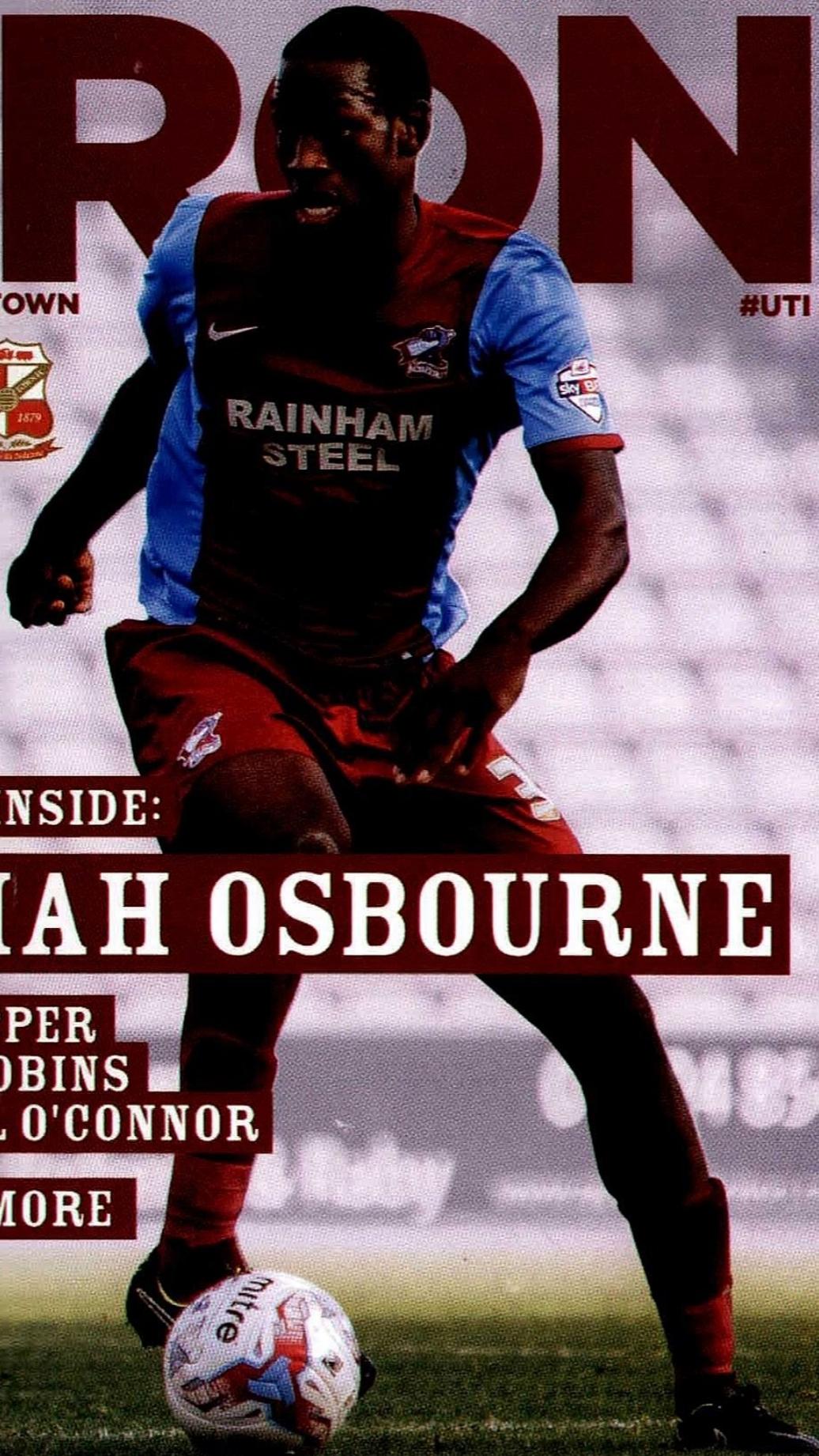
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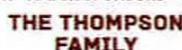
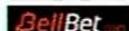
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The Iron celebrate taking the lead away at Coventry.

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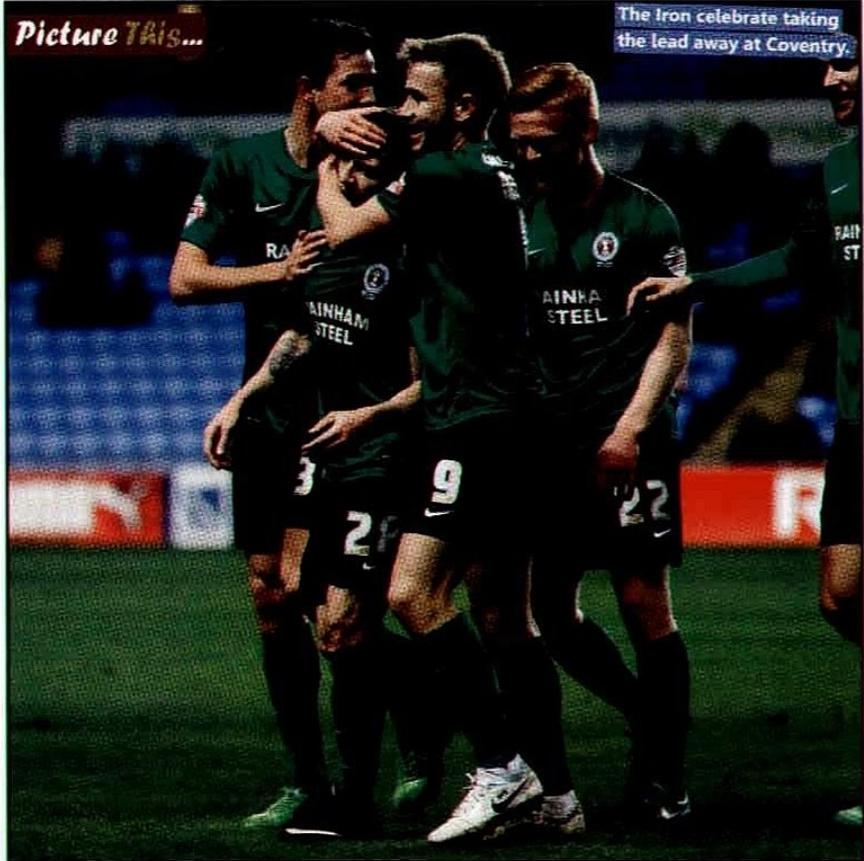
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Scott Maxfield

### Club Honours...

**Year formed:** 1899  
**League membership:** 1950  
**Best season:**  
**Fourth in Division Two:** 1961/62  
**League One champions:** 2006/07  
**League One play-off winners:** 2008/09  
**Division Three North champions:** 1957/58  
**Promotion from League Two:**  
2004/05, 2013/14  
**Promotion from Division Four:**  
1971/72, 1982/83  
**Division Three play-off winners:** 1998/99  
**Lincolnshire Senior Cup winners:**  
1939, 1940, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959,  
1961, 1964, 1966, 1978, 1997, 1999, 2002,  
2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011  
**San An Cup:** 2006

### Picture This...



### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

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United's manager welcomes Mark Cooper's Swindon Town to Glanford Park today.



#### 12. Jsaiah Osbourne

The all-action midfielder is the focus of our feature interview in this week's issue.

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#### 46. Swindon Town

A profile of this afternoon's visitors to Glanford Park, who find themselves in the thick of the promotion race.

### INTRODUCTION

United come into this afternoon's home game against Swindon Town looking to build on the 1-1 draw away at Coventry City in midweek.

Confidence is high at Glanford Park and the Iron will be looking to pull off a notable scalp by seeing off Swindon Town, who have been one of the pacesetters at the top of League One this season.

Scunthorpe took on the Robins on the opening day of the season, and received a bit of a rude awakening - suffering a 3-1 defeat.

That said, the Iron did have plenty of chances that afternoon and it could have perhaps been a different affair had we had more of the rub of the green.

Make sure you make plenty of noise this afternoon as we look to push on and continue our climb up the League One table.

Up the Iron!



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# THE MANAGER

# Mark Robins

Iron manager **MARK ROBINS** welcomes **Swindon Town** to Glanford Park for this afternoon's Sky Bet League One fixture...

The Iron line up before Tuesday night's away clash at Coventry.



**Welcome back to Glanford Park today, as we prepare to take on Swindon Town this afternoon.**

I wish a warm welcome to Mark Cooper, his players, the coaching staff, and directors to North Lincolnshire.

We enter the match on the back of a 1-1 draw at Coventry City on Tuesday night, where there were a number of positives to take from the game.

I thought we did well at times in

possession of the ball, and there were some good performances out there. We've picked a point up away from home and moved forward in terms of the points tally. We deserved the three points but it wasn't quite to be.

There are things we can learn from and we'll look to put them right.

It was a superb goal from Gary McSheffrey which gave us the lead, and it was an example of the quality he has been capable of producing during his career. However, he now misses the next two games having had 10 cautions, and will hand an opportunity to someone else to stake a claim for that spot.

We have 19 games left now, with the latest one against Swindon Town today. Obviously they are one

of the form teams in the division, but we've shown we can match anyone when we work hard and Swindon will know they've been in a game come 5pm today.

Jacob Murphy has left us now following the end of his month's

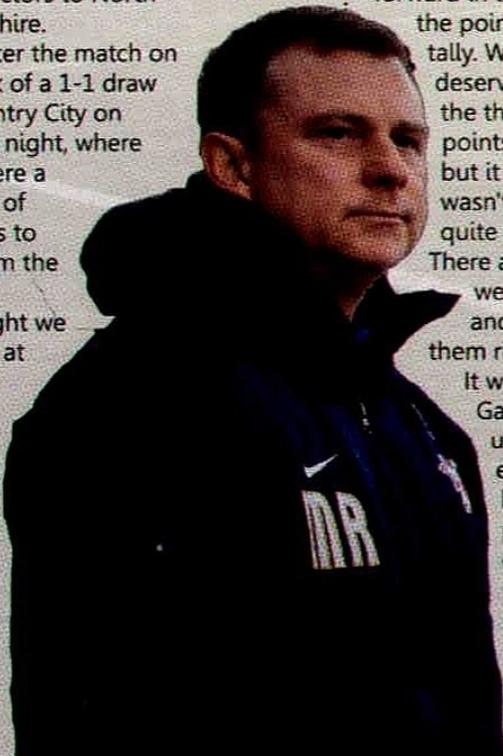
loan from Norwich City. I would like to thank him and wish him well for the future.

Your support was superb at Coventry on Tuesday night. It's a busy month and it can be a costly one financially, so thank you once again for your backing and coming today. Get behind us this afternoon.

**Up the Iron!**

**Mark Robins, manager**

**"It was a superb goal from Gary McSheffrey which gave us the lead, and it was an example of the brilliance he has been capable of all his career."**





There is an armed forces discount for the rest of the season.



### ARMED FORCES DISCOUNT FOR REST OF SEASON

On-loan Iron striker Tom Hopper has been nominated for the Sky Bet League One player of the month award for January.

United have slashed prices for all serving armed forces for our home matches for the rest of the season.

Anyone currently serving in the armed forces will be able to get tickets at a discount rate for all our remaining league fixtures at Glanford Park.

All they have to do to buy their discounted tickets is visit our ticket office ahead of the game, with the relevant armed forces ID.

Prices are as follows:  
Whitegates Stand - £15  
Clugston Stand - £15  
Britcon Stand - £13

For more details, visit our ticket office or call **0871 221 1899**.

### MURPHY RETURNS TO NORWICH

On-loan winger Jacob Murphy has returned to parent club Norwich City following the end of his month-long loan stay with United.

He made three starts in claret and blue, setting up Tom Hopper's goal in the 4-1 win at Walsal

### SPECIAL SEASON TICKET

Ahead of today's home clash with **Swindon Town**, we look at the latest snippets of information coming out of Glanford Park...

### HOLDER OFFER FOR CHESTERFIELD

United will be running a special offer for season ticket holders when we face Chesterfield at Glanford Park on Tuesday night.

Season ticket holders can bring a friend for just £5\* (no voucher needed). It will be on a basis of one per season ticket.

All you need to do is visit the Glanford Park ticket office between now and kick-off on that matchday.

We will also be running the same offer when we take on Bradford City on Tuesday, March 17.

\*Season ticket holders will need to provide contact details for their friend

### SPECIAL OFFER AGAINST YEOVIL IN A FORTNIGHT

United will be running a special offer when we take on Yeovil Town at Glanford Park on Saturday, February 28.

There will be a voucher in Thursday, February 26's edition of the Scunthorpe Telegraph offering free tickets for U16's\* and adult/concessionary tickets for just £10.

All you have to do is cut out your voucher, fill it in and redeem the ticket

at the ticket office between that Thursday and kick-off on Saturday, February 28.

### BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Glanford Park Restaurant is taking bookings for our Mother's Day Carvery on March 15. You can book your place by calling **01724 747684**.

It will be £7.95 per carvery (£4.95 U12's) and we will be open from 11.30am until 6pm. Advance booking for groups of over six is advisable.

Opening to rave reviews from customers late last year, and serving great numbers of satisfied customers every week, the club are delighted with the turn-out and feedback as the carvery goes from strength-to-strength.

For further details, please call **01724 747684** or email [sue.chaperon@scunthorpe-united.co.uk](mailto:sue.chaperon@scunthorpe-united.co.uk).

### TICKET NUMBER 14 ON TUESDAY NIGHT

It's ticket number 14 for season ticket holders attending Tuesday night's home clash against Chesterfield.

The ticket numbers for the rest of the season are as follows:

Tuesday, February 17 - Chesterfield (14)

Tuesday, February 24 - Barnsley (12)  
Saturday, February 28 - Yeovil Town

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- (17) Saturday, March 14 - Sheffield United
- (18) Tuesday, March 17 - Bradford City
- (19) Friday, April 3 - Peterborough United
- (20) Saturday, April 11 - Crawley Town
- (21) Tuesday, April 14 - Port Vale
- (22) Saturday, April 25 - Gillingham
- (23)

### THREE NEW SIGNINGS!

Three young players who have come through our development centres will sign for our centre of excellence on the Glanford Park pitch before the game today.

The boys who are signing are: **Jay Smith**, who is signing for our U9's, and attended our Gunness, The Shed Development Centre on a Monday.

**Tom Buttrick** is signing for our U10's and attended our Gunness, The Shed Development Centre on a Monday.

**Harry Jackson** is also signing for our U11s and attended our Goole High School Development Centre, which is now on Tuesdays.

Development Centres are back after the February half-term until May, running at seven fantastic venues. We also have a Specialist Goalkeeper session running from 4:30pm-5:30pm on Fridays, You must book on by email as spaces are limited.

#### MONDAYS

The Shed Training Ground 4-5pm for ages 5-8 years; then 5-6pm for ages 9-11 years (3G surface no metal studs)

Baygarth School MUGA 5-6pm for ages 5-11 years (no metal studs)

St John Nelthorpe School Sports hall 5:30-6:30pm for ages 5-11 (indoor trainers only) limited 30 places only. **NEW TIME**

Caistor Grammar School 5-6pm for ages 5-11; then 6-7pm ages 12-14 (Astroturf surface no metal studs) **NOW UPTO AGE 14**

#### TUESDAYS

**"United will be running a special offer for season ticket holders when we face Chesterfield at Glanford Park on Tuesday night."**



Former loanee Jacob Murphy.

Goole High School Sports Hall 4:30-5:30pm ages 5-11 (indoor trainers only) limited 30 places only.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Winterton Community Academy Sports hall 5-6pm ages 5-11 (indoor trainers only) limited 30 places only.

#### THURSDAYS

Melior Community College Astroturf 5-6pm ages 5-14 (no metal studs) **NOW UP TO**

**AGE 14 AT THIS CENTRE.**

#### FRIDAYS

**NEW SESSION** Specialist Goalkeeping session: The Shed Training Ground (3G not metal studs) 4:30pm-5:30pm, ages 7-16 please email to book and for further details (MUST BOOK YOUR PLACE).

All sessions cost £2 per session or you can pay £12 for 6 weeks (full term) (Goalkeeper session prices differ, please email for more details).

Places are on a first come first served basis. If all places are taken, players will be put onto a reserve list.

The aims of the sessions are to provide players with structured coaching sessions and enhance their football skills and to also help us to identify and produce players to represent Scunthorpe United Academy.

The sessions will run during the school

term time and parents are allowed to stay and watch. There will be no coaching sessions during school half term holidays.

Any players that show outstanding individual talent will be invited to train/trial with our current Academy squads.

There is no official assessment of players at any of our Development Centre's.

All of our Academy coaches have Enhanced CRB disclosures, have a child protection/safeguarding children certificate, are emergency aid trained and are Football Association-qualified coaches.

If you would like your child to attend the sessions or have any questions please contact me to register your place on **07850 360368** or by email on **rob.watson@scunthorpe-united.co.uk**.

### TICKET NUMBER 14 ON TUESDAY NIGHT

**Got some unused match tickets from your season ticket book? Well, you can make them count with our ticket exchange scheme.**

All you have to do is visit the Iron's ticket office and exchange the unused ones for match tickets for an upcoming Category B match - such as the one against Yeovil Town a week on Saturday.

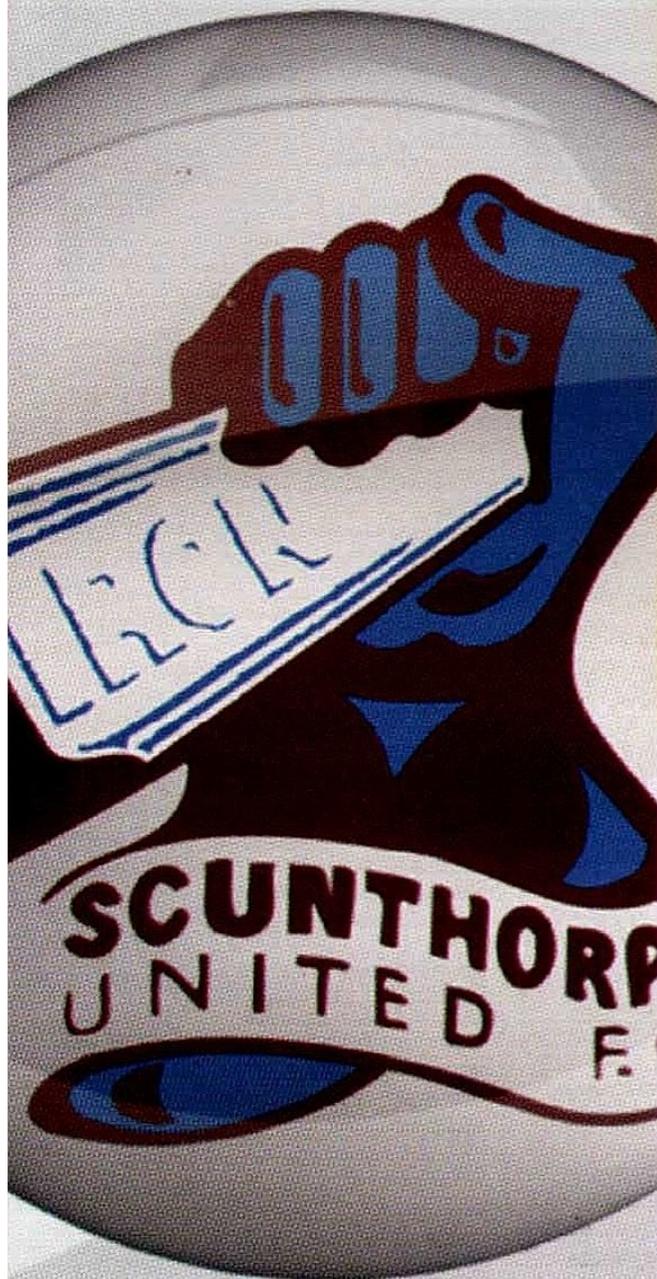
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## THE CAPTAIN

Sam Slocombe is on the road to recovery.



CAPTAIN

# Sam Slocombe

**Ahead of this afternoon's clash with Swindon Town, club captain SAM SLOCOMBE provides his latest column...**

**I would like to start by welcoming the Swindon players, staff and fans to Glanford Park this afternoon.**

I also want to give a special mention to our supporters. Our travelling fans have been brilliant this term and it's great we've been able to treat them with our good form away from home.

The 325 fans at Coventry, along with the attendance against Oldham at Glanford Park last Saturday, both warrant a special thank you; it's great to see such good crowds.

The Oldham result wasn't the best but it was just one of those days. In the past 20 or so games we've played really well under the new gaffer and every now and again you're going to have a bad day at the office.

I wasn't able to watch Tuesday's game but, from what I know, we played reasonably well without allowing Coventry to trouble us. It was a kick in the teeth conceding so late on but it was a great finish.

The squad were very happy with the

performance at the Ricoh Arena and the atmosphere in the dressing room remains buoyant.

We've got games coming thick and fast at the moment so hopefully we can turn it around.

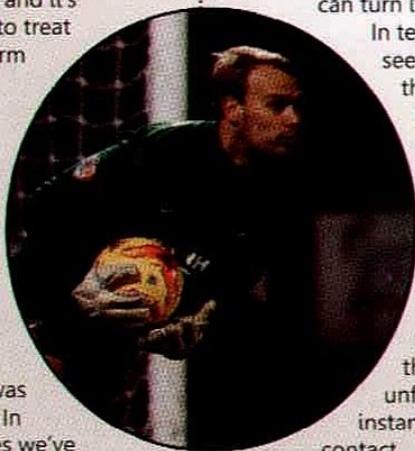
In terms of my injury, I'm seeing the consultant at the start of March and hopefully he's happy for me to step back into training and go on from there.

Both injuries I've sustained this season have been situations in which I've been brave for the team and unfortunately in both instances there's been contact.

It's annoying but I put myself on the line for the club and we're playing a contact sport so you're going to get injuries.

I haven't really sensed a change in my role as captain since spending time on the sidelines because, as I said when I was handed the armband:

I'm delighted to be given the honour but it doesn't change how I am at the



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club. I'm the same person every day, whether I'm on the pitch or off it.

We've still got plenty of leaders in the squad and that's showed with the performances we've had of late.

The new goalkeepers have also done well and settled in nicely. Joe Anyon has not played much this season but looks fresh and is always working hard in training, while Luke Daniels has come in from a Premier League club and has done everything I've expected from him. He's been very consistent since arriving and has impressed me.

I'm certainly relishing the chance to come back and compete for my place in the side. I've always hit my best when we have strong competition for places and it wouldn't be fair if we had depth in every position apart from goalkeeper. Competition is part and parcel of football.

You can't go through your career and just expect to be given your chance, you have to earn it. I've learned that the hard way from being the person coming in to the starting eleven in the past.

Throughout my career I have always pushed myself as much as I can and that's not going to change.

If this afternoon is anything like the first time we faced Swindon this season we know they will move the ball very well. It'll be interesting to see how they do coming here after the loss against Oldham but I'm sure they'll be itching to get a result in order to stay hot on the tail of Bristol City.

We will have to put a shift in while remaining tactically on point but I'm confident we can get a result as we've proved recently that we're very capable of competing with the teams at the top of the table.

**Up the Iron!**

**Sam Slocombe, club captain**

# SCUNTHORPE UNITED

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# OLDHAM ATHLETIC

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Winchester 84



**"I'm not going to candy-coat anything, it was a poor game. We shot ourselves in the foot and really there wasn't enough quality in it from us. We will bounce back though I'm sure."**

Mark Robins

### Match Details...

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| Shots on target  | 2    | 4     |
| Shots off target | 7    | 12    |
| Corners          | 2    | 4     |
| Fouls conceded   | 7    | 9     |
| Possession       | 46%  | 54%   |

**"We never got going during the game and Oldham set out to make it hard for us. I think they had a game plan and it worked. We know we can play better."**

Isaiah Osbourne

**United were beaten 1-0 by Oldham Athletic at Glanford Park last Saturday, writes LAURA WARBURTON.**

The Iron had the first real chance after a quiet opening when Gary McSheffrey's free kick fell to Neal Bishop just inside the area, and the captain's shot on the half-volley went just wide of the far post.

They then had another golden opportunity when Jordan Clarke crossed into the box for Tom Hopper, whose free header also went inches wide of the upright.

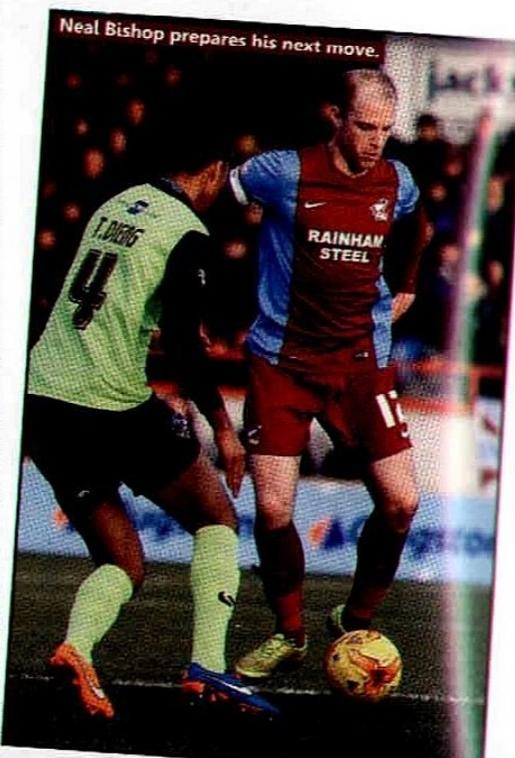
Despite having the best chances, the Iron were struggling to keep possession, and gifted Oldham an opportunity to take the lead before half-time when George Elokobi headed the ball across to James Wilson, who somehow shot wide when it looked as if he was certain to score.

On the hour mark though Hopper had a shot well saved by Jake Kean, and a minute later Paddy Madden had the ball in the net when he smashed it home after it fell to him in the area, but the linesman's flag was rightly up for offside.

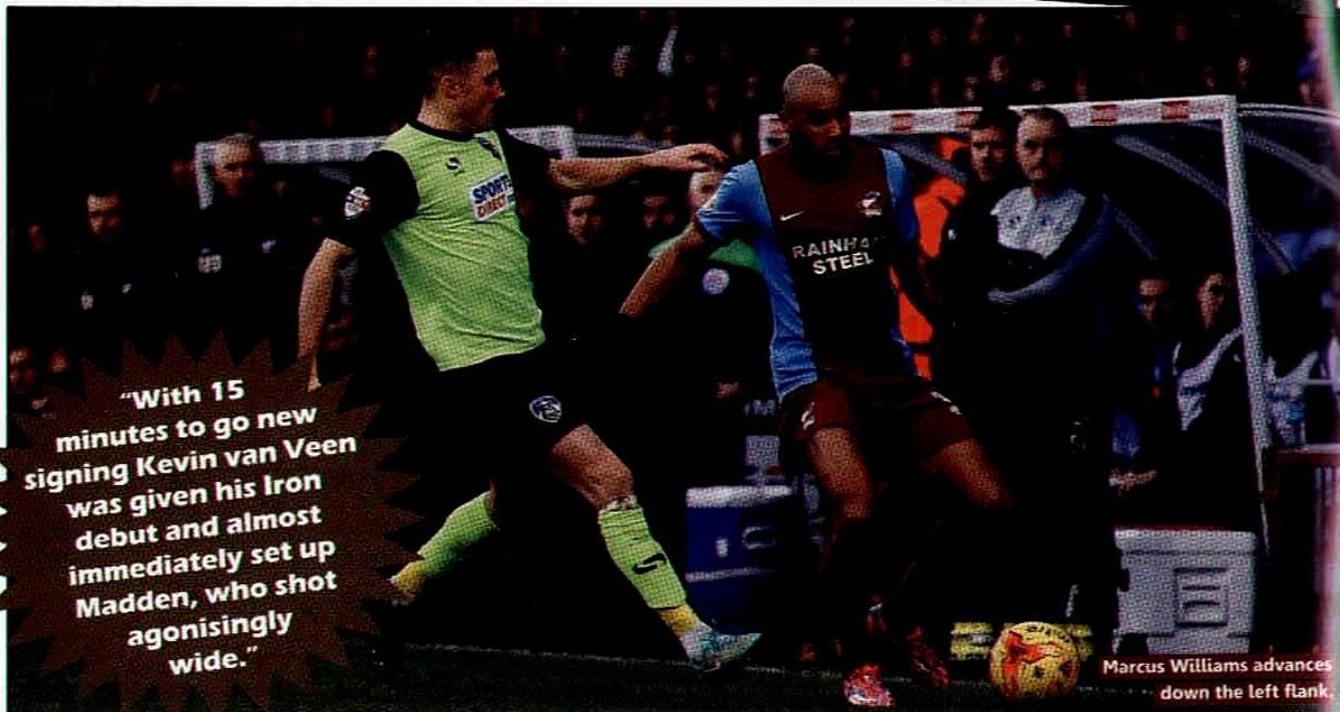
With 15 minutes to go new signing Kevin van Veen was given his Iron debut and almost immediately set up Madden, who shot agonisingly wide.

In the 84th minute the home side were dealt the killer blow however when Carl Winchester

beat the Iron defenders far too easily and eventually slotted the ball past Daniels, stealing all three points for the Latics at Glanford Park.



Neal Bishop prepares his next move.



**"With 15 minutes to go new signing Kevin van Veen was given his Iron debut and almost immediately set up Madden, who shot agonisingly wide."**

Marcus Williams advances down the left flank.



Jordan Clarke threads a ball through.



Substitute Kevin van Veen probes.

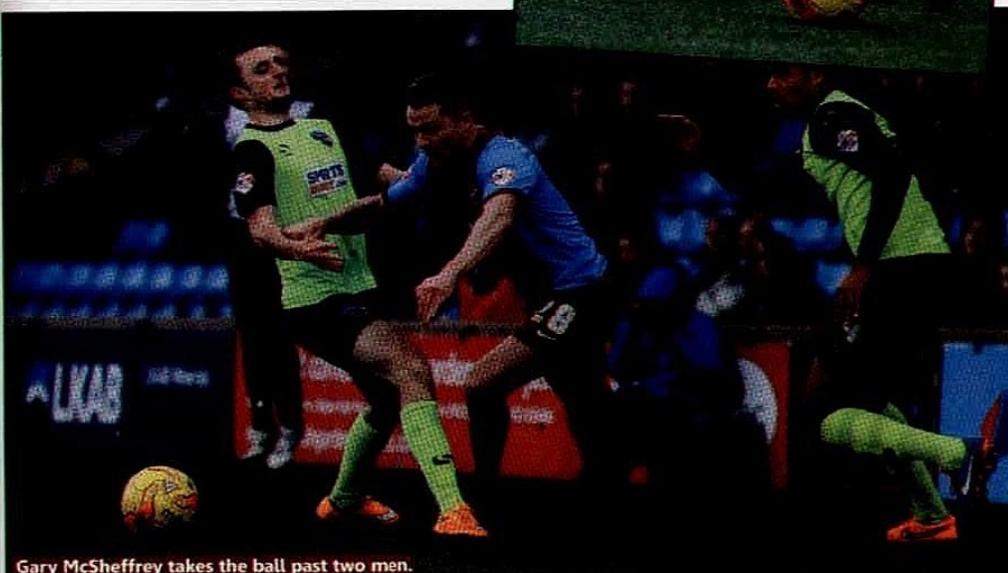
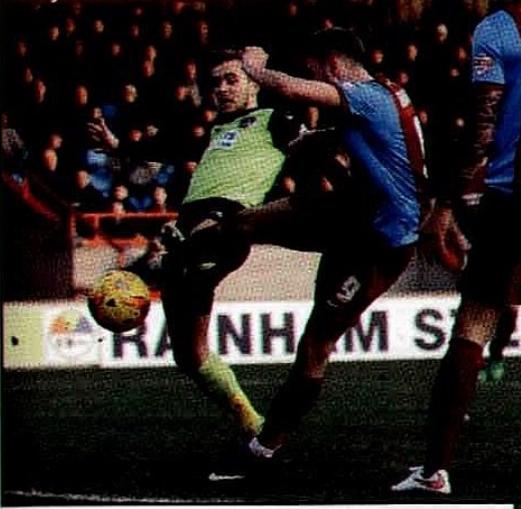


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Isaiah Osbourne goes on a driving run.



