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Football Conference Runners-Up: 1990/91
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Southern League Cup Winners: 1937/38, 1949/50
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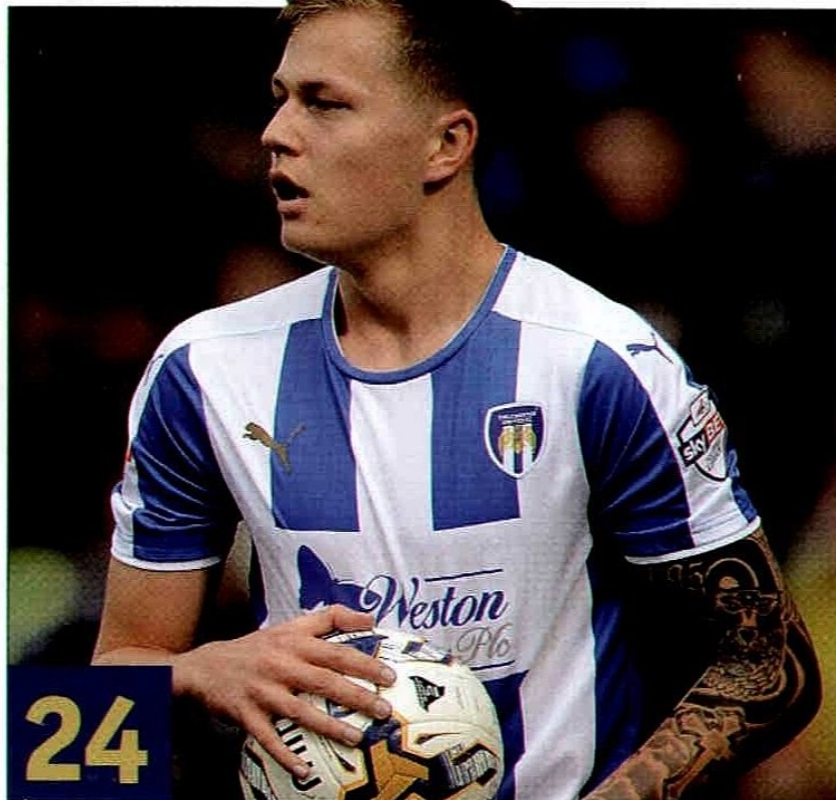
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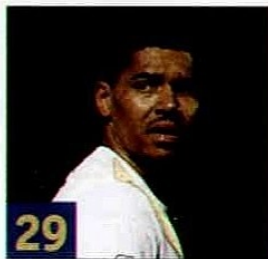
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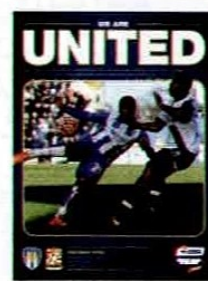


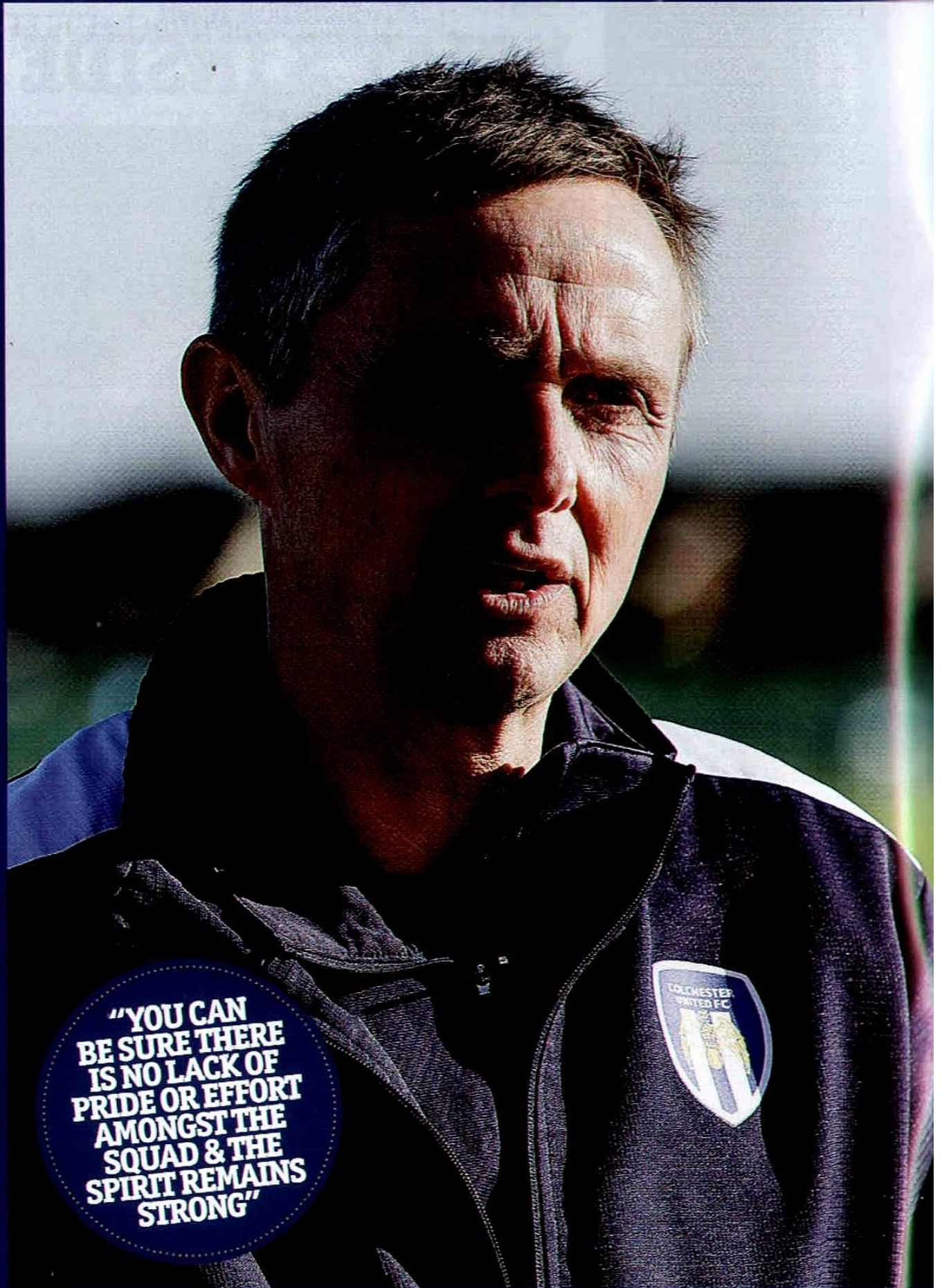
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**"YOU CAN
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IS NO LACK OF
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AMONGST THE
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STRONG"**



THE MANAGER KEVIN KEEN

I'd like to start my notes this afternoon by saying a big thank you to all the Colchester United supporters who went down to Roots Hall last weekend.

