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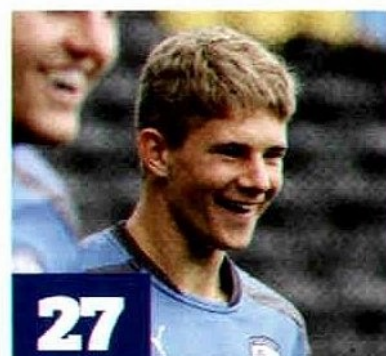


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IN CHARGE

# JACK LESTER

**W**e're looking forward to the visit of Swindon Town for today's game. I'd like to welcome my Swindon counterpart, David Flitcroft, together with his backroom staff and players, in particular our former player Marc Richards. I enjoyed my time playing up front with 'Rico' and it'll be good to see him again.

Following last week's defeat at Carlisle, it's important that we get back to winning ways very quickly and go on a good run and we're capable of doing that.

In midweek, the youngsters did very well in the Derbyshire Senior Cup semi-final at Buxton and it was a good 1-0 win. They played really well and it was good to see the progress of the young players. They need to be playing competitive games in order to progress.

It's important that we all pull together. We know the situation we are in and everybody's doing what they can. We've got one or two experienced players off the treatment table and one or two that are pushing hard to get back.

It would be nice to get some of the injured players back. Getting them out of the treatment room and onto the pitch is exactly the boost we need. We should have one or two available for today and that competition for places is really important.

I would urge fans to get behind us and play their part in getting the three points.

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Jack







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MICHAEL DUNFORD

# CLUB MATTERS



**G**ood afternoon and welcome back to the Proact Stadium as we welcome the supporters, directors and officials of today's visitors, Swindon Town.

Unquestionably our last home game left us all bitterly disappointed, especially given the fact that the deciding goal came well into time added on. However, that as they say 'is football' and you only have to go back a few weeks earlier when we won ourselves at Yeovil by a goal scored at a similar time.

We all share that disappointment and please don't think for one moment that the dressing room is immune from that feeling as it was clearly etched on the faces of Jack, his staff and all the players.

They are not robots - they are professionals who care and feel it just like you. They are constantly under scrutiny as they are the ones out on the pitch trying their level best to win football matches for this club.

The league table does not currently make pleasant reading, however we must remember there are over 150 games still to be played in this division, so there will certainly be many further twists and turns before the season ends.

Many of you will already be calculating in your own mind just how many points will be required to guarantee safety. The truth is it's pure guesswork and all Jack and our players can do is what they have strived to do since they arrived and that's to accumulate as many points as possible.

Since 2011/12, League Two safety has been achieved by teams gaining a seasonal tally ranging from 43 to

51 points. Predictions are therefore somewhat meaningless with so many games still to be played, but the reality is that only after 46 games does the table seldom lie.

All I can ask is that whilst you are entitled to have your personal views on just how your club has arrived at this point, recriminations and accusations of guilt are best left for another day.

**"There are over 150 games still to be played in this division, so there will certainly be many further twists and turns"**

NOW is the time for you to continue what you have constantly done and that is to get right behind YOUR team and hopefully we can finish the season with a run of results that can secure our EFL status.

There is certainly no complacency here at the Proact. Yes, with the benefit of hindsight, some mistakes have been made but Chesterfield FC is far from down and out.

None of us have a crystal ball to predict the future, but we all know that at 3pm today it's game on with three more vital points at stake.

Come on You Spireites!

Michael



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# ON THIS DAY

# 24 FEB

**Stuart Basson takes a look at Chesterfield's fortunes on this date in years gone by...**

**C**hesterfield's first Football League match played on this day ended in a 2-2 draw with Leicester Fosse - in 1900 - and there hasn't been another draw since. The 16 games played in the league since then have ended in nine wins and seven defeats.

Our journey to Hartlepool in 1990 is remembered more for the weather than the result. In bright sunshine, Dave Waller gave us a half-time lead, but as the skies darkened and a blizzard began, the home side fought back to win 3-1. Last time out, a Nottingham Forest side including ex-Spireites Sammy Clingan, Junior Agogo and Ian Breckin beat Chesterfield 2-1 at Saltergate. Pulling the strings for Forest that day was our manager, Jack Lester.

Goalkeeper Charlie Bunyan played his last Chesterfield Town match on this day in 1894; although the side beat Attercliffe 4-1, Bunyan spent long periods of the game inside his opponents' half, joining in the attacks. A furious row with the committee afterwards led to his resignation.

A giant of Spireite defences past was born on this day in 1952. James Joseph "Sean" O'Neill turned pro with Leeds in 1969 but, after a couple of substitute appearances in the UEFA Cup, he was freed by Don Revie and became one of a number of astute Joe Shaw signings, joining Chesterfield in the summer of 1974. He filled six different positions in his first term, displaying a versatility that was to become one of his greatest assets. He soon settled into a defensive role, being equally at home in either full-back



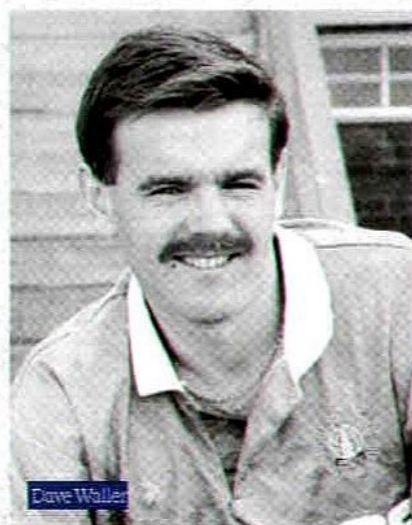
Sean O'Neill receives his Canon League Loyalty Award from chairman Barrie Hubbard

berth or in the centre of defence. Although he liked to get forward and wrong-foot opponents with his trademark "O'Neill Shuffle", there were eight years between his first and second goals for the club. His most memorable, though, was a speculative lofted cross from somewhere near the touchline that drifted in to wreck Hereford's tilt at the highest number of consecutive clean sheets from the start of a season, in October 1984.

Freed at the end of the 1982/83

relegation season, Sean became the steward at the Saltergate Club, while playing on a non-contract basis. Although the intention was that he would stick around a bit to help bring young players through, he remained in the first team for another three seasons. In March 1985, he received a Canon League loyalty award and enjoyed a testimonial against Sheffield Wednesday in May of that year. A year later, he retired, with the fifth-highest number of league appearances (442) for Chesterfield to his credit.

Sean played local non-league football while running the Red Lion, in Brimington, before becoming a milkman, then entering the insurance business. After a period as coach and manager of Staveley Miners Welfare, of the Northern Counties (East) League, Sean took up an appointment on the staff at Chesterfield's Centre of Excellence, as Under 16 Coach, in September 2000. He has subsequently coached at Sheffield United, Rotherham United and Doncaster Rovers. Sean retains a strong affection for his club and is a regular visitor to the Proact Stadium.



Dave Waller





# CLUB NEWS

## IN MEMORY OF BRIAN HUGHES A TRUE SPIREITE THROUGH AND THROUGH

Brian was born and raised in Chesterfield. From watching the Spireites at Saltergate in the Compton Street Stand to the Family Stand with his two children (occasionally dragging his wife along).

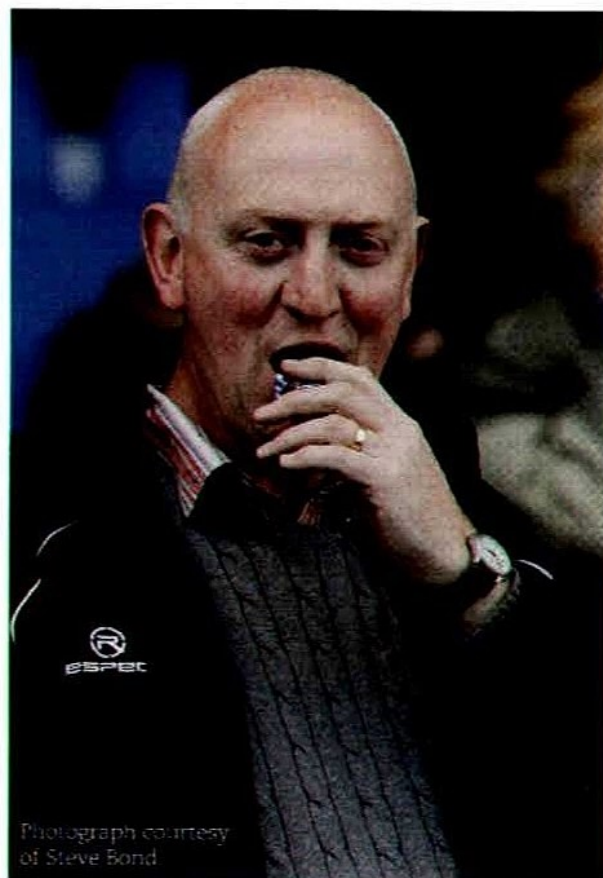
Moving from Saltergate to the Proact Stadium, Brian continued as a season ticket holder and also received a brick in the wall as a gift for his 50th birthday which reads 'Spireite til I die'.

On the subject of bricks, he couldn't resist the opportunity when it arose to buy more bricks, and lived on Spire Heights, on the site of the old ground, for the last five years.

After being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2016, Brian could unfortunately no longer make it to the matches. But he continued to follow the Spireites, listening to every match on the radio, whilst simultaneously watching 'Soccer Saturday' and getting notifications through the BBC Sport app.

Brian was due to be at the match today to celebrate what would have been his 58th birthday on February 25. We're sure he'll be watching down on the Spireites.

"Skies are blue, clouds are white, Brian must be a Spireite..."



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## SWINDON TOWN

## FORM REPORT

**D**avid Flitcroft took over the managerial reins at the County Ground following relegation to the basement and he's led the Robins to a play-off berth with a dozen games to play. On the road, though, they've picked up just one point in their last three trips. That draw came at Lincoln City and it was so nearly a win, the Red Imps equalising goals scored by ex-Spireites Marc Richards and Ollie Banks in the last minute. Since then, defeats at Accrington Stanley and Wycombe Wanderers have followed.

Away wins have been earned at Stevenage, Barnet, Crewe Alexandra, Yeovil Town, Port Vale, Mansfield Town, Forest Green Rovers, Luton Town, Morecambe and Carlisle United, those ten wins being a divisional high. Their last five home games have all been won, five wins following a 5-0 home defeat by Luton Town. Swindon nicked a home point against the Spireites with a last-gasp penalty back in November, one of only three draws they've played out in League Two this season.