Paddy Madden sees his effort deflected wide.



Gary McSheffrey takes the ball past two men.

### The Teams...

#### SCUNTHORPE UNITED

Manager Mark Robins

- 26 Luke Daniels
- 33 Jordan Clarke
- 25 Andrew Boyce
- 6 Niall Canavan
- 30 Marcus Williams
- 12 Neal Bishop (C)
- 35 Isaiah Osbourne (90)
- 22 Liam O'Neil (68)
- 28 Gary McSheffrey
- 9 Paddy Madden
- 34 Tom Hopper (75)

#### Substitutes

- 39 Joe Anyon
- 2 Eddie Nolan
- 10 Kevin van Veen (75)
- 15 George Evans (68)
- 16 Hakeeb Adelakun (90)
- 24 Jacob Murphy
- 37 Alex Davey

#### OLDHAM ATHLETIC

Manager Lee Johnson

- 25 Jake Kean
- 3 Joseph Mills
- 4 Timothee Dieng (69)
- 5 George Elokobi
- 6 Liam Kelly (c)
- 8 Mike Jones (78)
- 11 Jonathan Forte
- 15 Carl Winchester
- 16 James Wilson
- 17 Conor Wilkinson (85)
- 20 Brian Wilson

#### Substitutes

- 13 Joel Coleman
- 2 Connor Brown
- 9 Dominic Poleon (85)
- 14 Jacob Mellis (69)
- 21 Generic Kusunga
- 23 Rhys Turner
- 39 Rhys Murphy (78)

# OSBOURNE

# ENJOYING LIFE

# WITH UNITED

*Midfielder ISIAH OSBOURNE has made a big impact at Glanford Park since signing back in October, and he is looking to play a big part as United continue their climb up the table. JACK CARNELL spoke to him before today's game...*

Isaiah Osbourne spent all of pre-season without a club, waiting for the right chance to come along.

The midfielder wanted somewhere closer to his home of Birmingham, having previously been with Hibernian and Blackpool.

Scunthorpe came calling midway through October, and Osbourne signed for the Iron, becoming Mark Robins' first signing for the club.

A day later and he was making his debut, coming off the bench to play against Colchester, and the midfielder has been almost ever present in the side since.

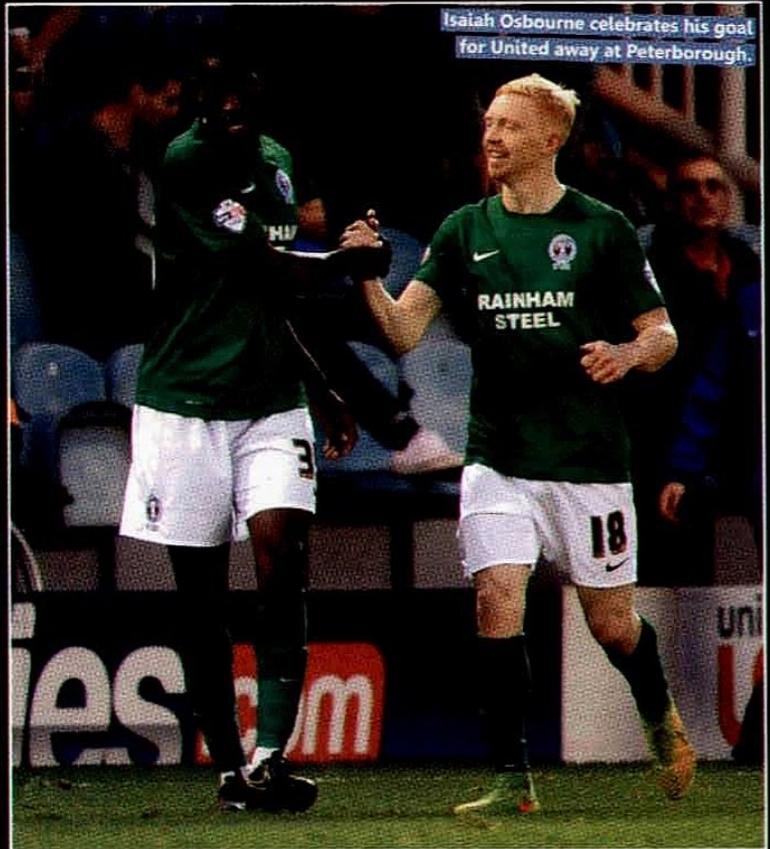
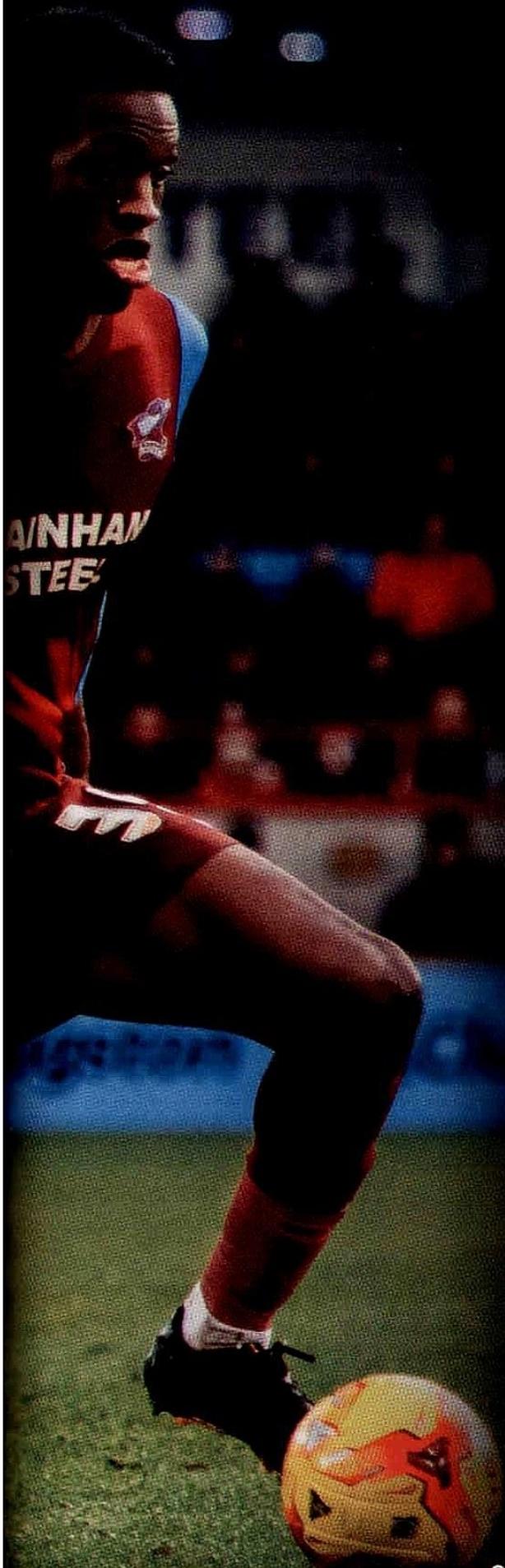
His initial contract of three months was extended to the end of the season after a number of excellent performances in the centre of midfield for the Iron, something Osbourne was delighted about.

He has been happy with how he has been performing the claret and blue, and sets his sights on climbing the League One table.

Osbourne told **THE IRON**. "In the summer, the reason I didn't have a club was because I was waiting for a club where I could stay nearer to home. The travelling was a lot. As a

*"The style the manager wants us to play is climbing us up the league. The training sessions are high intensity. I think he has changed a few players' mentality. Everyone wants to win."*





Isaiah Osbourne celebrates his goal for United away at Peterborough.

player, if you keep travelling you will end up showing it on the pitch.

"Me personally, I wanted stay at home and see my kids. Scunthorpe have helped me with living and finding somewhere for me to stay.

"I was delighted to sign my new deal. I was happy to be playing and happy to be appreciated. Obviously the manager and the staff have been appreciating the way I have been playing and I have been happy with my performances."

He continued: "I don't know what it was like before, but judging from what I have seen now I am here, the energy levels are high.

"The style the manager wants us to play is climbing us up the league. The training sessions are high intensity. I think he has changed a few players' mentality. Everyone wants to win.

"My aim is just to push high up the table and get into those play-off places. That's it really. Just keep getting up that table. Everyone believes we can do it and judging from recent performances, why not?"

Osbourne started his football career in the youth ranks of Aston Villa, and caught the eye of Martin O'Neill, Villa's manager at the time.

The midfielder was full of praise for the manager that gave him his Premier League debut. He made his debut against Fulham, and went on to make 13 appearances for the Birmingham club that season, including massive fixtures against Manchester United and Liverpool.

He said: "To be honest it was funny because he just came in as the manager. He just moved and the first reserve team game I played in, he watched it and put me straight into the first team. I think he saw the game and then put me in to train with the first team.

"I felt as a manager he was one of the best that I have worked with. Just the way he was with me. I was younger then, but looking back on it, he was great with me. He filled me with so much confidence. He wasn't one of those managers who if you go out and make a mistake they would shout at you.

"He was someone who would tell you to keep going. When I first got in the team he told me to get the ball and just run with it. Because I was young I really wanted to run with it and he didn't mind too much if I lost the ball.

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# COVER STAR

"For myself I was buzzing to get on the pitch. I think I only came on for the last 10 or 12 minutes against Fulham. The fans and the atmosphere just made it great.

"I felt I was good enough. I was just happy to be playing. As soon as I was told I was playing, I just had a massive smile on my face.

Osbourne also made a number of appearances in Aston Villa's UEFA Cup campaign, playing against sides such as CSKA Moscow. Atmospheres are on another level on European nights, and he has fond memories of playing those occasions.

"It was a good experience playing in the UEFA Cup. We didn't get far, but it was good to play against good teams," he said.

The midfielder had several loan spells away from Villa, including Nottingham Forest and Middlesbrough. It was Hibernian that was to be Osbourne's next permanent destination. First team football was his aim and that is what he got in Scotland. He had options elsewhere, but was convinced to move up north.

He said: "When I joined the Forest, I think they were struggling at the time. In my case I think it was an achievement to keep them up as I feel I helped. It's a good thing to get the experience of playing regular football.

"Due to certain circumstances I needed to play. So I went up to Scotland, kept my head down and got plenty of games under my belt. I think I played 30 games while I was there. I just wanted to play.

He continued: "There were options for me in England, but Colin Calderwood, the manager of Hibernian at the time, spoke to me and presented it to me. He said the team likes to play football, so I thought I would go there and enjoy playing."

Osbourne only spent a year in Scotland before moving back down to England and joining Blackpool in the Championship, a club he spent two years with. He was looking forward to joining Blackpool, knowing he would be



Isaiah Osbourne in action against Rochdale.

**"I went up to Scotland, kept my head down and got plenty of games under my belt. I think I played 30 games while I was there. I just wanted to play."**

able to play regularly.

"I was delighted to move to Blackpool," he said. "I moved to a team that liked to play football and under Ian

Holloway. I was happy to hear of their interest. I knew the type of person he was. He just wanted players to go out and play.

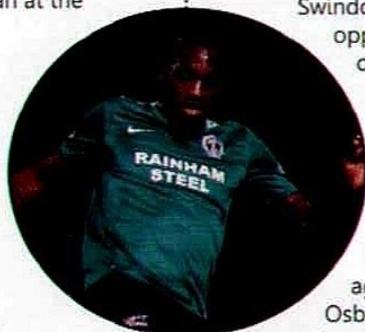
When I found out he wanted me, I was more than happy to play for him.

"When I first moved there, everything was all good. We were winning."

Looking ahead to the game with Swindon today, the Iron's opponents have their sights on promotion, but in recent weeks the Iron have matched the teams at the top of League One. An excellent performance against Bristol City was followed by a good point against MK Dons.

Osbourne is up for the game against Swindon.

Osbourne said: "The league is a tight one and anyone can beat anyone. We matched MK Dons and Bristol City."



## OSBOURNE ON... FACING THE TOP SIDES

During his time with Aston Villa, Osbourne came up against some of England's top sides and the Premier League's top players, such as Steven Gerrard and Cristiano Ronaldo, but he wasn't fazed at all by the big names he was lining up against.

Playing in the biggest stadiums of Anfield and Old Trafford, he enjoyed the big occasions as a young player, he wanted to challenge himself against the best, and believes one of his best games for the club was against Manchester United, a side he faced twice in a week at Old Trafford during his debut season with Aston Villa.

Osbourne told THE IRON PROG: "When you are younger you have no fear, so when I came up against the top sides and top players it didn't affect me. When I was younger I didn't worry that I was playing against a certain individual. I enjoyed the challenge of those players."

He continued: "I think in my time at Aston Villa, my best game was against Manchester United at Old Trafford. I should have scored but I was young and rushed at the chance."

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# David Beeby

*Iron general manager DAVID BEEBY writes his latest set of programme notes as United prepare to welcome Swindon Town to Glanford Park today...*



## It was an interesting January transfer window for the club.

I spent most of the back-end of the week trying to get Kevin van Veen here. A lot of people were involved in that deal.

The Friday we signed him was a bit chaotic. He actually flew over on the Thursday night and had some conversation with Mark Robins before coming to the club on Friday morning.

We finalised the last few bits and he went over to Leeds for a medical at around lunchtime and was due to fly back to Holland on the Friday night, so myself and Adam Grice headed over to Leeds to wait on the medical concluding. Once we got the result of that, we signed the paperwork and I returned to the club while Adam took Kevin back to Manchester Airport. I then chased up the final few signatures and FC Oss to complete the forms.

Because it's an overseas transfer, you have to put it on 'TMS', which is a transfer management system. We uploaded the details in terms of what we believe the deal is, while the other club do too, and they're placed against

each other to check they're the same. Once they're the same, the international transfer certificate is then requested, the subsequent clearance to play in this country comes through and he's then registered.

So it takes a bit of time to go through, but we got final confirmation that everything was okay on the Monday for Kevin.

It looked on the Monday like it was going to be a quiet day, as we didn't envisage bringing anyone in after signing Kevin and George Evans on the Friday.

I spoke to Mark Robins at 4pm and it didn't look like anything was going to happen, and then suddenly we received a call from Hartlepool United about David Mirfin, and a further two from Scottish clubs over Lyle Taylor, who eventually signed for Falkirk. We quickly agreed deals regarding both.

The Lyle transfer had to be done through the TMS because it's an overseas transfer, but it all went through relatively quickly - much

faster than expected. So it was quite a steady night really compared to previous years.

We're doing a number of different offers to try and help improve the gates. The first one is for today's game and supporters can

collect a voucher to get a ticket for £10 for adults or concessions, or free for U16's. We want to increase the number of people attending games at Glanford Park.

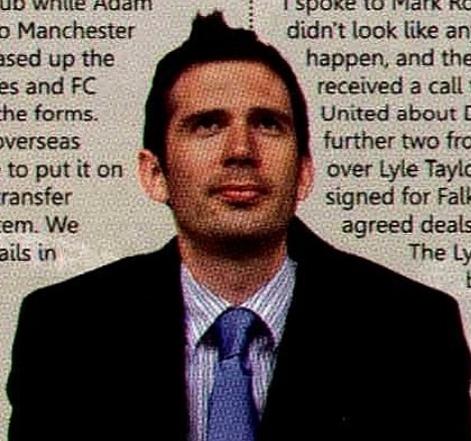
It has dropped down over recent years, but with the team performing well, the chairman investing into the team and with a new stadium on the horizon, it's a good time to be associated with the club.

We're looking to get out there, grow the fan base and do as much as we possibly can to get fans attending the games. We have recently recruited a new marketing person to come in and help promote the club, distribute flyers and come up with ideas for increasing numbers. Hopefully we'll see the benefit of that in the near future.

**"We're looking to get out there, grow the fan base and do as much as we possibly can to get fans attending the games."**

**Up the Iron!**

**David Beeby, general manager**



# Your Supporter Liaison Officer, Andy Brown...

**ANDY BROWN** writes his latest notes as we prepare to welcome Oldham Athletic for today's home League One game...

From the supporters' forum I brought up how to encourage the stay away fans to come back and support the club.

At about the same time, the same subject became quite a hot debate on the Iron-Bru supporters' independent forum, which mainly was saying that the club should get out into the community with flyers, posters put up in pubs and clubs, workplaces, schools, colleges, etc.

So if you know or are willing to put posters up in any of these places please let us know and we will do our best to get the posters/flyers to you.

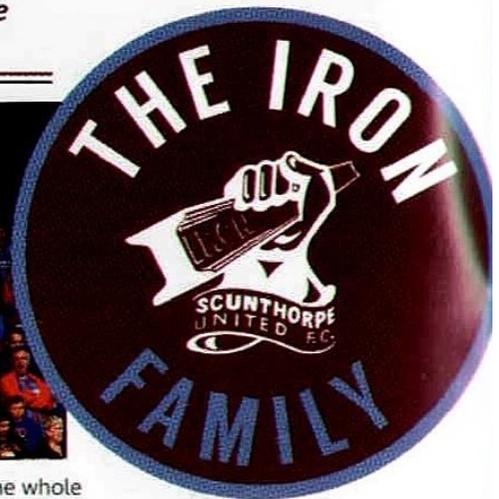
Hopefully by the time you read this, the club will have had people out on the streets of the town drumming up trade for the future games.

Admission prices were also talked about on the above forum and the club have listened. For today's game and the Yeovil fixture, in conjunction with the Scunthorpe Telegraph we are running an offer of £10 admission for adults with other price reductions for supporters. For the Chesterfield and Bradford games, the club are giving season ticket holders the chance to bring another supporter along for just £5.

Having to buy a ticket to get in was also brought up, so the club have made the corner of the Clugston Stand pay on the gate and unallocated seating for some games, as well as hopefully becoming the singing corner again. About 20 supporters took this option up, it's a start. Unfortunately when this area is required for away supporters this option will not be available.

You can also pay on the gate for the home terrace on most games, unless the game has to be made all-ticket for safety reasons.

At the forum, I brought up the supporter value issue. A while back, the club were running competitions for supporters to win upgrades to boxes executive areas, seating in the directors box for a game, etc. Things I mentioned were for when season tickets are issued. Let's say the first 10 supporters to buy one, and they can have the ticket presented to them either at home or at the club by their favourite player. When the new shirts come out, again the first 20 sold can be



autographed by the whole squad or the player of the supporters' choice, if required.

We really do need your input to what you think would make you feel a valued supporter.

Changing the club's mascot away from Scunny Bunny looks to be dead in the water for the time being, but you never know.

Again, this week at the Oldham game, couple of supporters have had issues at the catering points. The club have no problem with them highlighting them as this is the one of the ways they can put things right, but to be honest I get more positive comments than bad ones, and I am sure the club will have looked into these issues and hopefully sorted them to the supporters' satisfaction.

On to a more serious note at the Oldham game a young lady on the home terrace, who had only entered the ground, was struck full on in the face by a stray ball from one of our players while they were practicing their shooting

into the portable goal which was positioned straight behind the entrance, I was close by at the time and got here to the medical room, unfortunately she will have a good shiner. I called back at the medical room later on and she still was not too good on her feet.

This has been an issue for some time now, with various supporters being hit with stray balls during warm up. I have requested the club to look at having portable safety nets put up, as most clubs do now. I will have had a meeting with our safety officer sometime in the week, and will report back any news in future programmes.

So if you really do have any issues with your matchday experience good or bad, home or away please let us know so if it's a good one we can let everyone know, if it's a bad one we can try and put it right to your satisfaction the tell everyone the out come. It would be great if you could encourage a stay way supporter to return.

Finally it was great to see the sticker book released, what a fantastic addition to your already superb matchday programme! Watch out for further special offers in future programmes.

**Up the Iron!**  
*Andy Brown*

**"So if you really do have any issues with your matchday experience good or bad, home or away please let us know so if it's a good one we can let everyone know."**

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**Alternatively...** My favourite way is face-to-face. There is nothing better than a chat about all things Scunthorpe United. I will be in and around the ground from 10.00am most Saturday games and from mid-afternoon for night games, but if anyone wants to meet outside these times please contact me and I will do my best to accommodate you.



Neal Bishop presented with his man of the match award after the Oldham game by Ella Manson.



# SUOSC

Hello and welcome to our visitors from Swindon for today's game.

Let's hope that we can turn our form at home around and get the three points today.



Iron fans on the terrace against Oldham.

## Half-time draw results...

### OLDHAM ATHLETIC

It costs just £1 to buy a ticket, and they are on sale all around the stadium on a matchday.

Tickets are on sale all around the stadium before the game and during the first half. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

1. £500.00 ticket 004796 Richard Stones
2. £75.00 ticket 004577 Pete Wollington
3. £25.00 ticket 003942



## SCUNTHORPE UNITED OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The SUOSC are looking for new committee members and especially someone who can fill the role of secretary. Anybody who is interested in joining us please contact any other committee member.



The official supporters club are happy to be a sponsor of the official club sticker book. They are fantastic collector's items so don't miss out. You can get them from the club shop.

### Up the Iron! SUOSC Committee

Sarah Ball with her mother Dawn last week.



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## Wright on the wing...



The sticker album cover.

## PEARLS OF WISDOM

Good afternoon, and welcome to this fixture against Swindon Town, who are going well towards the top of the table.

After a couple of very stirring performances at home, the game against Oldham was a bit of a let-down; I'm sure the Iron will bounce back quickly at Glanford Park. Hopefully we will have got something from our trip to Coventry.

The Club Sticker Album seems to have gone down well – it's a simple idea but I'm sure there has had to be much planning and many last-minute changes to keep it up-to-date. I hope a "swap day" can be arranged.

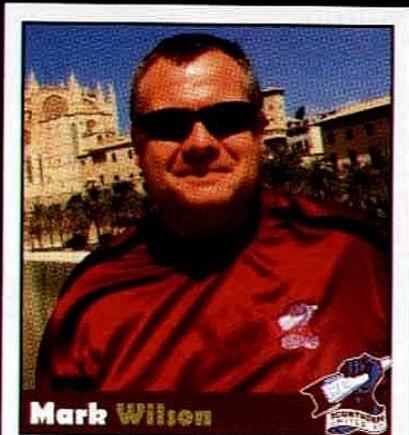
The "Pearls of Wisdom" I mention in the title refers to something said to me recently by Pearl, who is in charge of the club shop – I talk to all the "back-room" staff when I come to the ground mid-week. She said that one of the reasons why couples split up these days is that they don't *talk* to each other. People spend too much time on their phone, or their i-what-ever-it-is, or their X-box, and seem to have lost the art of conversation. How many times do we actually *write* a letter and *post* it? How many times do we talk to someone face-to-face and really *listen* to them, rather than grunting while still playing games? I expect I'm as guilty as the next person when it comes to writing, but I hope I listen when someone talks to me. Many disputes, disagreements and hostilities could be more easily defused by talking instead of silent suspicion. Perhaps we should all try harder!

Enjoy the game; up the Iron!

With all good wishes for the New Year Rev. Alan. Club Chaplain.



# THE IRON and I...



**Mark Wilson**

**Age:** 43-years-old  
**Supported Iron:** 25 years  
**Stand:** Britcon Stand  
**Occupation:** Cargo Superintendent for PD Ports at Howden

## How long have you been supporting Scunthorpe United for?

The Iron were always my favourite local league team as a young kid but, growing up in Goole, I mainly watched Goole Town, I started attending more Iron games during my teens. I started going home and away from the mid 90's to the current day.

## First Scunthorpe United match?

Doncaster Rovers at the Old Show Ground in 1980.

## What are your memories of the first game?

It was a night game and we drew 1-1 thanks to a Steve Cammack goal.

## Best game you have ever been to?

Purely for entertainment the 5-5 in the Capital One Cup at Derby in 2012. Then winning on penalties.

## Best moment for you with Scunthorpe United?

The first Wembley

*"I started attending more Iron games during my teens. I started going home and away from the mid 90's to the current day."*

win against Leyton Orient in the 1999 play-off final.

## First Iron idol?

Never really seen players as idols but one of my favourite players was Matt Elliott.

## Favourite player of the current squad?

There are quite a few in the current squad who I rate but Paddy Madden, a good player with an excellent work ethic.

## Worst moment of supporting United?

My wife and many of my mates are Grimsby fans. I would have to say the cup defeat last season.

## Favourite United goal?

For what it meant, probably the Garcia goal at Wembley. The best goal though would be the Jermaine Beckford strike against Rotherham.

## Favourite ground other than Glanford Park?

Probably Roots Hall, Southend or Home Park, Plymouth (purely because of the pasties sold from the van outside the ground).

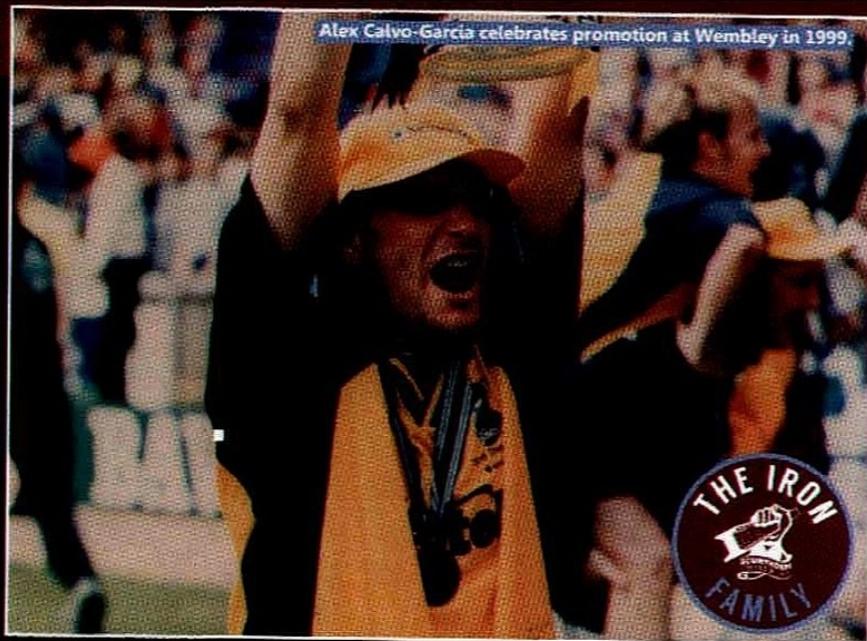
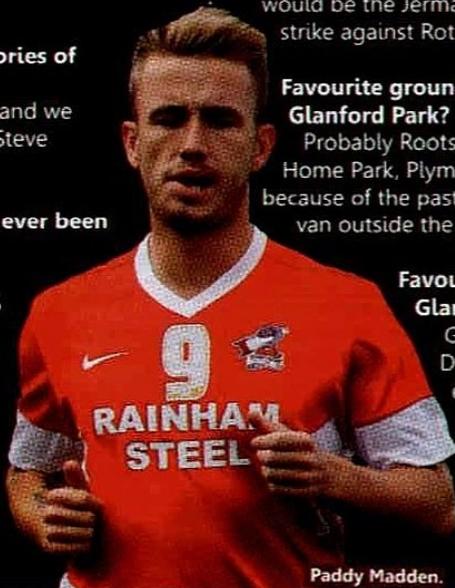
## Favourite stand at Glanford Park?

Got to say the Doncaster Road end.

## Best Iron shirt over the years?

I quite like the kits this season, both the home

Paddy Madden.



Alex Calvo-García celebrates promotion at Wembley in 1999.

and the green away.

## First person you text after a game?

I would say my dad but since he gets confused by his mobile I usually ring him. I text my mate Graham who is a Grimsby fan (unless we have lost and they have won).

## If you could guarantee three points during the current season, where would it be and why?

I always like to see us beat Coventry, as I have a mate supports them.

## If Scunthorpe United didn't exist, who would you support and why?

As a kid I watched Goole so would probably watch them from time to time. I also had a soft spot for Liverpool but I have lost a lot of interest in Premier League football. Ultimately it would be impossible to support anybody else.

## Which opposition player would you love the Iron to sign?

Not particularly an opposition player but I would say Danny North who used to play for Grimsby. He is a decent player and a mate of mine.

## Have you ever met any of the Iron players?

I've met a few.

## Would you rather have a million pounds, or score a last minute winner to secure Iron promotion?

I'd take the money and let somebody else score the goal to get us promoted.

## What is your all-time Scunthorpe United dream XI?

Murphy, Walsh, Dawson, Elliott, Hope, Hodges, Beagrie, Calvo Garcia, Cork, Hayes, Hooper.



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**FAN ZONE**

# News for the fans, from the fans



**the IRON TRUST**  
SCUNTHORPE UNITED SUPPORTERS TRUST

**An incident involving a Grimsby Town supporter last week once again put the national media spotlight on the way football fans are treated by police and stewards.**

A Mariners fan was pictured being dragged away, struggling to breath and held in a headlock, by four stewards at Forest Green Rovers. All because he had an inflatable football.

The image, taken by freelance photographer Duncan Young who was working on behalf of the Grimsby Telegraph, went viral.

Forest Green said the images "do not make good viewing for a club that prides itself on being family friendly and welcoming to away fans" and pledged to investigate. The stewards were working for an external security company.

Stewarding and policing is something that members and the wider Iron fanbase have often approach the Iron Trust board about.

This interest peaked following last season's FA Cup first round tie against Grimsby at Blundell Park, which saw confusion caused by Humberside Police's attempts to managed fans arriving via train and Iron fans heading to Cleethorpes Station after the game attacked by people throwing bricks.

This prompted the start of an ongoing relationship between the Trust and Humberside Police, with meetings between members of the Trust board and Humberside Police focusing on the lack of communication on the day.

The Trust feels this could best be summed up by the force's surprise that Iron fans did not take up the offer of free coach travel back to Scunthorpe after the Police had hired the transport.

**"A Mariners fan was pictured being dragged away, struggling to breath and held in a headlock, by four stewards at Forest Green Rovers."**

There is a very simple reason this never happened - none of the travelling fans had ever been made aware of their existence!

One of the suggestions the Trust made to help improve things was the launch of a specialist twitter feed for the Force's football operations - following the example of dozens of other forces across the country.

Humberside Police felt this was a good idea and returned to the Trust to ask for advice on what football fans - largely opposition fans travelling to the Iron, Grimsby or Hull - would find useful.

We opened this up to members in our email newsletter prior to last Saturday's game against Oldham, and sent a briefing sheet based on feedback to Humberside Police on Monday.

"We hope the information is useful to Humberside Police, and we've stressed we are happy to help them improve their communication with Iron supporters and football fans in general," said Luke Thornhill, the Trust board member who put together the guide for Humberside Police.

"Anyone who follows their existing Twitter accounts may have seen they used the tool much more effectively when policing Grimsby v Lincoln in the Conference over Christmas.

## Contact details...

**Matchdays:** We have a presence on Trust Corner (between terrace and Clugston Stand) before every match at Glanford Park.

**Online:** Email [theirontrust@gmail.com](mailto:theirontrust@gmail.com), or contact us via Twitter at [@irontrust](https://twitter.com/irontrust) or [www.facebook.com/theirontrust](http://www.facebook.com/theirontrust).

**Post:** Iron Trust, 35 Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN17 1AA.

"After speaking to Iron fans and Humberside Police about the problems at last season's game at Grimsby, we think a breakdown in communication was a big problem.