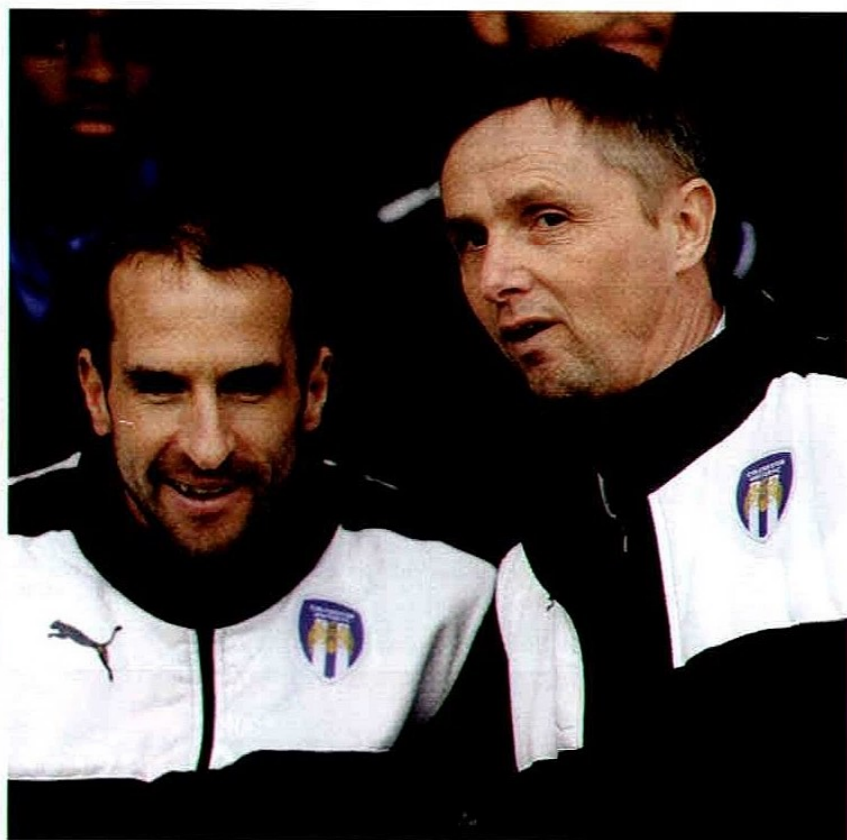
Your backing of the lads was fantastic, especially when we were down to ten men and were up against it, and that was much appreciated by me personally and by the players.

I hope that you saw the effort the lads were putting in and the pride that they were showing despite the result not going our way again. You can be sure that there is no lack of pride or effort amongst the squad and the spirit remains really strong. I am convinced that with those kind of performances, the positive results will come and we need you to be right behind us every step of the way.

We want those positive results to start right now, against Swindon Town this afternoon and then against Chesterfield on Tuesday evening. We all want the same thing, a win, and the best chance of us achieving that is by continuing to put in the decent performances and believe that the result will follow.

It won't be easy today because I'm sure Swindon want exactly the same as we do. Welcome to Luke Williams, his players, staff and supporters and I wish them a safe journey back across the M4 this evening.

A pleasing aspect for me recently has been when things have gone against us in the games against Spurs and then Southend, we have had young players



come in and contribute in such a positive way. The Academy coaches should be very pleased with themselves when they see someone like Frankie Kent come in and acquit himself so very well in the first team environment. Long may it continue.

Back to you guys and girls, stay positive

and keep backing the players as you have been doing. Let's stick together and enjoy the game.

TICKET OFFICE



U'S v CHESTERFIELD

Tuesday 16th February, 7.45pm
Sky Bet League One



Tickets for this match are on sale now – grab your tickets after today's match at the **Advance rate** for your chance to get your tickets cheaper than matchday price!



BURY v U'S

Saturday 20th February, 3.00pm
Sky Bet League One



Tickets for this match are now on sale and are priced as follows:-

Adults: £18 | Over 65s: £12 | U23s: £12 | U11s: £6 | U5s: Free | Student (must show NUS/Student card): £12 | Unemployed (must show JSA book): £12 | Ambulant disabled: £12 | Wheelchair disabled: £16 with carer free | Family Ticket (1 adult, 1 U16s): £18



U'S v SHREWSBURY

Saturday 27th February, 3.00pm
Sky Bet League One



Tickets for this match are on sale now – grab your tickets after today's match at the **Saver rate** for your chance to get your tickets cheaper than matchday price!

TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS



Colchester United Ticket Office will be operating on new opening hours for the current season.

The U's have looked at existing trading patterns in terms of ticket sales and the Ticket Office will be open at the following times:-
Monday to Friday – 10:00-14:00 (windows).
Monday to Friday – 10:00-15:00 (phones).

Weekday match – 10:00-18:30 windows and phones, with the windows open until half time.

Saturday matchday – 10:00-14:00 windows and phones. Windows open to half time and for a short time after the match.

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U'S LAUNCH PRINT AT HOME



Buying a ticket for a Colchester United game is easier than ever, thanks to the latest developments on the club's online ticketing site.

The U's have launched 'Print At Home' ticketing, meaning that U's supporters can now create their own tickets at the click of a button – and the pre-season friendlies will see this technology make its home debut.

"We are delighted to be able to offer this new service to our supporters," General Manager Tim Waddington said.

"The ability to print tickets at home is available in many other walks of life, so we are pleased that we can now offer this to our fans for each home game.

"It will mean fans are not reliant on receiving tickets in the post and don't have to queue at the Ticket Office or at the collection point on a matchday."

Fans can continue to buy tickets through the usual routes, but it is expected that the Print At Home option will be a popular one for fans who want to get hold of a ticket quickly, and to beat the queues on a matchday.

Ticket Office Team Leader Chris Seward said: "Introducing Print At Home means there's yet another really convenient way for fans to get hold of their tickets and will certainly help those fans wanting to get their match tickets at the best prices."



MATCH PRICING

EARLY BIRD BEST PRICE

UNTIL 5 WEEKS & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

| | South | W1/9 | W2/8 | W3/7 | W4/6 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult | £16.00 | £17.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £17.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 |
| Conc. | £11.00 | £12.00 | £14.00 | £16.00 | £18.00 | £12.00 | £14.00 | £16.00 | £18.00 |
| 18-21 | £12.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| U18s | £9.00 | £9.00 | £9.50 | £10.50 | £11.50 | £9.00 | £9.50 | £10.50 | £11.50 |
| U14s | - | - | - | - | - | £3.50 | £4.50 | £5.50 | £6.50 |
| U11s | - | - | - | - | - | FREE | FREE | FREE | FREE |

SUPER SAVER

FROM 5 WEEKS BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 3 WEEKS & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

| | South | W1/9 | W2/8 | W3/7 | W4/6 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult | £17.50 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 |
| Conc. | £12.00 | £14.00 | £16.00 | £18.00 | £20.00 | £14.00 | £16.00 | £18.00 | £20.00 |
| 18-21 | £13.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| U18s | £10.00 | £10.00 | £10.50 | £11.50 | £12.50 | £10.00 | £10.50 | £11.50 | £12.50 |
| U14s | - | - | - | - | - | £4.00 | £5.00 | £6.00 | £7.00 |
| U11s | - | - | - | - | - | FREE | FREE | FREE | FREE |

SAVER

FROM 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 1 WEEK & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

| | South | W1/9 | W2/8 | W3/7 | W4/6 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 |
| Conc. | £13.50 | £16.00 | £18.00 | £20.00 | £22.00 | £16.00 | £18.00 | £20.00 | £22.00 |
| 18-21 | £14.50 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| U18s | £10.50 | £10.50 | £11.50 | £12.50 | £13.50 | £10.50 | £11.50 | £12.50 | £13.50 |
| U14s | - | - | - | - | - | £5.00 | £6.00 | £7.00 | £8.00 |
| U11s | - | - | - | - | - | FREE | FREE | FREE | FREE |

ADVANCE

FROM 1 WEEK BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

| | South | W1/9 | W2/8 | W3/7 | W4/6 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 | £29.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 | £29.00 |
| Conc. | £15.00 | £17.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £17.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 |
| 18-21 | £16.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| U18s | £12.00 | £12.00 | £13.00 | £14.00 | £15.00 | £12.00 | £13.00 | £14.00 | £15.00 |
| U14s | - | - | - | - | - | £5.50 | £6.50 | £7.50 | £8.50 |
| U11s | - | - | - | - | - | FREE | FREE | FREE | FREE |

MATCHDAY

THESE PRICES APPLY ON THE DAY OF THE GAME

| | South | W1/9 | W2/8 | W3/7 | W4/6 | E8 | E7 | E6 | E5 |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Adult | £23.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 | £29.00 | £31.00 | £25.00 | £27.00 | £29.00 | £31.00 |
| Conc. | £17.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 | £19.00 | £21.00 | £23.00 | £25.00 |
| 18-21 | £18.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| U18s | £14.00 | £14.00 | £15.00 | £16.00 | £17.00 | £14.00 | £15.00 | £16.00 | £17.00 |
| U14s | - | - | - | - | - | £6.00 | £7.00 | £8.00 | £9.00 |
| U11s | - | - | - | - | - | FREE | FREE | FREE | FREE |



COLCHESTER UNITED 1 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 4

Weston Homes Community Stadium
Saturday 30th January 2016
The Emirates FA Cup Fourth Round
Att: 9,920



Colchester United's Emirates FA Cup run came to an end as a classy Tottenham ran out 4-1 victors.