The man in form is Marc Richards; the man who won a League Two title here at the Proact in 2014 had scored just one goal for Northampton Town this season before his January move, but seven goals in eight games has been his return since the switch. Ollie Banks, another 2014 champion here, has scored three in nine after his recent switch from a loan spell at Tranmere Rovers from Oldham Athletic.

## VALIANT WIN

Substitute Paul Mullin scored a late winner for promotion-chasing Swindon as they edged past Port Vale 3-2 at the County Ground. The Valiants thought they had taken the lead inside



four minutes when Nathan Smith powered home but the goal was disallowed for off-side. Neil Aspin's side went ahead when Tom Pope headed David Worrall's free-kick across the six-yard box and Michael Tonge was on hand to slot the ball into the bottom left corner. Swindon levelled when Marc Richards headed in Matt Taylor's cross, before the Robins were then gifted the lead. Vale keeper Ryan Boot's misplaced clearance fell straight to Luke Norris, who slid the ball into the path of Richards and he calmly slotted home. The away side pegged Swindon back almost immediately as Cristian Montano headed in Tonge's corner two minutes before the break. David Flitcroft's side then won it two minutes from time as Mullin flicked Kyle Knoyle's knock-down over Boot and into the net.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Chesterfield and Swindon Town have played each other on 50 occasions in all competitions, and not one of the games has been goal-less



## LAST LINE-UP VS PORT VALE

- 21 Charles-Cook
- 2 Purkiss
- 5 Robertson
- 32 Menayese
- 24 Knoyle
- 29 Banks
- 30 Anderson (7 Mullin 80)
- 19 Elsnik (8 Dunne 64)
- 31 Taylor
- 17 Richards
- 9 Norris (22 Woolery 64)

## RECENT GAMES

- Port Vale (H) L2 W3-2
- Wycombe (A) L2 L2-3
- Mansfield (H) L2 W1-0
- Accrington (A) L2 L1-2
- Lincoln (A) L2 D2-2
- Stevenage (A) L2 W1-0





IN OPPOSITION



INTRODUCING...

# SWINDON TOWN

**Stephen Wright spoke to sports editor Owen Houlihan from Swindon Advertiser and Swindon fan Simon Coy to find out more about the Robins' manager David Flitcroft and three key players.**

## THE BOSS

### DAVID FLITCROFT

**Reporter's view:** "He came in at the start of the season and his brief was to get Swindon promoted after getting relegated last season. He made a lot of changes and re-shaped the squad."

"There are a fair few loan players and it's basically a completely new team from last season. There's only one who plays regularly who was here last year."

"The jury's still out in some respects. The away form has been absolutely brilliant while home form hasn't been good this season, although it has been better in the last couple of months."

"They've won a fair few games and they're in promotion contention but they've also lost 13 league matches this season so I think a lot of fans are waiting to see what happens between now and the end of the season."



**Fan's view:** "He's doing a really good job. He knows this level well, having managed Bury and got them promoted."

"I'm very impressed so far. He's got a solid footballing brain and I like what I've seen."

"The team are playing the right way so I hope we hang on to him because I think he will take us up, whether it's this season or next season."





# THREE TO WATCH



## MATTHEW TAYLOR MIDFIELDER

**Reporter's view:** "He's a veteran who's been around for years and played in the Premier League at Bolton and Portsmouth."

"He's very good from set-pieces and has made a big difference, bringing a lot of experience into the midfield."

**Fan's view:** "Experience is the word for Taylor. He's got a good head on his shoulders."

"He scored a free-kick a few games ago which was absolutely phenomenal from about 40 yards out!"

"He's a really solid, experienced player who brings a level of experience and calmness to the side. He makes a big difference."

## TIMI ELSNIK MIDFIELDER

**Reporter's view:** "Timi was signed on loan at the start of the season from Derby County."

"He had two months out injured around November time and the team really missed him. Since he came back in he's made a big difference to the team."

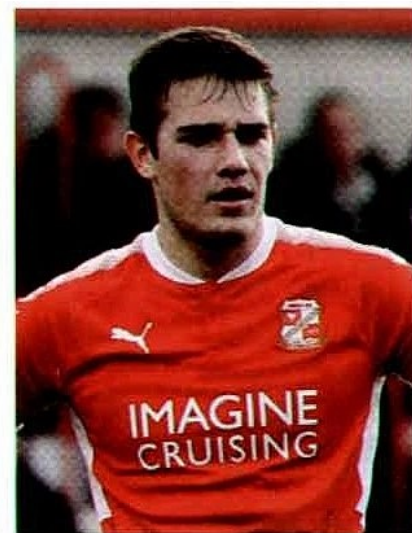
"To be honest, he's probably a class above League Two. Time is very skilful on the ball. He can pick a pass and sees a lot of things that other players don't see."

"He just makes them tick in midfield and they always look like more of an attacking threat when he's in the team."

**Fan's view:** "He's one for the future. He's energetic and a good young player."

"Timi is not even 20 yet but I think he's somebody worth watching. I suspect he'll want to impress against Chesterfield, what with him being on loan from Derby!"

"He's young and he'll make mistakes but he will get better and better."



## MARC RICHARDS FORWARD

**Reporter's view:** "He was released by Northampton and we signed him during the January transfer window."

"Marc has come in and scored a few goals already. He's made a big impact up front."

**Fan's view:** "Chesterfield fans will know Marc from his time at the club. He's been a journeyman throughout his career, but wherever he's gone he's scored a few goals."

"He's experienced and sharp around the box. If a chance comes, he takes it."

"He's been an excellent player and a really good signing. We needed someone who can score for fun and so far that's what he's doing."



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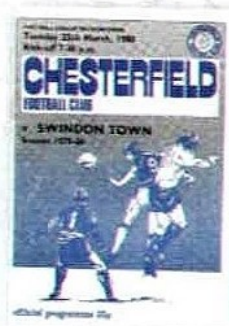






# PAST ENCOUNTERS

**Richard Rutherford provides stats from some previous clashes between today's two teams, together with programme cover images from those games...**



**Chesterfield**  
Birch, Bonnyman

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**Swindon Town**  
Tartt (og)

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Division Three  
Saturday, March 25, 1980

**Chesterfield:** John Turner, John Stirk, John Ridley, Sean O'Neill, Colin Tartt, Phil Bonnyman, Alan Birch, Andy Kowalski, Geoff Salmons, Alan Crawford, Ernie Moss  
**Sub:** Phil Walker

**Swindon:** Jimmy Allan, Russell Lewis, David Peach, Ray McHale, Billy Tucker, Ken Stroud, Ian Miller, Chris Kamara, Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes, Brian Williams  
**Sub:** Roy Carter

**Attendance:** 8,490  
**Final Positions:**  
Chesterfield 4th  
Swindon Town 10th



**Chesterfield**  
Walker

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**Swindon Town**

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Division Four  
Tuesday, April 9, 1985

**Chesterfield:** Chris Marples, Steve Baines, Les Hunter, Sean O'Neill, Brian Ferguson, Mick Henderson, Steve Kendal, John Matthews, Steve Spooner, Bob Newton, Phill Walker  
**Sub:** Phil Brown

**Swindon:** Scott Endersby, Chris Ramsey, Colin Bailie, Charlie Henry, David Cole, Andy Rowland, Peter Coyne, Dave Hockaday, Colin Gordon, Mike Graham, Gary Nelson

**Attendance:** 4,420  
**Final Positions:**  
Chesterfield (C)  
Swindon Town 8th



**Swindon Town**  
O'Hanlon, Parkin

2

**Chesterfield**

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Division Two  
Saturday, February 21, 2004

**Swindon:** Rhys Evans, Sean O'Hanlon, Andrew Nicholas, Andy Gurney, Matthew Heywood, Sammy Igoe, Stefani Miglioranza, Matt Hewlett, Brian Howard, Tommy Mooney, Sam Parkin  
**Subs:** Grant Smith, David Duke, Rory Fallon, Alan Reeves, Bart Griemink

**Chesterfield:** Carl Muggleton, Gus Uhlenbeek, Alan O'Hare, Steve Blatherwick, Ian Evatt, Jamie McMaster, Mark Hudson, Gareth Davies, Chris Brandon, David Reeves, Glynn Hurst  
**Subs:** Mark Allott, Stuart Howson, Marvin Robinson, Mark Innes, Andy Richmond

**Attendance:** 6,814  
**Final Positions:**  
Swindon Town 5th (POs)  
Chesterfield 20th



**Swindon Town**

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**Chesterfield**  
Mitchell

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League One  
Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Swindon:** Lawrence Vigouroux, Bradley Barry, Nathan Thompson, Brandon Ormonde-Ottewell, Raphael Rossi-Branco, Anton Rodgers, James Brophy, Ben Gladwin, Rohan Ince, Luke Norris, Jonathan Obika  
**Subs:** Conor Thomas, John Goddard, Jordan Stewart, Lloyd Jones, Jesse Starkey, Dion Conroy, Will Henry

**Chesterfield:** Thorsten Stuckmann, Ian Evatt, Sam Hird, Dion Donohue, Tom Anderson, Angel Martinez, Dan Jones, Osman Kakay, Liam Grimshaw, Kristian Dennis, Sylvan Ebanks-Blake  
**Subs:** Dan Gardner, Ched Evans, Reece Mitchell, Ritchie Humphreys, Sadiq El Fitouri, Rai Simons, Ryan Fulton

**Attendance:** 6,691  
**Final Positions:**  
Swindon Town 22nd (R)  
Chesterfield 24th (R)



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**LEIGH EDWARDS**

# THE UNLIKELY LADS

**Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles five big-name Swindon Town players not usually associated with the club**



## OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossi Ardiles made two league appearances for Swindon Town in 1989/90. Together with Ricky Villa, the World Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. Appointed Swindon's player-boss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989/90 Second Division play-off final success, but they were denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.



## GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992/93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977/78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and helped win the French title in 1987/88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 league games for the Robins, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992/93 play-off final triumph and later managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.