"The example of coaches hired by Humberside Police - who are funded by us - but without advertising the availability of these is perhaps the most obvious, but fans who were asked to get off the train at Grimsby - despite having tickets to Cleethorpes - were unaware of why they were being urged to move and unclear why they were then held before the match simply because of their choice of transport.

"This is a really small step, but we feel that information put out via an official twitter account could have really quickly cleared up those two scenarios."

The Iron Trust has two Twitter accounts of its own. [@IronTrust](https://twitter.com/IronTrust) is used to keep members updated with the activities of the Trust, and wider issues concerning football fans. [@exirons](https://twitter.com/exirons) is a recently-launched account to keep fans updated with the activities of former Iron players.

## Your Messages...

**Mark Whiteley writes:**

Happy Seventh Birthday Benjamin Whiteley for the 15th from your little brother Oliver

**Lee Montague writes:**

Welcome to the Iron family, the latest fan Ralph Scott Montague. Born 07/02/15. #UTI

Happy birthday to Elaine Slator, who works at the football ground, for today

**James Dixon writes:**

Happy birthday to my mate James 'Jd' Dean getting old now pal!!



# YOU ASK



# THE QUESTIONS

**Becky Warrington, via email, asks: What car do you drive?**

TH: "A Volkswagen Scirocco, it's a good car."

**Lewis Hughes, via Facebook, asks: Who is the best footballer you have played with?**

TH: "Esteban Cambiasso in training at Leicester, his vision is ridiculous and he is always one step ahead of everyone else and he gets everyone thinking, it is tough."

**Will Cunningham, via Facebook, asks: Who has the best and worst banter at Scunthorpe?**

TH: "I haven't been around long enough to know so I would have to give that one a miss, I will say no comment. Who have I got on with the best since I got here? The loan lads Liam O'Neil, Jacob Murphy and Alex Davey - we are all a similar age."

**Elissa Mullin, via Facebook, asks: Who is the biggest influence in your life?**

TH: "My mum and dad. Both of my parents travelled around the country taking me to training and to matches when I was growing up and at Boston and they have been a massive help for me. In football? I would have to say my U21 manager at Leicester, Steve Beaglehole, he got me in there four years ago."

*We asked you to send your questions in via our social media channels, and TOM HOPPER sat down with us to answer them...*

**Tom Northcliffe, via email, asks: What is the best ground you have played at?**

TH: "I haven't played at it but I was on the bench at Stamford Bridge earlier this season, that was pretty special."

**@naomis thebest\_14, via Instagram, asks: What is your favourite thing about playing for Scunthorpe?**

TH: "Getting the chance to play regular first-team football"

**@chris braithwaite\_, via Instagram, asks: Have you ever signed yourself on FIFA or Football Manager?**

TH: "(Laughs) I haven't actually, I am pretty rubbish on the actual games so I try to keep away from myself. My rating is not good enough so I choose not to sign me!"

**@chrisbraithwaite\_, via Instagram, asks: What would you say your three best qualities as a footballer are?**

TH: "Probably pressing, heading and... (pauses to think) shooting."

**@jseebee, via Instagram, asks: Do you enjoy being at Leicester City, and how long have you been there?**



Tom Hopper in action at Walsall.

TH: "I have been there four years, I have really enjoyed it there, I love it. They watched me while I was playing for Boston United and I went on trial and they signed me after that in 2010. A lot has changed in the time I have been there, they have helped me a lot."

**@leonwadams, via Instagram, asks: Do you have a favourite goal you have scored in your career so far?**

TH: "That would be for Leicester's reserves, against Birmingham. A long ball came in, I half-volleyed it into the top corner and that has to be my favourite goal. I knew it was in as soon as I hit it."

**@alfiejw8, via Instagram, asks: Have you enjoyed your experience at the Iron so far?**

TH: "It has been great, I am really enjoying it and long may it continue. It



Tom Hopper in his Iron training wear.



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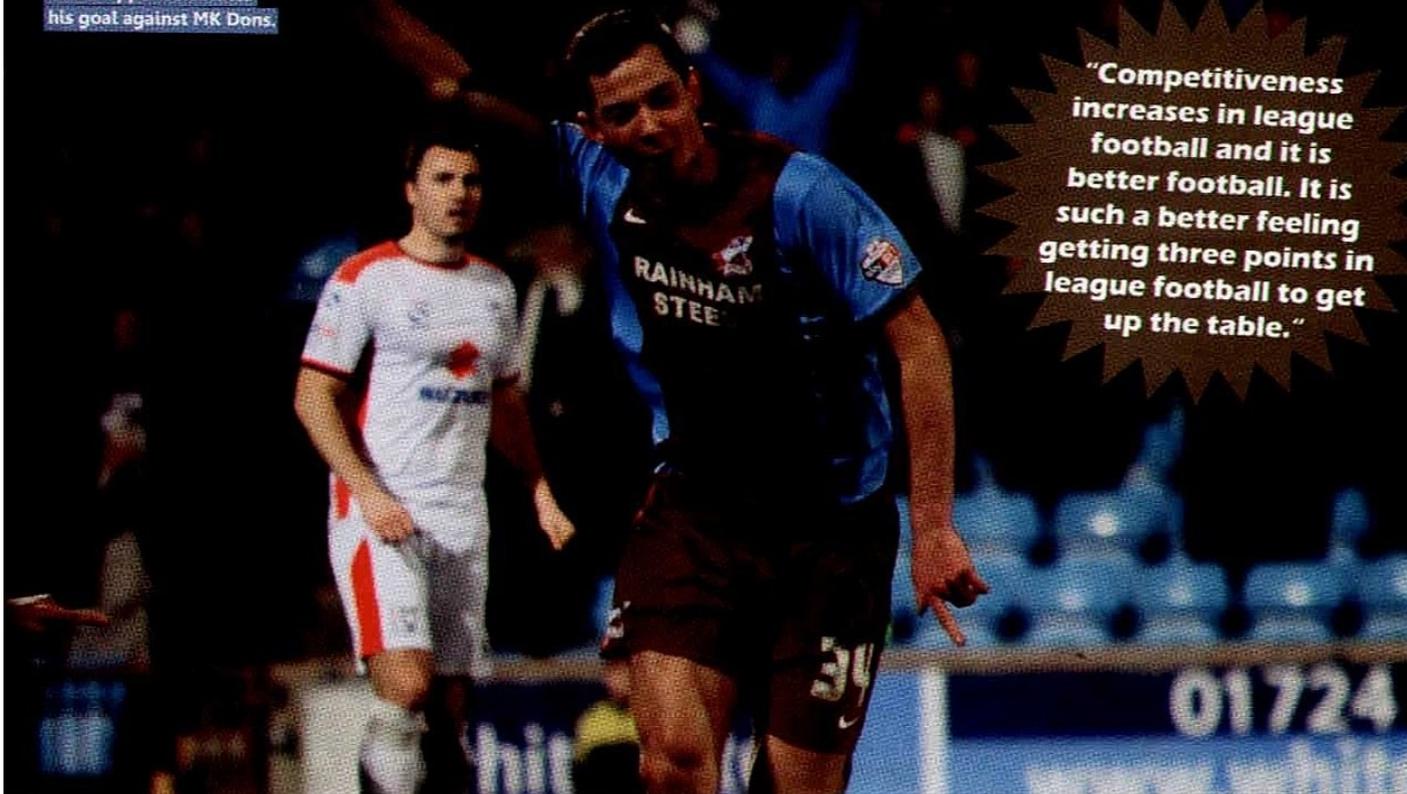


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# PLAYER FOCUS

Tom Hopper celebrates  
his goal against MK Dons.

**"Competitiveness increases in league football and it is better football. It is such a better feeling getting three points in league football to get up the table."**



was so much easier to come into a winning team and to settle and hopefully we can get back on another run."

**@mattcwr, via Instagram, asks: What qualities do you think you can bring to the Iron in order for us to push up the table?**

TH: "Hopefully some goals, that would be nice! I work hard and get down the channels and hopefully I can be a nuisance for opposing defenders."

**@jamesh926, via Instagram, asks: Do you have a footballing idol?**

TH: "I supported Arsenal growing up so I would say Thierry Henry, he had a big impact on my style of play, as did Alan Shearer, they were vital for me growing up."

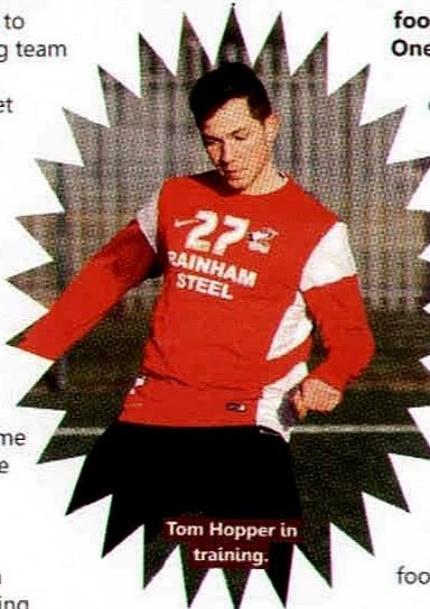
**@usetheleftwing, via Instagram, asks: You've obviously been Leicester's Academy captain Tom, what's the biggest difference between U21**

**football and League One?**

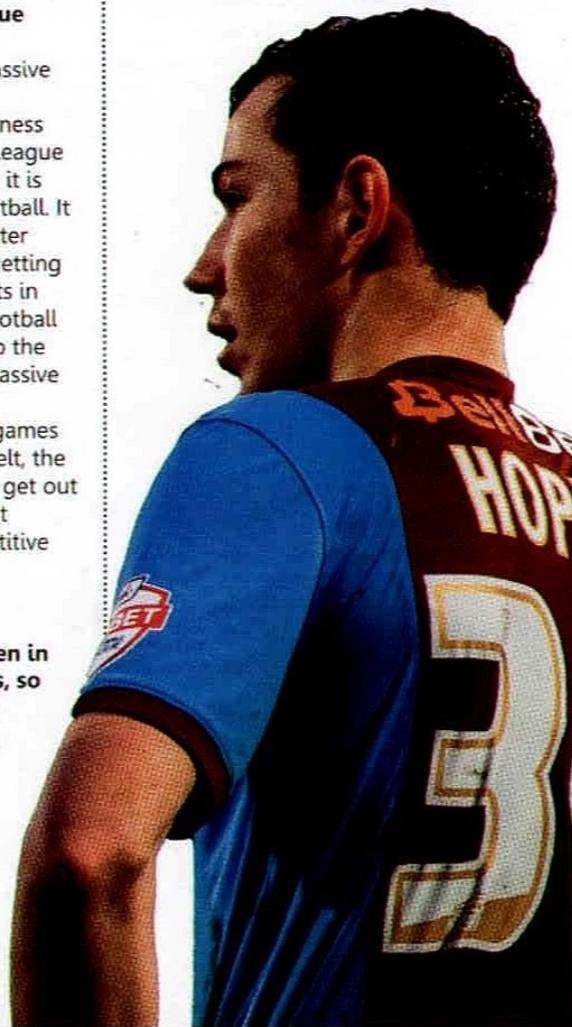
TH: "It is a massive difference. The competitiveness increases in league football and it is better football. It is such a better feeling getting three points in league football to get up the table. It's massive to get professional games under my belt, the idea was to get out on loan and get regular competitive football."

**@ojwoolley2502, via Instagram, asks: You've been in Leicester City training sessions, so what's the difference between them and Scunthorpe training sessions?**

TH: "I would say they are fairly similar in certain ways. Obviously the coaches have different ways of doing things but I am enjoying it all so I cannot complain. It is good to see how different coaches do things."



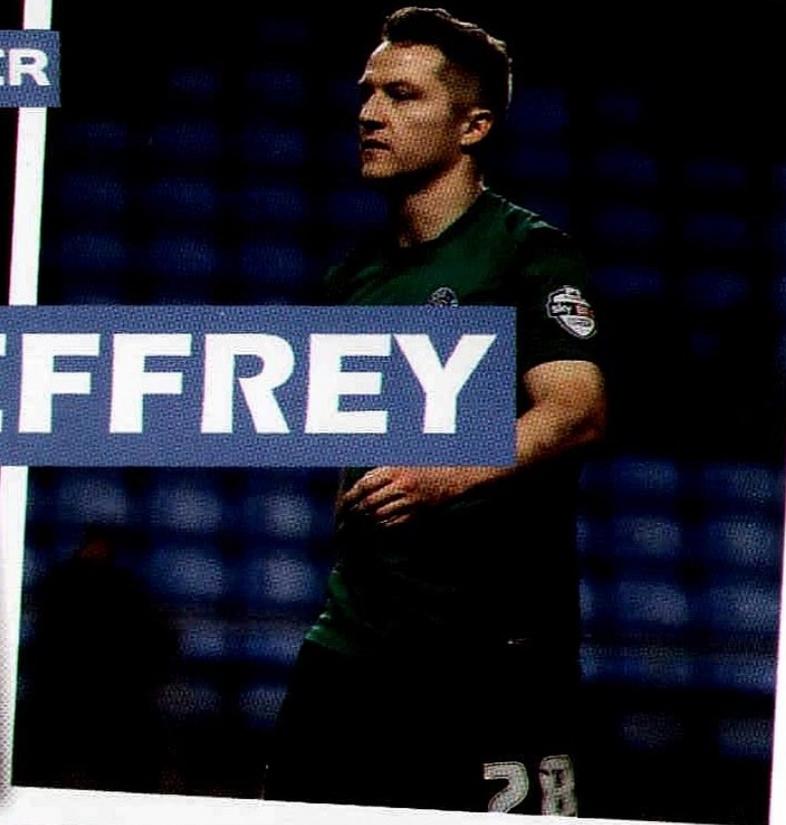
Tom Hopper in training.



## THE IRON PLAYER

# GARY

# MC SHEFFREY



*GEORGE PITTS spoke with GARY MCSHEFFREY after our 1-1 away draw at Coventry City...*

**Iron midfielder Gary McSheffrey was frustrated to leave the Ricoh Arena and return to North Lincolnshire with just a point on Tuesday, after the 1-1 draw with Coventry.**

United took the lead and controlled throughout, as they "got our noses in front and saw the half out well". They held out until stoppage time, when Marcus Tudgay netted to give the Sky Blues a fortuitous point.

"In the second half, without playing great, we controlled the game in a way," McSheffrey explained to the Iron Player.

"Whatever they threw at us we dealt with it, no problem.

"We played three minutes of added time perfectly really, in their half, keeping the ball in the corner. Then we switched off from a free-kick, the second ball came out to Fleck and, from an attacking point of view, it is a lovely goal, a good diagonal ball and a great finish.

"We switched off and we needed to be seeing that game out, keeping a clean sheet and winning 1-0. Again we have failed to keep a clean sheet as a team and it is not good enough.

"Sometimes pitches like that, we soak up lots of pressure and control the game. I was out there on Tuesday and didn't think Coventry would score all night.

"They had a couple of good efforts but the first half our goalie made a good save and they didn't really threaten us. Our defence had a really good game too, 93 minutes they were awesome and we conceded at the end which is frustrating."

United went ahead through a first-half set piece as McSheffrey scored, from just outside the area, against his former team and boyhood club.

He told us he was confident stepping over the ball and was

delighted to get a good reception from the home support on the night.

"As soon as we got the free-kick I was adamant I was going to take it and thankfully it went in," McSheffrey stated.

"I just felt confident, Liam O'Neil wanted it but I said 'no chance, this is going to nestle in the net'.

"I had a good feeling and as soon as I hit it I knew it was in because the goalkeeper stepped to his left and I did him at his back-post.

"I played a lot of games there, scored a lot of goals and we have always had a mutual respect, the fans have been great with me and I feel like I gave them a good service while I was there."

The wideman picked up his tenth booking of the campaign and he will now miss Mark Robins' side's next two fixtures - at home against Swindon and Chesterfield.

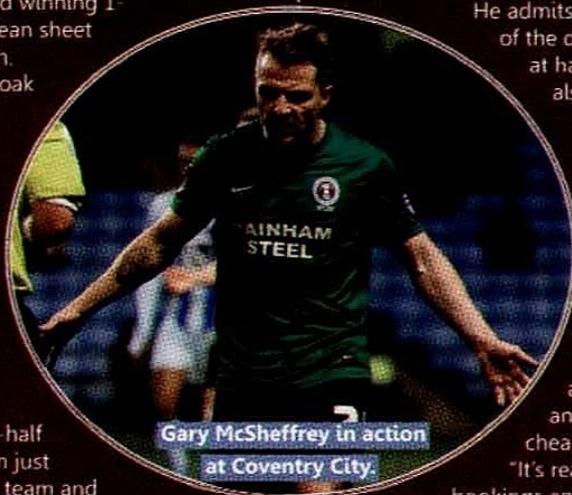
He admits he cannot complain about the majority of the decisions but he is extremely displeased at having to miss the games, while he has also put his place in the side at risk.

McSheffrey was cautioned at the Ricoh for an alleged dive in the opposition box and, while he says he went down easily, he can see why it was awarded against him:

"I've seen penalties given for less than that to be honest but I kind of anticipated the challenge and went down too easy. At the same time, I thought with the pace I was running at, any touch would have set me down and I tried to avoid the tackle. It was cheap and it was my bad.

"It's really frustrating. I look back on the bookings and some are definitely yellow cards but some were just stupid or bad decisions and you cannot appeal yellow cards, you just have to deal with them."

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**Gary McSheffrey in action at Coventry City.**



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Cliff Byrne marks Lyle Taylor during a game against Bournemouth in 2012.



# Quiz time...

## Ten for the Iron fans

1. How many matches did Mark Lillis play for the Iron?
2. And how many did his son Josh play for us?
3. Who beat Scunthorpe in the FA Cup fifth round in 1957/58?
4. How many times have Scunthorpe finished top of a Football League?
5. Who scored for the Iron in their last League match against Grimsby at Glanford Park?
6. Which former Grimsby player did the Iron sign from Hibernian in 2009?
7. How many league matches did Joe Neenan play for Scunthorpe?
8. How many seasons have the Iron played in the second tier of English football?
9. How many matches did Cliff Byrne play for Oldham before joining the Iron?
10. When the Iron beat QPR at home in 2011, who scored twice?



## Five for the away/general

11. Robins boss Mark Cooper played for which non-league club in 2001-02?
12. Who did Swindon beat in the 1969 League Cup Final?
13. Who won Swindon's Player of the Year in 1980?
14. When were Swindon promoted to the Premier League?
15. The County Ground has been the Robins' home since when?
16. How many managers have England had since 1947?
17. The England national team's first foreign manager was from which country?
18. Which country won the Asian Cup this year?
19. Lincoln City has played how many seasons in the Football League?
20. Who is England's current vice-captain?

## Missing men

Can you work out the three Iron men missing from this starting line-up which played in the 3-1 home win against Swindon Town from April 2013?

- Sam SLOCOMBE  
Paul REID  
David MIRFIN  
Mark DUFFY  
Michael COLLINS  
Jimmy RYAN  
Matt GODDEN  
Karl HAWLEY



Michael Collins scored in the game in 2013.

ANSWERS: 1: 68, 2: 39, 3: Liverpool, 4: Twice, 1957-58 & 2006-7, 5: Paul Hayes (2), 6: Rob Jones, 7: 191, 8: 9, 9: 5, 10: Joe Garner, 11: Forest Green, 12: Arsenal, 13: Chris Kamara, 14: 1992-3, 15: 1896, 16: 17, 17: Sweden, 18: Australia, 19: 103, 20: Gary Cahill, Anthony Forde.

# COVENTRY CITY

Tudgay 90

# SCUNTHORPE UNITED

McSheffrey 21



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**"It was disappointing because we have got to learn to keep clean sheets, so I'm annoyed and angry. But we'll look to put in a performance at home to Swindon on Saturday now."**

Mark Robins

### Match Details...

|                  | CCFC | SUFC |
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| Shots on target  | 6    | 3    |
| Shots off target | 13   | 8    |
| Corners          | 4    | 3    |
| Fouls conceded   | 6    | 12   |
| Possession       | 56%  | 44%  |

**"I felt confident. Liam O'Neil wanted it and I told him no chance, it's going to nestle in the net! As I hit it I had a good feeling. Just a shame we couldn't hold on."**

Gary McSheffrey

Scunthorpe conceded an equaliser in added time, and had to settle for a 1-1 draw away at Coventry City, writes **LAURA WARBURTON**.

The Sky Blues had the first chance when ex-Iron loanee Luke Williams cut inside and tried an effort which eventually went harmlessly wide. United had their first chance minutes later when Gary McSheffrey's delicious cross just evaded Tom Hopper, who looked well placed to head home.

On 18 minutes Coventry had a huge chance when Adam Barton played Dominic Samuel in behind, but Marcus Williams somehow got back to clear for United with a brilliant last-ditch tackle.

Just three minutes later the Iron took the lead when McSheffrey was brought down by Barton just outside the box, and the former Coventry winger stepped up to take the free kick himself, curling it sublimely straight into the bottom corner. Scunthorpe then almost doubled their lead when Paddy Madden controlled a ball over the top but couldn't quite lift his chipped effort over the keeper.

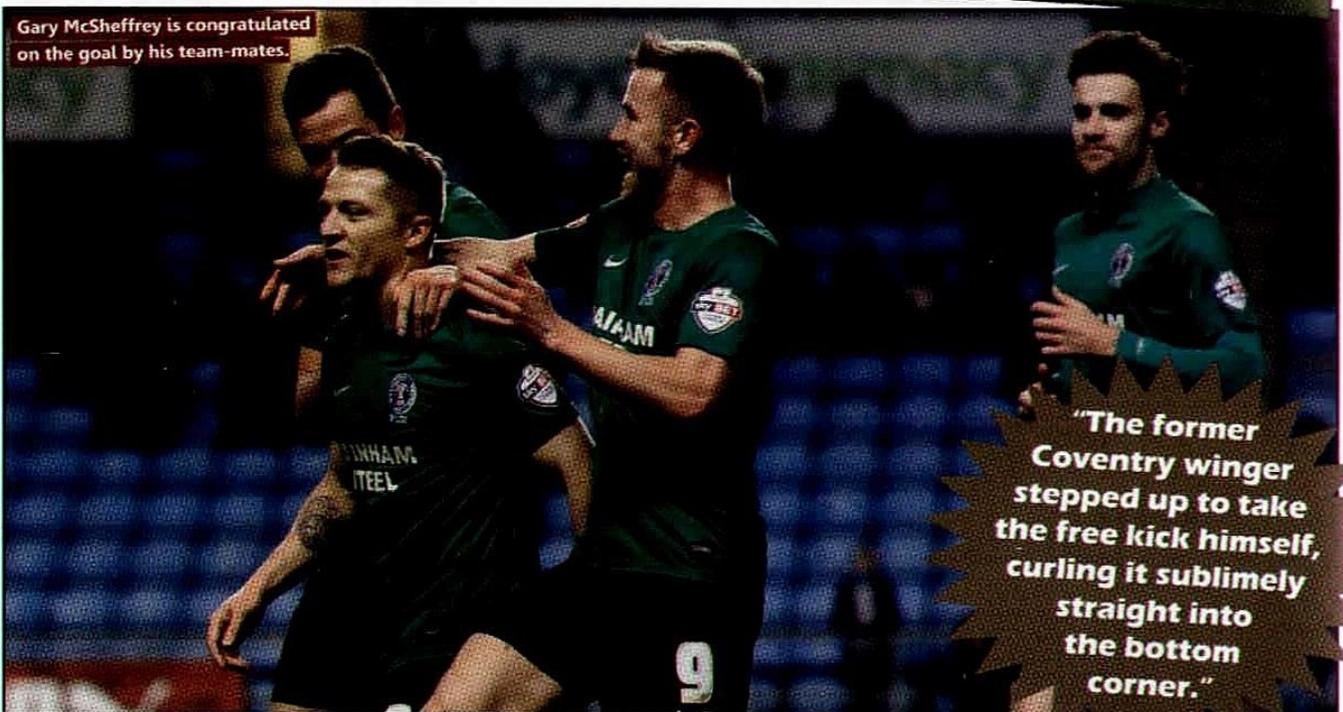
Luke Daniels made a couple of good saves late in the first period, but after halftime United were unlucky not to extend their lead when Madden's shot cannoned back off the crossbar and a few minutes later he tried again, this time firing just over.

The Iron looked comfortable, allowing Coventry to keep possession but not create chances, but that changed in the second minute of added time when Marcus Tudgay latched onto a lofted ball forward and lifted it over Daniels and in, leaving both sides with a share of the points.

Gary McSheffrey curls home his free-kick.



Gary McSheffrey is congratulated on the goal by his team-mates.



**"The former Coventry winger stepped up to take the free kick himself, curling it sublimely straight into the bottom corner."**



Neal Bishop plays a pass in midfield.



Tom Hopper in control of the ball.



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Substitute George Evans anticipates his next pass.



Marcus Williams threads the ball forward.



Kevin van Veen holds up play late on.



**The Teams...**

**COVENTRY CITY**

- Manager Steven Pressley  
 23 Jamie Jones  
 2 Jordan Willis (63)   
 7 John Fleck  
 8 Luke Williams (64)  
 11 Jim O'Brien (c) (74)   
 14 Dominic Samuel  
 16 Adam Barton  
 18 Aaron Phillips  
 20 Marcus Tudgay   
 21 Aaron Martin   
 22 Matthew Pennington

**Substitutes**

- 1 Lee Burge  
 6 Conor Thomas  
 12 Simeon Jackson  
 25 Blair Turgot  
 26 Ryan Haynes  
 27 Jack Finch  
 37 George Thomas

**SCUNTHORPE UNITED**

- Manager Mark Robins  
 26 Luke Daniels  
 33 Jordan Clarke  
 37 Alex Davey  
 6 Niall Canavan  
 30 Marcus Williams  
 12 Neal Bishop (c)  
 35 Isaiah Osbourne (45)  
 22 Liam O'Neil   
 28 Gary McSheffrey (88)   
 9 Paddy Madden  
 34 Tom Hopper (66)

**Substitutes**

- 39 Joe Anyon  
 2 Eddie Nolan  
 4 Sean McAllister  
 10 Kevin van Veen (65)  
 15 George Evans (45)  
 16 Hakeeb Adelakun (88)  
 25 Andrew Boyce

# ONE FOR THE ROAD

*A fortnight ago, we made the League One trip to take on Leyton Orient in what proved be an emphatic victory. Iron media assistant GORDON BENNETT reflects on it from a press perspective...*

## Travel and Pre-Match...

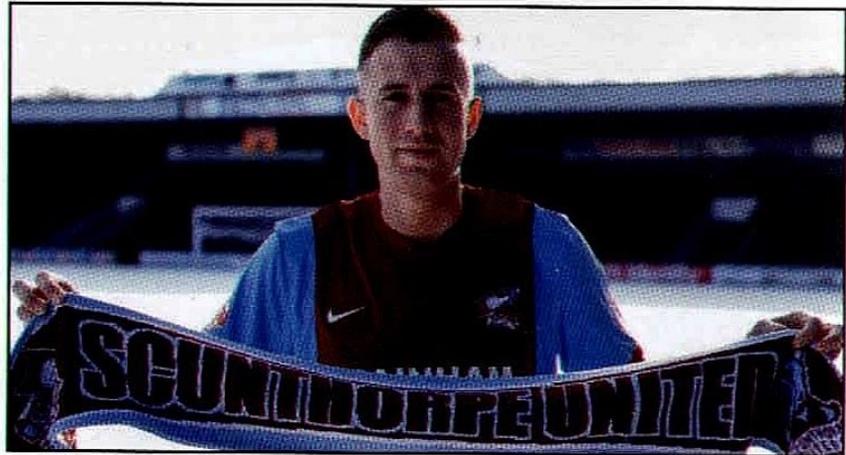
**The morning's proceedings took an immediate but welcome hitch with the signing of Kevin van Veen causing a stir at Glanford Park.**

Interviewing the Dutchman, photographing the striker and hanging around while the forward's deal was tied up set the planned journey down to London back a two-and-a-half-hours.

With coverage sewn up and ready to go when the time was right, we departed down the A1. The journey was largely painless, barring the hue and cry echoing back and forth between some of the greedier members of the media team eager to stop for food.

The eventual stop proved worth the wait as we left the carriageway at the junction of A1(M), A1 and the Fletton Parkway at Peterborough and entered an off-ramp Mecca of fast-food eateries, as well as the site of a cracking 82-bed Days Inn (don't let the reviews tell you otherwise, it is truly first-class). The choice was mind boggling. Costa, McDonalds, Domino's, a noodle bar whose name escapes me... The list went on. The folks at Extra have really nailed it here.

I opted for fried chicken, stipulating not to be given those little flexi-plastic sachets of sauce that are nigh-on impenetrable when tackled by



chicken-battered fingers. I said we were driving and the sachets would be useless to me. The attendant gave me a pot on that basis. I then panicked as the rest of the media team sat at the first table they saw opposite the cashier's desk. The attendette didn't look best pleased as I sat in-front of her, pot of B.B.Q. in hand. She glared, but needless to say, I had the last laugh.

The rest of the journey was textbook as we rolled into Leyton but the hotel... Where to start. My mind raced back to the cracking Days Inn we'd seen earlier. My thoughts were: "Why couldn't we have that" and: "Not another IBIS budget" (rebadged "Style"

in this instance). We made do, and out of our own pockets as is usually the case.

Meanwhile, I caught sight of a photo uploaded to the social media account of local media mogul, Chris Sumpter. It purported to show the pitch at West Ham's Boleyn Ground as the view from his room. I looked out at the independent second-hand car dealership partially masked by heavy scaffolding from my window in envy. Both he, and fellow mogul Mike White, accompanied as ever by George Kerr, had booked into Gold and Sullivan's East-End palace for the night – not for a knees up, but a restful nights sleep.

I must assume each room is a masterpiece in rich velvety-leather tapestry. Greeted by a Pearly King, you enter a space darkened with deep burgundy shades mixing among brown leathers and fixtures surely dripping with gold detail, and it's all accompanied by the sound of 'Rabbit' by Chas and Dave playing softly in the background, setting the mood. Add in the contents of the complementary in-room magazine rack and the channel-choice on the TV as provided by the cheeky Hammers pair and you've got yourself a pad (on a temporary basis) that simply oozes class.



**The Game...**

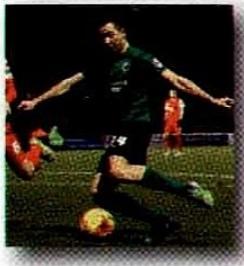
**We turned up ten minutes early, according to the jumpy staff at Brisbane Road.**

One attendant leapt out and exclaimed "what are you doing here?" as we got out of the lift from the car-park and into the lobby. Not the usual greeting. We brushed the dismissal off and went to the butty van across the road for a (very reasonably priced) sausage in long-bun combo, no onions.

Post-snack, we were let into the ground and up to the perch on-high to report from a press box that was almost certainly an afterthought.

Sumpter, White and Kerr were all in place. We filed in and sat down to an excellent, near-perfect away performance barring an iffy penalty decision going against us. Tom Hopper would have been my vote for MOTM with his two goals putting the game beyond Orient, who looked a side in a bit of trouble to be honest.