Despite the defeat, the U's came out of the game with plenty of positives and their heads held high as they gave a good account of themselves against one of this season's most impressive sides.

Goals change games and the key moments in the match broke in the visitors favour as they progressed to the last sixteen.

The match unfolded after a dramatic start to the 90 minutes, as Alex Wynter and Tom Eastman clashed heads in sickening

fashion with just 71 seconds on the clock.

The two challenged for a ball with Harry Kane and Wynter's chin met the top of Eastman's head, with the former briefly knocked out as a result of the challenge.

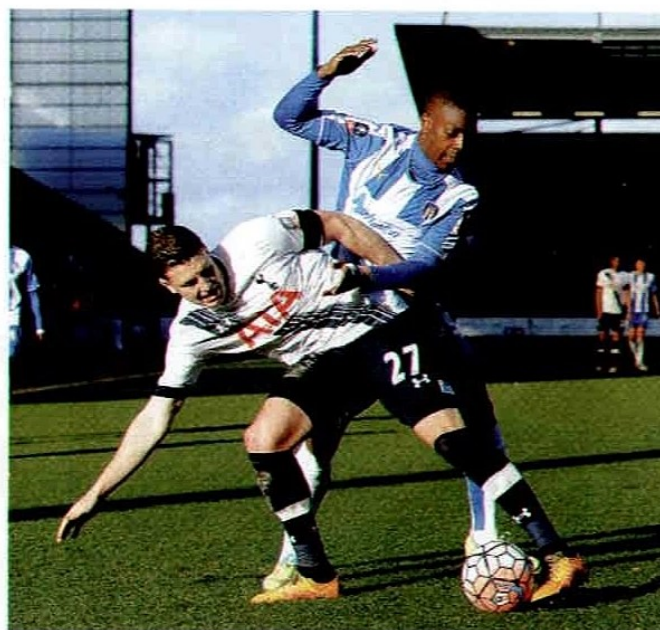
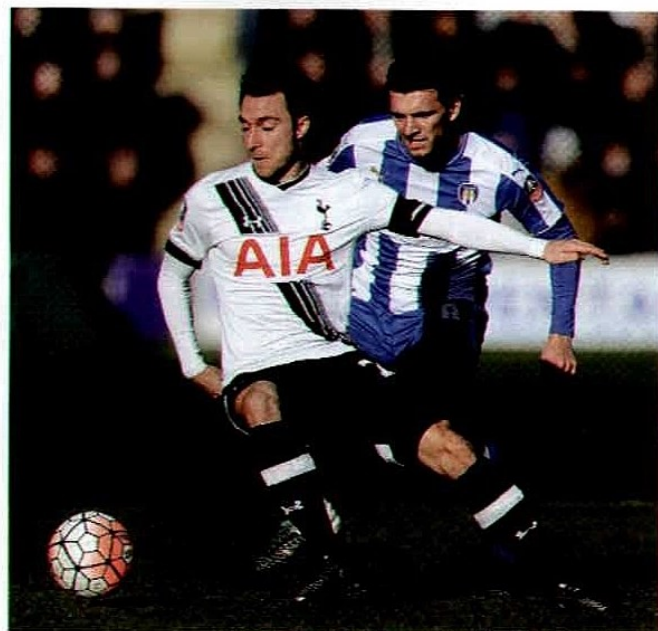
After several minutes of treatment, the former Palace man was whisked off to hospital for further observations - but was later sitting up and talking in hospital on Saturday afternoon.

With Eastman off the pitch receiving treatment for a cut head, the U's had to man the forts to keep their top flight opponents at bay for the first fifteen minutes.

Eastman briefly returned to action before being replaced by Matt Briggs, meaning the U's had used two of their three subs early in the game and had to reshuffle the back four with Briggs and Kent lining up at centre half.

Spurs got the lead that their early endeavours deserved as Chadli curled home from distance but, if anything, that only served to spark the U's into life for the remainder of the first half.

They pressed the Spurs defence without testing Vorm too often, whilst the keeper's hesitation to come and sweep balls away like his keeping counterpart Hugo Lloris almost caused



confusion on a couple of occasions.

Enthused by their conclusion to the first half, the U's started brightly in the second, their endeavours enlivening the home support as the team worked together on and off the pitch.

Seven minutes into the second half, Ambroses low shot was deflected just wide, before a minute later Massey's low shot was swallowed up by Vorm at his near post.

Ambrose then delivered a dangerous cross right across the face of goal that just eluded Porter and it seemed like it would be the U's who would score next.

But, after Chadli had hit the bar from close range, the visitors doubled their lead in cruel fashion as Dier's shot took a huge deflection to wrong foot Kean and double Spurs' lead on 64 minutes.

And yet the U's kept pressing. They had a big chance on 74 minutes, as Sordell broke through, but his chance clipped the outside of the post.

That miss was punished when Spurs extended their advantage. A ball came in from the right and Chadli dipped his head to nod home Spurs' third and his second.

The U's got some rewards for their

efforts with ten minutes to go. Moncur played in the impressive Massey and although his shot came back off the post, Davies could only turn it into his own net.

The flurry of goals continued - this time it was Carroll, who was on hand to turn home from close range after a flowing Spurs move.

So a 4-1 win for the Premier League side but an important day for the club and the stadium overall.

Now onto the real business of League One survival.



"I'M IMMENSELY PROUD WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHAT'S HAPPENED. THERE WAS A SPELL WHEN IT WAS 1-0 AND WE WERE ON TOP, THE CROWD WERE BEHIND US AND YOU FEEL A LITTLE BIT OF MOMENTUM BUILDING. WE GAVE IT A GO AND I'VE GOT NOTHING BUT PRIDE. I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY GALLANT EFFORT - UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS A DEFEAT BUT I'M PROUD OF THEM."

KEVIN KEEN
COLCHESTER UNITED MANAGER





"THE JOB'S DONE, WE'RE IN THE NEXT ROUND. WHEN YOU CREATE A LOT OF CHANCES AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SCORE IN THE FIRST 15 MINUTES - WE CREATED FIVE, SIX, SEVEN CLEAR CHANCES - YOU ALWAYS INVITE THE OPPONENT TO BELIEVE. BUT I THINK WE WERE ALWAYS IN CONTROL. MAYBE WE CONCEDED SOME CHANCES, BUT I FEEL VERY PLEASED BECAUSE OF THE RESULT."

MAURICIO POCHETTINO
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR MANAGER





**"THE
ROBINS HAVE
PROFITED FROM
THE PROLIFIC
LEAGUE FORM OF
NICKY AJOSE
WITH 13
GOALS"**



IN OPPOSITION SWINDON TOWN

As they look to improve their defensive record going into the final third of the season, Colchester may be breathing a small sigh of relief as the visitors today have only scored one goal in their last four games, and none at all in their last three.

Hitting the road for an away day has become a familiar story for the Robins supporters in recent weeks, as this is Swindon's third consecutive away fixture and therefore they will be looking to generate some momentum leading into a run of home games. They have loan signing Louis Thompson available as he has joined for his third loan spell from Norwich ahead of deadline day.