## NEIL WEBB

Midfielder Neil Webb was capped 26 times by England before joining Swindon Town. The son of former Reading favourite Dougie Webb, he turned professional with the Royals in November 1980 and moved to Portsmouth in July 1982. He helped win the Third Division title in 1982/83, then moved to Nottingham Forest in June 1985 and scored in their 1989 League Cup final triumph. Sold to Manchester United for £1.5m in June 1989, he was an FA Cup winner in 1990 and rejoined Forest in November 1992. He was loaned to Swindon in October 1994, making six league appearances, then played for Grimsby Town.



## NEIL RUDDOCK

Ex-England international central defender Neil Ruddock played for Swindon Town during the 2001/02 campaign. A former Millwall apprentice, 'Razor' turned professional in March 1986, moving to Spurs a month later. He returned to Millwall in June 1988 and joined Southampton in February 1989. Appearing in the 1992 ZDS Cup final, he rejoined Spurs in July 1992 and joined Liverpool for £2.5m in July 1993. He starred in their 1995 League Cup final triumph, then played for West Ham and Crystal Palace before joining Swindon in August 2001. Scoring once in 15 league games, he has since worked in the media.



## PAUL INCE

Midfielder Paul Ince gained 53 England caps before playing for Swindon Town. Initially with West Ham, he moved to Manchester United for £1m in September 1989 and was England's first black captain. He amassed numerous honours, including the 'double' in 1993/94, joining Inter Milan for £8m in July 1995. Later with Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Wolves, he joined Swindon in August 2006 and made three league appearances while at the County Ground. He became Macclesfield Town's player-boss in January 2007 and has since managed MK Dons, Blackburn, MK Dons again, Notts County and Blackpool.





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## Who knew that Gozie Ugwu liked to play a popular board game? Matt Adams found out more...

**W**hen interviewing Spireites defender Jerome

Binnom-Williams a couple of weeks ago, he told me that he and team-mate Gozie Ugwu regularly catch up outside of training for meals out and various other activities.

One of the activities mentioned was Monopoly. Intrigued by Jerome's comment, I contacted Gozie to see if this was indeed correct. I'm pleased to report that it is and that it's something he was more than happy to discuss.

"That's cool, man, I beat him [Binnom-Williams] anyway," the former Woking man said confidently. "He told you that he beat me, didn't he?"

Surprisingly he didn't, so who won?

"It's Jerome's game and we'll play at his place," he said. "There are a few of us who play. The last time we played, there was myself, Jerome, Ricky German, Marshall Willock and Reece Mitchell.

"We all went round one night and played a couple of games. We ended up playing for hours! Reece won the first one, though he got lucky, but I won the second.

"I used to play Monopoly as a kid. I love board games. We play each other and we're always in contests. It's good fun."

## MY SECRET VICE



**"I used to play Monopoly as a kid. I love board games. We play each other and we're always in contests. It's good fun"**

Ugwu's victory over his team-mates was clearly a well-planned one, much to the annoyance of the game's other players.

"It's very tactical and you have to form alliances with the people around you," he asserted. "Marshall isn't very good, so he was selling me all of his properties.

"I'm always really nice and try to make them think that the deal is in their favour, but it's not! Jerome goes mad about it and he was saying 'don't do it, don't do it'. I tell whoever it is not to listen to him and I stay really calm.

"To be fair to Jerome, I've got a load of good properties and he's always trying to get properties off me, thinking I'm going to give him some, but there's no way I'd do that - he ends up in a strop."

And were there any other tactics the one-time Reading man used to secure his victory?

"Everyone tries to get Mayfair as it's the most expensive, but I always try to get the green corner and the few next around it, so the others are guaranteed to land on them at some point," added Ugwu.

Meanwhile, there's also the key question of which token he chose. "I wanted the hat at first, which I got, but I lost with it," he added.

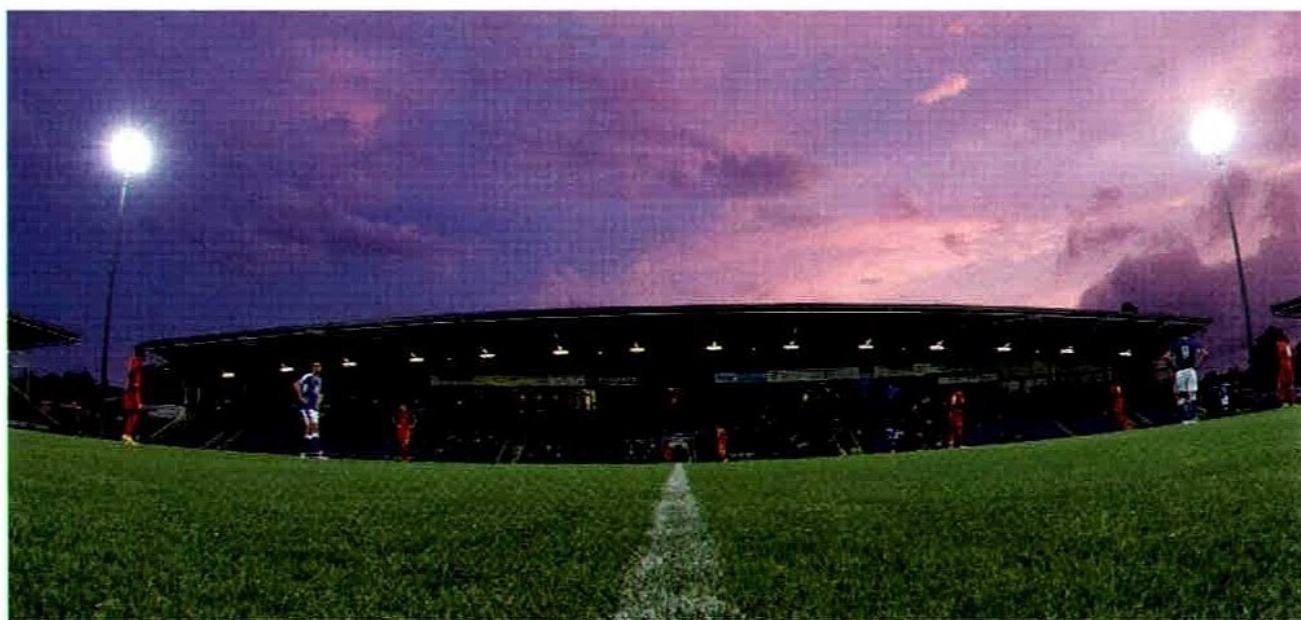
"In the next game I was the boat and I won, so I think I'll stick to that from now on."





## THE ACADEMY

# YOUNGSTERS PREPARING FOR FLOODLIT CUP FINAL



**I**t's an exciting time for the U16s, who next month will take on Derby County in the Floodlit Cup final at the Proact.

The final promises to be a brilliant experience for the lads, who've worked incredibly hard to get a scholarship and reach the final after coming up against category one and two teams in the group stages of the competition.

Our group pitted us against Barnsley, Derby and Sheffield Wednesday, with all the matches taking place in under floodlights at various non-league grounds.

We played those three teams home and away and I'm pleased to report that we finished top of the group, with

Derby finishing as runners-up.

In our first meeting, we beat them 4-2 at Clay Cross, while they won the reverse fixture 2-1. Both teams put out a mixture of U15 and U16 players in those games, so the final is set up nicely, with the winner taking it all.

I've said numerous times that it's not a surprise to me or anyone else who works within the academy that we do compete against and beat those sort of clubs, because we've got some really good players.

It's nice to get involved with these competitions and show what we can do. On the night of the final, we'll have eight of next year's academy scholars taking part, while we've also

got a new goalkeeper and there will be U15s featuring in that as well.

There's the likes of Josh Turner, who is the top goalscorer in the academy this year and has the most assists – he's a quick right winger. We've also got two good centre-halves and Matty Feurtado at left-back is playing regularly in the youth team and doing well.

Everyone in the team is an exciting watch and a really good player for their own reasons, it'll be nice for supporters to put faces to names.

Will Russ will be one of our U15s involved, and he's had a busy time of things recently, after being called up to the Wales U16s squad in their





UEFA Development Tournament with Greece.

The tournament will have been a great experience for him in terms of the travelling and the football itself. His call-up is a massive pat on the back for everyone connected with the club.

Mind you, we don't just want Will to experience things like that. We believe there are others who can progress throughout our age groups, so who knows? Maybe down the line, other players will do something similar.

Back to the final, it'll be more than beneficial for the squad as they'll be playing in front of people who they maybe don't know. There's a trophy on the line, so that element of competition will be new to them. It'll massive as it's basically a trial run for the FA Youth Cup and we hope they can deal with the occasion when it comes.

**Darren Molloy**  
Lead Youth  
Development Phase  
Coach

AUGUST					GOALSCORERS
Tue 8	Mansfield Town	A	YA	1-1	Fowler (p)
Sat 12	Lincoln City	H	YA	1-0	Phillips
Sat 19	Scunthorpe United	A	YA	2-3	Foster, Fowler
Sat 26	Tranmere Rovers	H	YAC	1-1	Phillips
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 9	Rotherham United	H	YA	4-5	Rawson (3), Phillips
Sat 23	Bradford City	A	YA	1-4	Rawson
Sat 30	Doncaster Rovers	H	YA	2-1	Willock, Foster
OCTOBER					
Sat 14	Burton Albion	A	YA	1-0	Rawson
Sat 28	Oldham Athletic	H	YA	3-2	Hand (2), Amantchi
NOVEMBER					
Thu 2	Notts County	H	FAYC1	3-1	Ofoegbu, Ebanks (OG), Phillips
Sat 11	Grimsby Town	A	YA	1-2	Rawson
Tue 14	Port Vale	H	FAYC2	2-1	Willock, Rawson
Sat 18	York City	H	YA	5-3	Rawson (2), Feurtado, Holmes, Foster
DECEMBER					
Sat 2	Notts County	H	YA	1-3	Sharman
Fri 15	Swansea City	A	FAYC3	0-2	-
JANUARY					
Sat 27	Doncaster Rovers	A	YA	2-1	Amantchi (2)
FEBRUARY					
Sat 10	Bradford City	H	YA	5-1	Rawson (2), Ofoegbu, Amantchi (2)
Sat 17	Hartlepool United	A	YA	3-0	Rawson (2), Howard
Sat 24	Oldham Athletic	A	YA	12:00	
MARCH					
Sat 3	Burton Albion	H	YA	11:00	
Sat 10	Rotherham United	A	YA	11:00	
Sat 17	York City	A	YA	11:00	
Sat 24	Grimsby Town	H	YA	11:00	
APRIL					
Sat 7	Hartlepool United	H	YA	12:00	
Sat 14	Notts County	A	YA	11:00	
Sat 21	Mansfield Town	H	YA	11:00	
Sat 28	Lincoln City	A	YA	11:00	
MAY					
Sat 5	Scunthorpe United	H	YA	11:00	