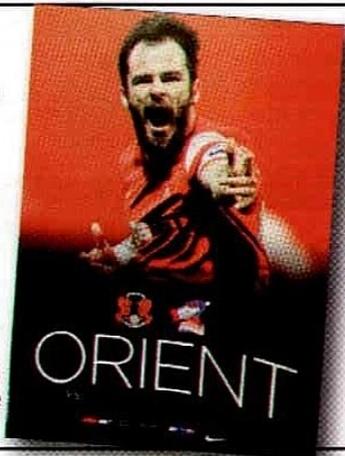
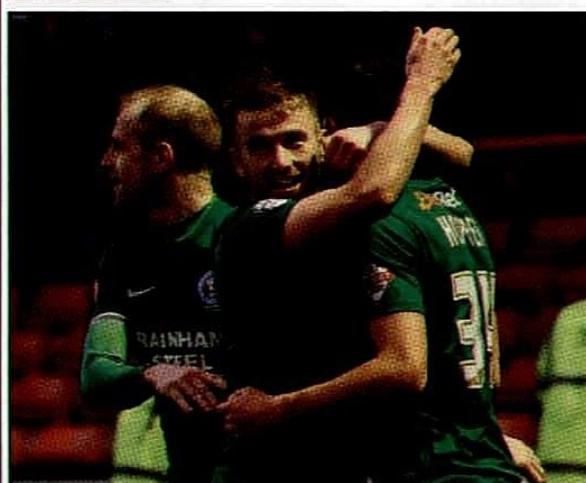
The Iron were spurred on by a burgeoning away support of 591 in a crowd of 5,184. What a day out for them and what a boost their presence must have been as they made themselves heard in the cold.

**The Programme...**

**Orient's matchday offering was a very smart publication and one of the better ones we've seen this season.**

The cover had a smooth finish and the programme had a spine. There was plenty of in-depth content, and superb design throughout.

A great effort and surely a contender for awards at the end of the season.

**Post-Match...**

**Everything was wrapped up and in the can smoothly after the game and we set off back out of London and home with a short stop at Birchanger services – another classic example of extra-carriageway dining done right.**

I had made a bet earlier in the day to another member of the media team that his 5-1 Iron prediction wouldn't come to fruition. If it did, I owed him tea. Thankfully for me, United kept it to four and I was spared the £8.99 fee demanded by Harry Ramsden at his fish and chip shop. I don't know how he gets away with it.

**The Away Fans...**

**United took a superb following of 591 fans to the Matchroom Stadium, and they made plenty of noise as the Iron romped to a 4-1 win.**



**NEXT UP** We will assess what happened on the trip to take on Coventry.

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|  <p><b>1. SAM SLOCOMBE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Baz Clarke and Dave Bulmer<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Paul Fox<br/>                     Sunday League<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Winterton Iron</p>                          |  <p><b>2. EDDIE NOLAN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Charles and Liz Bratton<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Away Travel<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Irish Iron</p>  |  <p><b>3. ANDY DAWSON</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Julie and David Letts<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Paul Rockall</p>  |
|  <p><b>4. SEAN McALLISTER</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> Horner Solutions<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b><br/>                     CHURCH+OSBORNE signage<br/>                     (W Australia)<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Irish Iron</p>                       |  <p><b>5. DAVID MIRFIN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Ianna and Kavan Drury<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Steve Butler<br/>                     Heavy Haulage</p>                             |  <p><b>6. NIALL CANAVAN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Irish Iron<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Irish Iron<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Robert Matthews Enterprises</p>   |
|  <p><b>7. MATT SPARROW</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Hewden Hire<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Josh and<br/>                     Chris Braith-</p>  |  <p><b>8. DAVID SYERS</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Peter Greer, Belfast<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Scott Tock<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Jon &amp; Elliott Eaglen</p>                                |  <p><b>9. PADDY MADDEN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Irish Iron<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Irish Iron<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Glenys, Jamie and Sophie Peel</p>  |
|  <p><b>10. KEVIN VAN VEEN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Carl Watson<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Jake Wykes<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Lucia Verrico</p>   |  <p><b>11. J MYRIE-WILLIAMS</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     S Falkner</p>   |  <p><b>12. NEAL BISHOP</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> Glenys Peel<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Scunthorpe United<br/>                     Official Supporters' Club<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Scunthorpe United<br/>                     Official Supporters' Club</p>          |
|  <p><b>13. JAMES SEVERN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE</p>   |  <p><b>14. TERRY HAWKRIDGE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Rueben Bee<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b><br/>                     Rueben Bee<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> D Jones</p>   |  <p><b>15. GEORGE EVANS</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Brian Air Flights of Fancy<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE</p>   |
|  <p><b>16. HAKEEB ADELAKUN</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> Scunthorpe United<br/>                     Official Supporters' Club<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     George Charles and Ian Dawson</p> |  <p><b>17. CURTIS BATESON</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Reece, Kane, Kory Brown<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> SULSESC, in memory<br/>                     of Jan Kendall<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> H &amp; H Build</p>         |  <p><b>18. ISAIAH OSBOURNE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Winterton Iron</p>   |
|  <p><b>19. LYLE TAYLOR</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Winterton Iron<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b><br/>                     AWSO<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Jake Wykes</p>  |  <p><b>20. CALLUM HOWE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b><br/>                     Melton Developments,<br/>                     Doncaster<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> AVAILABLE</p>                                   |  <p><b>21. LIAM O'NEIL</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Peter Stewart<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Natalie Grummett</p>   |
|  <p><b>22. JACOB MURPHY</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Gary Hoodless</p>  |  <p><b>23. ANDREW BOYCE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     John Billinger<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Away Travel</p>  |  <p><b>24. LUKE DANIELS</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Messingham Iron<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE</p>   |
|  <p><b>25. GARY McSHEFFREY</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Chris and Josh Braithwaite<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b><br/>                     Julie Turland and Colin Mather<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Anne Hollingsworth</p>        |  <p><b>26. MARCUS WILLIAMS</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> SULSESC, in memory<br/>                     of Andrew Metcalfe<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Away Travel<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Julie Turland and<br/>                     Colin Mather</p> |  <p><b>27. MIGUEL LLERA</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b> Cllr Tony Gosling &amp;<br/>                     Keir, Coel, Bryn &amp; Dylan Gosling<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> SULSESC, in memory<br/>                     of Ian Tremayne<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b> Karen Lee</p> |
|  <p><b>28. JORDAN CLARKE</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> AVAILABLE<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE</p>   |  <p><b>29. TOM HOPPER</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Messingham Iron<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Winterton Iron<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     AVAILABLE</p>  |  <p><b>30. ALEX DAVEY</b><br/> <b>HOME KIT:</b><br/>                     Nick Lough<br/> <b>AWAY KIT:</b> Anne Hollingsworth<br/> <b>THIRD KIT:</b><br/>                     Anne Hollingsworth</p>  |



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I'd like to welcome today's matchball sponsors H B Clark, while the Thompson Family will be enjoying a box package with us this afternoon. I hope both parties have a great day with us.

Our match sponsor for the last game, at home to Oldham Athletic, were Easy Buy, while we also had Chris Street's Stag Do here as match and matchball sponsors. Both parties had a great afternoon and photos of their sponsorship and the man of the match



of five available for £1 each. The stickers include both the current squad and twelve specially selected former United players in the legends section.

So whether you want your favourite player, manager Mark Robins or even Chairman Peter Swann, you'll find it all in this album, with 59 stickers to collect between now and the end of the season.

Goalkeeper Sam Slocombe and midfielder Matt Sparrow will be in our club shop from 1.30pm today, signing stickers and albums.

The match with Sheffield United on Saturday, March 14 will be celebrated as 'Irish Iron Day' to commemorate the 20th year anniversary of their existence.

presentation to Neal Bishop can be seen on this page.

Last weekend saw us officially launch our sticker book, with 600 people taking up the offer in the Scunthorpe Telegraph to get a free copy with a voucher.

The books are on sale for just £1, with blind sticker packets

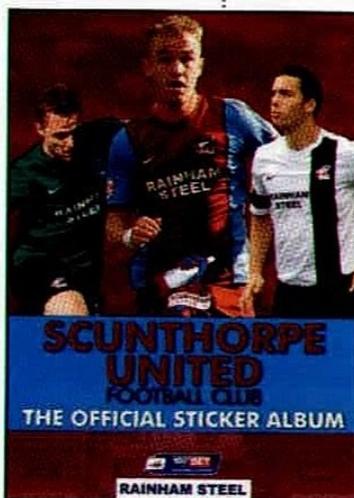


We are planning a special Irish Iron party event in our executive lounge on the night, and tickets are on sale now for £20. For more information, call me on 07957 498777 or email michelle@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

Remember, you can follow me on Twitter through the @CommercialSUFC handle. We've had numerous competitions and offers so far this season. Get following, and maybe you could be a winner next time.

Keep an eye out on Twitter and **Scunthorpe-United.co.uk** for news of all our upcoming commercial offers and initiatives.

**Up the Iron!**  
Michelle Harness,  
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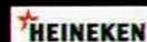
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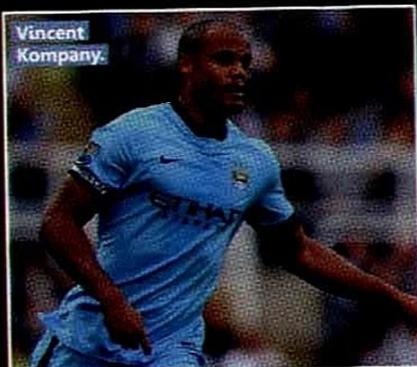
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ALEX RENSHAW finds out what makes youth defender TARON HARE tick...

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### YOUTH INTERVIEW

# TARON HARE



**Favourite ground:** I'm a Manchester United supporter so it has to be Old Trafford.

**Favourite player:** In my position I'd say Vincent Kompany.

**Best goal scored:** I scored direct from a goal kick once when I was younger.

**Best goal seen:** Ibrahimovic scored an amazing flick goal for PSG last season so I'll say that.

**Most difficult opponent faced:** Probably Paddy Madden in training.

**Best advice:** I've been given a lot of good advice so I can't really pick one bit out.

**Favourite other sport:** Either cricket or rugby.

**Hobbies:** Any type of sporting activity.

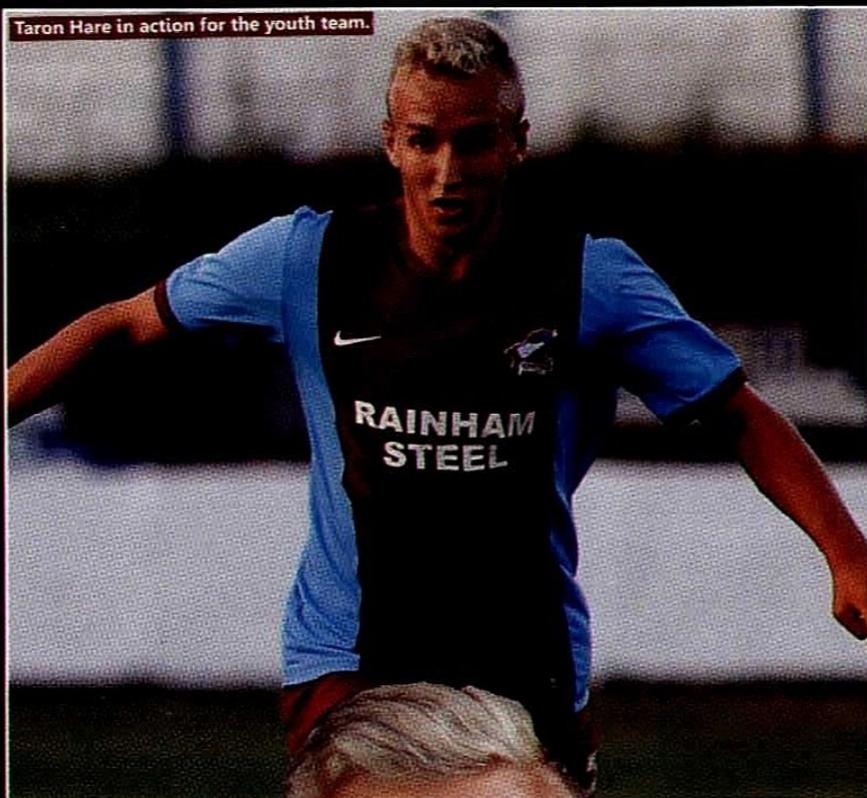
**Dislikes:** I don't really have any dislikes!

**Favourite food:** Yorkshire pudding with mash potato and beans.

**Favourite genre of music:** I just listen to chart music. I don't really have one favourite musician.



Taron Hare in action for the youth team.



**Pre match meal:**

Chicken, pasta and sweetcorn.

**Best country visited:**

America.

**Favourite TV Show:**

Anything football related.

**Favourite film:** 8 Mile.

**Favourite type of film:**

Comedy.

**Biggest influence:**

My dad and all the managers that have been here.

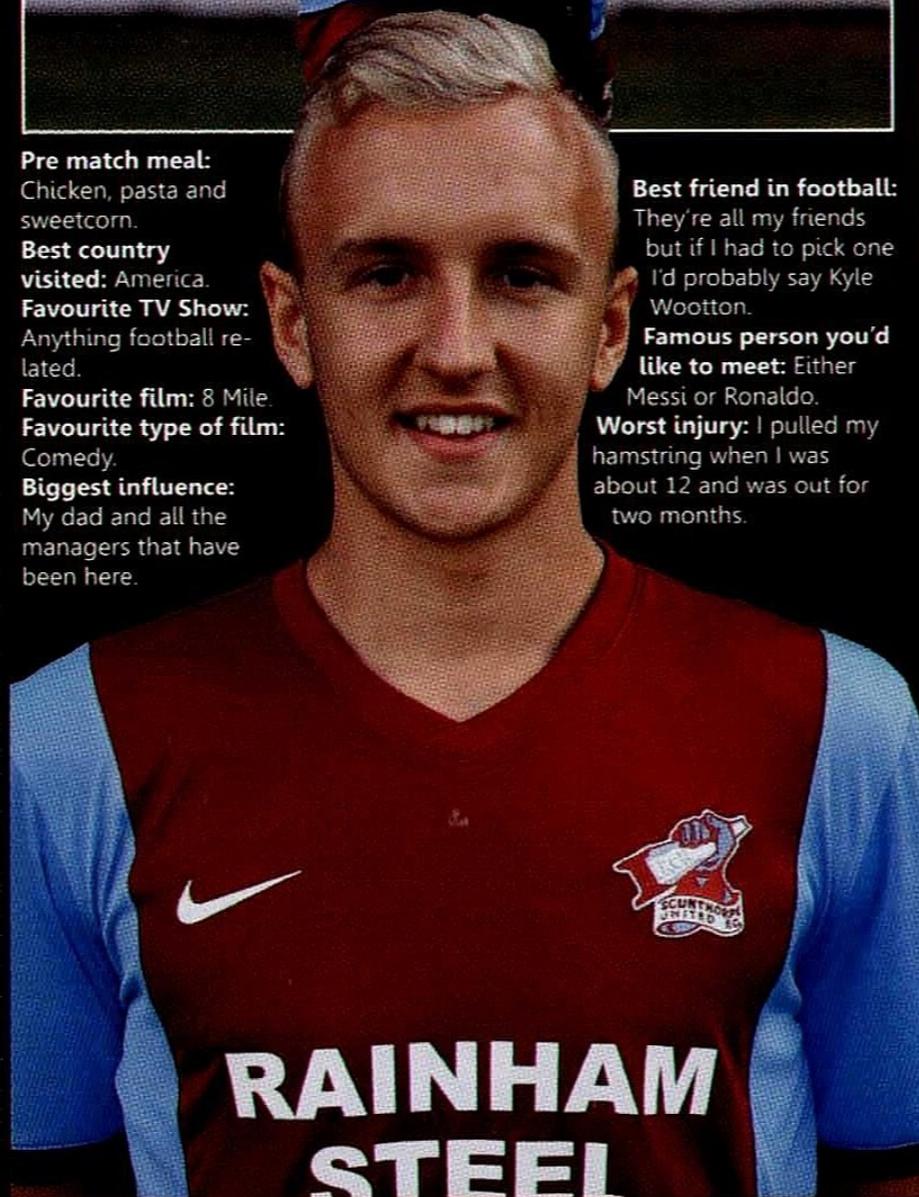
**Best friend in football:**

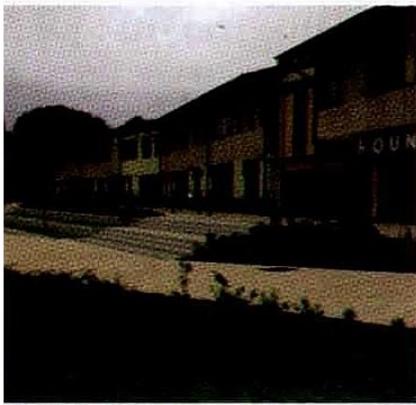
They're all my friends but if I had to pick one I'd probably say Kyle Wootton.

**Famous person you'd like to meet:**

Either Messi or Ronaldo.

**Worst injury:** I pulled my hamstring when I was about 12 and was out for two months.





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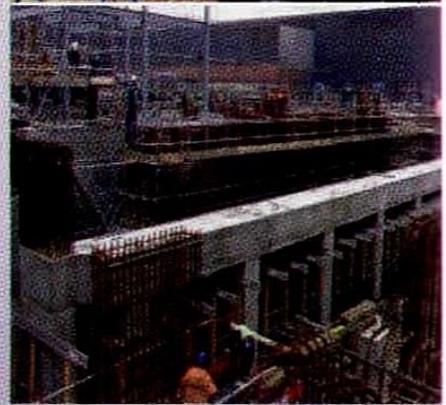
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# Junior Iron



## Scunny Bunny

Welcome back as we prepare to host Swindon Town at Glanford Park today.

United come into the game looking to bounce back from last week's home defeat at the hands of Oldham Athletic, and make the most of the home advantage we're going to have for the rest of this month.

We have four games to play at Glanford Park as we look to continue our positive momentum and climb up the League One table.

I will be running the London Marathon in an effort to raise funds for Prostate Cancer research. To sponsor me, please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/GLYNSB99SPARKS>.

Remember, if you want to take me on at Pole to Goal this afternoon that you need to sign your name up at one of the programme booths.

Keep an eye out for Jake Wykes and Alan Chapman too,



who will be gathering kids for the childrens' penalty shoot-out, which will take place just before the game.

Up the Iron!



## EITHER/OR



with **JORDAN CLARKE**

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- HARRY POTTER**/Lord of the Rings

## My Toughest Test

One of the toughest players I've played against is Andros Townsend, said **JORDAN CLARKE** in an interview with **TIM MAGNUS**.

I've come up against him since I was very young because we'd played at the same age at Academy level so whenever we played Tottenham he was always there for them.

We also played for the same England youth side and when he attacks you he can go left or right and is a really tricky player.

However, Gareth Bale was unbelievable and an absolute machine. I played against him a couple of years ago and I managed to get his shirt after that game!

That was probably my highlight of my career so far coming up against Bale and getting his shirt afterwards.

I've also played with a lot of good players during my career so far. I've played with a lot of players that are now in the Premiership or have been in the Premiership so they stand out and I'll always remember Leon Best and it was nice to see him scoring.

I think he scored a hat trick against West Ham a few years ago, so he was one of the best players I've played with.





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# Junior Iron FAN OF THE DAY



**Name?** Max Bramley.

**Age?** Six-years-old.

**What age did you start supporting the Iron?** From the age of three.

**What stand do you usually watch the game from?** I sit in the Family Stand with my Dad.

**Who is your favourite current Iron player?** My favourite player is Paddy Madden.

**What is your favourite Iron shirt?** I'd say my home kit.

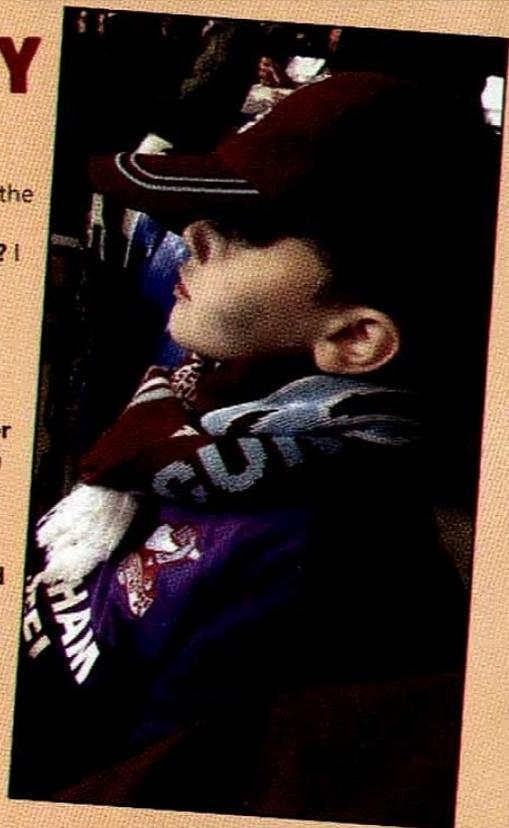
**What is the best Iron game you've ever been to?** The 5-1 win over Portsmouth last season, when Paddy Madden got his first goal!

**If you could meet any player in the current Iron squad who would it be?** Paddy Madden!

**Where do you think the club will finish in the league this season?** I'm going to say seventh.

**What's your score prediction for the game today?** 2-1 to the Iron, Paddy Madden and Kevin van Veen.

Interview: NICK LOUGH



## BE AN IRON FLAG BEARER



The Iron are giving their young fans the special opportunity to be flag bearers for certain home matches.

We are looking for young fans to go on to the pitch and welcome the players out with flags just before kick-off.

If the possibility of doing that interests you, please email [sufcofficial@scunthorpe-united.co.uk](mailto:sufcofficial@scunthorpe-united.co.uk) and we'll get back to you with more details. Remember all under 12's are free.

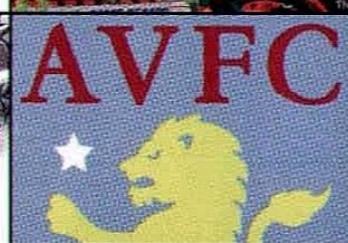
## Odd One Out



Which one of these players is the odd one out? Here's a clue, one of them has played in Scotland.

## Scunny Bunny's QUESTIONS

1. Who is the top English scorer in the Premier League?
2. Who did the Iron face on the opening day of the season?
3. Which Swindon Town player won the Asia Cup with Australia earlier in the season?
4. Which Iron midfielder played in the UEFA Cup with Aston Villa?
5. Which Premier League club is Swindon midfielder John Swift on loan from?
6. What is the nickname of Swindon Town?
7. Which manager parted company with QPR the day after the January transfer window closed?
8. Who won the Champions League last season?
9. Which League One club defeated Chelsea in the fourth round of the FA Cup?
10. Who scored for the Iron the last time these two sides met?





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**KID ZONE**

## U12'S GO FREE



Iron supporters aged under 12 can attend this season for free.

We want to make it as easy as possible for the full family to come and enjoy the Iron in action this season.

For all home league matches during the 2014-15 campaign, supporters aged under 12 will be printed a match ticket for free admission.

All you have to do is come in to the Scunthorpe United ticket office at Glanford Park, Jack Brownsword Way, Scunthorpe, DN15 8TD or call 0871 221 1899 to get your ticket printed.

Proof of age required where necessary. U14's should be accompanied by an adult on matchdays.

## FAMILY ZONE

Want to bring the family to watch the Iron? Our Glanford Park family zone is the ideal place to do so.

Surrounded by likeminded people, you and your loved ones can cheer on the Iron in our special designated area.

The players will head over there before games to sign autographs, while Scunny Bunny is also sure to make an appearance!

Underneath the stand, we also have our OSG Bar open every home matchday - with all ages welcome.

We have video game systems and all manner of facilities for the whole family.



## Wordsearch

Can you find the hidden surnames of players who currently play for Swindon?

Foderingham, Thompson, Byrne, Luongo, Stephens, Turnbull, Gladwin, Kasim, Smith, Williams, Swift, Waldon, Barker, Obika, Hylton.



## Spot the ball

Where have we hidden the ball from Andrew Boyce?



ANSWERS: ODD ONE OUT: Sean McAllister, SCUNNY BUNNY'S QUESTIONS: 1. Charlie Austin, 2. Swindon Town, 3. Massimo Luongo, 4. Isalah Osbourne, 5. Chelsea, 6. The Robins, 7. Harry Redknapp, 8. Real Madrid, 9. Bradford City, 10. Paddy Madden. SPOT THE BALL: C.



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## Iron duo make disability visit

We are into the second year of the Disability Football Development Fund project working in partnership with the Lincolnshire FA.

This is a county-wide project aimed at increasing participation in disability football across Lincolnshire. This year we are delivering various sessions across North Lincolnshire, in schools, colleges and working with day care providers. Last week Neal Bishop and Miguel Llera came along to join in with one of the sessions that Foresight Day care service attend. The participants were really pleased that two players from the Iron had come to see them and join in. In particular the participants were overjoyed to see Miguel and broke out with a chorus of 'Ariba' as soon as he walked. The DFDF project aims

to deliver football sessions to a minimum of 85 participants over five different projects each running for up to 20 weeks. Neal Bishop commented that attending the



session and seeing how happy it made the participants was really worth-while and made him appreciate just how lucky he was to be a professional footballer. For more information about DFDF football sessions contact Social Inclusion Officer, Matt Robinson: [mattrobinsonsufc@hotmail.com](mailto:mattrobinsonsufc@hotmail.com).



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOCCER COURSES AT GLANFORD PARK



### JUNIORS ages 7-13 / £10 per day

10am-3pm On Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of February.

Registration in the OSG Bar open from 9am.

### IRON INFANTS ages 5-7 / £5 per day

Friday 20th of February 10am-12pm no registration necessary.

For both age groups participants will need: Warm waterproof clothing, shin pads, suitable footwear, packed lunch & drinks!



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## Half-term courses

We will be running our half-term courses this February.

We will be running courses for all 7-13 year-olds on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th. The courses run from 10am until 3pm and the price is £10.

Meanwhile, on Friday 20th we will be running our Iron Infants from 10am until 12noon. It's for 5-7 year olds and the price is £5.

The OSG Bar will be open for registration from 9am on all five of those days.

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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

# Lee Turnbull

The SUFC Trust's chief executive, and Iron chief scout, **LEE TURNBULL** reflects on recent events ahead of today's home encounter with **Swindon Town**...

United face a tough test against Swindon Town today.



Swindon Town are possibly the best footballing side in the division in my opinion.

We had a real baptism of fire away to them on the first day of the season, losing Dave Syers for what looks to be the whole season and then conceding two early away goals against a really good footballing side.

I played with Mark Cooper briefly at Wycombe, he is a nice guy is Coops and he has done really well at Swindon. They play with a 3-5-2 formation, they have goal threats up front and they try to play football by passing crisply and quickly.

They have made some really good loan signings, Jordan Turnbull and Jack Stephens at the back in particular, and they have some really talented players in their squad. There's Louis Thompson and his brother Nathan, Massimo Luongo, the list goes on and on. I really like Ben Gladwin, big Michael Smith upfront, Andy Williams who is the top scorer in the division, they have a lot going for them and I think they will go automatically.

It's interesting that the two teams up there in the division (Swindon and Bristol City, MK Dons played a slightly different system) have played 3-5-2 all season and played really good football. It will be a tough game, I am just hoping with the tight pitch here at Glanford Park we can play with a bit of tempo and get about them.

I went to watch them with my thermals on against Oldham on Tuesday night and we have had them watched a couple of times before. We know a lot about them and it will be a difficult game.

It would be nice to get a win at home, it has been difficult. We have had some tough games and it would

be nice to get three points to get us shooting up that table.

The loan window is back open now. Another crazy situation with the transfer window for the permanent signings ends in January and we have to wait a week - I do not know why - for the window to open for loans.

The loan market closes on the third Thursday in March, so it gives you six or seven weeks to bring some players in on emergency loans to bolster your squad. We are looking in one or two positional areas where we feel we are light and need some backup. We have been

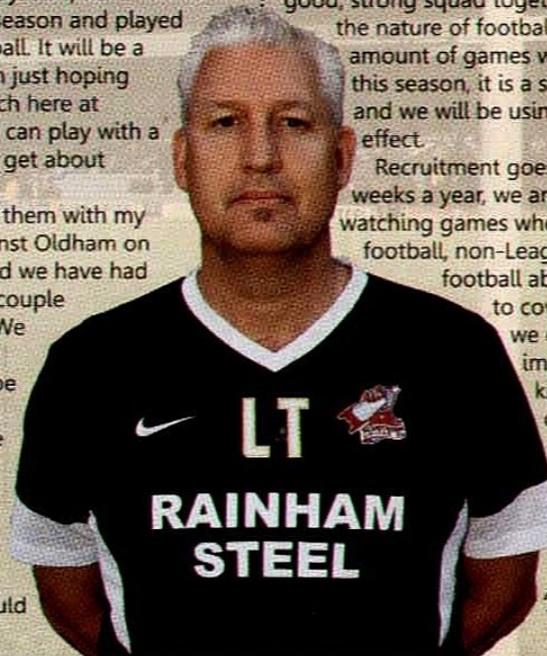
delighted with the loan acquisitions we have made, we made some signings from two top Premier League clubs, which is great to build up that relationship with them and we are actively looking all the time to try and improve this squad.

I think that really is the art of recruitment, trying to improve as you go along with the structure of the team playing on a Saturday. It is important we get a good, strong squad together because of the nature of football and the amount of games we have left this season, it is a squad game and we will be using it to full effect.

Recruitment goes on, it is 52 weeks a year, we are always out watching games whether it is U21 football, non-League football or football abroad, we try to cover as much as we can and to improve our knowledge base on the players that are available.

Up the Iron!  
*Lee  
Turnbull*

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## Community Staff...

**Lee Turnbull** (chief executive), **Scott Maxfield** (community manager), **Wayne Johnson** (social inclusion/education officer), **Gav Cooper** (Futsal co-ordinator), **Matty Robinson** (social inclusion officer), **Sam Tonge** (NCS co-ordinator), **Lee Ridley** (NCS/Futsal assistant), **Adam Blakey**, **Ryan Craig**, **Shamus Beaglehole** (community coaches).

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David Mirfin with the students.



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Two of Scunthorpe United's top players, David Mirfin and Terry Hawkrige were interviewed by pupils from Oakfield Primary School as part of the 'Supporter to Reporter' project being run at Glanford Park.

Here are the comments to some of their questions they put to the players:

Terry Hawkrige told us that it is a bit frustrating that footballers can't eat pizza or chocolate a lot

Terry also said: "It's my ambition to take Scunthorpe to the Barclays Premier

**"In the past when Scunthorpe played the Blades, he scored a goal against them. His mum wasn't happy!"**

League."

The Simpson's, especially Bart, is one of Terry's favourite programmes to watch on TV

Terry also likes going on the Xbox to play Destiny, FIFA and COD (Call of Duty) in his spare time

Defender David

Mirfin supports Sheffield

United, but in the past when Scunthorpe played the Blades, he scored a goal against them. His mum wasn't happy!

David also said if he wasn't playing as a defender, he would like to try out for striker or goalkeeper

Reading is one of David's favourite

hobbies. He has read The Hobbit, and tried to read The Lord of the Rings trilogy, but he said it was heavy going.

Comments from all the children on meeting the players were that it had been the highlight of their visits to Glanford Park and found it exciting to find out a little bit about a professional footballer's interests.

They all send their very best wishes for the match today and would like to thank all the players for giving up their time to meet us.

Here's hoping for a home win today against 'The Robins', Swindon Town FC.