After last year's promotion push and eventual loss to an impressive Preston side, the



Luke Williams

Robins have struggled this term and only four sides, including Colchester, have conceded more goals. Both these sides love to score goals as well, as Swindon have scored 42 goals, meaning their league games have seen the net ripple 89 times.

The Robins have profited from the prolific league form of Nicky Ajose, who is on his tenth Football League club despite only being 24.

Ajose has hit 13 goals in the league and is ably supported by former Tottenham youngster Jonathan Obika, who has chipped in with nine.

Interim manager Luke Williams has seen his side come from behind to win late in games twice already in 2016, since he took over at the end of last year. Nicky Ajose was again the star man with late winners against Southend and Crewe.

Swindon will be out for revenge after a surprise defeat to the U's back in September, when they were struggling near the foot of the table.

The Robins have experienced a mixed year that effectively sums up their season, as consecutive victories in which they scored four before their run of one goal in four games. The Robins may still privately harbour hopes of a late playoff push, although eleven points may just prove too much for Swindon this time.

Colchester will be desperate for a win but Swindon are still determined to pull away from the lower reaches of the table and with both sides scoring and conceding for fun this season, fans are set for an exciting match this afternoon.



FACTS & STATS


Nickname: The Robins
Founded: 1879
Ground: The County Ground
Capacity: 15,728
Manager: Luke Williams
2014/15: League One, 4th



LAST 5 GAMES

 **Sat 6 February**
 Gillingham D 0-0

 **Sat 9 January**
 Port Vale L 0-1

 **Sat 2 January**
 Barnsley L 0-1

 **Mon 28 December**
 Sheffield United D 1-1

 **Sat 26 December**
 Crewe Alexandra W 4-3

LAST LINE-UP

06/02/16 v Gillingham D 0-0



LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX

Age: 22 | Signed From: Liverpool (on loan) | Goalkeeper

The Liverpool goalkeeper is currently on loan at SN1 until the end of the 2015/16 season.

Vigouroux was snapped up by Tottenham in 2012 before moving to Merseyside in the summer of 2014 after leaving White Hart Lane.

Last term the former Chilean youth international was a regular for the Under-21 side at Anfield.

This season he has been a regular between the sticks at the County Ground, missing only two League One games this season – including the home match against the U's earlier in the campaign.



FABIEN ROBERT

Age: 27 | Signed From: FC Lorient | Midfielder

The midfielder put pen to paper on a one-year deal with a year's option in the summer of 2015 after a short trial spell with the Town.

The Frenchman moves to Wiltshire after the expiration of his contract at Ligue One side, FC Lorient. Robert has also represented his country at junior level.

He has appeared in 27 of the Robins' League One games this season and has chipped in with four goals from midfield.



JORDAN TURNBULL

Age: 21 | Signed From: Southampton (on loan) | Defender

The centre-back is back on a season-long loan from Southampton after a successful stint at SN1 in 2014/15.

Turnbull started out in the Academy at Swindon before moving to Southampton in 2007. In recent seasons he has featured regularly for the Under-21 sides at St. Mary's.

Last season, he was a virtual ever-present, making 52 starts in all competitions, including 47 in the league, as Town made the League One Play-Off Final.

And he has again been a fixture at the back for the Robins, playing 26 of their 30 league games so far.



JON OBIKA

Age: 25 | Signed From: Tottenham | Forward

After a brief spell on loan at The CG in 2011, Obika is now back in Wiltshire on a permanent deal having joined on deadline day 2014 from Tottenham Hotspur.

The frontman netted twice on his debut at Bradford and went on to score in his first four games, equaling a record set by Swindon's all-time record goalscorer, Harry Morris, in 1926.

He has scored eight goals in sixteen League One starts for the Robins this season, and is a constant threat to opposing defences.



- STAR MAN - NATHAN THOMPSON

Age: 25 | Defender
Signed From:
Trainee



A product of the Swindon Town Academy, Thompson made his breakthrough into the first team during the 2012/13 campaign.

The tough-tackling defender was a regular as Swindon made the League One Play-Offs that term.

One of the first names on the teamsheet and a firm fans' favourite ever since, the two-time Player of the Year winner is the current skipper at the County Ground.

THE UNLIKELY LADS

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

MIKE SUMMERBEE

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962/63 promotion success.

He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he became a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

DAVE MACKAY

Former Scotland international wing-half Dave Mackay had a spell as Swindon Town's player-manager. He helped Hearts win all three major Scottish honours before moving to Spurs in March 1959, skipping their 1960/61 'double' success and two further FA Cup triumphs. He joined Derby County in July 1968 and was joint 'Footballer of the Year' as they won the Second Division title in 1968/69.

Swindon's player-boss from May 1971 until November 1972, scoring once in 26 League games, he managed Nottingham Forest, Derby's 1974/75 League Championship, Walsall, Doncaster and Birmingham. He died in March 2015.

OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie 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



Glenn Hoddle

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 has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

"EX-ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL MIDFIELDER HODDLE WAS PLAYER-MANAGER AS SWINDON REACHED THE PREMIERSHIP IN 1993, LEAVING TO TAKE CHARGE OF CHELSEA AFTER THE TRIUMPH"

BRIAN MARWOOD

Former England international winger Brian Marwood helped Swindon Town to win promotion to the top-flight in 1992/93. Signing professional for Hull City in February 1978, he was leading marksman in their 1982/83 promotion triumph and moved to Sheffield Wednesday for £115,000 in August 1984. He joined Arsenal for £600,000 in March 1988 and starred in their 1988/89 League Championship success, moving to Sheffield United for £350,000 in September 1990.

Joining Swindon in March 1993, he scored once in 11 League games and joined Barnet in August 1993. He became PFA chairman, since working in the media.

TERRY FENWICK

Versatile defender Terry Fenwick was capped 20 times by England before joining Swindon Town. Signing professional for Crystal Palace in December 1976, he featured in their 1978/79 Second Division title triumph and followed Terry Venables to QPR in December 1980.

He scored in the 1982 FA Cup final, then skippered Rangers to the Second Division title in 1982/83 and 1986 League Cup final. Reunited with Venables at Tottenham Hotspur in December 1987, he joined Swindon in September 1993 and made 28 League appearances while at the County Ground. He later managed Portsmouth and Northampton Town.

FRANK McAVENNIE

Former Scotland international striker Frank McAvennie had a loan spell at Swindon Town in 1993/94. He starred for St Mirren before joining West Ham in June 1985 and was top scorer as they were third in the top-flight in 1985/86. Moving to Celtic in October 1987, he scored twice in their 1988 Scottish Cup final triumph and rejoined West Ham in March 1989.

He helped win promotion in 1990/91, moving to Aston Villa



Neil Ruddock

"RUDDOCK STARRED IN LIVERPOOL'S 1995 LEAGUE CUP TRIUMPH BEFORE JOINING SWINDON IN 2001, SCORING ONCE IN 15 LEAGUE GAMES - THAT GOAL COMING v THE U'S"

in August 1992, then Celtic again. Loaned to Swindon in February 1994, he made seven League appearances before rejoining St Mirren. His colourful life story is titled 'Scoring - An Expert's Guide'.

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 £1,500,000 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 £2,500,000 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, against Colchester, 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 £1,000,000 in September 1989 and was England's first black captain. He amassed numerous honours, including the 'double' in 1993/94, joining Inter Milan for £8,000,000 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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Questions answered today by Sam Morshead. Sam is a freelance journalist and Swindon supporter of 22 years. He covered the club across the country for six seasons up until this year and currently sits on the board of fans group Trust STFC. The Trust is a not-for-profit supporters' organisation which aims to improve fan engagement with Swindon Town, promote fan representation within football boardrooms and act as a guardian of the club.

How would you sum up Swindon's season so far?