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2 Rotherham United	15	7	6	2	26	20	6	27
3 Oldham Athletic	13	9	0	4	20	16	4	27
4 Chesterfield	14	8	1	5	32	26	6	25
5 Notts County	15	7	1	7	29	27	2	22
6 Burton Albion	14	7	0	7	19	19	0	21
7 Lincoln City	15	6	2	7	21	21	0	20
8 Bradford City	16	6	2	8	20	25	-5	20
9 Grimsby Town	14	6	1	7	25	19	6	19
10 Scunthorpe United	13	4	4	5	18	19	-1	16
11 York City	14	5	1	8	16	26	-10	16
12 Doncaster Rovers	15	3	5	7	16	24	-8	14
13 Hartlepool United	13	1	3	9	13	26	-13	6

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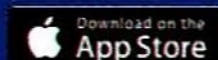
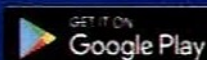


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## NEXT GENERATION

# CHARLIE WAKEFIELD

**Your first year as a professional footballer Charlie - how has it been?**

It's been going really well. It started off with me being in the first team, but recently I've dropped back into the youth team to get some game time and that's gone great! I've been getting 90 minutes every week and have been doing well. There's been a lot of good performances from both myself and the lads.

**How have you find adapting between the first and youth teams?**

The first team is a lot different. The pace of the game and the physicality is higher than when I'm with the youth team.

**When you're involved with the youth team, do you keep in regular contact with Jack Lester and his staff?**

Yes, I'm still training a couple times a week with them and it's good to do that and gain some more experience.

**You've captained the youth team this season - how have you found that responsibility?**

It's brilliant to be captain. They're a really good bunch of lads and we're doing well.

Since I've come in we've only lost three games. We lost at Grimsby Town 2-1, where we conceded in the last minute, but since then we've got back to winning ways and hopefully we can carry that on to the end of the season.

**What can the youth team achieve this season?**

Personally, I think we can win the league. It'll be tough, but we just need to take it game by game.

**From a personal point of view, you've chipped in with assists - are the goals not too far away?**

I haven't scored any yet, but the assists are coming, which is good. Hopefully the goals will follow before the end of the campaign.



**Born:** Midfielder  
**Joined:** 2010  
**Date of birth:** 23/5/2000

Midfielder Charlie Wakefield joined the club aged 10 and signed his first professional contract last summer, after making his senior debut at Scunthorpe United in April.

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## Aaron Ramsdale is the latest player to face the questions...

**What was the FIRST football match that you attended?**

It was West Brom v Arsenal at The Hawthorns. We [West Brom] won 2-1 and Darren Carter scored the winning goal.

**What were the FIRST pair of football boots you owned?**

They were a pair of Umbro boots, which had the England flag on the side.



**What was the FIRST piece of advice you received when you turned professional?**

That the second contract is always the hardest.

**What was the make and model of your FIRST car?**

It was a Vauxhall Corsa.

**What was the FIRST album or CD you bought?**

[Laughs] It was one by Busted.

**What was the LAST song you heard on the way here?**

Taylor Swift's Love Story.

**What was the LAST place you went to on holiday?**

Marbella.

**What was the LAST meal you prepared?**

I made scrambled eggs on toast on Tuesday morning.

**Who was the LAST team mate you beat on FIFA?**

Louis Reed.

**Who was the LAST person to bring some banter to the dressing room?**

Laurence Maguire – because he's a big 'Lego head'.



\*Aaron was prompted by a team mate to say this. That team-mate will remain anonymous.

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## BLACKPOOL FANS PLAN EFL PROTEST

Blackpool supporters are planning a march at the EFL headquarters in Preston in March to demand the governing body take action over the club's current owners.

The Seasideers are still run by the Oyston family - who are at the centre of a long-running stand-off with supporters.

Blackpool fans have been frustrated with the lack of response they have received from the EFL over their current owners and feel that a protest is the only way to get through to them.

The march has been organised by a supporters group called 'The Tangerine Knights'. It is also understood that they are encouraging fans of other clubs to attend.

## RISE IN DISCRIMINATION

There has been a 38% increase in incidents of discrimination across the Premier League and the English Football League this season. That figure includes incidents surrounding topics such as racism, homophobia, antisemitism, disability and sexism.

Since August 2017, there have been 111 incidents reported, as of February 2018. Sixty-four of those have been found across the EFL. At this stage last season, there had been just 29 complaints made throughout the EFL.

Kick it Out have made it easier for such incidents to be reported, which suggests why there has been such an increase. The EFL said: "The success and increased awareness of the Kick it Out reporting services, which includes the use of the reporting app, is having a positive impact as more and more people are becoming confident in detailing discriminatory behaviour."

## ANNUAL EFL EXIT TRIALS

Young footballers hoping to revive their football careers and earn a second chance were put through their paces in the EFL Exit Trials earlier this month. These specific trials give players between the ages of 15 and 16, who haven't been given a contract with their former club, a chance to get a new one with another team.

Scouts from across the country attend in order to assess the talent that has slipped through the net at other clubs in the UK, in the hope of finding a player worthy of being given a scholarship.

Last year, 260 players attended the trials with 70 of them receiving interest from clubs. Two examples of players to have been picked out from an EFL Exit Trial in the past are Marvin Sordell and Theo Robinson - who both signed for Watford in separate years.

## EFL TRUST'S TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Monday, February 12 saw a special celebration take place at EFL house in Preston to commemorate ten years of the EFL Trust - the official charity of the EFL. The Trust helps to improve the lives and communities across the country through the power of sport.

Hayley McQueen hosted the event to mark ten years and was joined by Mike Phelan as well as EFL chief executive Shaun Harvey. The afternoon saw a variety of different stories and memories shared from the ten years since the EFL Trust was founded.

Since being set up in 2008, the Trust has been busy securing funding and distributing it to each of the 72 EFL teams, who help run projects to improve the community and society within the local vicinity of their club.





IN THE SPOTLIGHT



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT





## GILES COKE

**Town midfielder GILES COKE impressed so much on his debut in the match with Cambridge United that he now finds himself In the Spotlight. MATT ADAMS caught up with him to find out what it's like to return after a lengthy injury, how he's settling in and his interests away from the game.**

**Firstly Giles, how's the injury?**

It's not bad - it's coming along nicely. We're just taking it steady and hopefully I'll be back soon.

**How did it feel to play after such a long time out injured? Darren Nicholls via Twitter**

It was amazing and it was very emotional, to be honest. Being out for so long and watching so much football made me think I wasn't going to be back out there again, so it was a very special day for me.

**How frustrating is it to pick up another injury after making your debut?**

It was very frustrating but having been out for so long, the physios told me that I've got to be careful because you're at high risk of getting niggles.

It's not as serious as it could be. It's just a niggle and I'm hoping to be back very soon.

**What are you expecting from League Two compared to your time in the Championship with Ipswich? Paul Crookes via Facebook**

It's a completely different level, there's no two ways about it, but I'm not really thinking about that. I'm just hoping to stay fit and play in as many games as I can.

But the main thing is to keep Chesterfield in the league, that's the most important thing.

**How big a part did Jack Lester play in your decision to sign here?**

He didn't really have to sell anything to me. I'd been out for so long that it was more me having the drive and the determination to getting back playing.



**"Jack gave me the opportunity to get back playing and it's something I'm really grateful for. When he rang me, I was always willing to come"**

Jack gave me the opportunity to get back playing and it's something I'm really grateful for. When he rang me, I was always willing to come.

**How have you settled in in the dressing room?**

I've settled in very well. Obviously the boys are very low on confidence and a little bit down, like you can see, as we're



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**GILES  
COKE**





near the bottom. But they're a great bunch of boys who've made me feel very welcome.

**Do you still believe we can stay up?**

**Danny Higginson via Instagram**

Yes, of course I do, 100 per cent. There's more than enough in that dressing room.

But there's saying it and there's doing it and now we have to start doing it.

**Back to the start of your career, what was it like to bridge the gap between non-league and the EFL?**

The Football League was a better standard, with the intensity being that little bit higher. I was really

I chose the latter and thankfully it's worked out very well for me.

**How did you find your time in Scotland with Motherwell?**

I really enjoyed it. I was very sceptical about going up there as, being honest, I didn't know a lot about Scottish football.

But I chose to do it for a career move and it worked out very well.

**While there, you played and scored in a 6-6 draw with Hibernian - is that the craziest match you've been involved with?**

Yes, it's definitely the craziest game I've ever played in. We were 6-2 down at one point!

**"Being out for so long and watching so much football made me think I wasn't going to be back out there again, so it was a very special day for me"**

young back then and after I got released from Queens Park Rangers, you can go either way, thinking that you'll sack it off or pull your socks up and graft to become a professional footballer.

You'll probably never see a game like that again. I think it went down in the history of Scottish football. I managed to score twice in that game.

**What's the best stadium you have**





played at? C.cfc.w via Instagram

I've played at a few, but I'd have to say it's either the Etihad or Old Trafford.

Who's the best player that you've played against? andy24189 via Instagram

The best I've played against? Wow, there's so many! I've played against the likes of Wayne Rooney, Juan Mata, David Silva and Yaya Toure, so I'd have to say it's one of them.

The best I've played with would be Eidur Gudjohnsen. I played with him at Bolton Wanderers and even though he was coming to the end of his career, you could see how good a player he was. He was outstanding.

Who do you like more, Messi or Ronaldo? vinnie.copeland\_ via Instagram

It's so difficult to choose as they're both excellent players. They're both as good as each other in my opinion, but if I had to choose one I'd sway more to Ronaldo.

Just because I think Messi's more naturally gifted and I feel that Ronaldo has built himself up and really worked hard for it – not that Messi hasn't worked hard – but it'd just be on that fact.

Who do you support? WallyTv via Twitter  
I'm an Arsenal fan.



## OFF THE PITCH

What is your match routine? andy24189 via Instagram and Yogi Oldfield via Facebook  
I've never had one.