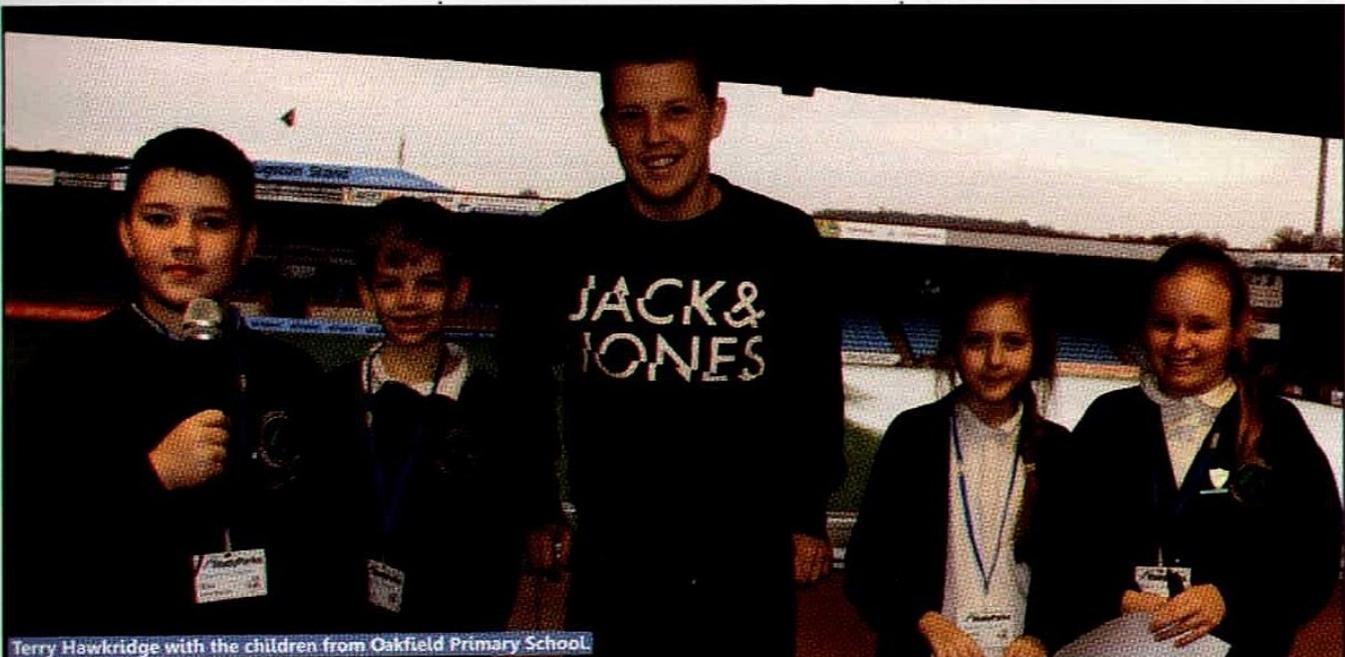
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Terry Hawkrige with the children from Oakfield Primary School

GEORGE PITTS provides an introduction to Swindon Town, managed by Mark Cooper, who head to Glanford Park for this afternoon's League One encounter...

# SWINDON TOWN

Formed 1879 Stadium The County Ground, Swindon Chairman Lee Power Manager Mark Cooper

Swindon celebrate an Andy Williams goal at Coventry.



Today's visitors Swindon Town have already exceeded the expectations of many in the 2014/15 season.

Mark Cooper's high-flyers arrive at Glanford Park having set the pace in the division this season and they look capable of pushing Bristol City and MK Dons all the way for an automatic spot for promotion to the Sky Bet Championship.

Cooper's men have earned a reputation for playing an exciting brand of football, free-flowing and easy on the eye. We were certainly a victim of that when we last met Town in August at The County Ground, as they won 3-1 on the first day of the campaign, Paddy Madden our scorer.

They face a near 400-mile round trip from Wiltshire to play United and they are in good form having lost just two of their last ten at the time of writing, and just five times in total this term, which is their third season in Sky Bet League One.

Their current top scorer is 28-year-old Andy Williams, who has 19 goals in 33 games this term as we go to print, and in January he told BBC Wiltshire that the current side is "one of the best teams" he has ever played in. While Michael Smith

**"Mark Cooper's high-flyers arrive at Glanford Park having set the pace in the division this season and they look capable of pushing Bristol City and MK Dons all the way for an automatic spot."**

and Jonathan Obika have also contributed quite heavily to the scoring as they hope to help Swindon return to the second tier for the first time since the year 2000.

Formed in 1879, the Robins turned professional in 1894 when they joined the Southern League, which was in its founding year.

The club toyed with its colour scheme. First black and white, then black and red quarters, then green before toying with various shades of red from 1901.

They joined the Football League in 1920 as a Division Three side, setting a club record which still stands - beating Luton 9-1 on their league debut.

The club had a long wait for promotion, which came in 1962/63. Six years later they won arguably one of their biggest triumphs in the 68/69 season, beating Arsenal at Wembley in the League Cup 3-1, with thanks to a goal from club legend Don Rogers.

Fast forward to 1992/93, the season where Swindon beat Leicester City 4-3 in the play-offs to book their place in the country's top division, the Premier League, under the management of a 36-year-old Glenn Hoddle.

Their only season in the Premier League saw them concede the most amount of goals in a PL campaign (100) - a record that still stands - as they were subject to consecutive relegations to Division Two.

In the last ten years, the Robins have yoayed between League One and League Two, most recently returning to the third tier in 2012 under Paolo Di Canio.

Kevin MacDonald has since been manager before Cooper took the reigns in 2013 and he is proving to be a shrewd appointment.

Notable players have represented the Robins in recent years. Swindon discovered QPR's Charlie Austin from non-League Poole Town in 2009. He scored 37 times in 65 appearances before swapping the red of Swindon for the claret of Burnley. Simon Cox made a name for himself shortly before Austin, as he scored 47 times for Swindon in a spell beginning in 2007 and ending in 2009.

Going further back, other notable former players include the likes of Chris Kamara, Man City legend Mike Summerbee and then his son Nicky, Arsenal legend Herbert Chapman and Colin Calderwood.

More often than not there is usually a familiar face and former Iron in the opposition squad, but there are currently none in Swindon's playing squad.

It will be just our 23rd meeting with the Robins, who have come out on top on more occasions, winning nine of those.

**The Away Digout...**

Mark Cooper made the step up from Swindon Town's assistant manager to become their full time manager in August 2013 after having been at the club since March of that same year, writes OLIVER WILKINSON.

The former Kidderminster, AFC Telford United, Kettering Town, Tamworth and Peterborough United boss led Swindon into eighth position in his first season as manager and he has improved further this term with his side currently occupying a place in the automatic promotion spots.

He first arrived at the County Ground in March 2013 after leaving AFC Telford. Being assistant manager to Kevin MacDonald, he helped achieve a play-off spot but ended up losing out on penalties in the semi-finals to Brentford.

This season Cooper's Swindon side have been impressing all with their own brand of football and with a youthful squad, it makes their achievements so far this season that bit more impressive. In fact, when they ended Bristol City's 22 match unbeaten run in League One earlier this season, the average age of the Swindon squad on the day was only 22.

That game was one of the highlights this season and it is Bristol City who remain their big rivals at the top of League One, with the two sides fighting it out for the top position. Their meeting at the County Ground was a feisty affair that was settled by Michael Smith's winner and it kick-started a run of ten games in which Cooper's side won eight games and lost just once.

Cooper only ended his playing career in 2009 and has had lots of experience to draw upon as he continues his start to life as a manager. He made appearances for 17 different clubs over the course of his 22 year career, which doesn't include Bristol City where he began as a trainee.



The Swindon defence in action against Bristol City.

**PROTECTING THE GOAL...**

**WES FODERINGHAM** arrived at the County Ground in 2012.

The 24-year-old began as a youth with Fulham then Crystal Palace. He appeared 33 times on loan with Bromley, followed by spells with Boreham Wood, Histon and the Robins. He has been capped for England at U16, U17 and U19 levels. In 2012, the custodian experienced League Two title glory and played in a Football League Trophy final defeat at Wembley. He was named in League One's PFA team of the year in 2013, Foderingham is Swindon's number one, having amassed over 170 appearances for the club.

**TYRELL BELFORD** provides youthful cover in goal for the Robins.

**RAPHAEL ROSSI BRANCO** signed from Whitehawk in 2013. The 24-year-old Brazilian began in his homeland with Porto Alegre, where he played 10 times and scored twice. He earned a move to England with Brighton & Hove Albion in 2011, rising through the youth ranks but never playing in the first team. He briefly ventured into non-league with Whitehawk. The 6ft 2in centre-back has played just under 40 times and scored twice for Town.

**JORDAN TURNBULL** is on a season-long loan from Southampton. The 20-year-old began as a youth with the Robins before joining Southampton, where he turned professional. The former England U19 international made his first team debut at Swindon, playing in a 3-0 opening day win over the Iron last August. The 6ft 1in centre-back is a near-ever present with over 30 appearances for the Robins this season.

**NATHAN BYRNE** joined in 2013

from Tottenham Hotspur. The 22-year-old rose through the youth ranks at Spurs, gaining first team experience on loan at Brentford, Bournemouth, Crawley Town and the Robins. He joined Swindon after a successful loan spell. Byrne is versatile in playing on either side of full back and the wing positions. He has played over 70 times and scored seven goals for Town.

**JACK STEPHENS** is on loan from Southampton. The 21-year-old began with Plymouth Argyle, where he made his first team debut aged 16. He played six times before earning a £150,000 move to Southampton in 2011. Stephens debuted for the first team the following year, in a FA Cup third round win over Coventry City in 2012. Capped for England at U18 and 19 levels, Stephens is versatile in defence and can also play as a defensive midfielder. He featured 10 times last season on loan with the Robins, and has played over 20 times and scored once this campaign.

**HARRY TOFFOLO** arrived last October on loan from Norwich City. The 19-year-old blossomed through the youth ranks with Norwich, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2013. The England U19 international has also represented his country at U18 level. He made his professional debut for Swindon in a 2-2 draw with Colchester United last October. A regular at left wing back for the Robins, he has played 15 times this season.

**JACK BARTHAM** signed in 2013 from Tottenham Hotspur. The 21-year-old began with Spurs as a youth, joining Swindon after his release. He made his professional debut in the Robins' 1-0 League Cup win over Torquay United in August 2013. Versatile in defence and midfield, he has played 21 times and scored once for the Wiltshire side.

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## PATROLLING THE ENGINE ROOM...

**JOHN SWIFT** arrived last month on loan from Chelsea.

The 19-year-old blossomed through the youth ranks at Chelsea, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2012. He made his first team debut aged 18 as a substitute in a 2-1 win over Cardiff City in the Premier League. He joined Rotherham on a season loan, playing three times before his spell was cut short by the Championship side. The England U20 international has also represented his country at U16, U17, U18 and U19 levels. He has played over five times for the Robins this season, and scored his first professional goal in a 3-1 victory over Chesterfield last month.

**LOUIS THOMPSON** is on loan from Norwich City. The 20-year-old began with the Robins, where he rose through the youth ranks. The midfielder is younger brother of club captain Nathan. He made history on his professional debut, being the first two brothers to play for Swindon since 1947. He joined Norwich permanently last September, and was immediately loaned back to Town. The Wales U19 international has played just under 40 times and scored once for the club.

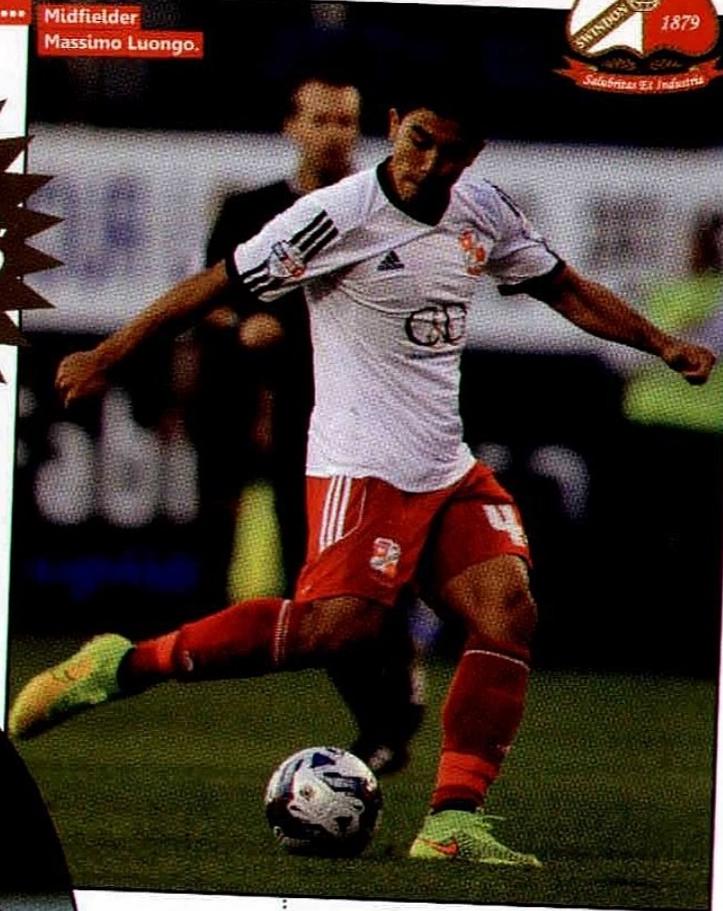
**MASSIMO LUONGO** arrived from Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 in 2013. The 22-year-old Australian began with Spurs, where he made his first team debut aged 19 in the League Cup against Stoke City in 2011. Loaned to Ipswich Town and the Robins, the former Australia U20 international has won 11 caps and scored twice for his country. He has racked up just under 90 appearances and scored 10 goals for Town.

**YASER KASIM** joined in 2013 from Brighton & Hove Albion. The 23-year-old Iraqi began as a youth with Tottenham Hotspur, joining Brighton

**"Luongo arrived from Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 in 2013, and has racked up 90 appearances and scored 10 goals for Town."**

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Midfielder  
Massimo Luongo.



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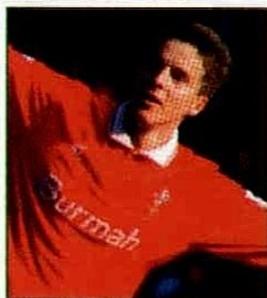
Macclesfield Town before arriving at the County Ground. He's been capped for Iraq at U23 level, winning 12 caps and scoring twice for his country. He has amassed over half a century of appearances and scored five times for the Robins.

**BEN GLADWIN** signed in

2013 from Marlow. The 22-year-old was a youth with his hometown club Reading. He has been well travelled in non-league, with spells at Wallingford Town, Hayes & Yeading, Salisbury City, Windsor & Eton, Burnham, Reading Town and Marlow. He has played just under 40 times and scored twice for the Robins.

**ANTON RODGERS** signed last year. The 22-year-old began with Brighton & Hove Albion, and was loaned to Exeter City before joining Oldham Athletic where he played seven times in a solitary spell. Capped for Republic of Ireland at U19 level, the midfielder is son of Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers.

## Swindon Legends...



Former Robins striker  
**JAN AGE FJORTOFT.**



Ex-midfielder/manager  
**GLENN HODDLE.**



Defender  
**COLIN CALDERWOOD.**



Michael Smith celebrates scoring for Swindon.

## LEADING THE LINE...

**ANDY WILLIAMS** linked up with the Robins in 2012 from Yeovil Town.

The 28-year-old began with Hereford United where he experienced promotion to the Football League in 2006. Scoring 24 goals in 121 appearances over three years, he joined Bristol Rovers for the same stint. He has made over a century of appearances and scored 10 times for Rovers. Williams spent two years with Yeovil, where he scored 25 goals in 88 games and he was top goalscorer with 17 in his last season. He is now the Robins' top goalscorer with 18 strikes this season, and the prolific striker has 32 goals in just over 80 games for Swindon.

**JONATHAN OBIKA** arrived last September from Tottenham Hotspur for an undisclosed fee. The 24-year-old was Tottenham youth's top goalscorer, which led to a professional contract. He made his first team debut aged 18 in the Europa League against NEC Nijmegen and then played once more against Shakhtar Donetsk. Well travelled in loan stints, he has amassed just under 100 appearances and 21 goals with Yeovil Town, Millwall, Crystal Palace, Peterborough United, Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and the Robins. He has fired seven goals for Swindon so far this season.

**MICHAEL SMITH** joined in January 2014 from Charlton Athletic in a

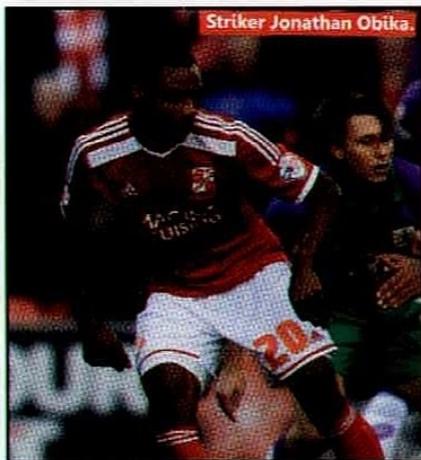
£100,000 move. The 23-year-old began with Darlington, where he made his debut aged 18. He then joined Charlton.

While at the Valley, he was loaned to Accrington Stanley, Newport County, Colchester United and AFC Wimbledon. He has blasted 13 goals for the Robins this season. The powerful 6ft 4in striker has made half a century of appearances and scored 21 goals for the club.

**JERMAINE HYLTON** signed last month from Redditch United.

The 21-year-old began as a youth with Birmingham City, Kidderminster Harriers before impressing at Redditch United. He made his name as a finalist on Wayne Rooney's Street Striker talent show in 2009. Hylton made his debut for the Robins in last month's 3-0 victory over Coventry City.

*"The 28-year-old began with Hereford United where he experienced promotion to the Football League in 2006."*



Striker Jonathan Obika.

## Nick...

**League One promotion chasers Swindon Town** are nicknamed the **Robins**, with their red kit colour replicating the colour of the festive birds chest.

Now Christmas 2014 is just a distant memory, but the Wiltshire side's nickname doesn't seem to stretch beyond the loose links between their kit colour and the colour of a robin's chest.

The robin seems to be a popular nickname with Football League sides Bristol City and Cheltenham both sharing the same nickname.

Mark Cooper's side have donned a red jersey consistently since 1901, with a variant of white, black or red shorts. Previous to the turn of the 20th Century, the Robins originally used black & red quarters (1894-1898) upon the establishment of the team before changing to a green kit prior to 1901.

Many teams who wear a red kit usually have a rival, who wears a traditional blue playing kit. In the Football League, Swindon's closest rivals are League Two side Oxford United who play in yellow. The town's non league outfit Swindon Supermarine, however, do have a blue home playing jersey, keeping up with the traditional red versus blue rivalry which includes the likes of Liverpool & Everton, Manchester United & Manchester City.

The bird, the robin, appeared on the club's first crest and although the club have used at least five crests during their history, the Robin has almost been a constant feature. The original badge was a robin inside a shield before they changed the badge to match the town's coat of arms, which featured a steam train, but still including the red chested bird. Most recently, the club changed the badge in 2007 after giving fans a chance to vote on three different designs with the bird on display on the top right of the badge.

**Words: NATHANIEL HOLLAND**



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## MATCH FACTS

Scunthorpe have failed to keep a clean sheet in any of their last 10 clashes with Swindon Town. They last recorded a shutout against them in November 1984.



## MATCH FACTS

Swindon have lost just once in their last nine games against the Iron, winning four (D4).



**GOALS**



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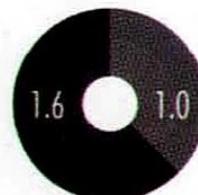
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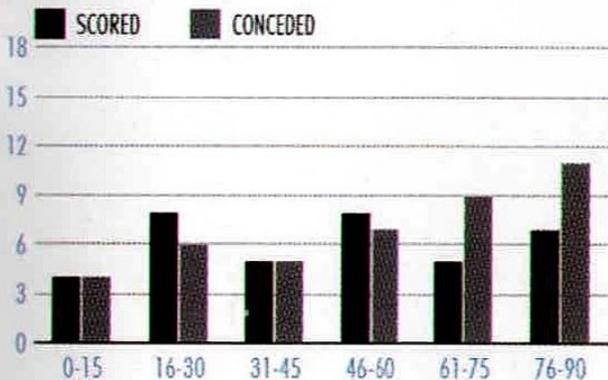


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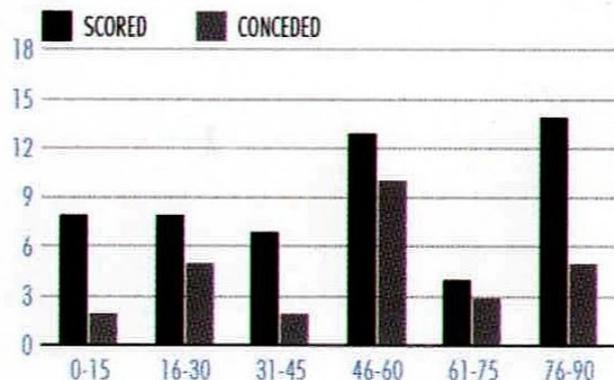


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Martyn Woolford scores  
against Swindon back in 2008.

# US & them



Since a 6-2 home victory over Swindon Town in March 1985, Scunthorpe have won only one of the last nine league meetings between the two sides.

Here is a look at their most recent contests season-by-season, which has provided goals and drama aplenty.

### 2005/06

After a 1-1 Fourth Division draw at the County Ground in April 1986, it would be nearly 20 years until Scunthorpe and Swindon would meet again in league competition.

Renewing acquaintances on October 22, 2005 in League One, both sides fought out another draw in Wiltshire. A first half Matt Sparrow goal gave the away side the lead; however, despite the dismissal of Rory Fallon with over half an hour remaining, a 78th minute Christian Roberts penalty earned the struggling Robins a point.

Swindon were 23rd in the table and deep in the relegation mire upon their trip to Glanford Park six months later, four points from safety with four games left to play. Despite coming from behind to win 2-1 in Scunthorpe, just two points from their last three matches confirmed their descent into League Two.

### 2008/09

In a season where the Iron were eventually promoted from League

As we head into this afternoon's game, **MICHAEL RAWLINGS** provides an overview of past matches between the two sides...

One, their meetings with Swindon produced two six goal thrillers.

Grant McCann, Martyn Woolford and Krystian Pearce were on target for the Iron at Glanford Park on 1 November 2008, but the home side could only lay claim to a point thanks to a sublime hat-trick from visiting striker Simon Cox, who netted his second treble inside a month.

Scunthorpe looked to be well on their way to their first ever league win at the County Ground in the return fixture on 21 February 2009 thanks to first half goals from Gary Hooper and Henri Lansbury. However, early second half dismissals for visiting defenders Cliff Byrne and David Mirfin saw the Robins score four times in the final half hour to claim a 4-2 victory.

### 2012/13

Scunthorpe claimed four points from their league games with Swindon in 2012/13, but despite winning 3-1 against the Robins on the final day of the campaign, relegation to League Two was confirmed at the game's end.

Both sides had drawn 1-1 in Wiltshire six months earlier, as a

second half Karl Hawley header cancelled out James Collins' 18th minute opener. The Robins were forced to play nearly an hour with ten men following a red card for Aden Flint, but The Iron lacked the firepower to claim all three points.

**"Grant McCann, Martyn Woolford and Krystian Pearce were on target for the Iron at Glanford Park on 1 November 2008."**

### EARLIER THIS SEASON

Scunthorpe endured a tough trip to the County Ground on the opening day of the season, going down 3-1 against a classy Swindon side.

The Iron also found themselves out of luck, as Dave Syers suffered a season-ending injury after ten minutes with his team already 1-0 down. The Robins doubled their advantage almost immediately, before Paddy Madden pulled a goal back in the 20th minute. The hosts' Michael Smith then notched his second goal of the game just before the break which completed the scoring.

Visiting defender Marcus Williams was sent off in the 79th minute, becoming the fifth person dismissed in the two sides' last four meetings in Wiltshire.

Prior to today's home encounter with Swindon Town, JAMES MOODY dips into the Iron's programme vault to remember the issues published for games gone by against them...



**Scunthorpe United 1**  
Swindon Town 2

Friday, May 12, 1967  
Division Three (Old)

**United line-up:** Clemence, Hempstead, Barker, Lindsay, Burrows, Burkinshaw, Sloan, Barton, Rusling, Colquhoun, Taylor

**United scorer:** Colquhoun.

**Programme Price:** 2d

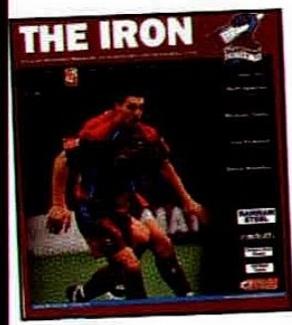
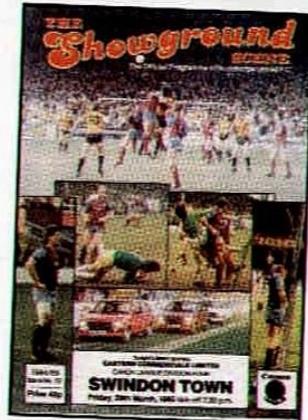
**Scunthorpe United 6**  
Swindon Town 2

Friday, March 29, 1985  
Division Four

**United line-up:** Gregory, Lees, Pointon, Hill, Whitehead, Green, Brolly, Cammack, Graham, Lester, Broddle.

**United scorers:** Cammack, Broddle, Brolly, Hill, Graham, Green

**Programme Price:** 40p



**Scunthorpe United 3**  
Swindon Town 3

Saturday, November 1, 2008  
League One

**United line-up:** Murphy, Byrne, Iriekpen, Williams, Pearce, Sparrow, Togwell, Woolford (Morris 89), McCann, Hayes, Forte (May 89).

**United scorers:** McCann, Woolford, Pearce

**Programme Price:** £3



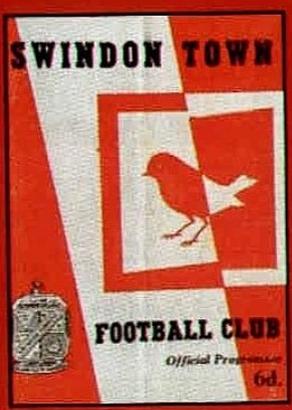
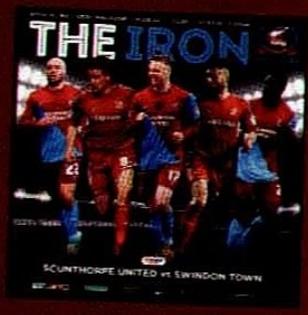
**Scunthorpe United 3**  
Swindon Town 1

Saturday, April 27, 2013  
League One

**United line-up:** Slocombe, Mirfin, Reid, Nolan, Newey, Ryan (Alabi 60), Duffy, Collins, Forde (Adelakun 72), Godden (Ribeiro 60), Hawley.

**United scorers:** Collins, Duffy (pen), Hawley

**Programme Price:** £3



Swindon Town 3  
**Scunthorpe United 0**

Saturday, August 24, 1963  
Division Two (Old)

**United line-up:** Reeves, Horstead, Brownsword, Lindsay, Neale, Gannon, Wilson, Hodgson, Lawther, Smillie, Crawford.

**Programme Price:** 6d

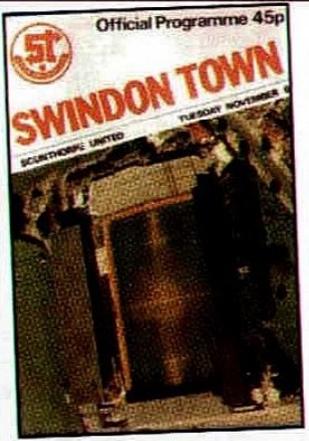
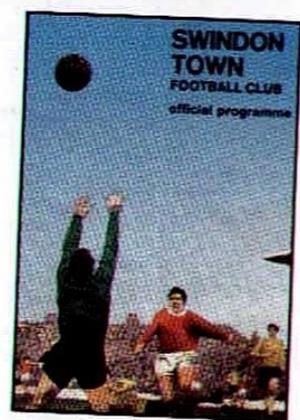
Swindon Town 3  
**Scunthorpe United 1**

February 7, 1970  
FA Cup

**United line-up:** Barnard, Foxtton, Barker, Deere, Atkin, Welbourne, Keegan, Cassidy, Kerr, Heath, Davidson.

**United scorer:** Cassidy.

**Programme Price:** 1/-.



Swindon Town 0  
**Scunthorpe United 0**

Tuesday, November 6, 1984  
Division Four

**United line-up:** Gregory, Lees, Pointon, Matthews, Whitehead, Green, Broddle, Cammack, Graham, Lester, Cowling.

**Programme Price:** 45p

Swindon Town 1  
**Scunthorpe United 1**

Saturday, October 20, 2012  
League One

**United line-up:** Slocombe, Ribeiro, Reid, Canavan, Newey, Ryan (Barcham 55), Gibbons (Collins 87), Duffy, Prutton, Clarke, Hawley.

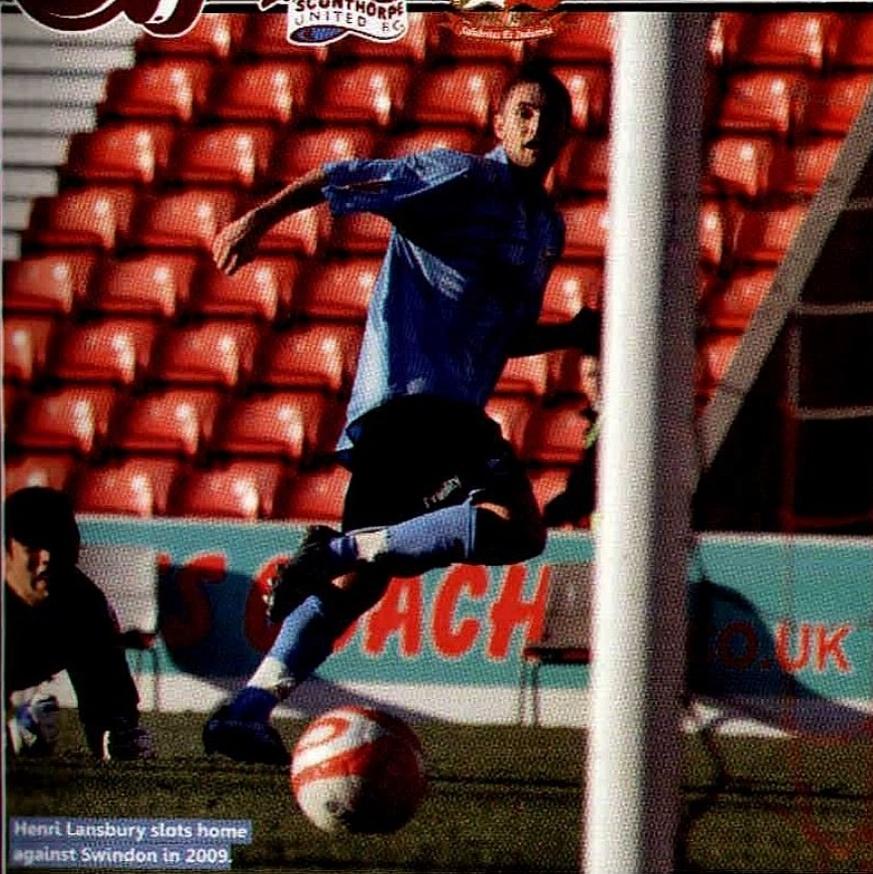
**United scorer:** Hawley.

**Programme Price:** £3





# PROGRAMME PARADE



Henri Lansbury slots home against Swindon in 2009.

|  |   |
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| SWINDON TOWN   | 4 |
| <i>Timlin 62, Wright (og) 71, Robson-Kanu 82, Peacock 85</i> |   |
| SCUNTHORPE UNITED  | 2 |
| <i>Hooper 26, Lansbury 39</i>                                |   |

Truly a game of two halves as United seemed dominant, confident and assured at the County Ground before losing their two goal lead and two men – eventually losing 4-2.