Frustratingly inconsistent. Every now and then the team have shown signs of the free-flowing football which saw them to the play-offs last season but all too often that has been followed by individual mistakes and disappointing result. The fans have got used to the idea of mediocrity for this season.

The team seem to have found it more difficult on the road this season, what would you put that down to?

It's an interesting question and honestly it doesn't feel as though there's been a huge discrepancy between performances at home and away. Just as Swindon have been excellent on occasions away from home (a 4-0 win at Chesterfield and 3-1 at Crewe) the Robins have been terrible – a 5-1 mauling at Fleetwood being the low point.

Which players have shone during the course of the season, and are the early front runners for the club's Player of the Year this time around?

Nicky Ajose has been freescoring, with 14 goals in all this season, and has been a constant threat up front since his arrival from Leeds in September. The striker is the stand-out performer in the squad but a



Nicky Ajose has been freescoring

surprise contender has been full-back Brad Barry, who has impressed as captain Nathan Thompson's replacement.

Luke Williams has been given the job until the end of the season; what changes has he made so far and what are his chances of

the job longer term?

Luke has a good personal relationship with a lot of the players, which can help and hinder a manager in different circumstances. Thanks in part to the return of key individuals from injury, he's got the team playing fast-moving football again. Long-term his future is uncertain. A lot will depend on Swindon's end to the campaign and his own desire to keep the position.

Where do you think Swindon will ultimately finish this season?

In pre-season I predicated an 11th-place finish and I still feel the Robins will finish in that sort of midtable position. They don't have the consistency to get anywhere near the play-offs but they've proved they have the quality to avoid relegation. As mentioned before, it's a season of mediocrity.

What do you expect from Saturday's game?

If you've asked me this a couple of weeks ago, I'd have said goals, goals, goals. However, Swindon kept their first clean sheet since November at Gillingham last week and haven't scored in 270 minutes. So, it's without the form book's approval that I'll predict... goals, goals, goals.

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THE CAPTAIN CHRIS PORTER

With seventeen matches remaining, we have fifty one points to play for and you can be sure that we all want to win as many of those points as possible in the next three months.

We also believe that we will get the points needed to keep us in this division once again.

I cannot, and would not, pretend that the results have been anywhere near good enough recently – the fact is that we haven't won a league game for three and a half months. Yes, there have been games when we have put decent performances without getting any reward but you can't go that long without winning a match purely through bad luck.

I have said before that we have to cut out the mistakes, the lack of concentration and the conceding of soft goals. That fact still remains and we are all determined to get it right sooner rather than later. I know that the Gaffer has said that he, the staff and us players are working hard to rectify things and I can only reiterate that point.

We all hate losing, we all actually hate not winning as well, so even the draws are leaving us disappointed when the final whistle goes. We are the only ones who can get us out of this situation though, and we are all extremely frustrated with how the season has gone so far.

We all talked at the beginning about improving on last season but we have to go out onto the pitch now in the last



seventeen matches and walk the walk as well as talk the talk.

We are bottom of the league but I know that there is enough quality in the squad to get a positive run of results together and get us out of the bottom four. No player wants a relegation in their career and we all want to climb the table as soon as possible. We have been and are continuing to work as hard as we can in training to put things right, starting with this game against Swindon this afternoon.

We'll be without one player this afternoon against the Robins, with Alex Wynter still recovering from his horrific clash of heads against Spurs. It was certainly a nasty one

but fortunately, our medical staff did a great job in getting to him quickly and then he was extremely well looked after by the ambulance and hospital staff. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Your support has been fantastic, especially with not that much to cheer about recently, and it is much appreciated by all the players. We need you to believe in us as much as we believe in ourselves to achieve the goal of staying up. Together, we are stronger and together, we can do it. Make plenty of noise today, and bring as many of your friends as possible along in the remaining games to help make even more.



LATEST NEWS U'S VIEWS

U'S LAUNCH NEW AUDIOBOOM CHANNEL

Colchester United will be giving its supporters yet more access to a matchday in the coming months, with the launch of a new audio channel.

The club will be updating fans on matchdays with unique audio content. So whether it's fans vox pops, player interviews or simply the key sounds from a match, you'll get a unique insight into a U's fixture.

The new Audioboom channel can be found at <https://audioboom.com/channel/colu-official> and we'll be uploading content ahead of every matchday – and during the game too!

If you follow us on Twitter (@ColU_Official), then you'll get the content directly into your Twitter feed and can listen in without even leaving the app.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for the best of the audio content at the club.



TODAY'S BAND: THE TWO JONNIES



We are delighted to welcome back one of our more popular bands to this afternoon's game against Swindon Town.

The Two Jonnies are an acoustic duo from Colchester who played here at Weston Homes Community Stadium last season before the U's went on to defeat eventual champions Bristol City. Their music is catchy, melodic and good to tap your feet to!

We hope you enjoy listening to them ahead of today's match.

CONCORD IN THE SEMIS

Colchester United and Concord Rangers will go head to head on February 29th in the BBC Essex Senior Cup Semi-Finals, while Heybridge Swifts host either Redbridge or Tilbury as four County Cup Draws were revealed last week.

The U's, who represented Essex well in the FA Cup against Tottenham Hotspur a fortnight ago, welcome Adam Flanagan's Concord side on Monday 29th February after they won 2-0 against Chelmsford City in the last round. Colchester hope to replicate their 2010 competition victory and Concord aim to make history by becoming the first club since Leytonstone in 1967 to lift the silverware for a third consecutive season.

Elsewhere, three other teams are moving closer to a prestige county climax. Heybridge Swifts have never previously made it as far as the final, so they'll watch with interest as Redbridge and Tilbury clear their remaining Quarter-Final tie on Tuesday 23rd February at Oakside. Jody Brown's Heybridge team beat Avelley 3-2 at home in the Quarter-Finals.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETE TANTON!

Pete Tanton has been a lifelong Col U supporter. Today he is taking a break from his normal Season Ticket seat and has booked a box to celebrate his 50th birthday.

His friend Jim Marshall tells us: "I was unable to get over from Florida to join him today, but will be flying in next week, and will catch up with him then. Before I moved Stateside, going back to our conference days, I used to stand with Pete on the Barside at Layer Road. We also made many away trips. Who can forget the 2-5 at Wycombe in 1993, when we came from behind to give them their first ever league defeat?"

"Probably the most memorable match though, was Chelsea in the Fifth Round of the FA Cup in 2006. Pete and I had been invited to a wedding in Scotland that weekend, and when the U's got through, we had a real dilemma. Thankfully the tie was moved to Sunday for TV, so we attended



the wedding on Saturday, and got a flight from Aberdeen on Sunday morning to get back in time (just) for the game. It was all a bit of a blur, but it was worth it!"

REMEMBERING CHARLES CHAPMAN

Colchester United were saddened to hear the news of the passing of one of our oldest Season Ticket holders two weeks ago.

Charles' story of following Colchester United – and before that Colchester Town – appeared in a programme last season and, despite his advancing years, he continued to attend the Weston Homes Community Stadium with his son Nigel in the West Stand.

In response to the programme article, Charles received a letter from Bob Curry's daughter, who lives in Earls Colne, she described the happy times she spent with her father and how the article and my father's memories had brought these lovely times back to her. Bob Curry was Charles' favourite all time player, so it was a helpful

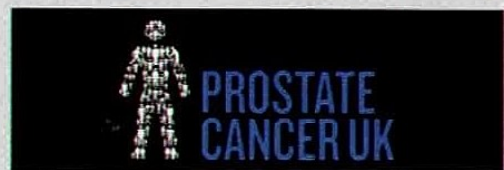
introduction!

The last Colchester United game that Charles was able to watch at Weston Homes was against Charlton Athletic in the Third Round of the FA Cup and, although he had purchased his seat for the Fourth Round Tie v Tottenham Hotspur, he was sadly in hospital and unable to attend. He listened to the game on BBC Essex in the company of his daughter, Rosie.