Pepsi or Coca-Cola? Chriscurllyturner via Instagram

I'm going to have to go with Coke, aren't I? [Laughs].

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time? Callum\_is\_dat\_beast via Instagram

I love spending quality time with my children and family. I've got three kids and have another one due in April.

What sort of music do you like?

I'm quite multi cultured when it comes to that, from R&B to hip-hop, to bands.

Favourite film?

I have quite a few, but one that comes straight to my head is Antwone Fisher. It's a Denzel Washington film and it's very good!

If you could play any other sport professionally, what would it be and why?

I'd probably say table tennis as I've grown up with it in the family and my brother and my dad are very good at it. I'm not too bad at it.

Ed - Joe Rowley fancies himself as table tennis player you know?

Does he? Well in that case, I'll have to give him a game some time.

Tell us something we wouldn't know about you?

I'm half Ghanaian! My dad is Ghanaian, maybe you didn't know that.

I thought I may have had a chance to play for them when I was a bit younger, but it wasn't meant to be.

Have you done your initiation song yet?

I've not yet, though I think I'll be doing it on the next away trip.

If you were to have a dinner party and could invite three guests, who'd they be and why?

Wow, you've put me on the spot here! I'd say Kaka because I was a massive fan of him as a player.

And the other two? Well, in fact, scrap it. I'd say my three children [laughs].





# CARLISLE UNITED

Etuhu 19, O'Sullivan 81

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# CHESTERFIELD

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Brunton Park • Saturday, February 17, 2018 • Sky Bet League Two • Att: 4,025 (237)

**Goals from Kelvin Etuhu and sub John O'Sullivan, one in each half, won the game for Carlisle United, but the main talking point for the Spireites came between the goals, on 71 minutes, when Louis Reed's superb shot was controversially ruled-out.**

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## Carlisle

Bonham, Liddle ■, Hill, Parkes, Devitt, Ellis, Lambe, Etuhu (Jones 22), Stockton (O'Sullivan 80), Nadesan (Twardek 74), Hope.

### Subs (not used):

Gray, Campbell-Ryce, Bennett, Brown.

## Chesterfield

Ramsdale, Barry ■, Nelson, Whitmore, Weir, Rowley (Kellett 62 ■), Reed, McCourt (Binnom-Williams 66), Kay, Dennis, O'Grady (Brown 80 ■).

### Subs (not used):

Parkin, Maguire, Ofoegbu.

## Referee

Seb Stockbridge (Tyne & Wear)

The Spireites fell behind in the 19th minute when the ball was cleared only as far as Etuhu, who was poised just outside the box and his first-time hit was positioned perfectly to beat Aaron Ramsdale.

Chris O'Grady's cross earned the second half's first corner and a second

rapidly followed as the 237 travelling fans continued to sing their hearts out and they erupted when Reed volleyed in a crackerjack but the effort was controversially ruled-out with the celebrations in full-flow. O'Sullivan scored his first goal of the season with his first touch after stabbing home a loose ball from Jamie Devitt's right-sided corner, Carlisle's first flag-kick of the second half, to all but wrap up the points.



Louis Reed was left frustrated after his superb strike was disallowed



### **Chesterfield manager Jack Lester:**

"They said number 23 was off-side. We haven't got a number 23 in the squad, so it was clearly a goal. There should've been a red card on Reedy in the first half, he's gone over the top and Reedy's probably going to be injured now. He's got a kick high up on his foot, you know what you're going to get with Reedy (in that he carried on), but it's no good for us, that. We should've been playing against ten and they disallow a goal against a number that's not in the squad. It was a massive moment in the game, we've had a legitimate goal chalked off. It's pivotal and it's not good enough - you can't just be playing around at these decisions."

### **Carlisle manager Keith Curle:**

"It wasn't the entertaining, free-flowing spectacle that we desired, but sometimes you need to tough it out and get the win to help you to get the momentum going again. I think we can still do some of the ugly side of the game better, but if we'd taken our opportunities when they arose it could have been a more comfortable afternoon. You have to remember that Chesterfield are fighting for their lives and they flooded the midfield areas to stifle the game. We needed to get the ball out of there as quickly as we could to combat that."

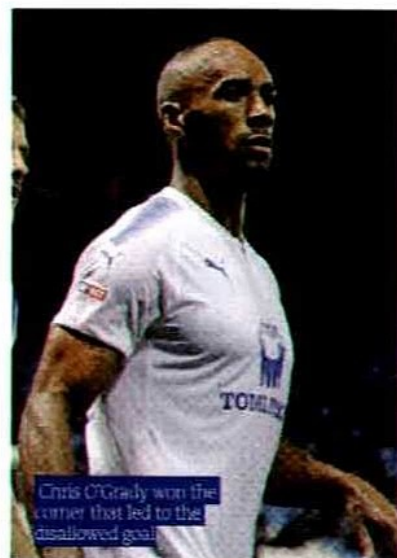


### **Match Facts**

- Jacob Brown's sub appearance saw him become Spireites League Player #1153.
- Brown became the 39th different player to be used in the league this season, equalling last season's overall number.
- Carlisle's Ashley Nadesan was making his first ever league start at the age of 23.
- The game marked Keith Curle's fifth game as manager against Chesterfield and he remains unbeaten with four wins and a draw.
- Jamal Campbell-Ryce was in a matchday squad against Chesterfield for the sixth time and for the fifth different club, Carlisle adding to Sheffield United, Southend United, Barnet and Rotherham United.



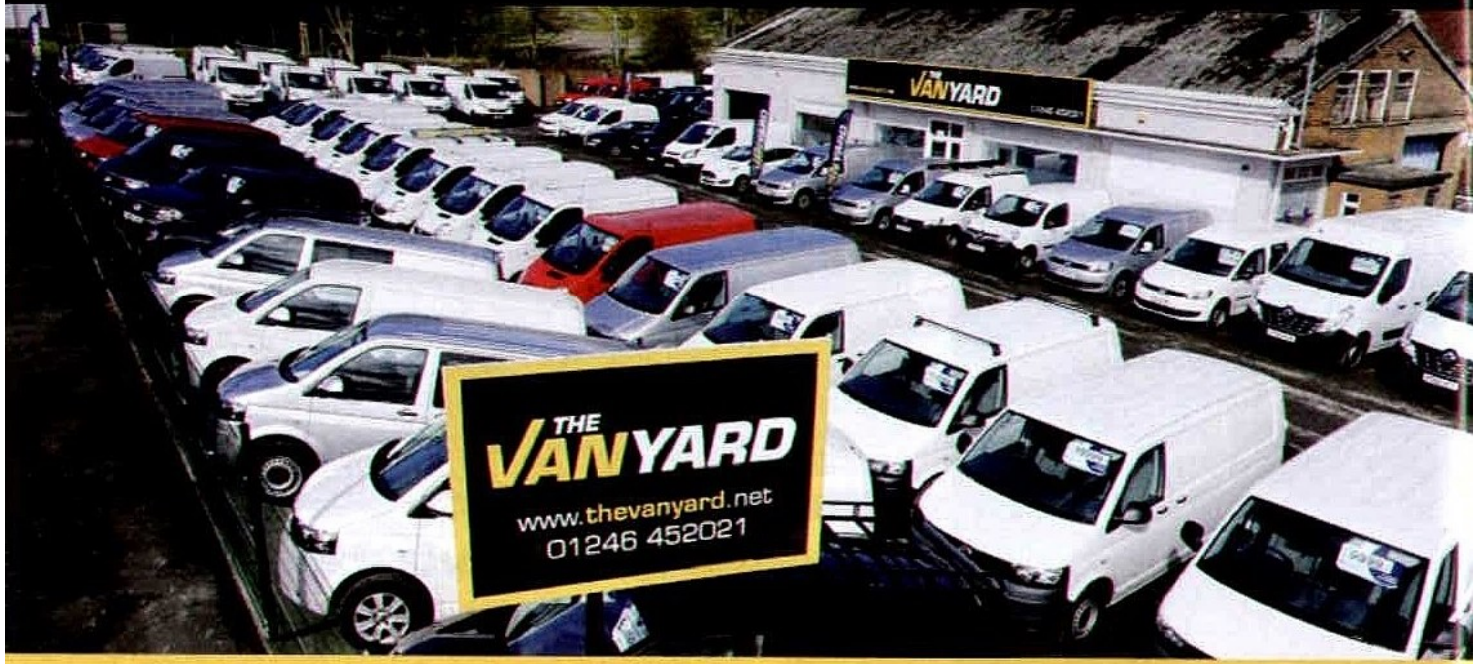
Jacob Brown became the 39th different player this season.



Chris O'Grady won the corner that led to the disallowed goal.



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# SHIRT TALES

**Continuing in the series, Pete Whiteley from the Community Trust looks at another memorable shirt from the past.**



**B**efore replica kit sales and shirt sponsorship, you might expect the same strip for season after season. However, occasionally the kit man might pull out a joker and this seemed to be the case in the 1972/73 season.

The official home strip for the season was the round-neck, long-sleeved blue with white trim worn since 1965. As for the previous couple of seasons, there was no badge. The shorts were plain white while the socks were white with blue hoops on the turn-over that many consider to be a classic design.

The first change to the official home kit was the use of contrasting red socks in a game against Port Vale. Despite the loss in that game, this odd change was repeated for a game against Bolton. At a time when match officials really only wanted a contrast on shirts, there seemed little reason for this!

In October's home game against Rotherham, the team turned out in short-sleeved with a v-neck. Regardless of the 3-2 win with a brace from Ernie Moss, these shirts were never seen at Saltergate again.

Oddly, for five games through the home campaign, there was an alternative home shirt that was the same round-neck style as the blue one but in all-white. This wasn't the official change colour as this was a red version of the home shirt. Third shirts were not generally used then and there seemed to be no clubs in the Third Division that posed an issue for both red and blue.

The round-neck crew style shirt was effectively retired that season with a collar and v-insert used for the next few seasons. The round-neck was part of the 2000/01 season but then, like most other seasons, we managed to stick to one kit for all the home games.







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# ETC ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Emerging Talent Centre recently took part in the Academy and ETC Development Day.

This saw players from the ETC and academy mix together to play in different formats of games like futsal, 5v5, 7v7, 9v9 and a full-sized game of 11v11.

It was a fantastic time for everyone involved from the ETC and academy. The players seemed to enjoy the day with the different formats.