It brought an untimely defeat, along with some untimely suspensions in United's run to the play-offs, with them being light of two important defenders for the following game.

The Iron had looked to be in dreamland on their travels in the first half though, with Gary Hooper and Henri Lansbury both netting for the visitors inside 39 minutes. Hooper bundled the ball in from six yards following a corner, while Lansbury made the most of a defensive lapse before slotting underneath the Swindon shotstopper from an acute angle.

However, the second 45 minutes were to go down as a nightmare, with defender Cliff Byrne's lasting no more than 90 seconds. Having already been booked in the first half, he committed a foul on half way with Chris Sarginson promptly sending him back to the dressing room.

13 minutes later, the same would apply to centre half David Mirfin, tripping an attacker on the edge of the box to the fury of goalkeeper Joe Murphy, who clearly didn't agree with the decision. What made matters worse is the bench was full of offensive options, with two of the three changes made just two minutes earlier.

That sparked a home onslaught with Michael Timlin volleying home two

minutes later, while Wright restored parity by diverting a header past his own goalkeeper. Hal Robson-Kanu and Lee Peacock both netted to steal victory and turn the game on it's head.

The two teams first met thirteen years after Scunthorpe's entry into the league in Division Two. On both occasions, the home teams ran out comfortable 3-0 winners. Over the next two seasons, both teams would be relegated and would meet in Division Three – their only meeting outside of the league coming in 1969-70 when Swindon advanced in the FA Cup after a 3-1 victory.

It wouldn't be until the eighties when the teams met once more, with United recording their biggest win over the Town; beating them 6-2 at the Old Show Ground in 1985. Swindon's promotion in 1985-86 as Champions meant the two sides would not meet again until 2005-06.

Overall, United have won six of the twenty-two games against the side, with the visitors being victorious on nine occasions.

**"Overall, United have won six of the twenty-two games against the side, with the visitors being victorious on nine occasions."**

### United line-up:

Joe Murphy, Cliff Byrne (s/off 47), Krystian Pearce, David Mirfin (s/off 60), Matt Sparrow, Grant McCann,

Andrew Wright, Sam Togwell, Kevan Hurst

(Martyn Woolford 58), Henri Lansbury (Gary Thompson 58), Gary Hooper (Paul Hayes 65)

**Substitutes:** Josh Lillis, Ian Morris

**Swindon Town:** Peter Brezovan, Jack Smith, Kevin Amankwaah (Anthony McNamee 52), Pat Kanyuka, Jerel Ifil, Lescinal Jean-Francois (Sean Morrison 46), Michael Timlin, Hal Robson, Kanu, Jamie Vincent, Billy Paynter (Lee Peacock 66), Simon Cox.

**Substitutes:** Phil Smith, Chris Allen.

**Saturday, February 21, 2009**

**Football League One**

**Referee:** Chris Sarginson

**Programme Price:** £3



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- Most Clean Sheets

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# WE'VE GOT CONNECTIONS...

## LEON CLARKE



Leon Clarke in action for Swindon.

Leon Clarke is by some accounts now a Football League veteran having turned out for 15 clubs in his 11 year professional career, which began at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Clarke came through the Wolves academy after signing his first professional contract aged 18, and his four year spell included 74 league appearances at Molineux, scoring 13 times.

His move to Sheffield Wednesday yielded 18 goals from 84 league games, before moving to QPR for a solitary season in 2010. No goals in his 13 games resulted in his release from the R's, and he was picked up by Paolo Di Canio's Swindon Town on a free transfer.

Clarke played four games in all tournaments for the Robins after signing a two-year deal, but after a public bust-up with Di Canio against Southampton in the League Cup, Clarke left first on loan to Chesterfield, then permanently to Charlton.

Clarke moved on loan to the Iron in 2012, and his scoring record was nothing short of prolific. Clarke notched on his debut in the 1-1 draw with Sheffield United, before continuing his streak with goals in each of the following four games too, against Shrewsbury, Oldham, Colchester and Portsmouth.

He scored 11 in 15 all in all, with his other goals coming against Brentford, Preston, Walsall, Bury and two against Coventry. The latter were clearly impressed by his talents, signing Clarke one month later from Charlton on a permanent basis.

One year, 34 league appearances and 23 goals later, Wolves re-signed the striker in their League One promotion season. He is presently out on loan at their Championship rivals Wigan.

Words: NICK LOUGH

Leon Clarke celebrates a goal away at Portsmouth.



**"Clarke moved on loan to the Iron in 2012, and his scoring record was nothing short of prolific."**



Including Clarke, **NICK LOUGH** chooses a dream XI from all the players who have played the Iron and Swindon...

## PLAYED FOR BOTH

Goalkeeper:

**David Lucas**

Lucas joined the Iron back in 1996, making six appearances after signing on loan from boyhood club Preston North End while competing in the England youth squad. The shotstopper played for Swindon for two seasons, appearing 65 times, including helping the Robins to the League One Play-Off final in 2010.

Defender: **Jamie Reckord**

Reckord enjoyed loan spells at both clubs while on the books of Wolverhampton Wanderers. In 2012 he pulled on the claret and blue shirt 17 times during his spell at the club, and then five times in 2014 at the County Ground. Reckord now plays for Ross County in Scotland

Defender: **Frank Burrows**

Scottish defender Burrows only played for three clubs permanently in his career and, after moving south of the border from Raith, he joined the Iron in 1965, featuring 106 times before being transferred to Swindon. Burrows clocked up 297 appearances for today's visitors.

Defender: **Michael Rose**

Left-back Rose came through Manchester United's academy before his release. Climbing the football ladder from the bottom, Rose played 15 times for Scunthorpe while on loan from Yeovil Town, before four years at Stockport ended with a move to Swindon Town. He played 35 times.

Defender: **Callum Kennedy**

Kennedy started his professional career with Swindon after his release from Reading, and went on to make 33 appearances for the club, including during the League Two winning season of 2012. After his release, Scunthorpe fended off competition for the signature of the left-back. He played 17 times.

Midfielder: **Etienne Esajas**

The Dutch winger returned to English football with Swindon Town in 2011 after being signed by Paolo Di Canio during his first summer in Wiltshire. The former Sheffield Wednesday man played six games for the Robins before his release, before signing for the Iron 12 months later, making 11 appearances, scoring three times.

Midfielder: **David Prutton**

Having played in the Premier League



Jamie Reckord in action for United.

with Southampton, Prutton brought his top flight experience to Swindon in 2010, however despite appearing 41 times in the league, he couldn't help maintain the Robins League One status. He joined Sheffield Wednesday at the end of the season, and joined Scunthorpe on loan in 2012/2013 season, making 13 appearances.

Midfielder: **Michael Timlin**

London-born Timlin made one solitary league appearance for the Iron after joining on loan from Fulham aged just 21. After two loan spells at Swindon Town, the Robins signed him permanently in 2008, and combining all of his appearances in a red shirt, he made 120 league appearances, scoring six goals.

Forward: **Deon Burton**

Deon Burton has had a long and extensive career, with 15 clubs on his CV. Burton played four times for Swindon Town in 2003 while on loan from Portsmouth, and seven years later, Burton signed for Scunthorpe from Gillingham. Now at Eastleigh, Burton had made 34 league appearances so far in his Iron career.

**"After his release, he moved to Brentford, then Bury, before signing for Scunthorpe in 2012, making 25 league appearances, scoring once."**

Forward: **Mike Grella**

The American forward moved to the UK when he signed for Leeds United in 2009, and in 2011 moved south to Swindon for a seven game loan spell, scoring once. After his release, he moved to Brentford, then Bury, before signing for Scunthorpe in 2012, making 25 league appearances, scoring once.



Etienne Esajas celebrates a goal for the Iron.

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# Jack Brownsword & Keith Houchen



Jack Brownsword

Nathan John Brownsword was born on 15 May 1923 in Campsall.

He was a colliery worker from Doncaster and started his league career at Hull City but was released in 1947, having played just 10 games for the club. He then returned to his first club Frickley Colliery in the Midland League, before moving to Scunthorpe United also then in the Midland League at the end of the 1946/47 season.

Scunthorpe were elected to the Football League in 1950, and Brownsword went on to make a club record 597 league appearances for the club between 1950 and 1965. In total (including non-league and cup games) he appeared 791 times. He only missed 26 League matches and never missed an FA Cup game. He was appointed coach for the 1964-65 season, and still made three appearances. He scored 50 league goals for Scunthorpe United, all but one from penalties.

Jack Brownsword spent a total of 18 seasons with Scunthorpe United, and holds the club's all-time appearance record – he was a defender, playing in the left back position. He was chosen to play five times by the Third Division North against the Third Division South, but was only able to play in three matches because of club commitments. Jack lends his name to the club's formal address Jack Brownsword Way and thoroughly deserves the honour not only for his appearances record, but also his outstanding dedication to the club. When compared with the modern game, Jack and his view of loyalty is sadly lacking amongst a number of modern, and not so modern players.

Keith Houchen stayed at Scunthorpe United for 97 days in 1986. Keith was

Carrying on a season-long series of columns, CHRIS REYNOLDS focuses on the careers of JACK BROWNSWORD and KEITH HOUCHEM...

born in Middlesbrough on 25 July 1960 and was a forward/attacking midfielder whose exploits in the FA Cup with Coventry City during the 1986-87 season are legendary. The Iron signed Houchen from York City for £40,000 in March 1986, signing a contract of £250 per week, and receiving a car and an ex-gratia payment of £10,000. Houchen later said: "It was the only time that I ever gave up – it wasn't the right club because it wasn't going anywhere. I said to Yvonne (his wife) I'm just going to take the money" In doing so, he rejected moves to Preston North End and Third Division Bury. He quickly regretted the move and despite getting along with manager Frank Barlow he found himself wanting out.

I think these two players demonstrate exactly the extremes of how a player can either settle into a club.

Scunthorpe United now has 20,000 Twitter followers and presently lie fifth in the form league table (at the time of writing) over the past 14 games since Russ Wilcox left. Although it is too soon yet to

seriously consider a late push for the play offs, I think even Mr Houchen would be impressed with the progress that Scunthorpe has made this season, on the back of promotion last year.

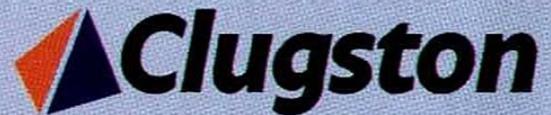
With a new stadium going through the planning process, it could be in the not too distant future that the Old Show Ground will be the stadium but one that the club occupied. An amazing 12,000 seater stadium that can be used all year round and not just on matchday during the football season, is the key driver to the future success of the club from a financial perspective.

The new stadium bounce is not just make believe, it is a tangible factor – just look at some of the clubs who have built a new stadium – Sunderland AFC at Roker Park had an average attendance of circa 20,000 and now at the Stadium of Light is the sixth best supported club in the country, with an average attendance of 43,000 – other examples include

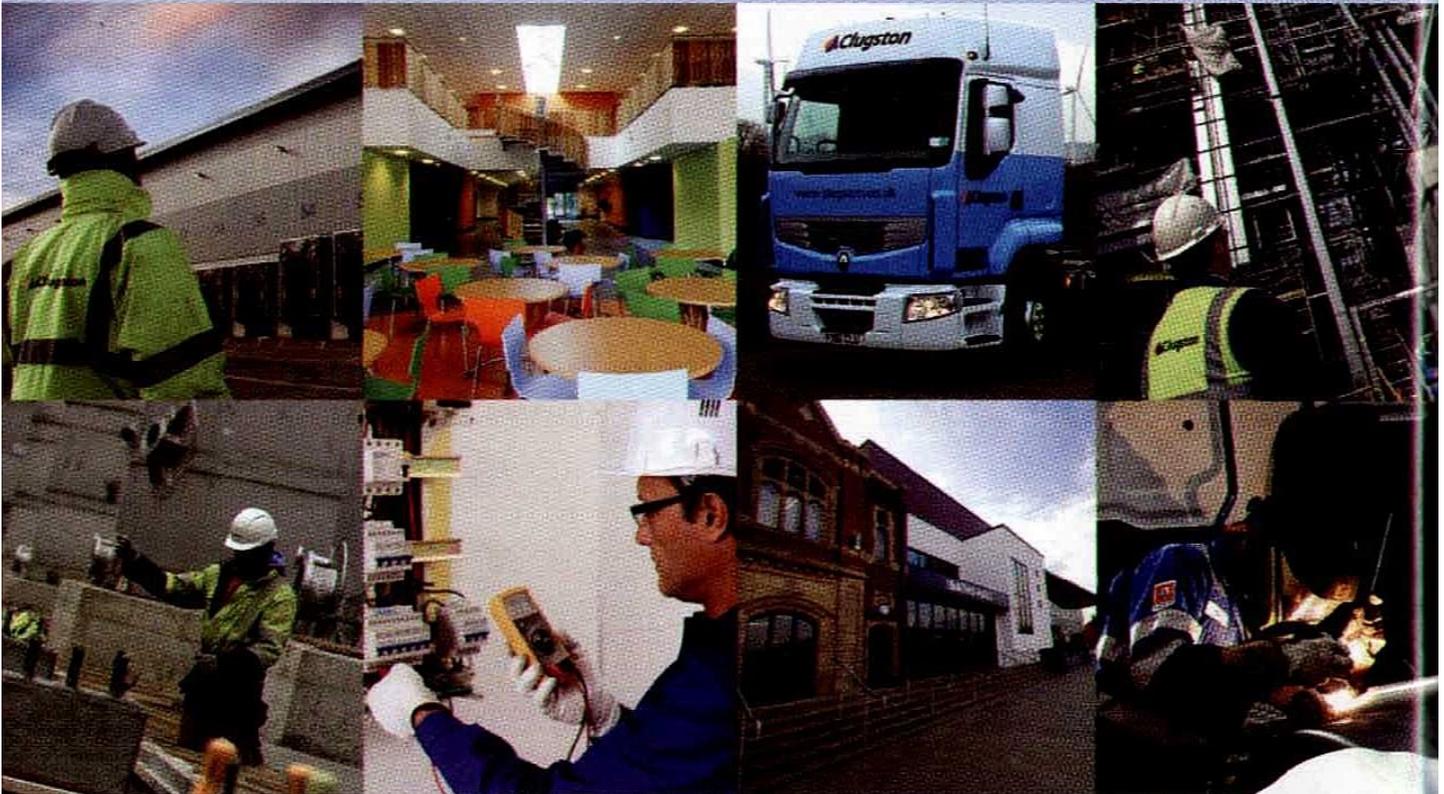
Southampton, Stoke City and Middlesbrough. A long way away from Keith Houchen and his poor opinion of the Iron a generation ago.



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# A century ago...

THE IRON VAULT

## IRON HISTORY

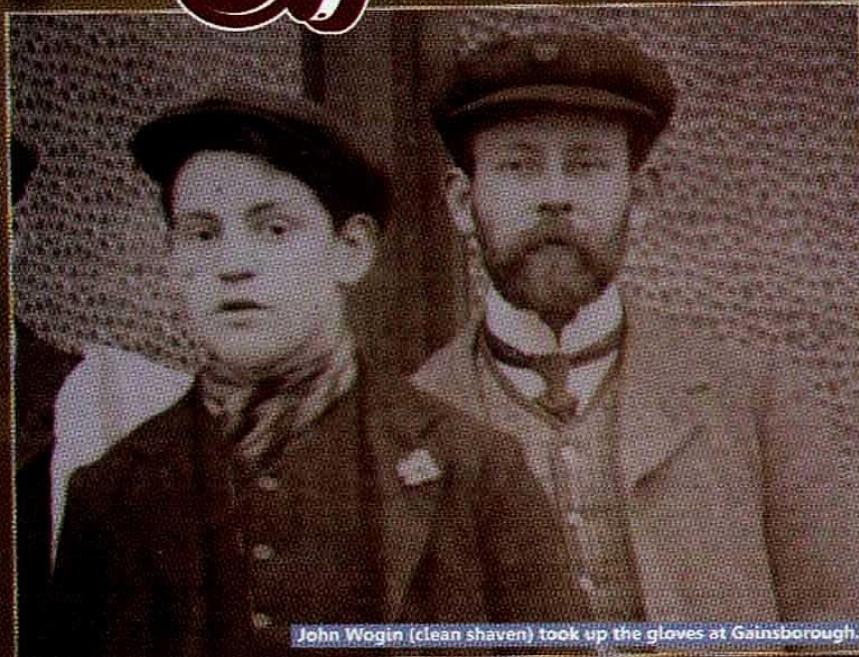
December had not been the productive month that Scunthorpe and Lindsey United would have wished for.

To begin with, the books were not being balanced by the amount of spectators passing through the turnstiles. When the team journeyed to Bradford, the wages had not been paid. Thanks to the generosity of the directors money was eventually forth coming. What was obvious was that the important trail of men to the recruiting which had left gaps on a Saturday afternoon at the Old Show Ground. The situation was so serious that the Chairman had issued a plea to the football supporters of the district to show their true colours.

From the playing point of view, December had yield small crumbs of comfort. The only victory of the month had been against Gainsborough Trinity, another local Lincolnshire club feeling the pinch. Draws at home to Worksop and Goole were little cushions for losses to The Wednesday at home, and Bradford and Goole away. The 'Nuts' were little more than a 'What No' face on the halfway line of the Midland League table. All that was left for supporters was to bid farewell to the troubles of 1914, and welcome in 1915.

The first fixture of the New Year was played on Saturday January 2nd, and Scunthorpe and Lindsey had the Junior Imps of Lincoln City as visitors. Both teams were said to be strongly represented for the match. United had retained Hollin for the half back line after his experience proved to be too valuable to be left out. In the forward line, Wood was back to fitness, and took up his position at inside left. Therefore, the eleven trusted for duty was as follows: Taylor; Cowmley and Burkill; Hill, Pinch and Hollin; Monaghan, Robinson, Armitage, Wood and Platts.

At kick-off united won the toss and decided to defend the Gas House goal at the back of Clayfield Road, towards Fox Street. Although Scunthorpe had the first couple of attacks, it was the 'Junior Imps' that tasted blood first, scoring on four



John Wogin (clean shaven) took up the gloves at Gainsborough.

Club historian **JOHN STAFF** turns the clock back 100 years for this season's series, reflecting in the club's 1914/15 campaign...

minutes through Dowling from close range. Despite the set back, the home men continued to have the greater slice of the attacking play. Happily for the home side, the equaliser came after a quarter of an hour. It was as a result of some brilliant individual work from Ernest Wood, that it came via a dribble from the mid-field and cumulated with a fierce accurate drive.

The next minutes of the game was to see Scunthorpe prominent in attack, and unlucky not to increase the lead. Lincoln then came into their own, with some dazzling team work. This enabled them to beat Taylor, the 'Nuts' custodian, twice in the space of a minute. The first was from Bavin, who hit a glorious thirty yard rocket into the roof of the net. From the restart the ball was immediately lost and carried forward by Salkeld, who passed to Dowling to add to the lead. It was an unexpected

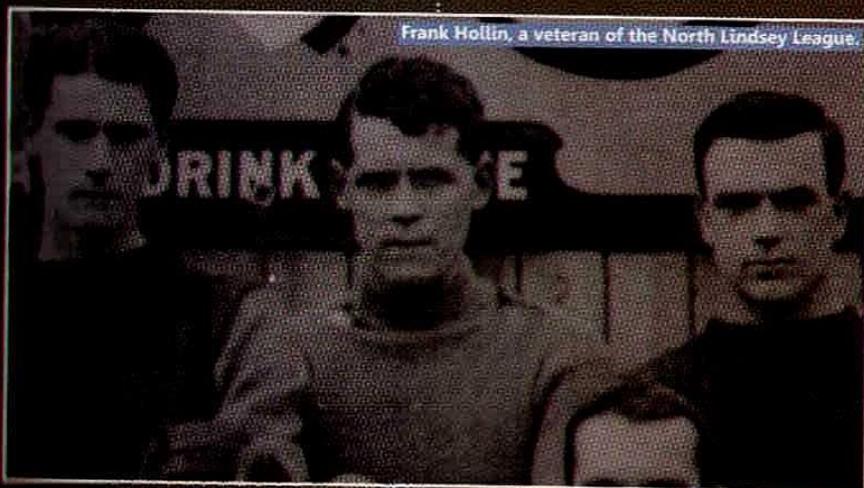
turn of affairs, when considering the way the 'Nuts' were playing.

Fortunately from their perspective, a goal was pulled back on the stroke of half-time. They won a corner on the left of the park, next to Henderson Avenue, and from a superb centre Wood planted the ball firmly past the grasp of the Lincoln keeper. At half time the home men had enough chances to have won the game, but were 2-3 in arrears.

It was not to be the happiest of afternoons for Scunthorpe, and in the second forty five the visitors excelled themselves. To add to United's woes the 'Junior Imps' added two more goals without the home team able to reply. It was the first time the City Reserves had won at the Old Show Ground, and the 5-2 result left Scunthorpe a well beaten team, with no complaints.

The future was not to be any easier for them on the following Saturday. Their task was to compete in the Lincolnshire derby at the Northolme, against Gainsborough Trinity. For the match the directors looked to John Wogin to take the gloves in the goal, and Leaning was drafted in at right wing for Monaghan.

Once again the supporters that had travelled from the ironstone district would watch in horror at the performance. The 'Nuts' lost a goal in the first period, without troubling the Trinity keeper. This had seen the team in a competitive spirit and well in the match. In the second half they faded badly, and conceding four goals told its own story. It seemed as though the situation might get worse before it improved.



Frank Hollin, a veteran of the North Lindsey League.

# CHAMPIONS 38-39

Lifelong supporter **JOHN PRIESTLEY** continues a series of articles taking a fascinating look back to the era of the 1938/39 Midland League Championship season...

## Champions League!



The history and 'age' of a club often dictates the breadth and depth of the supporter base and therefore it's underlying level of support and resources both in good times and bad.

Whilst Scunthorpe United have a 116 year history, over 60 of those years spent in the Football League, the overall resources of the club and it's ability to attract players can really only be described as 'average' when set alongside our peers.

Whilst four championships in 116 years doesn't feel like 'success', how does it compare with the rest? To assess that, I've taken a look back at the record of our contemporaries to see how we measure up. I have compared our record against the teams that we've played the most over those 116 years, and to those that have a similar background and development as ourselves. The table I have compiled begins by reminding us that three or four of the teams that we have played most often have fallen out of the Football League in recent years or, worse still, have encountered serious financial difficulties, or even demise. Thankfully we have managed to avoid those scenarios which I think you will agree is a matter of some pride and 'success' for our club and something that the Board of Directors, management, players and supporters, both past and present, should take great credit for.

The two current Football League teams that we have played most often whilst in the League are Hartlepool United and Rochdale – both closing in on 100 meetings, neither of these clubs have been able to achieve a Championship during their history, despite both having been original members of the Football League Third Division (Northern



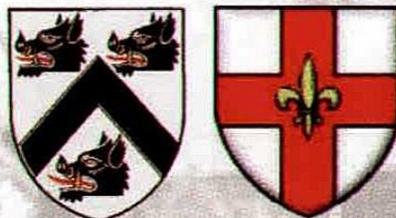
Rochdale's old club badge.

Section) back in 1921.

Next we consider those teams that have trod a similar development path to ourselves: Shrewsbury Town (five championships) - founded in 1885 and joining the Football League with the Iron in 1950 after a number of years alongside ourselves in the Midland League.

Next perhaps is Colchester United (no championships), founded in 1937 and admitted to the Football League Third Division (Southern Section) alongside ourselves in 1950. The third team in this category is probably Peterborough United – founded in 1934 and admitted to the Football League in 1960. They have achieved a total of eight championships, including an impressive five straight Midland League championships leading up to their admission to the Football League in 1960.

We often recall local derbies against our nearest neighbours, fiercely competitive games in front of large partisan crowds with local bragging rights and pride at stake. Grimsby Town, Hull City, Lincoln City and Doncaster Rovers come immediately to mind. But 'the' local derby for 'Scunthorpe & Lindsey United' for close on 40 years in the Midland League was Gainsborough Trinity - our nearest professional football club neighbours.



'Old' club badges from Grimsby Town and Lincoln City.

Let's start by looking at our fiercest rivals - Grimsby Town. Founded in 1878 and elected to the Football League in 1892 as founder members of the newly

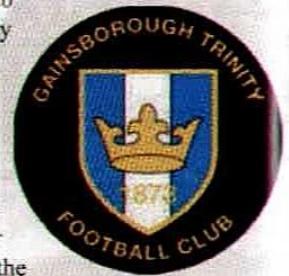
formed Second Division, they have achieved a total of six championships in their long history. We have met their first team on no less than 56 occasions, mainly during our Football League era. In addition to that total we of course faced their reserve team many times during our Midland League days.

Lincoln City have an equally long history as the Mariners, having been formed in 1884 and elected to the Football League in 1892. They have not enjoyed as much 'success' as Grimsby Town in terms of the level of football over the years but have nevertheless achieved eight championships. They rank therefore as the most successful club in Lincolnshire in terms of championship wins.

One other club from our county must be mentioned, one with whom we enjoyed a long and fierce rivalry with for many years in the Midland League -

Gainsborough Trinity. Founded in 1873, and members of the Football League from 1896 to 1912, we went on to meet them on no less than 72 occasions in league and cup fixtures. It's clear from my research into the 1938-39 season that the games against Trinity were much anticipated as 'the' local derby. They have won the Midland League championship four times in their history.

The table summarises the comparison of Championship wins between ourselves and the teams we have met the most or have similarities with over the years. Top of the pile is Doncaster Rovers with 10 Championship wins over a long history dating back to their formation in 1879.





| Club                                   | Number of Football League & cup meetings with S.U.F.C. (Up to 2013-14) | Number of Midland League meetings (Opposition first team only) | Grand Total | Year Formed | First admitted to Football League | Number of Championships |
|--|--|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Scunthorpe United                      |  |  |             | 1899        | 1950                              | 4                       |
| Hartlepool United                      | 99   |  | 99          | 1908        | 1921                              | 0                       |
| Rochdale                               | 93   |  | 93          | 1907        | 1921                              | 0                       |
| Darlington                             | 91   |  | 91          | 1883        | 1921                              | 3                       |
| Mansfield Town                         | 76   | 20   | 96          | 1897        | 1931                              | 2                       |
| Lincoln City                           | 73   | 2  | 75          | 1884        | 1892                              | 8                       |
| Gainsborough Trinity                   |  | 72 (includes F.A. Cup)   | 72          | 1873        | 1896                              | 4                       |
| Crewe Alexandra                        | 68   |  | 68          | 1877        | 1892                              | 0                       |
| Halifax Town (incl. F.C. Halifax Town) | 68   | 10   | 78          | 1911        | 1921                              | 3                       |
| Stockport County                       | 63   |  | 63          | 1883        | 1900                              | 3                       |
| Torquay United                         | 64   |  | 64          | 1899        | 1927                              | 0                       |
| Carlisle United                        | 61   |  | 61          | 1904        | 1928                              | 2                       |
| Doncaster Rovers                       | 60   | 12   | 72          | 1879        | 1901                              | 10                      |
| Colchester United                      | 58   |  | 58          | 1937        | 1950                              | 0                       |
| Grimsby Town                           | 56   |  | 56          | 1878        | 1892                              | 6                       |
| Peterborough                           | 52   | 24   | 76          | 1934        | 1960                              | 8                       |
| Shrewsbury Town                        | 39   | 14   | 53          | 1886        | 1950                              | 5                       |

## Champions 38-39



**Standing:** Harry Allcock (Secretary); Harry Stocks; Mal Millington; Albert Thorpe; Wilf Poxton; Tom Jones (Captain); Sid Allen; Mr. J.E. Talbot-Cliff (Chairman)  
**Seated:** Stan Norris; Eddie Fleetwood; Harry Johnson; Sam Nightingale; Jack Wilkinson; Herbert Lloyd (Trainer)



# GETTING

*JAMES MOODY and SIMON FAULKNER continue a new feature looking at the history of our shirts - heading to 2003...*

Fans who have been supporting the Iron for more than ten years will know this was the season in which United nearly lost their Football League status for the first time in 54 years of being in the league.

The survival would then spark a rollercoaster journey which has since seen United occupy all three Football League divisions below the Premier League.

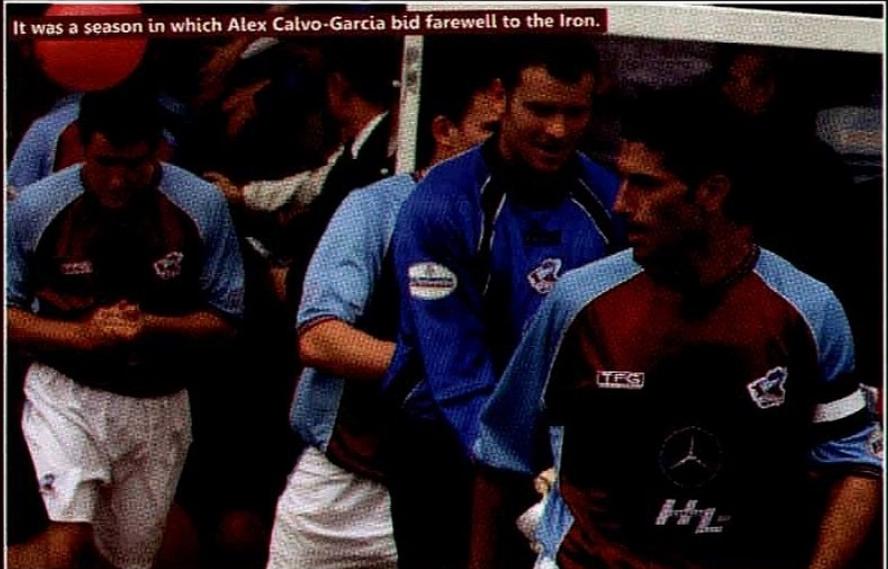
This particular season – 2003-04 – was also unique in that Scunthorpe donned three shirts during the campaign. There was a return of the claret and blue home jersey after a spell with white as the main colour. TFG remained as the shirt supplier for the final season, while H&L Garages continued their support of the club, sponsoring the shirts.

One interesting thing to note on this jersey is the club badge, which almost appears to have been stitched on at a later date, with it holding a rather large and noticeable white border – a far cry from today's precision.

## GOING AWAY...

Maybe the reason for the third kit in this particular season was due to the fact that the Iron's choice of the away kit for the season was so similar to the home.

Holding the same design, the away shirt was red and dark blue, posing the same colour clashes as the home one would – an instant problem when locking horns with the likes of Cheltenham Town or



York City.