Charles' funeral will be held on Friday, 26th February. It will commence with a cremation at Colchester Crematorium at 11.45 a.m followed by a celebration of his life in the Players Lounge at Colchester United Football Club at 1.00 p.m.

Our thoughts are with the Chapman family at this sad time.

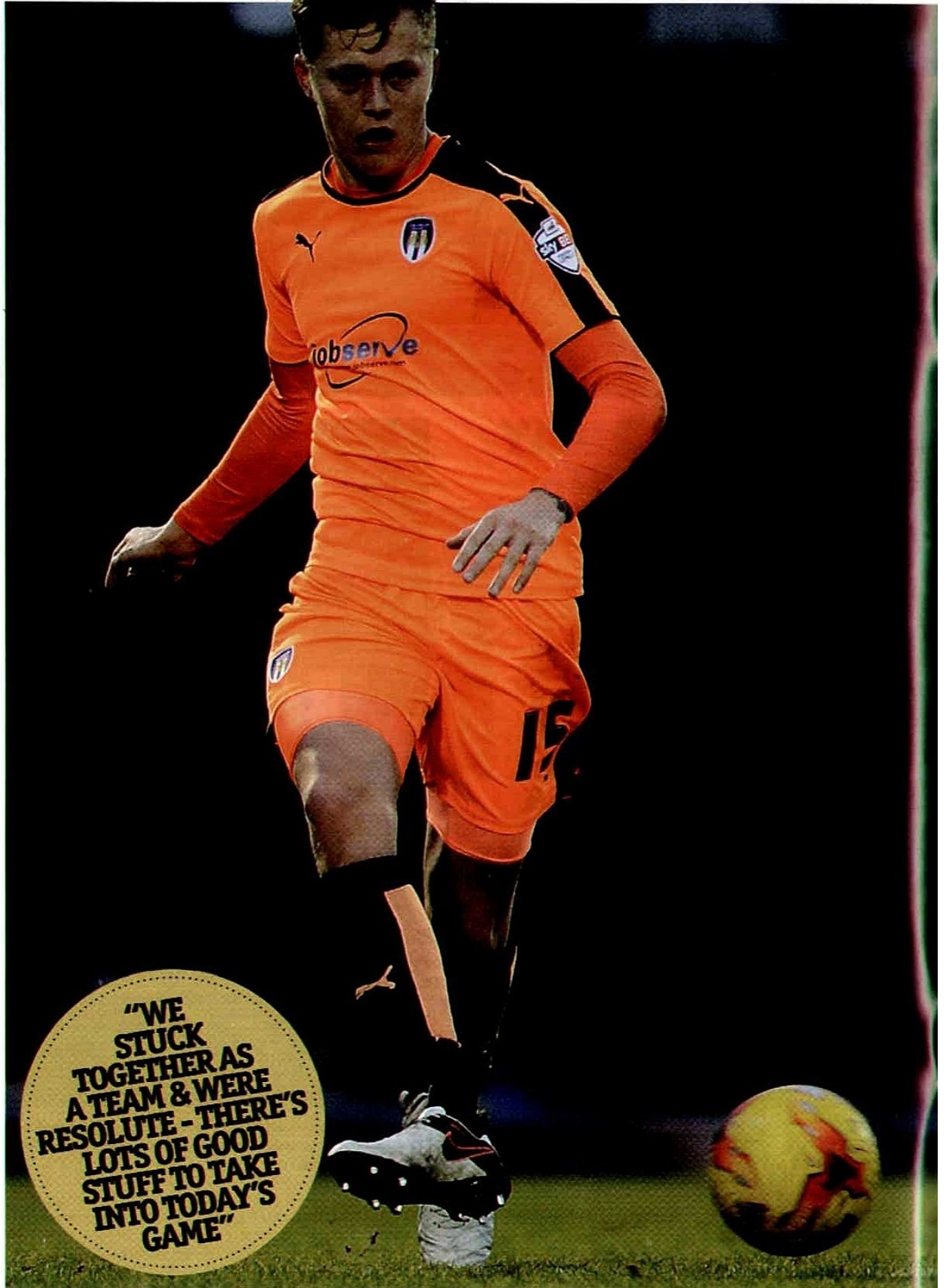
TODAY'S CHARITY: PROSTATE CANCER UK



This afternoon's match is our designated fixture in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, the Football League's chosen charity.

To find out more about the great work they do to support men's health, see page 31 of today's matchday programme.

Thank you once again for your generosity for a very worthwhile cause.



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FEATURE INTERVIEW

FRANKIE KENT

A local derby is massively important to any football supporter and winning against your biggest rival is a very close second to doing well over the course of the whole season. And results in these local clashes take on an added importance when there hasn't been a fixture between the two for a few years.

That was the case ahead of the current season here in Essex, with the U's and Southend United not having played each other since the 2009/10 campaign. It wasn't a successful one for the Shrimpers, with relegation to League Two compounded with the U's doing the double that year.

So, it was understandable that those from south of the county were eager for their Southend team to gain revenge this season, following their Play-Off success at Wembley in May. The first game was here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium on Boxing Day and former U's stars John White and David Mooney ensured it was Southend gaining the first win of what they were hoping would be a memorable double.

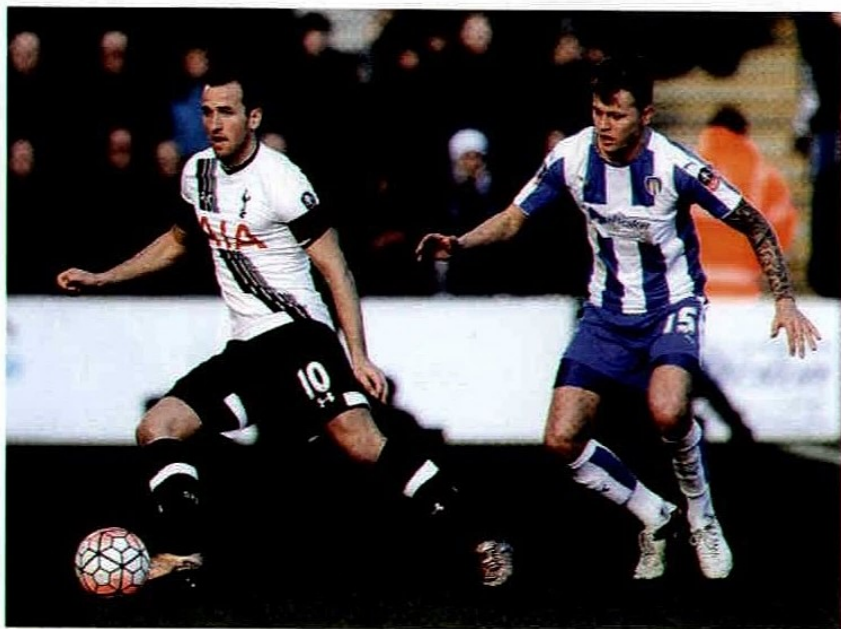
That double was achieved seven days ago, as the U's succumbed to a late three goal blitz - having more than held their own with ten men following Alex Gilbey's red card. And straight after the final whistle, it wasn't just the U's fans that were desperately despondent. A downhearted Frankie Kent spoke to *We Are United* and explained how disappointed the U's players were.

"The lads were absolutely gutted, especially as we all thought that we were doing well for eighty odd minutes. We only had ten men for the last bit of the first half and the whole of the second but felt that we were comfortable up to their first goal, which was a bit of a shot out of the blue.

"It was an even game for most of the afternoon and we were so disappointed not to get anything out of it. From being out on the pitch, it certainly wasn't a game where they were three goals better than us but they were ruthless at the end. When we went one down, we had to chase the game a bit and that gave them opportunities on the break. We were already a man down and other players then got caught out of position trying to get the goal back."