It also gave the players from the Emerging Talent Centre an idea of the level that they need to work at in order to progress to the academy.

We would like to thank the academy's foundation lead phase coach Elliot Flowers, who helped organise the day and to all the staff that worked hard during the Development Day.







# ETC PLAYERS REWARDED FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES

The Emerging Talent Centre are currently trialling a new reward system for the players.

The new programme will see one player progress every four to six weeks to the Chesterfield FC academy for four sessions due to their hard work and good performances in their age group.

The idea behind this is to give the ETC players who progress a reward for their performances over the last three months.

This will also give the rewarded players an idea of what is expected in the academy sessions and also the standard of the players that are currently in the

Chesterfield FC academy.

ETC manager Steve Hancock said, "This is a brilliant system that has been put into place. From this we are hoping to give the selected players an insight into the academy. We then hope that they will re-join us back at the ETC by upping their game and work-rates to those in the academy."





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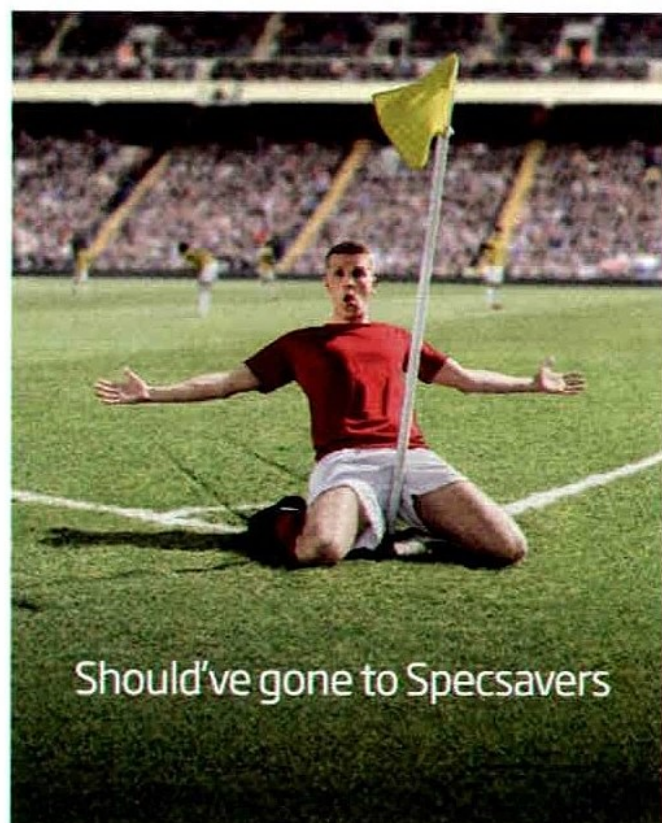
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# NON-LEAGUE NEIGHBOURS

**Richard Rutherford provides an update on the county's non-league clubs...**

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The Reds soon got back to winning ways with a good 2-1 home win over Tamworth, Alfreton coming back from a goal behind with goals from Brendan Daniels and former Spireite Craig Westcarr, who scored a late penalty.

This was followed by a narrow 3-2 defeat to league leaders Salford City, Alfreton's goals coming from Luke Shiels and a last-minute effort from Marcus Marshall to leave them in 16th place, five points above the relegation places.

Alfreton have still to play their postponed Derbyshire Senior Cup semi-final tie with Ilkeston Town at the Impact Arena.

All our sides in the Evostik Northern Premier Divisions are now holding mid-table positions.

In the Premier Division, Mickleover Sports are highest placed in 13th position. Their most recent game saw them go down 3-1 at promotion-seeking Warrington Town.

Buxton are three places lower in 15th position, having recently



Alfreton take on Salford City

parted company with manager Martin Mackintosh. Former Doncaster Rovers defender Tim Ryan has taken over in a caretaker capacity. Their most recent results have seen two away defeats to Stourbridge and Barwell Town, both by 2-1 score lines.

Matlock Town are currently in poor form. I saw them go down 3-1 at home to high-flying Warrington Town. This was despite the Gladiators taking an early lead through new signing Lee Bennett. Bennett was on target again in their next encounter, a 3-2 home defeat to Witton Albion.

Matlock have dropped to 20th place but not in danger of the drop as only one side will be relegated this season due to league restructuring.

In Division One North, Glossop North End have suffered two heavy defeats in a row - 4-0 at Tadcaster Albion and 5-0 at Colne - to see them slip to 11th place.

In Division One South, Belper Town are also in 11th place. A 2-1 home defeat to Loughborough Dynamo

was followed by a 1-1 draw at home to Bedworth United.

In the Toolstation Northern Counties East Premier Division, Staveley MW are having a poor season. A number of key players have left, seeing them plummet down to 17th place in the table.

In Division One, Shirebrook Town are having a much better season. They are currently in 5th place holding down a play-off position after a good 4-1 win at Armthorpe Welfare, with leading scorer Kieran Watson grabbing a brace. Watson is currently the division's leading scorer with an impressive 35 goals in all competitions.

Dronfield Town are also in fine form and heading for their highest league position since joining the league. An excellent 5-2 away win at Leeds-based Yorkshire Amateur was followed by a 2-2 draw at Stonelaw Road with Rossington Main, seeing them climb to 12th place.

FC Bolsover had an important 1-0 home win over Brigg Town to move them up to 19th.



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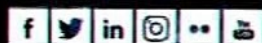


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# ZOE'S WORLD

## MY INTERNATIONAL BOCCIA STORY, TOLD MY WAY:

### ASSEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 1990

Assen in Holland was my first major competition abroad. I was 15 and it was hell. I don't feel I should write what happened. I will just say I was treated wrong and badly, things happened that shouldn't have, but I survived it and went on to have a brilliant career. It was a terrible experience. I look back now and the positive thing is, I know it made me a much stronger person.

### PORTUGAL WORLD CUP 1991

When I went to the World Cup, I had my Bart Simpson hairstyle and I had a speech machine. Kids came to watch from local schools and they were obsessed with me. Everywhere I went, they flocked around me and the joke was that I had my own fan club.

### SHEFFIELD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 1994

It was great to win my first major international medal in Sheffield. This was my Bronze World Championship medal. My parents went back to the hotel with the rest of the squad, but not me, I went out celebrating. Ten whiskies later, I woke up at 6.30 the next morning feeling fantastic!

### ATLANTA PARALYMPIC GAMES 1996

The accommodation was disgusting. There was also a bus crash and five hours' queuing to get into the opening

ceremony, but all this didn't matter in Atlanta to me. From the moment I got into the opening ceremony, it was amazing and I was living my dream. For me personally, it was by far the best and I absolutely loved it!

The best game I ever played was the semi-final against Canada. The day before the final, with my last shot of the game, I got the point that took us to the final. That day we were on fire and I still believe if we'd have played the final on the same day, we would have won it. We played Portugal in the final and to play in a Paralympic final was brilliant, the highest anyone could get. To be presented with my silver medal at the medal ceremony was fantastic and very emotional. However, we lost it and me being me, I was disappointed being so close to winning gold. It took me a while to accept winning silver and realise what a fantastic, outstanding achievement it really was. By the time the closing ceremony came around, I knew what I'd won, so it was time to celebrate and that was a massive, brilliant party!

### NEW YORK WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 1998

When we flew to New York the plane had to make an emergency landing in Boston because the weather was so bad. The passengers got off the plane and it was then they realised they had three teams of disabled athletes aboard, but, nowhere to accommodate us. We had to fly from Boston to New York in a horrific thunder storm. Most people were scared but I enjoyed it.

To be continued...

Zoe x





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## MINI QUIZ

1. Who is the club's current top goal scorer this season?
  2. How many goals has the club's leading marksman got in all competitions?
  3. Who do the Spireites face next month in a game that will be televised on Sky Sports?
  4. Can you work out the anagram of the Chesterfield player?
- TABLET WORD**
5. What was the score between the two clubs during their last meeting in November?



There is still time to sign up as a Young Spireite this year. We have some exciting opportunities and activities coming up in the New Year with a special Q&A in the Easter holidays.



Costing just £10 to become a Young Spireites member for the 2017/18 season, it's one not to be missed for any young Chesterfield FC supporters!

To sign up, please email the Trust's activities officer, [nathankahn@spireitestrust.org.uk](mailto:nathankahn@spireitestrust.org.uk), call the office on 01246 264030 or pop into the office to complete the registration form.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Young Spireites:  
Amber Rowlett – Aged 4  
Dan Gillies – Aged 12

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ANSWERS:  
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2. 16  
3. Notts County  
4. Drew Talbot  
5. 2-2





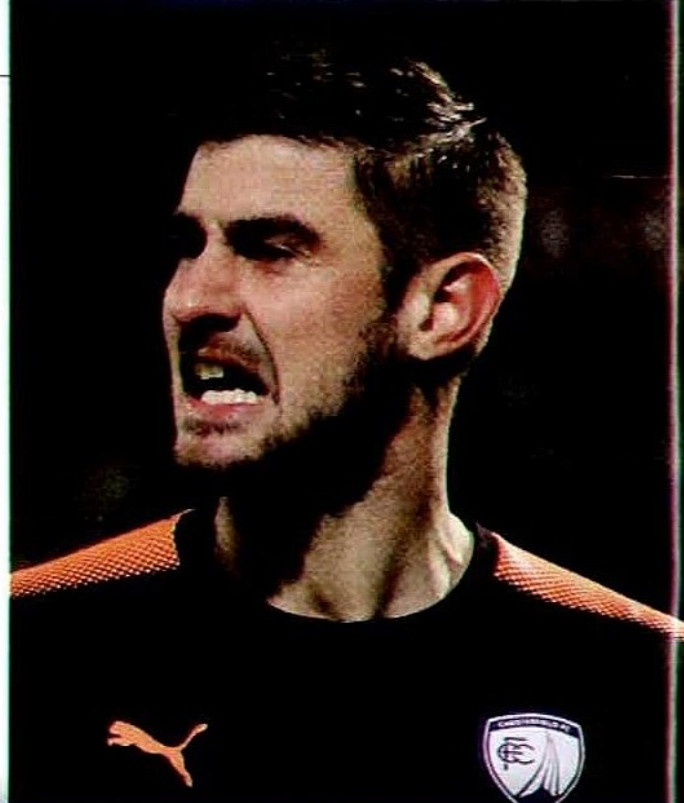
**How's the recovery from injury going, Joe?**  
It's going well. I'm working hard on and off the pitch and doing everything that I can to get back.