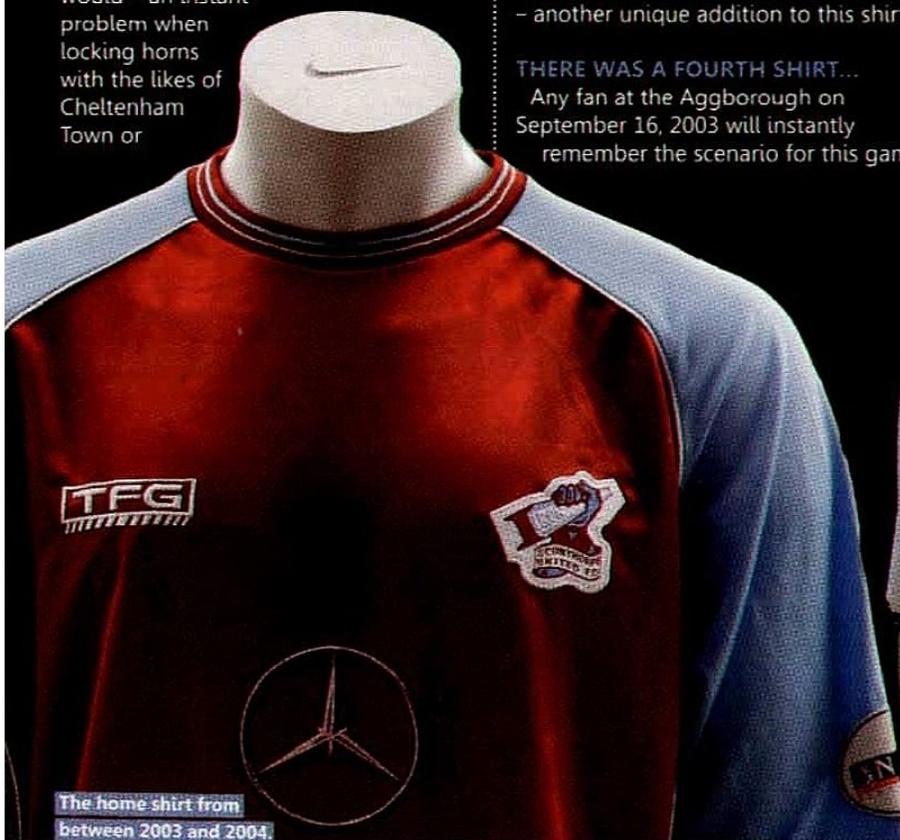
That meant there was a third shirt introduced for the season, with the club opting for a plain white shirt, with the embroidery all done in claret. Underneath the club logo, the words "Limited Edition" were also embroidered – another unique addition to this shirt.

## THERE WAS A FOURTH SHIRT...

Any fan at the Aggborough on September 16, 2003 will instantly remember the scenario for this game.

To the outsider, it would look like Kidderminster Home versus Kidderminster Away as United were forced into borrowing the home team's away jersey. What made matters even more annoying for the home team – none more so than the Kit Staff at the Aggborough – is that United ran out 2-0 winners thanks to goals from Cliff Byrne and Steve MacLean.

It was Byrne's first of nine highly significant and important goals for the club in his near ten year stay, while it



The home shirt from between 2003 and 2004.



The centenary shirt from 2003-04.

# SHIRTY

## IRON HISTORY

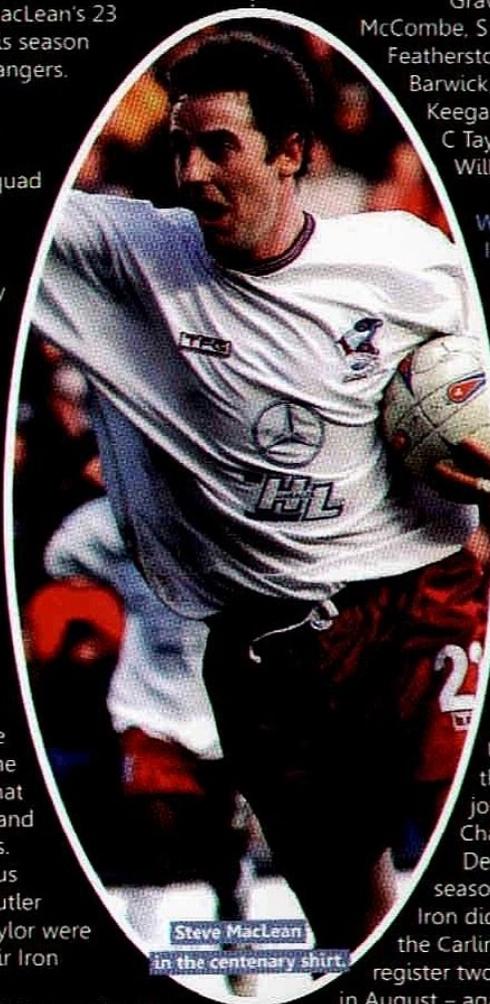
was just one of MacLean's 23 league goals in his season long loan from Rangers.

### THEY WORE IT...

United had a relatively small squad for the particular season, in which saw the team struggle. The only real difference to the squad came in January, but on the whole, a similar squad was put out week-in week-out.

It would be Alex Calvo-Garcia's final season with the club, with him retiring to his native Spain, while many of the players were at the start of their – what would be – long and successful careers. The likes of Marcus Williams, Andy Butler and Cleveland Taylor were all beginning their Iron careers.

**WHO WORE IT:** T Evans (GK), N Stanton, M Jackson, K Sharp, C Byrne, M Sparrow, P Beagrie, I Kilford, R Kell, S



Steve MacLean in the centenary shirt.

Torpey, P Hayes, A Capp (GK), L Ridley, A Calvo-Garcia, W Graves, S MacLean, J McCombe, S Russell (GK), L Featherstone, A Parton, T Barwick, A Butler, R Penn, P Keegan, J Hunt, P Gulliver, C Taylor, D Holloway, M Williams, P Groves.

### WHEN THEY WORE IT...

A win against Macclesfield at the end of April preserved the club's status in the Football League, despite just that win in twelve games – which included a total of nine defeats. Steve Torpey was credited with the goal against the Silkmen, changing the future of United and setting them up on the long journey to the Championship. Despite an early season defeat, the Iron did progress in the Carling Cup and register two victories in August – against Bury and Torquay United respectively. Their

victory in the cup against Oldham in which three players were sent off set up a second round tie against Burnley; United just edged out 2-3 at Glanford Park.

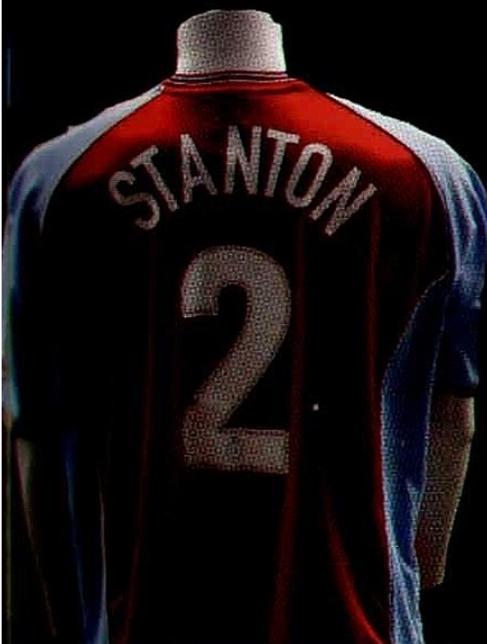
A good run in October and November was ultimately the saving grace in the season, with six wins in nine games – including a very comprehensive 6-2 win over Huddersfield Town in which Steve MacLean grabbed a hat-trick. He'd also register a trio 21 days later in a 4-0 win over Cambridge United.

Remarkably that spell came in a 14 game unbeaten run in all competitions – although that did include a run of five consecutive draws.

Chairman Steve Wharton had quit the club, but remained majority shareholder, with Chris Holland taking the reigns of the club. That also led to the departure of manager Brian Laws, who was sacked a day after a 3-2 home defeat to Carlisle United, with Russ Wilcox taking charge for four games.

The Iron's continuation of a downturn in fortunes coincided with Steve MacLean's goals drying up and following more than three months without a goal and unsatisfied with the downward spiral the club Wharton returned as Chairman and instantly reinstated Laws as manager; leading to several directors leaving the club.

As it happens, United retained their status within the Football League and the rest, as they say, is history.



The away kit from between 2003 and 2004.

# THE EX-FILES



*NICK LOUGH looks at the career of former Iron MICHAEL O'CONNOR before catching up with the midfielder, who is now at Port Vale...*

In this week's exclusive feature of the **The Ex-Files**, we take a look back at the career of former Iron central midfielder, and current Port Vale player **Michael O'Connor**.

> Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland O'Connor moved to Cheshire where he joined the Crewe Alexandra youth academy aged 17, before linking up with the first-team the following year.

> Aged 19, O'Connor made his professional debut for the Railwaymen, coming on as a substitute in the 2-1 home win over Brighton in February 2006. He made one further appearance that season, a 4-2 win over Millwall at Gresty Road.

> In the 2006/07 season, O'Connor played 34 times for Crewe in all tournaments, scoring once, with his goal in the 3-0 away win at Grimsby Town in the Carling Cup his first in professional football. The 2007/08 season saw O'Connor rack up a further 23 appearances for the club, however failed to score.

> In March 2008, after representing Northern Ireland all the way through the youth ranks, he made his senior debut in a 4-1 victory over Georgia. This was one of 11 appearances O'Connor made for the Green and White Army.

> The 2008/09 season was O'Connor's last in a Crewe shirt, and he bowed out with five goals in 30 games, scoring his first football league goal against Colchester during a 2-0 home win. He finished his Crewe career with 89 appearances and six goals.

> Towards the end of the 2008/09 season, O'Connor joined League Two side Lincoln City on loan. He played 10 times for the Imps, grabbing one goal in a 3-2 defeat to Barnet.

> In July 2009, O'Connor left Crewe for Scunthorpe United for an undisclosed fee, signing a three-year contract with the North Lincolnshire club.

> The 2009/10 campaign saw O'Connor slot straight into the heart of the Iron midfield, making 36 appearances in the Championship,

scoring two goals. His first came in a resounding 4-0 away victory over Crystal Palace.

The 2010/11 season was a more productive one for O'Connor, seeing him once again make 36 appearances, however notching nine times in a more productive season.

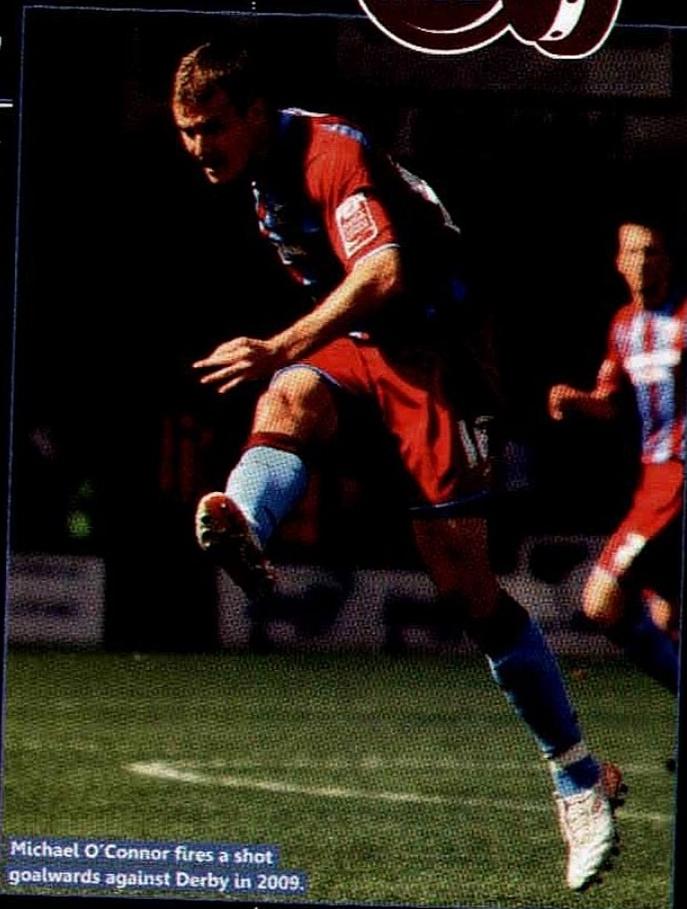
> Despite his strong performances from midfield, Scunthorpe were relegated to League One, with O'Connor committing to staying for his final year of his contract. He strangely enough made exactly 36 appearances again for the Iron, this time scoring just two goals. He finished his career in Lincolnshire with 101 appearances and 13 goals.

> In the summer of 2012, O'Connor joined an ambitious League Two club in Rotherham, and hit the ground running.

He racked up 40 appearances in all tournaments for the Millers, scoring six goals, his first coming in a 4-0 home win over Bradford City.

> O'Connor's fine displays in central midfield helped guide Rotherham to a second place finish in League Two, therefore lifting the Yorkshire club up to League One for the 13/14 season.

> In the 2013/14 season, O'Connor continued to play a



Michael O'Connor fires a shot goalwards against Derby in 2009.

major role in Steve Evans' side by making 34 total appearances, scoring a single goal during a 3-0 win at Stevenage.

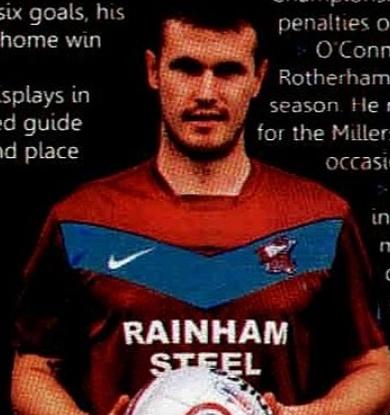
> The Millers made it to the 2014 play-off semi finals in League One, a very impressive feat for a side that just won promotion from League Two the season before. O'Connor played in both legs in a difficult clash with Preston North End, as Rotherham drew 1-1 at Deepdale, and winning 3-1 at the New York Stadium.

> O'Connor was an unused sub in the final against Leyton Orient, but nevertheless won promotion to the Championship after a victory on penalties over the O's

> O'Connor was released by Rotherham at the end of the 13/14 season. He recorded 74 appearances for the Millers, scoring on eight occasions.

> He signed for Port Vale in League One in July. He made his debut in a 1-1 draw at home to Walsall at the beginning of the season, and scored his first goal in a 3-2 defeat to Cardiff.

**"My best moment was just staying in the Championship in the first year. We were underdogs and favourites to go down, and we managed to stay up."**





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# IRON HISTORY

Michael O'Connor was an important figure in the Scunthorpe United midfield for three seasons, but before he joined the Iron, the Belfast-born maestro began his career in the West of England, signing from Crewe in 2009.

O'Connor shared with us how the move came about when we caught up with him recently.

"I think it was Grant McCann who was there at the time, I knew him and he said to me Nigel was interested and wanted to know if I'd be interested in coming. I agreed to it and Nigel rang me that day and within the next two days I came up and I signed," he told **THE IRON**.

"There was still a year left on my contract with Crewe, and after we finished the season I had a bit of a fall out. I came back for pre-season and the manager asked me to stay, but for me I wanted to get out and it's good that Scunthorpe came in for me."

Joining a club who were in the second tier of English football was quite a step up for the Northern Irish international, but after mastering League One, O'Connor's transition was smooth as can be.

"I settled in very quickly, I knew a few of the lads there already which helped," he said. "I knew when I got there it was quite a small club in the Championship but to be fair it was a great set of lads and everyone stuck together, and we had Nigel Adkins in charge which helped. He was a great manager and he was always happy, so that helped an awful lot."

Players often keep in contact with old team-mates they come into contact with during their footballing career, and O'Connor told us all about those he was closest to, and those he still chats to from time to time.

"I was close with Grant McCann because I knew him beforehand, and I still speak to Clifly Byrne and Josh Wright sometimes," he stated.

"We had a little car pool the first year I was there as there were four of us who lived in Lincoln, Me, Gary Hooper, Ben May and Josh. However, out of those three, Josh is the only one I've kept in contact with since."

Looking back at his favourite moments from his time at Glanford Park, O'Connor shared with us both his favourite goal of his Iron career, and his best moment.

"My favourite goal for me I'd say was Hull away in the last minute when we beat them 1-0," he said.

"That was in the second year of the Championship around 2010/2011. There was about two minutes to go and I scored the winner, and being a local



Michael O'Connor slots home a penalty against Crystal Palace back in 2010.

derby that definitely helped.

"To be honest, I'd have to say my best moment was just staying in the Championship in the first year. We were underdogs and favourites to go down, and we managed to stay up which was a better achievement than the year before when we got promoted."

Now at Port Vale, O'Connor hasn't forgotten his three year spell in North Lincolnshire, and admits he is constantly keeping a look out for some of the Iron's news and results.

He said: "I do it all the time. When we finish playing on the Saturday or on the Sunday I look up Scunthorpe's result and see how they have done. I do like to see Scunthorpe doing well, and although they haven't had the best past few years, I think at the minute things are looking up for them with the new stadium coming along well. When we played them earlier in the season it was a completely different team, and it was Mark Robins second game in charge and whenever a new manager comes in to a team he changes things up and has them playing well."

"We were 2-1 up with 10 minutes to go and

Scunthorpe had 10 men, and we thought we had the three points in the bag but to be fair to them they kept fighting back and they got the goal right at the end to make it two each."

Now playing for League One rivals Port Vale, O'Connor told us how his move back to the West of England came about, and how a new manager is making his time at the club much easier and more enjoyable.

"It was a bit of a strange one for me because I had two back-to-back promotions with Rotherham and I played in a fair few of the games. I spoke to Steve Evans at Rotherham and they wanted to reduce my wages on my contract so I thought I needed a fresh start and I spoke to Micky Adams at Port Vale towards the end of July, three weeks in to pre-season meaning I didn't have much pre-

season training under my belt. I signed there and like at Scunthorpe I knew a lot of the lads there which helped, and I've settled in really well. Rob Page the new manager has come in and taken over, and he's been a different class with me personally, giving me days off here and there because I travel from Lincoln every day, so he is absolutely great with me and my family."





# FOCUS ON ONE



**Every team in League One had a midweek game, with Scunthorpe continuing their unbeaten away run in the league with a 1-1 draw against Coventry at the Ricoh Arena.**

Gary McSheffrey, a former Sky Blues favourite, broke the deadlock for the Iron with a free-kick, however, his effort was cancelled out by a late Marcus Tudgay finish.

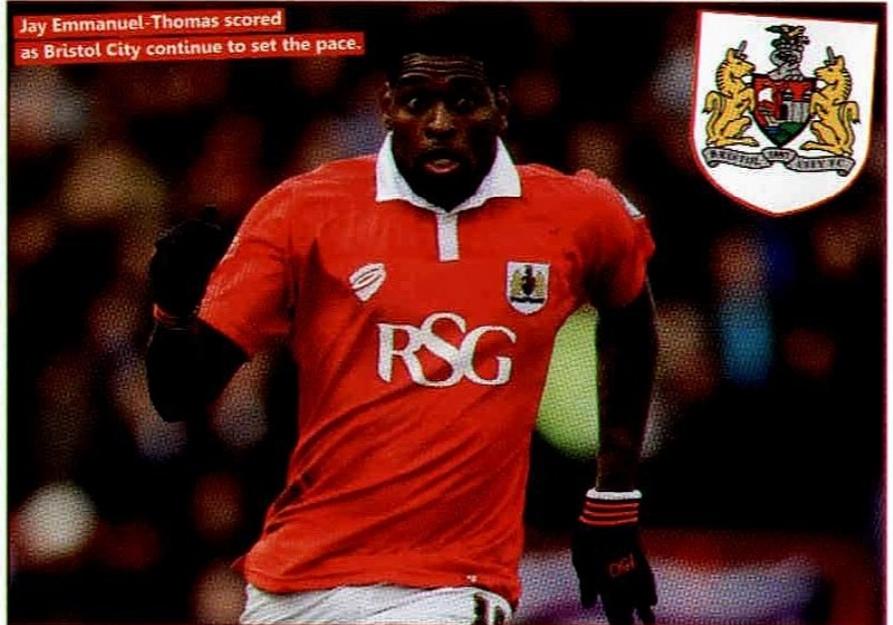
Elsewhere, Doncaster recorded an emphatic 5-0 victory away at Crawley, a result that leaves the Red Devils five points adrift from safety. Rovers took the lead just before half-time through Andy Butler and then doubled the deficit ten minutes after the break, with Richie Wellens firing in from close range. The home side weren't helped by a sending off in the second half and Doncaster further punished with goals from Nathan Tyson, Curtis Main and Harry Forrester.

Leyton Orient, who are one point behind Crawley at the foot of the table, succumbed to a 1-0 defeat at home to Notts County. The Magpies, who had not won in four games prior to Tuesday night, had Balint Bajner to thank, as the former Ipswich striker's first goal for the club was enough to seal the three points.

Also in the relegation zone are Yeovil and Colchester, both of whom were defeated by Crewe and Sheffield United respectively. Yeovil, who were playing their second game after the sacking of manager Gary Johnson, lost out to the Railwaymen, with on-loan striker Nicky Ajose scoring the only goal of the game, while Jose Baxter's brace helped the Blades to a heavy 4-1 victory over Colchester.

Meanwhile at the top of the table, Bristol City comfortably beat mid-table Port Vale 3-1 at Ashton Gate. Jay Emmanuel-Thomas' ninth goal of the season broke the deficit before Joe Bryan and the in-form Matt Smith added to the scoring. Mark Marshall grabbed a consolation for the visitors with little over ten minutes remaining.

Bristol City's victory, combined with Swindon's defeat to Oldham, meant the Robins extended their lead at the top to



Jay Emmanuel-Thomas scored as Bristol City continue to set the pace.

**OLIVER WILKINSON** provides an overview of some of the latest news from the Iron's League One rivals as we enter mid-February...

**"Doncaster recorded an emphatic 5-0 victory away at Crawley, a result that leaves the Red Devils five points adrift from safety."**

four points. Second-placed Swindon conceded two in the space of two minutes, with Mike Jones and Conor Wilkinson netting with less than fifteen minutes gone. Massimo Luongo managed to claw one back for the away side but it did not prevent the Latics moving up to fifth in the League One table. MK Dons missed out on the opportunity to go top of the league on Monday after losing out to Bradford, whose victory had helped them climb into the play-off places before Tuesday evening's results. Spurs loanee Dele Alli's individual effort put the Dons in front, but Karl Robinson's side let the lead slip by conceding goals from Billy Clarke and James Hanson.

Preston, who, along with Sheffield United, join Bradford and MK Dons in the play-off places, were able to beat Chesterfield 2-0 away from home. Former Nottingham Forest and Watford striker Joe Garner was the hero of the night as his brace helped his side to their third victory in as many games.

The home side, however, were not helped by the dismissal of Sam Hird two minutes in.

Play-off chasers Fleetwood came back from being a goal down after five minutes to beat Barnsley. Peter Ramage opened the scoring for the home side, who kept their lead until Conor McLaughlin levelled a little over ten minutes later. The result was sealed in the 33rd minute, when Liam McAlinden poked home from Nick Haughton's corner.

Justin Edinburgh was appointed as Gillingham manager on Saturday and his reign got off to a perfect start, with the Gills beating Peterborough on Tuesday evening. Former Iron loanee Shaun Brisley hit the bar for Posh, but it was the visitors who drew first blood through Bradley Dack's strike. Peterborough equalised through Jack Payne but it was Edinburgh's side who prevailed thanks to a late John Marquis effort.

Arguably, the game of the day came at the Banks's Stadium, with Rochdale and Walsall fighting out a five-goal thriller. It was the Saddlers that grabbed the three points having gone 3-0 up in the opening quarter of the game.

James O'Connor, Anthony Forde and Jordy Hiwula scored for the hosts, who had to survive a second-half surge from Rochdale after goals from Peter Vincetti and Ashley Eastham.





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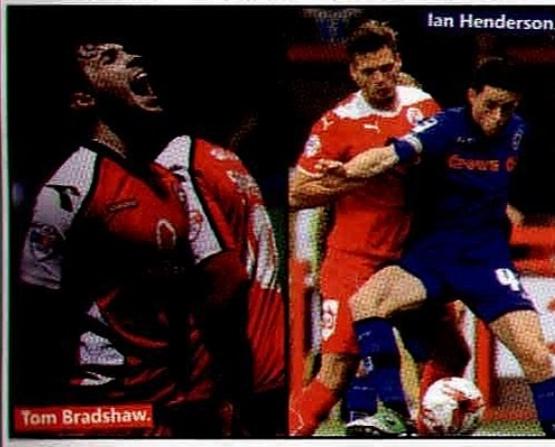
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# DIVISIONAL ROUND-UP

## LEAGUE ONE SHARP SHOOTERS



| NAME        | CLUB         | GOALS |
|-------------|--------------|-------|
| E Doyle     | Chesterfield | 21    |
| A Williams  | Swindon      | 18    |
| J Forte     | Oldham       | 14    |
| D Alli      | MK Dons      | 13    |
| J Garner    | Preston      | 13    |
| T Bradshaw  | Walsall      | 12    |
| I Henderson | Rochdale     | 12    |



## LEAGUE ONE DISCIPLINE



| NAME        | CLUB         | BOOKINGS |
|-------------|--------------|----------|
| I Noble     | Notts County | 10       |
| K McFadzean | MK Dons      | 10       |
| J Fleck     | Coventry     | 8        |
| K Keane     | Crawley      | 8        |
| G Liddle    | Bradford     | 8        |
| P Keegan    | Doncaster    | 8        |

## LEAGUE ONE TABLE



|                  | HOME |    |   |   |    | AWAY |   |   |    |    | GD | Pts |    |
|------------------|------|----|---|---|----|------|---|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
|                  | P    | W  | D | L | F  | A    | W | D | L  | F  |    |     | A  |
| 1 Bristol C      | 28   | 11 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 10   | 7 | 5 | 2  | 25 | 13 | 30  | 61 |
| 2 Swindon        | 29   | 9  | 3 | 2 | 26 | 13   | 8 | 3 | 4  | 29 | 16 | 26  | 57 |
| 3 MK Dons        | 29   | 10 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 12   | 6 | 5 | 3  | 24 | 15 | 33  | 56 |
| 4 Preston        | 29   | 7  | 6 | 1 | 24 | 15   | 8 | 2 | 5  | 20 | 13 | 16  | 53 |
| 5 Oldham         | 29   | 7  | 4 | 3 | 23 | 19   | 4 | 6 | 5  | 18 | 21 | 1   | 43 |
| 6 Sheff Utd      | 27   | 7  | 4 | 3 | 20 | 12   | 5 | 2 | 6  | 16 | 19 | 5   | 42 |
| 7 Chesterfield   | 29   | 7  | 4 | 4 | 24 | 18   | 4 | 5 | 5  | 18 | 20 | 4   | 42 |
| 8 Bradford       | 28   | 5  | 4 | 6 | 19 | 20   | 6 | 4 | 3  | 18 | 13 | 4   | 41 |
| 9 Fleetwood      | 30   | 5  | 7 | 3 | 16 | 15   | 6 | 1 | 8  | 14 | 15 | 0   | 41 |
| 10 Walsall       | 29   | 5  | 5 | 5 | 18 | 19   | 5 | 5 | 4  | 14 | 12 | 1   | 40 |
| 11 Doncaster     | 28   | 3  | 4 | 6 | 9  | 15   | 7 | 5 | 3  | 24 | 18 | 0   | 39 |
| 12 Rochdale      | 27   | 4  | 3 | 6 | 17 | 17   | 7 | 2 | 5  | 32 | 21 | 11  | 38 |
| 13 Peterborough  | 29   | 5  | 3 | 7 | 16 | 20   | 6 | 2 | 6  | 20 | 17 | -1  | 38 |
| 14 Notts Co      | 29   | 4  | 2 | 8 | 15 | 20   | 6 | 6 | 3  | 16 | 15 | -4  | 38 |
| 15 Gillingham    | 30   | 7  | 4 | 4 | 25 | 21   | 3 | 4 | 8  | 15 | 24 | -5  | 38 |
| 16 Port Vale     | 30   | 7  | 3 | 5 | 22 | 20   | 3 | 3 | 9  | 15 | 25 | -8  | 36 |
| 17 Barnsley      | 29   | 7  | 2 | 6 | 27 | 24   | 3 | 3 | 8  | 11 | 19 | -5  | 35 |
| 18 Crewe         | 29   | 6  | 3 | 6 | 15 | 24   | 4 | 2 | 8  | 14 | 27 | -22 | 35 |
| 19 Scunthorpe    | 27   | 4  | 2 | 7 | 12 | 20   | 5 | 5 | 4  | 26 | 23 | -5  | 34 |
| 20 Coventry      | 30   | 4  | 7 | 4 | 16 | 20   | 3 | 4 | 8  | 14 | 21 | -11 | 32 |
| 21 Colchester    | 29   | 3  | 2 | 9 | 16 | 25   | 4 | 5 | 6  | 19 | 25 | -15 | 28 |
| 22 Yeovil        | 30   | 3  | 5 | 7 | 8  | 20   | 4 | 2 | 9  | 15 | 22 | -19 | 28 |
| 23 Crawley       | 30   | 5  | 5 | 5 | 16 | 25   | 1 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 29 | -27 | 27 |
| 24 Leyton Orient | 28   | 2  | 3 | 9 | 16 | 23   | 4 | 5 | 5  | 19 | 21 | -9  | 26 |

## LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES AND RESULTS



|       | BAR   | BRA   | BRI C | CHE   | COL   | COV   | CRA   | CRE   | DON   | FLE   | GIL   | LEY   | MKD   | NOT   | OLD   | PET   | POR   | PRE   | ROC   | SCU   | SHEF  | SWI   | WAL   | YEO   |     |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| BAR   |       | 3-1   | 2-2   | 21/02 | 3-2   | 03/03 | 0-1   | 21/02 | 1-1   | 1-2   | 4-1   | 2-0   | 3-5   | 2-3   | 1-0   | 18/04 | 2-1   | 21/03 | 02/05 | 1-2   | 04/04 | 0-3   | 07/03 | 2-0   |     |
| BRA   | 25/04 |       | 14/04 | 07/03 | 1-1   | 3-2   | 03/03 | 2-0   | 1-2   | 21/03 | 1-1   | 3-1   | 2-1   | 1-0   | 28/03 | 0-1   | 1-1   | 06/04 | 1-2   | 1-1   | 0-2   | 1-2   | 21/02 | 1-3   |     |
| BRI C | 28/03 | 2-2   |       | 3-2   | 2-1   | 18/04 | 1-0   | 17/03 | 3-0   | 2-0   | 14/03 | 3-1   | 0-0   | 3-2   | 4-0   | 1-0   | 17/02 | 3-1   | 0-1   | 28/02 | 2-0   | 14/02 | 06/04 | 02/05 | 2-1 |
| CHE   | 2-1   | 0-1   | 25/04 |       | 14/04 | 14/03 | 3-0   | 06/04 | 2-2   | 28/02 | 17/03 | 14/02 | 0-1   | 1-1   | 1-1   | 3-2   | 3-0   | 0-2   | 2-1   | 4-1   | 3-2   | 0-3   | 28/03 | 0-0   |     |
| COL   | 06/04 | 0-0   | 21/02 | 2-1   |       | 0-1   | 14/03 | 2-3   | 0-1   | 2-1   | 1-2   | 2-0   | 03/01 | 03/03 | 2-2   | 1-3   | 1-2   | 02/05 | 1-4   | 18/04 | 2-3   | 28/03 | 0-2   | 17/03 |     |
| COV   | 2-2   | 14/02 | 1-3   | 0-0   | 11/04 |       | 2-2   | 25/04 | 21/03 | 1-1   | 1-0   | 01/04 | 28/02 | 0-1   | 14/04 | 3-2   | 07/03 | 0-2   | 2-2   | 1-1   | 1-0   | 0-3   | 0-0   | 2-1   |     |
| CRA   | 14/02 | 1-3   | 07/03 | 1-1   | 0-0   | 02/05 |       | 1-1   | 0-5   | 1-0   | 28/03 | 21/03 | 2-2   | 18/04 | 06/04 | 1-4   | 1-2   | 2-1   | 0-4   | 2-2   | 28/02 | 1-0   | 1-0   | 2-0   |     |
| CRE   | 1-2   | 02/05 | 1-0   | 0-0   | 0-3   | 2-1   | 04/04 |       | 1-1   | 14/02 | 3-1   | 11/04 | 0-5   | 0-3   | 21/03 | 1-0   | 2-1   | 1-1   | 2-5   | 07/03 | 0-1   | 28/02 | 18/04 | 1-0   |     |
| DON   | 1-0   | 04/04 | 24/02 | 3-2   | 28/02 | 2-0   | 0-0   | 17/02 |       | 18/04 | 1-2   | 0-2   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-2   | 14/03 | 1-3   | 1-1   | 11/04 | 02/05 | 0-1   | 17/03 | 0-2   | 14/02 |     |
| FLE   | 0-0   | 0-2   | 3-3   | 0-0   | 25/04 | 17/03 | 1-0   | 2-1   | 3-1   |       | 1-0   | 1-1   | 14/04 | 21/02 | 0-2   | 1-1   | 1-0   | 29/03 | 14/03 | 03/03 | 1-1   | 2-2   | 0-1   | 06/04 |     |
| GIL   | 28/02 | 11/04 | 1-3   | 2-3   | 21/03 | 3-1   | 1-1   | 2-0   | 07/03 | 04/04 |       | 3-2   | 14/02 | 02/05 | 3-2   | 2-1   | 2-2   | 0-1   | 18/04 | 0-3   | 2-0   | 2-2   | 0-0   | 2-0   |     |
| LEY   | 17/03 | 17/02 | 03/03 | 1-2   | 0-2   | 2-2   | 4-1   | 4-1   | 14/04 | 0-1   | 06/04 |       | 0-0   | 0-1   | 21/02 | 1-2   | 28/03 | 0-2   | 2-3   | 1-4   | 25/04 | 1-2   | 0-0   | 14/03 |     |
| MKD   | 2-0   | 1-2   | 0-0   | 03/03 | 2-0   | 0-0   | 2-0   | 0-1   | 28/03 | 2-1   | 4-2   | 18/04 |       | 21/03 | 7-0   | 21/02 | 1-0   | 07/03 | 2-2   | 06/04 | 1-0   | 2-1   | 0-3   | 02/05 |     |
| NOT   | 14/04 | 14/03 | 1-2   | 0-1   | 2-1   | 06/04 | 5-3   | 2-1   | 25/04 | 0-1   | 1-0   | 1-1   | 0-1   |       | 0-0   | 1-2   | 28/02 | 14/02 | 17/03 | 28/03 | 17/02 | 0-3   | 1-2   | 1-2   |     |
| OLD   | 14/03 | 2-1   | 04/04 | 18/04 | 14/02 | 4-1   | 1-1   | 1-2   | 2-2   | 1-0   | 0-0   | 1-3   | 17/03 | 3-0   |       | 02/05 | 1-1   | 28/02 | 24/03 | 3-2   | 11/04 | 2-1   | 2-1   | 0-4   |     |
| PET   | 2-1   | 28/02 | 0-3   | 21/03 | 0-2   | 28/03 | 25/04 | 14/04 | 0-0   | 1-0   | 1-2   | 07/03 | 3-2   | 0-0   | 2-2   |       | 3-1   | 0-1   | 14/02 | 1-2   | 1-2   | 1-2   | 06/04 | 1-0   |     |
| POR   | 2-1   | 2-2   | 0-3   | 1-2   | 04/04 | 0-2   | 17/03 | 0-1   | 21/02 | 02/05 | 2-1   | 3-0   | 11/04 | 0-2   | 03/03 | 2-1   |       | 17/04 | 1-0   | 2-2   | 2-1   | 14/03 | 1-1   | 4-1   |     |
| PRE   | 1-0   | 1-2   | 11/04 | 3-3   | 4-2   | 1-0   | 2-0   | 14/03 | 03/03 | 3-2   | 14/04 | 2-2   | 1-1   | 1-1   | 1-0   | 17/03 | 2-0   |       | 04/04 | 21/02 | 1-1   | 25/04 | 17/02 | 1-1   |     |
| ROC   | 0-1   | 0-2   | 1-1   | 21/02 | 07/03 | 1-0   | 4-1   | 03/03 | 1-3   | 0-2   | 1-1   | TBA   | 25/04 | 2-2   | 0-3   | 0-1   | 06/04 | 3-0   |       | 21/03 | 24/02 | 14/04 | 4-0   | 28/03 |     |
| SCU   | 24/03 | 17/03 | 0-2   | 17/02 | 1-1   | 2-1   | 11/04 | 2-1   | 1-2   | 0-2   | 25/04 | 1-2   | 1-1   | 0-1   | 0-1   | 03/04 | 14/04 | 0-4   | 2-1   |       | 14/03 | 14/02 | 2-1   | 28/02 |     |
| SHEF  | 0-1   | 18/04 | 1-2   | 02/05 | 4-1   | 21/02 | 1-0   | 28/03 | 07/04 | 07/03 | 2-1   | 2-2   | 0-1   | 1-1   | 1-1   | 03/03 | 21/03 | 2-1   | 1-0   | 24/03 |       | 2-0   | 1-1   | 2-0   |     |
| SWI   | 2-0   | 24/02 | 1-0   | 3-1   | 2-2   | 1-1   | 21/02 | 2-0   | 0-1   | 1-0   | 03/03 | 02/05 | 04/04 | 07/03 | 2-2   | 11/04 | 1-0   | 1-0   | 2-3   | 3-1   | 3-2   |       | 21/03 | 18/04 |     |
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| YEO   | 1-1   | 1-0   | 21/03 | 04/04 | 0-1   | 0-0   | 2-1   | 1-1   | 0-3   | 0-1   | 21/02 | 0-3   | 0-2   | 11/04 | 07/03 | 1-0   | 25/04 | 0-2   | 0-3   | 1-1   | 14/04 | 1-1   |       | 03/03 |     |



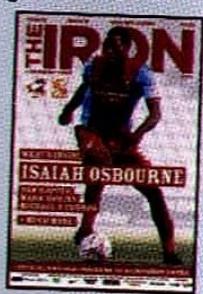
# 2014/15 OVERVIEW

- 1 Sam SLOCOMBE (G)
- 2 Eddie NOLAN (D)
- 3 Andy DAWSON (D)
- 4 Sean McALLISTER (M)
- 5 David MIRFIN (D)
- 6 Niall CANAVAN (D)
- 7 Matt SPARROW (M)
- 8 David SYERS (M)
- 9 Paddy MADDEN (S)
- 10 Deon BURTON (S)
- 11 Jennison M-WILLIAMS (M)
- 12 Neal BISHOP (M)
- 13 James SEVERN (G)
- 14 Terry HAWKRIDGE (M)
- 15 Luke WATERFALL (D)
- 16 Hakeeb ADELAKUN (M)
- 17 Curtis BATESON (S)

| DATE             | OPPONENT                     | KO/RES   |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |                              |          |
| Sat 9            | Swindon Town                 | A L 1-3  |
| Tue 12           | Blackburn Rovers (COC1)      | A W 1-0  |
| Sat 16           | <b>PRESTON NORTH END</b>     | H L 0-4  |
| Tue 19           | <b>FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>        | H L 0-2  |
| Sat 23           | Yeovil Town                  | A D 1-1  |
| Tue 26           | <b>READING (COC2)</b>        | H L 0-1  |
| Sat 30           | <b>WALSALL</b>               | H W 2-1  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |                              |          |
| Tue 2            | <b>CHESTERFIELD (JPT1)</b>   | H W 2-0  |
| Sat 6            | Bristol City                 | A L 0-2  |
| Sat 13           | Chesterfield                 | A L 1-4  |
| Tue 16           | <b>COVENTRY CITY</b>         | H W 2-1  |
| Sat 20           | <b>LEYTON ORIENT</b>         | H L 1-2  |
| Sat 27           | Oldham Athletic              | A L 2-3  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |                              |          |
| Sat 4            | <b>DONCASTER ROVERS</b>      | H L 1-2  |
| Tue 7            | <b>NOTTS COUNTY (JPT2)</b>   | H L 1-2  |
| Sat 11           | Gillingham                   | A W 3-0  |
| Sat 18           | <b>COLCHESTER UNITED</b>     | H D 1-1  |
| Tue 21           | Port Vale                    | A D 2-2  |
| Sat 25           | <b>NOTTS COUNTY</b>          | H L 0-1  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |                              |          |
| Sat 1            | Peterborough United          | A W 2-1  |
| Sat 8            | Forest Green Rovers (FAC1)   | A W 2-0  |
| Sat 22           | Crawley Town                 | A D 2-2  |
| Sat 29           | Barnsley                     | A W 2-1  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |                              |          |
| Sun 7            | <b>WORCESTER CITY (FAC2)</b> | H D 1-1  |
| Sat 13           | <b>CREWE ALEXANDRA</b>       | H W 2-1  |
| Wed 17           | Worcester City (FAC2R)       | A D 1-1* |
| Sat 20           | Bradford City                | A D 1-1  |
| Fri 26           | <b>ROCHDALE</b>              | H W 2-1  |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |                              |          |
| Tue 6            | <b>CHESTERFIELD (FAC3)</b>   | H D 2-2  |
| Sat 10           | Walsall                      | A W 4-1  |
| Tue 13           | Chesterfield (FAC3R)         | A L 0-2  |
| Sat 17           | <b>BRISTOL CITY</b>          | H L 0-2  |
| Tue 27           | <b>MILTON KEYNES DONS</b>    | H D 1-1  |
| Sat 31           | Leyton Orient                | A W 4-1  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |                              |          |
| Sat 7            | <b>OLDHAM ATHLETIC</b>       | H L 0-1  |
| Tue 10           | Coventry City                | A D 1-1  |
| Sat 14           | <b>SWINDON TOWN</b>          | H 15:00  |
| Tue 17           | <b>CHESTERFIELD</b>          | H 19:45  |
| Sat 21           | Preston North End            | A 15:00  |
| Tue 24           | <b>BARNSLEY</b>              | H 19:45  |
| Sat 28           | <b>YEOVIL TOWN</b>           | H 15:00  |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |                              |          |
| Tue 3            | Fleetwood Town               | A 19:45  |
| Sat 7            | Crewe Alexandra              | A 15:00  |
| Sat 14           | <b>SHEFFIELD UNITED</b>      | H 15:00  |
| Tue 17           | <b>BRADFORD CITY</b>         | H 19:45  |
| Sat 21           | Rochdale                     | A 15:00  |
| Tue 24           | Sheffield United             | A 19:45  |
| Sat 28           | Notts County                 | A 15:00  |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |                              |          |
| Fri 3            | <b>PETERBOROUGH UNITED</b>   | H 15:00  |
| Mon 6            | Milton Keynes Dons           | A 15:00  |
| Sat 11           | <b>CRAWLEY TOWN</b>          | H 15:00  |
| Tue 14           | <b>PORT VALE</b>             | H 19:45  |
| Sat 18           | Colchester United            | A 15:00  |
| Sat 25           | <b>GILLINGHAM</b>            | H 15:00  |
| <b>MAY</b>       |                              |          |
| Sat 2            | Doncaster Rovers             | A 15:00  |



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- 20 Callum HOWE (D)
- 23 Noel BURDETT (S)
- 25 Andrew BOYCE (D)
- 28 Gary McSHEFFREY (M)
- 29 Kyle WOOTTON (S)
- 30 Marcus WILLIAMS (D)
- 32 Miguel LLERA (D)
- 21 Pat WEAVER (G)
- 24 Luke O'NEILL (D)
- 26 Bobby OLEJNIK (G)
- 27 Billy KEE (S)
- 22 Nicky FEATHERSTONE (M)
- 31 Levi SUTTON (M)
- 33 Shaun BRISLEY (D)
- 34 Rory FALLON (S)
- 22 Liam O'NEIL (M)
- 37 Alex DAVEY (D)
- 24 Richard BRINDLEY (D)
- 38 Reece MOSANYA (D)
- 33 Jordan CLARKE (D)

| PTS | POS | ATT    | AWAY  | REFEREE            |
|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------------------|
| 0   | 23  | 7,060  | 454   | Stuart Attwell     |
| -   | -   | 5,352  | 551   | Seb Stockbridge    |
| 0   | 24  | 4,013  | 721   | Andy Madley        |
| 0   | 24  | 2,773  | 101   | Andy Woolmer       |
| 1   | 23  | 3,943  | 193   | Keith Hill         |
| -   | -   | 2,567  | 219   | Kevin Wright       |
| 4   | 21  | 3,098  | 301   | Andy Davies        |
| -   | -   | 2,004  | 492   | Darren Handley     |
| 4   | 22  | 12,007 | 243   | Charles Breakspear |
| 4   | 23  | 6,227  | 621   | Graham Salisbury   |
| 7   | 21  | 2,866  | 379   | Mark Haywood       |
| 7   | 22  | 3,264  | 261   | Eddie Ilderton     |
| 7   | 23  | 3,837  | 310   | Richard Clark      |
| 7   | 23  | 5,420  | 1,728 | Seb Stockbridge    |
| -   | -   | 1,509  | 170   | Andy Haines        |
| 10  | 23  | 7,042  | 162   | Peter Banks        |
| 11  | 23  | 3,303  | 230   | David Cootie       |
| 12  | 24  | 3,590  | 145   | James Adcock       |
| 12  | 24  | 4,008  | 1,057 | Nigel Miller       |
| 15  | 21  | 6,275  | 485   | Darren Bond        |
| -   | -   | 1,791  | 374   | Graham Scott       |
| 16  | 23  | 2,178  | 226   | Simon Hooper       |
| 19  | 21  | 9,340  | 704   | James Linington    |
| -   | -   | 5,606  | 2,026 | Graham Salisbury   |
| 22  | 19  | 3,006  | 231   | Darren Sheldrake   |
| -   | -   | 4,339  | 90    | Andy D'Urso        |
| 23  | 18  | 12,831 | 485   | Phil Gibbs         |
| 26  | 17  | 4,004  | 546   | Tony Harrington    |
| -   | -   | 4,307  | 1,663 | Mark Haywood       |
| 29  | 17  | 3,738  | 318   | Lee Collins        |
| -   | -   | 6,815  | 431   | Keith Hill         |
| 29  | 17  | 3,611  | 483   | Jeremy Simpson     |
| 30  | 17  | 3,005  | 147   | Darren Bond        |
| 33  | 16  | 5,184  | 591   | Keith Hill         |
| 33  | 18  | 4,125  | 609   | Darren Deadman     |
| 34  | 19  | 6,885  | 325   | Kevin Johnson      |

**KEY:**

- Started game
- Used substitute
- Unused substitute
- Substitute
- Booked
- Sent off
- Scored

## Ground Regulations

With reference to the Ground Regulations.

Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations

1. Notwithstanding possession of any ticket the Club, any Police Officer or authorised Steward may refuse entry to (or eject from) the Ground any person:

1.1 that fails (or in the Club's reasonable opinion is likely to fail) to comply with these Ground Regulations or any reasonable instruction issued by a Police Officer or authorised Steward; and/or

1.2 whose presence within the Ground is, or could (in the Club's reasonable opinion), constitute a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person.

2. On no account will admission be granted to a person who is the subject of a current Banning Order under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended) or has been convicted of ticket touting offences under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (as amended).

3. The Club excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.

As well as the Ground Regulations we also have to follow all other Regulations one of which is that this is a Non Smoking Stadium. It is an offence to smoke in the Stadium and all we ask is that you refrain from smoking during your time at Glanford Park

Don't forget you can always contact me on [aw@scunthorpe-united.co.uk](mailto:aw@scunthorpe-united.co.uk). Or my Twitter: @ahw316.





Chesterfield manager Paul Cook.

**RICHARD JONES** previews the visit of Paul Cook's CHESTERFIELD here in a Category A game on Tuesday, February 17...

In what will be the fifth meeting between the two sides this season, fellow League One new boys Chesterfield travel to Glanford Park for the rearranged midweek match, having adapted well to life in the third tier.

The Spireites have also enjoyed a good run in the domestic competitions, having recently bowed out of the FA Cup fourth round to Derby County after a spirited performance, in what has been a successful second season in charge for Paul Cook.

Last year, the former Sligo Rovers manager marked his first full campaign in charge by guiding Chesterfield to the League Two title and the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Eoin Doyle netted 13 times to help the cause and this season, the Irishman scored an incredible 25 goals to fire Chesterfield up the League One table.

However, such fine form attracted Championship side Cardiff City, who prised their star striker away recently, leaving huge boots for Cook to fill.

The Spireites have filled the void with

five new faces at the Proact Stadium, as Chesterfield look to continue an impressive start to life in League One. Strikers Byron Harrison and Mani Dieruvwe have signed permanently from Cheltenham Town and Sheffield Wednesday respectively, whilst fellow Owls forward Caolan Lavery has joined on loan.

Cook has also bolstered the backline with Ashley Carter on loan from Wolverhampton Wanderers, whilst midfielder Mark Duffy joins the Spireites on a month's loan deal from Birmingham City.

Fans were also boosted by the news that Cook recently extended his contract, which keeps him at the helm until 2017.

Despite playing eight matches in January, Chesterfield lost just one of their league matches to Swindon Town and maintained their presence in the play-offs, with comprehensive victories over Port Vale and Crawley Town, demonstrating a strong team full of momentum.

### Also Coming Soon...

v BARNSELY

Tuesday, February 24 - 7.45pm

v YEOVIL TOWN

Saturday, February 28 - 3.00pm

### How To Buy Tickets...

**ONLINE:** Pay a visit to **Scunthorpe-United.co.uk** and click the **Online Ticketing** option under the **Tickets** tab

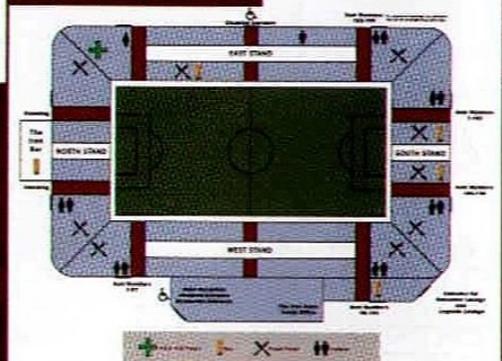
**TELEPHONE:** 0871 221 1899

**IN PERSON:** At the Glanford Park ticket office

### Ticket Prices 2014/15...

|                                | CAT B | CAT A |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Whitegates Stand (West)</b> |       |       |
| Adult                          | £22   | £23   |
| Over 60/18-21                  | £15   | £16   |
| Student                        | £15   | £16   |
| U18                            | £11   | £12   |
| U16                            | £6    | £7    |
| U12                            | Free  | Free  |
| <b>Clugston Stand (East)</b>   |       |       |
| Adult                          | £22   | £23   |
| Over 60/18-21                  | £15   | £16   |
| Student                        | £15   | £16   |
| U18                            | £11   | £12   |
| U16                            | £6    | £7    |
| U12                            | Free  | Free  |
| <b>Britcon Stand (North)</b>   |       |       |
| Adult                          | £18   | £19   |
| Over 60/18-21                  | £13   | £14   |
| Student                        | £13   | £14   |
| U18                            | £9    | £10   |
| U16                            | £6    | £7    |
| U12                            | Free  | Free  |
| <b>Executive Area (West)</b>   |       |       |
| Adult                          | £30   | £31   |
| Over 60                        | £23   | £24   |
| U21                            | £18   | £19   |
| U16                            | £13   | £14   |
| <b>Family Area (West)</b>      |       |       |
| 1 adult and up to 2 U16's      | £20   | £21   |
| 1 over 60 and up to 2 U16's    | £14   | £15   |
| Additional U16's               | £4    | £5    |
| Second parent                  | £20   | £21   |

### Stadium Plan...



### Buy Your Match Tickets Online 24/7

<https://ticketing.scunthorpe-united.co.uk>

**BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** Monday: 8.30am to 5.00pm, Tuesday: 8.30am to 5.00pm, Wednesday: 8.30am to 6.00pm, Thursday: 8.30am to 5.00pm, Friday: 8.30am to 5.00pm, Matchday Saturday: 9.00am until kick-off

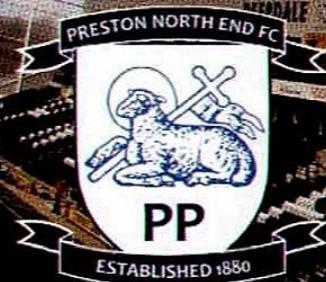
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AWAY  
DAYS

Stadium name: **Deepdale** | Capacity: **23,404**  
Postcode for Sat Nav: **PR1 6RU** | Mileage: **113 miles**

**HOME AND AWAY**



The rough guide to...

# PRESTON NORTH END

## BY CAR

From Glanford Park, take the first left at the roundabout by Tesco's and the first exit at the next one onto the M181 to Humber Bridge/Doncaster/M180. Keep right upon reaching a fork before following signs for the M180 towards Doncaster. Take the exit onto the M18 towards M62/Goole/Hull/Leeds and after six-and-a-half miles keep left and merge onto the M62 towards Leeds. Stay on the M62 for 61 miles and continue onto the M60, exiting at junction 15, take the M61 exit to M6 N/Preston/Wigan/Bolton and go onto the M61. Keep left at the fork and continue on the M61 for another 20 or so miles, following signs to Preston, merging onto the M6. Exit the M6 at junction 31 and take the first exit at the roundabout onto the A59. At the mini-roundabout a mile later take the second exit onto the A5085. Carry straight on for 1.2 miles, then filter left into Sir Tom Finney Way and Deepdale will be on your left.



choose to walk, turn left out of the station passing The Railway pub and going right at the T-junction. Walk straight down Fishergate and the road soon becomes Church Street. Carry on until you reach the junction with the A6 and cross over the road and turn left - this is Deepdale Road. The Ground is on the right-hand-side after 0.75 miles.

## PUBS AND GRUB

The Sumners (corner of Deepdale Road) is mostly for home fans but apparently very welcoming for away fans. A popular location for away fans is the Norman Jepson, near the M6 turnoff. On the way to the ground from the M6 (junction 31) there is also the Hesketh Arms, another welcoming pub. Alcohol is served in the ground on the concourses but supporters are advised not to consume drinks within sight of the pitch. The concourses offer a good variety of matchday grub, with the 'Butter Pie'

highly recommended by other visiting fans, while there is plenty on offer around the ground at burger vans and much more.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

A former farm, Deepdale hosted its first league match on September 8, 1888, but it is remarkably different from back then. The stadium is now rather modern, having been gradually redeveloped in recent years. All seated, it is a great looking stadium and up there with the best in Sky Bet League One, and the whole of the Football League. With a full capacity at 23,404, it can create quite an atmosphere, even half full as it has been this term. An image of club legend Bill Shankly adorns the Kop, while outside there is a statue of another club legend, Sir Tom Finney. The away fans are housed in the modern Bill Shankly Kop at one end of the pitch, which can hold up to 3,000 fans if need be. The view is generally good as the gradient of the stand is fairly steep so everyone is close to the action.

## BY TRAIN

Arriving at Preston just before 1:00pm, catch the Cleethorpes to Manchester Airport train from Scunthorpe Station (platform two) and get off at Manchester Piccadilly nearly two hours later. Go to platform 14 here and catch the 12:16 service to Preston, around a 40-minute journey. The station is around a mile and a half away from the ground. Should you

## Ticket News...

United have been handed an initial allocation of 500 tickets for the game at Deepdale.

Adults - £21 | Concessions - £15 (These are senior citizens aged 65 and over/young adults aged 16-to-18 and full time students - NUS or UCAS ID required) | Under 16's - £8

Buy tickets for the game from our ticket office, by calling **0871 221 1899**, and via <https://ticketing.scunthorpe-united.co.uk/>

## Coach Travel...

**PRESTON NORTH END**

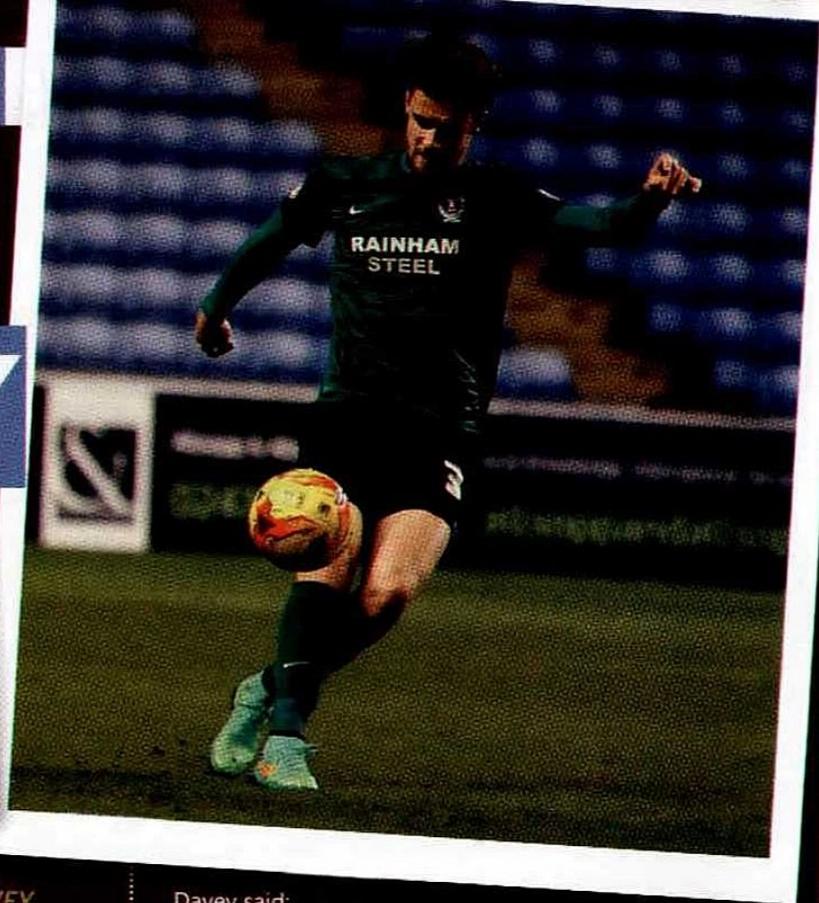
Saturday, February 21, 2015 | 3.00pm

£16.00 members | £17.00 non-members

10.00am | Ashby Broadway  
10.10am | Museum  
10.15am | Baths Hall  
10.30am | Glanford Park

## THE LAST WORD

# ALEX DAVEY



*NICK LOUGH spoke with ALEX DAVEY  
after our 1-1 away draw at Coventry City...*

**Alex Davey believes a lack of focus during the closing moments of Tuesday night's 1-1 draw with Coventry City proved costly for the side in the end.**

Speaking to **The Iron Player** after a late goal from the hosts denied his side all three points from their trip to the Ricoh Arena, Davey highlighted the fact that the game isn't over until the referee says so.

Davey told us: "I thought we didn't deserve a draw, we should have got all three points but again we've let it slip and I think that it's just us being lazy in the mind."

"We thought the game was over but we have to wait until the whistle goes."

United have done well away from home these past few months, making it nine away league games unbeaten after the draw with the Sky Blues, and Davey believes keeping the mentality of not losing going, combined with playing on a bigger pitch to expand their play, has given them the impetus to succeed on their travels.

Davey added: "I think it was better playing on a wider pitch but it was quite bobbly."

"It was difficult to get your touch under and play it on the floor, but the wider pitch was better for how we want to play."

"It's definitely good to keep that run going."

"It's good to not have lost but I think we deserved more than a draw. I think that's the main disappointing really, as we fought and we fought but not for long enough."

The Ricoh Arena has a stadium capacity of over 32,000, the biggest in League One, and Davey commented on the change of playing in such a big stadium.

Davey said:

"It's a lovely stadium. It was a good atmosphere and a great game, but unfortunately it had a sad end to it."

The Chelsea loanee partnered Niall Canavan for the first time during the game, and he spoke about playing with the former Republic of Ireland U21 defender, and also what it was like to be restored to the starting XI.

Davey added: "It was really good. He spoke to me the whole game, kept telling me to get up, go here and he when I said something to him he listened to me, so it was a good partnership."

"It's nice to be back playing, that's what I've come here to do really."

"Hopefully I've played well enough to keep myself in the side this time."

Davey hasn't started for the Iron since the 2-2 draw in the FA Cup third round tie back at the beginning of January, and he told us about how he's been keeping himself match fit.

Davey shared with us: "I've been doing extra and then there are training days when we're in Forest Pines resting, so it's just doing extra work and doing stuff in the gym with Adam Hearn, so it's good to keep ticking over."

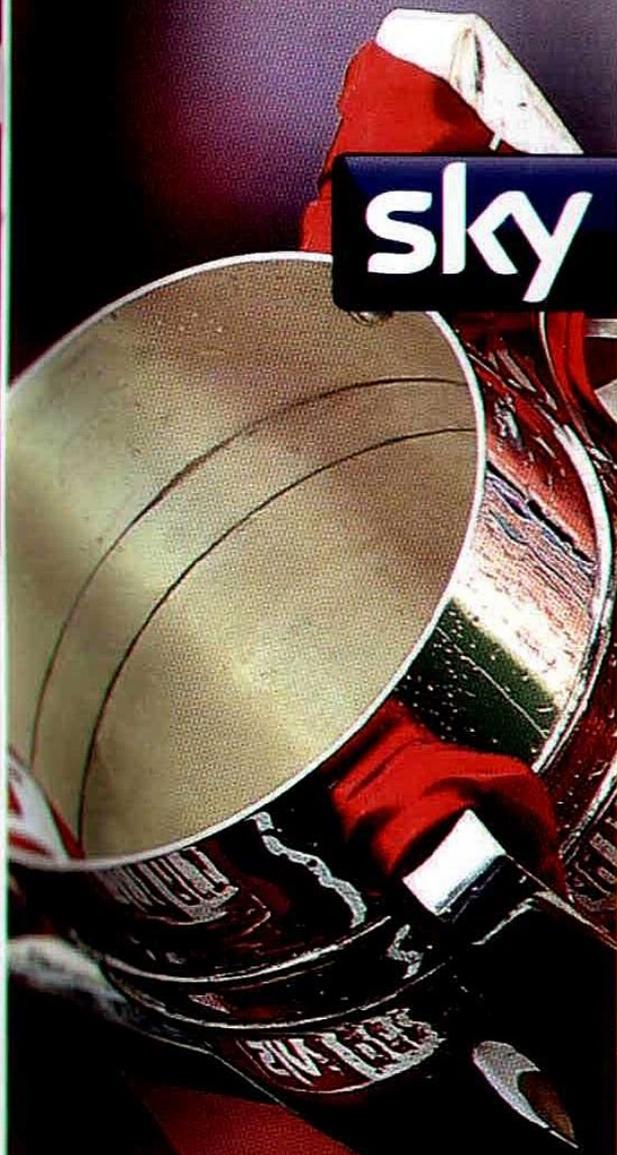
Next up for the Scunthorpe is a home game against Swindon Town today, and Davey gave his opinions on how the team can transform their dominant away displays in to home ones.

Davey stated: "If we can get the ball down and start playing it through the middle a little bit I think maybe that'll help."

## THE IRON Player



**Alex Davey in the  
warm-up at Coventry City.**



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# THE SQUADS



## SCUNTHORPE UNITED FC

Manager: **MARK ROBINS**  
Team colours: **CLARET/BLUE**

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Saturday, February 14, 2015  
Sky Bet League One  
3.00pm kick-off

### MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Frederick Graham  
Assistant referees: Mark Dwyer and Ian Dudley  
Fourth official: Michael Denton

### LAST LINE-UPS



### IN LEAGUE ONE

TODAY

- Bristol City v Sheff Utd (3pm)
- Chesterfield v Leyton Orient (3pm)
- Crawley v Barnsley (3pm)
- Crewe v Fleetwood (3pm)
- Doncaster v Yeovil (3pm)
- Gillingham v MK Dons (3pm)
- Oldham v Colchester (3pm)
- Peterborough v Rochdale (3pm)
- Scunthorpe v Swindon (3pm)
- Walsall v Port Vale (3pm)



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for all your post-match  
coverage after today's game



## SWINDON TOWN FC

Manager: **MARK COOPER**  
Team colours: **WHITE/BLACK**

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