Although three goals late on made it look an easy victory for Southend, all three came in the final ten minutes. And as Frankie mentioned, being down to ten men and having to chase the game allowed the Seasiders to exploit gaps in the U's defence.

The incident that saw the U's reduced to ten men came in the thirty sixth minute, when Gilbey was adjudged to have jumped into a challenge with Ryan Leonard. Kent was too far away from the incident and felt that the game could



have been stopped before the tackle was made.

"There were a couple of incidents just before the sending off, where the referee might have given fouls to them and then to us. It was then just one of those things where a tackle goes in and the ref makes a quick decision. We just had to get on with things, which I thought we did pretty well until the final ten minutes. Alex apologised after the game and we have to move on without him for the next few games."

The first of those is today's against Swindon Town and the U's centre half thinks positives can come from the Southend game, despite the defeat. He said: "We really stuck together as a team and were resolute for much of it, and even with ten men we created a few chances and got some efforts in on goal. We restricted them and did well on the counter attack so there is plenty of good stuff we can take into the Swindon game.

"Nothing really fell for us in the penalty area, despite us getting some free kicks in dangerous areas and putting decent set pieces into the box. We're all still positive though and will continue to work hard at putting things right."

Whilst it was difficult for the twenty year old to get over the disappointment of the derby defeat, he did explain that he was happy to be back in the U's first team again. Last weekend saw Kent feature for the first time since the end of November, with two tough fixtures to contend with on his return to the team.

"Obviously, I'm really pleased to be back in the first team. It was difficult circumstances against Spurs because of the nasty injury to Alex Wynter. You have to put that out of your mind though and get on with your job in the game itself. His injury gave me the opportunity to play and you have to grab it whenever you can. I have enjoyed playing in the last two matches, but I have hated the results. All I can do now is try and help us get the necessary points to get us out of the bottom four."





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THE PHYSIO TONY FLYNN

Welcome back to the Weston Homes Community Stadium for this afternoon's game, with Swindon Town providing the opposition.

I'm sure it will be another tough League One encounter for us but the lads have all worked hard over the past seven days to be ready and are determined to get a positive result.

The manager will still be without Alex Wynter though, as he continues his recovery from what was an extremely nasty knock to his head. Those of you who were at the FA Cup game here against Spurs, and those who watched it in TV, would have seen the clash Alex had with Tom Eastman and how serious it was.

Alex was knocked out instantly and looked in a bad way when he was on the ground immediately afterwards. I could tell from the reaction of the players near the scene that it was a bad one and got on as soon as possible. Credit to the Spurs' medical staff as well, they were there as well as we made sure Alex was seen to quickly.

He was taken straight to hospital, was sent for the relevant scans and thankfully, they came back showing no real damage. He was kept in for a few hours to make sure there were no delayed effects from the knock but went home late on Saturday when the doctors gave him the all clear.

Today is the two week mark that players



have to rest for so Alex will miss out this afternoon but with the severity of the impact, it's doubtful that he will be involved on Tuesday night either. He certainly won't be rushed back and we will be keeping a close eye on him in training first. I would like to thank all you supporters who have contacted us at the club to wish him well, it certainly was a worrying incident.

Whilst Alex got a lot of interest because of how bad his knock was, we did lose our other centre half Tom Eastman in the clash.

I'll speak more about him and the other injured lads when we return on Tuesday evening, when we take on Chesterfield in the rearranged game here. Make plenty of noise and enjoy the match.

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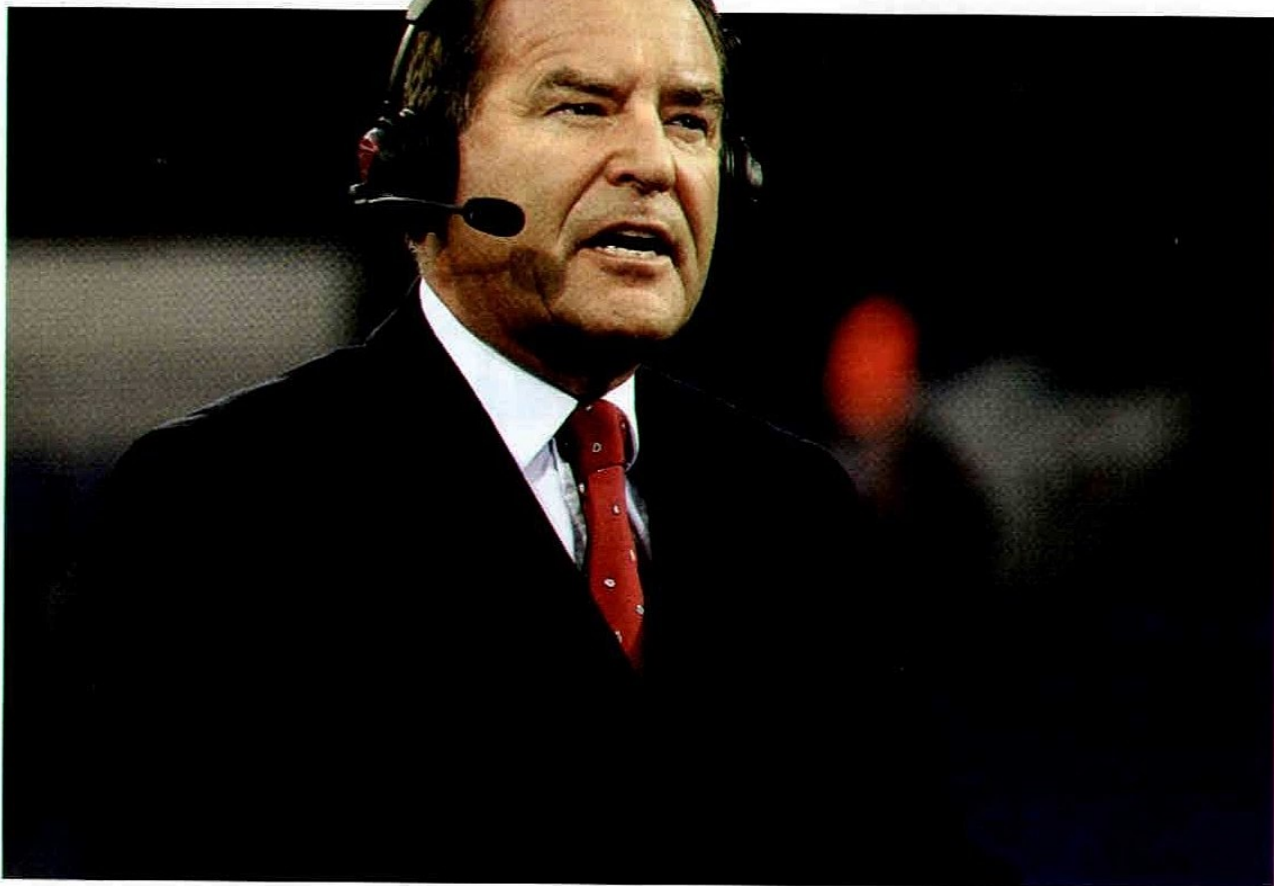
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Walking 10 marathons in 10 days? That's unbelievable!

Hartlepool United (via Middlesbrough) to Wembley by Jeff Stelling

In 2016, I wanted to do something different. I wanted to do something where people could see I was feeling the pain on behalf of a fantastic cause. Walking 10 marathons in 10 days to help beat prostate cancer, a disease killing over 10,000 men every year, seemed like an ideal opportunity.

I'll be walking with my mate Russ Green, the Chief Executive of the club, and members of the football family on the way. Why? Us Hartlepool fans have never been to Wembley, and this is our chance to take them there while supporting Prostate Cancer UK, the Official Charity Partner of The Football League.