**How frustrating has it been to be on the sidelines?**

Not playing is one of the worst things as a player. It's hard but I'm doing everything to make sure I get back and be able to help the team.

**When do you think you could be back in contention?**

Over the next couple of weeks, I'd like to be pushing myself a bit more. Start diving and get



# HEADS

## Joe Anyon & Louis Dodds

weight on it and by the end of the week I should hopefully know a bit more about the next step.

**You and Louis know each other very well - what do you think are Louis' strengths as a player?**

He's got that element. He's a natural footballer who likes to pass the ball and he's got an eye for goal. I do think that he'll score some goals for us. He's a great lad who will be a good player for this team.

**You both shared a house together - did Louis have any annoying habits?**

Yes, 'Doddsy' lived with me for a couple of years. He was a bit scruffy, but other than that he cooked every now and again so he was alright!







**How are settling in at the club, Louis?**

I'm really enjoying it. It's nice to be involved in games as I wasn't getting that at Shrewsbury, but I'm hoping to kick on now.

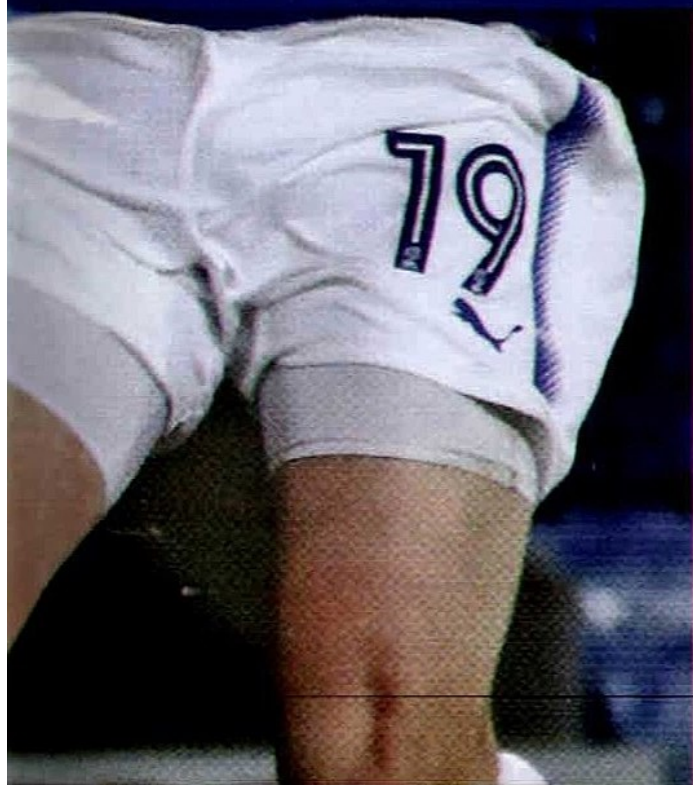
I travel in with Joe Anyon and Robbie Weir, so they've helped me out a lot. It's a very good dressing room and the lads have got good banter.

**It's not been the best of starts results wise, but are you confident of a strong end to the season?**

I think so. We've got to be positive. We're doing the right things in training, we've just to do that on a Saturday and a Tuesday night now, so hopefully the results will change very, very quickly.

# HEAD

**Joe Anyon and Louis Dodds, who were team-mates at Port Vale, give their thoughts on each other**



**What are Joe's best attributes as a goalkeeper?**

He's commanding and he's always talking, which for a goalkeeper is very good as it helps the back four a lot. He's a good shot-stopper. I've known him for about 15 years now, so I know all his strengths.

**How was Joe as a house-mate back in the day?**

He was a very good. There was always something going on in the house, so it was very enjoyable.

**And finally, have your cooking skills improved since then?**

I've improved a hell of a lot since I lived with Joe. It used to be a basic pasta bolognese, but now I'd cook him a candle-lit dinner [laughs].



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The children took part in several activities over the week including skills and technique masterclasses, ball mastery and Champions League-type mini games.

Activities officer Nathan

Kahn said: "It has been a fantastic week. It is great to expand to places where people have maybe never been able to get to a Soccer School. We have received positive responses, especially from our roadshow participants at Bolsover, Bamford and Pilsley.

"The children have loved every minute of the sessions that we have put on this week. They have been improving their skill and technical ability."

For more information on the next Soccer School, please email [nathankhan@spireitestrust.org.uk](mailto:nathankhan@spireitestrust.org.uk) or call the office on 01246 264030.







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The course will last for 12 weeks and the trainees will get a chance to do a variety of work experience

around the club alongside with the classroom-based activities.

Education co-ordinator, Scott Atkinson said: "With the success of the last cohort, we wanted to make the latest cohort not only take on new ventures but also expand on what the last set of trainees started. We feel like trying to expand things like the Programme Shop would be a great place to start and the fact that they get to develop their own business adds to the experience."

## TODAY'S FLAG BEARERS: CHESTERFIELD LADIES FC

Today we welcome Chesterfield Ladies FC to the Proact Stadium as our flag bearers. Chesterfield Ladies FC are a Charter Standard Club affiliated to the Derbyshire FA that provides football for women and girls in the Chesterfield and the surrounding area of North East Derbyshire. They have been established for over 25 years and play in the Sheffield & Hallamshire Girls County League and the Women's County Leagues. Chesterfield Ladies FC have a long-term partnership with the Trust for mutual benefit. For more information about Chesterfield Ladies FC, visit [www.chesterfieldladies.com](http://www.chesterfieldladies.com).







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# ONCE A SPIREITE...

**Mark Innes was a versatile player who spent over three years with Chesterfield after arriving from Oldham Athletic, initially on loan. Nick Johnson spoke to the 39-year-old Scot about his time at the club and found out what he is doing now...**



**M**ark joined Chesterfield from Oldham in a loan swap deal in 2001 which also saw Mark Allott arrive at Saltergate, with David Reeves moving in the opposite direction. A change of manager led to a period of uncertainty before Mark signed permanently.

"Nicky Law left and went to Bradford City so I was a bit unsure what was going to happen," he admitted. "David Rushbury took temporary charge and then they offered me a two-and-a-half-year contract. Me and Mark Allott both agreed to sign and then David Rushbury got the job for the rest of the season and the following season.

"I enjoyed it at Chesterfield. Even though Saltergate wasn't the best or the prettiest stadium in the world, it was still a good place to play. The fans were close to the pitch, which generated a good atmosphere and there was a good team spirit at the club.

"We played some good football and had a good group of lads. We had a good social life, with team bonding nights out and things like that. The only downside was that while I was there, I picked up quite a few injuries and I missed a few games."

Reflecting on his departure from

the club, Mark said: "The week before Roy McFarland said he was going to let me go. I'd played in the first team and in my opinion and I think in the supporters' opinion, I'd had a good match, so it was a bit of a surprise.

"He wanted somebody in that he had a chance of getting and he said to me that he needed to get a player out in order to get this player in. Because I'd had a few injuries, it hadn't helped me and I think that's why he said I could go."



After a spell at Port Vale, Mark dropped down into non-league, playing for Hyde United, New Mills and Mossley. He ran a tiling business with a friend for a few years before deciding that he wanted to get involved in coaching youngsters. "I started doing my badges and ran football courses for a number of years," Mark explained.

"Then I got in at Rochdale with the youth academy for a year before setting up my own coaching academy three years ago - which I run in Oldham, for children aged 2-11 years old - and that's going well. I'm also working as a PE teacher in schools from Monday to Thursday.

"I have a toddler academy on a Saturday for 2-5 year olds. That's all about the balance, agility, co-ordination and things like that. Then on Friday nights I've got my junior academy for 5-11 year olds. It's good to be involved in some sort of capacity and I'm really enjoying it."

Mark retains an interest in the club and hopes to visit the Proact. "Mark Allott is still a good pal of mine and we've spoken a couple of times about coming back and watching a game," he added. "I've not been to the new stadium, so it would be nice to come down and watch a game."



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# FIXTURES

## Today

Accrington Stanley v Cambridge United  
 Chesterfield v Swindon Town  
 Colchester United v Barnet  
 Forest Green Rovers v Crawley Town  
 Grimsby Town v Exeter City  
 Lincoln City v Crewe Alexandra  
 Luton Town v Cheltenham Town  
 Mansfield Town v Coventry City  
 Notts County v Stevenage  
 Port Vale v Newport County  
 Wycombe Wanderers v Morecambe  
 Yeovil Town v Carlisle United

## Tuesday, February 27

Wycombe Wanderers v Coventry City

## Saturday, March 3

Barnet v Port Vale  
 Cambridge United v Luton Town  
 Carlisle United v Grimsby Town  
 Cheltenham Town v Notts County  
 Coventry City v Lincoln City  
 Crawley Town v Wycombe Wanderers  
 Crewe Alexandra v Forest Green Rovers  
 Exeter City v Chesterfield  
 Morecambe v Colchester United  
 Newport County v Accrington Stanley  
 Stevenage v Mansfield Town  
 Swindon Town v Yeovil Town

# LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Luton Town	33	20	7	6	72	32	+40	67
2 Wycombe Wanderers	33	18	8	7	65	46	+19	62
3 Accrington Stanley	33	19	5	9	57	38	+19	62
4 Mansfield Town	33	16	11	6	52	34	+18	59
5 Notts County	34	16	10	8	54	36	+18	58
<b>6 Swindon Town</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>57</b>
7 Exeter City	32	17	4	11	43	37	+6	55
8 Lincoln City	33	14	11	8	45	33	+12	53
9 Crawley Town	34	15	6	13	41	41	0	51
10 Coventry City	32	15	5	12	36	27	+9	50
11 Colchester United	34	13	11	10	45	40	+5	50
12 Carlisle United	34	13	9	12	49	45	+4	48
13 Cambridge United	34	13	9	12	35	44	-9	48
14 Newport County	33	12	11	10	41	43	-2	47
15 Stevenage	34	11	9	14	46	49	-3	42
16 Cheltenham Town	34	10	9	15	46	50	-4	39
17 Yeovil Town	33	10	8	15	46	54	-8	38
18 Grimsby Town	34	9	9	16	30	50	-20	36
19 Port Vale	33	9	7	17	37	49	-12	34
20 Crewe Alexandra	34	10	3	21	37	56	-19	33
21 Forest Green Rovers	33	9	6	18	37	56	-19	33
22 Morecambe	32	7	11	14	30	42	-12	32
<b>23 Chesterfield</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>27</b>
24 Barnet	34	6	8	20	32	52	-20	26

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# 2017/18 FIXTURES & RESULTS

AUGUST										ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI				
Sat 5	Grimsby Town	H	EFL2	1-3	7,925	2,650	20	Anyon	Wakefield	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt	■	
Tue 8	Sheffield Wednesday	A	CC1	1-4	11,682	1,216	-	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Maguire		
Sat 12	Notts County	A	EFL2	0-2	7,021	1,328	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 19	Port Vale	H	EFL2	2-0	5,058	833	19	Lee	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 26	Newport County	A	EFL2	1-4	4,332	267	24	Lee	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Tue 29	Bradford City	H	CTG1	2-4	1,099	173	-	Anyon	Flores	Wiseman	Maguire	Evatt		
SEPTEMBER														
Sat 2	Coventry City	H	EFL2	0-0	5,164	1,443	21	Lee	Jules	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 9	Crewe Alexandra	A	EFL2	1-5	3,513	394	23	Lee	Jules	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Tue 12	Colchester United	A	EFL2	1-1	2,552	117	21	Lee	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Jules		
Sat 16	Accrington Stanley	H	EFL2	1-2	4,487	198	23	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Jules		
Sat 23	Luton Town	A	EFL2	0-1	7,575	310	23	Anyon	Kellett	Wiseman	Hird	Jules		
Tue 26	Yeovil Town	H	EFL2	2-3	3,955	101	23	Anyon	Kellett	Wiseman	Hird	Jules		
Sat 30	Cheltenham Town	H	EFL2	0-2	5,305	217	23	Lee	Briggs	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
OCTOBER														
Tue 3	Rotherham United	A	CTG2	2-1	2,043	227	-	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Kellett	Evatt		
Sat 7	Lincoln City	A	EFL2	1-2	9,485	1,174	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Kellett	Evatt		
Sat 14	Morecambe	H	EFL2	0-2	4,489	120	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Kellett	Evatt		
Tue 17	Crawley Town	A	EFL2	2-0	1,516	157	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 21	Cambridge United	A	EFL2	1-2	4,529	422	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 28	Carlisle United	H	EFL2	2-2	5,102	643	24	Lee	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
NOVEMBER														
Sat 4	Bradford City	A	FAC1	0-2	4,747	380	-	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 11	Swindon Town	A	EFL2	2-2	6,140	196	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 18	Exeter City	H	EFL2	1-0	5,195	322	24	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Hird	Evatt		
Tue 21	Forest Green Rovers	H	EFL2	3-2	4,306	93	24	Anyon	Barry	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 25	Mansfield Town	A	EFL2	2-2	7,525	1,846	24	Anyon	Barry	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Evatt		
Wed 29	Manchester City U21s	H	CTG3	2-2*	1,266	40	-	Anyon	Barry	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Maguire		
DECEMBER														
Tue 5	Fleetwood Town	A	CT2	0-2	372	42	-	Anyon	Barry	Wiseman	Maguire	Briggs		
Sat 9	Barnet	H	EFL2	2-1	5,272	126	21	Dawson	Barry	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 16	Wycombe Wanderers	A	EFL2	0-1	4,522	289	23	Dawson	Wiseman	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Evatt		
Sat 23	Stevenage	A	EFL2	1-5	2,403	157	23	Eastwood	Wiseman	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Evatt		
Tue 26	Crewe Alexandra	H	EFL2	0-2	5,904	338	23	Eastwood	Wiseman	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Kellett		
Sat 30	Colchester United	H	EFL2	0-0	5,537	257	22	Eastwood	Wiseman	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Kellett		
JANUARY														
Mon 1	Coventry City	A	EFL2	0-1	7,402	460	22	Eastwood	Wiseman	Binnom-Williams	Hird	Kellett		
Sat 6	Accrington Stanley	A	EFL2	0-4	1,655	341	23	Ramsdale	Talbot	Binnom-Williams	Maguire	Nelson		
Sat 13	Luton Town	H	EFL2	2-0	5,715	1,244	22	Ramsdale	Talbot	Maguire	Nelson	Kay		
Sat 20	Yeovil Town	A	EFL2	2-1	3,792	252	22	Ramsdale	Whitmore	Maguire	Nelson	Kay		
Sat 27	Stevenage	H	EFL2	0-1	4,981	174	22	Ramsdale	Whitmore	Maguire	Nelson	Kay		
FEBRUARY														
Sat 3	Crawley Town	H	EFL2	1-2	5,159	114	23	Ramsdale	Whitmore	Maguire	Nelson	Kay		
Tue 13	Cambridge United	H	EFL2	2-3	4,276	220	23	Ramsdale	Whitmore	Maguire	Barry	Weir		
Sat 17	Carlisle United	A	EFL2	0-2	4,025	237	23	Ramsdale	Whitmore	Barry	Nelson	Kay		
Sat 24	Swindon Town	H	EFL2	15:00										
MARCH														
Sat 3	Exeter City	A	EFL2	15:00										
Sat 10	Lincoln City	H	EFL2	15:00										
Sat 17	Cheltenham Town	A	EFL2	15:00										
Sun 25	Notts County	H	EFL2	13:30										
Fri 30	Port Vale	A	EFL2	15:00										
APRIL														
Mon 2	Newport County	H	EFL2	15:00										
Sat 7	Grimsby Town	A	EFL2	15:00										
Tue 10	Morecambe	A	EFL2	19:45										
Sat 14	Mansfield Town	H	EFL2	15:00										
Sat 21	Forest Green Rovers	A	EFL2	15:00										
Sat 28	Wycombe Wanderers	H	EFL2	15:00										
MAY														
Sat 5	Barnet	A	EFL2	15:00										

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**MASCOTS**



**Alfie Eales**

Age: 7

School: Parkhouse Primary School

Hobbies: Football

Fav Players: Louis Reed





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JACK LESTER**

- 1 Aaron Ramsdale
- 3 Jerome Binnom-Williams
- 4 Sam Hird
- 5 Scott Wiseman
- 6 Ian Evatt
- 7 Giles Coke
- 8 Jordan Sinnott
- 9 Kristian Dennis
- 10 Chris O'Grady
- 11 Gozie Ugwu
- 12 Joe Anyon
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- 27 Bradley Barry
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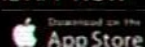
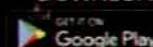
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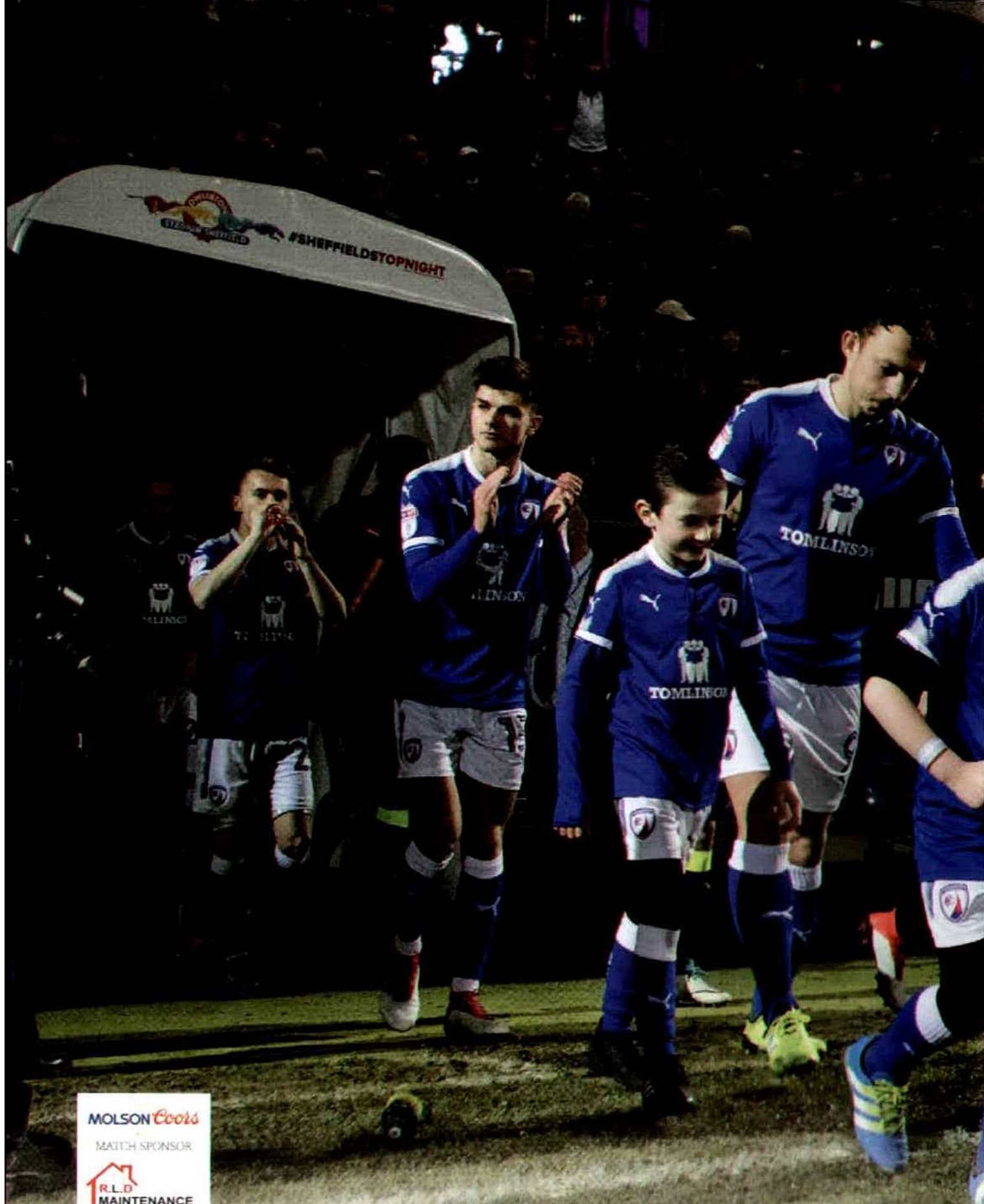
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