On Monday 21st March 2016, I'll be kicking off the epic 262 miler from my beloved Victoria Park. Find out more about walking with me at menunitedmarch.org

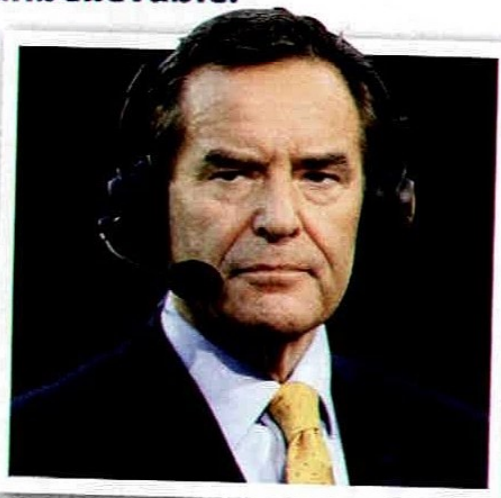
Prostate Cancer UK should be a charity close to every man's heart because we know, or we should know, just how vulnerable we are. I like my statistics – but the ones I'm dealing with here are

shocking. One in eight men will get prostate cancer, and one in four if you are black, it's a scary thought.

Within the next ten years, Prostate Cancer UK believes they will find the answers to ensure the disease is something men and their loved ones no longer fear. I've met the scientists who pledge to do this and I can see how dedicated they are. So the idea of doing something ten times came from there.

Two hundred and sixty miles from Victoria Park, home of Hartlepool United, to Wembley Stadium, divided by ten; twenty six miles. The distance of a marathon: 10 marathons in 10 days. It just all fell into place like a jigsaw really.

I've got friends and colleagues, people that the public know, Bill Arthur and Eddie Hemmings both big rugby league men who I have known longer than I care to remember. All great guys who've



suffered from prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is not discerning, but it can be treated if caught soon enough. It doesn't just hit the bad guys; it's the good guys as well, like Bill, like Eddie.

To get involved or find out more about walking with me visit www.MenUnitedMarch.org

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All the best, Jeff Stelling

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9 - Who has the worst music taste in the U's squad?

It's got to be James Bransgrove, he's just not up with the times

15 - What's your favourite holiday destination?

Costa Del Sol

18 - If you could only have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Curried Goat

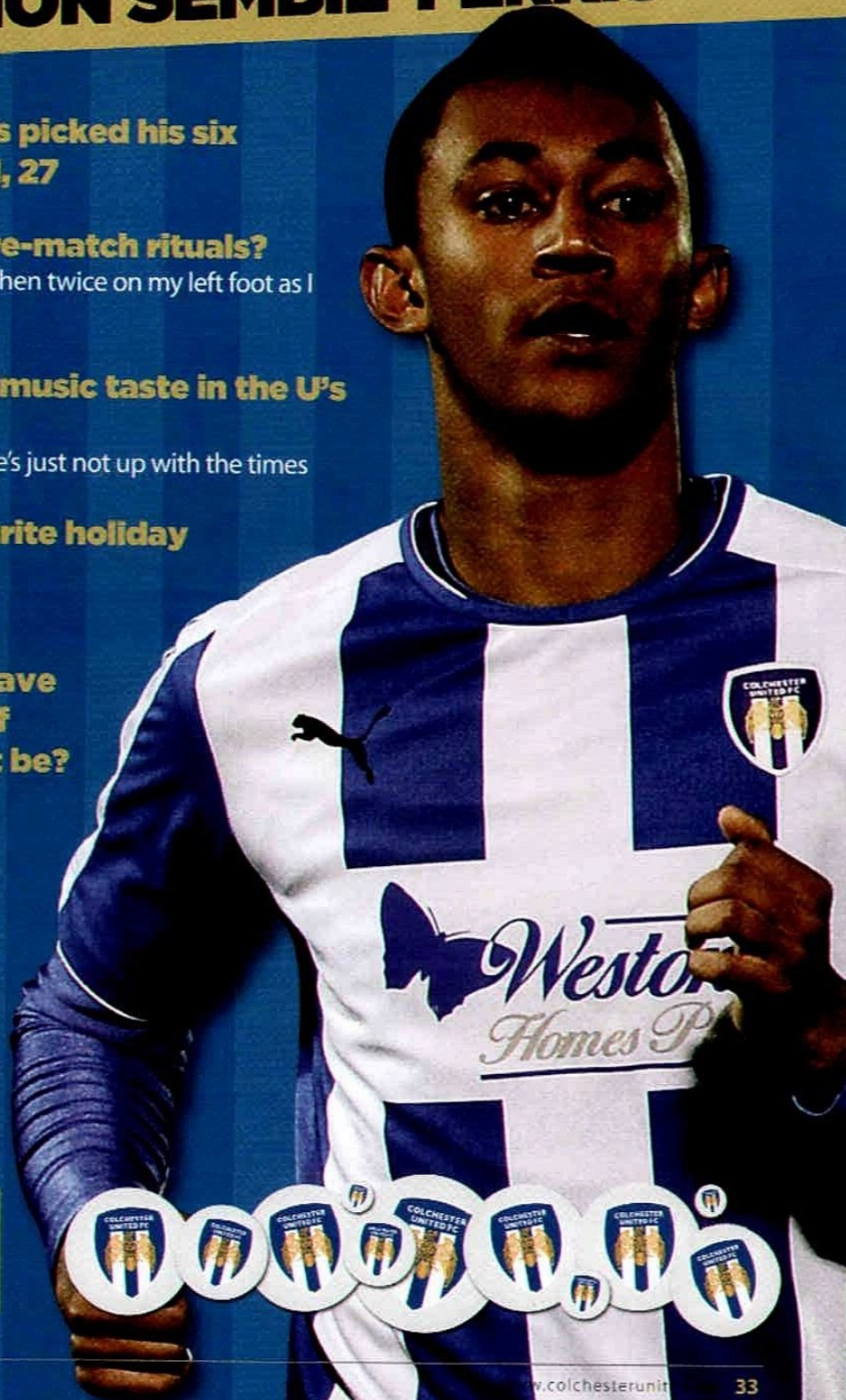
21 - Gerrard or Lampard?

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37 - What's your favourite sport besides football?

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YOUTH TEAM THE U18s



Tariq Issa netted twice against Ipswich

Colchester United's U18s played out an entertaining 3-3 draw against near neighbours Ipswich Town at Florence Park. All the goals came in an action packed first forty five minutes, with the U's surrendering the lead after going ahead on three occasions.

Credit to the U's training ground visitors, Ipswich bounced back each time they went behind, replying to the first goal from Callum Jones and two further strikes from Tariq Issa. Both sides went looking for a winner in the second half but there was no further scoring and the two teams shared the points.

The U's started the game well and it was no surprise when they went ahead

through Callum Jones. The lead didn't last too long though, as Town replied almost immediately with a Ross Meldrum goal on twenty five minutes. Before half an hour was on the clock, the U's restored their one goal advantage with a goal from Issa. Harry Wright in the Blues goal was left with no chance as a powerful, curled effort from the edge of the area by Issa flew past him and into the back of the net.

Conor McKendry then quickly had Town level again, but with the break approaching, it looked like Issa had given the U's the half time lead again. A Luke Woolfenden foul gave the U's the chance to go in front for a third time from the spot; an opportunity Issa duly accepted as he doubled his tally. The U's couldn't

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| AUGUST | | | | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 |
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| Sat 8 | Birmingham City | A | PDL 3-3 | Robinson | Mulyne | Wilson | Downey | Tennent | Stephens | Brown | Syrett |
| Sat 15 | Bolton Wanderers | H | PDL 2-4 | Robinson | Stephens | Wilson | Downey | Tennent | Pollard | Wright | Moore |
| Sat 22 | Cardiff City | A | PDL 2-1 | Robinson | Stephens | Wilson | Downey | Tennent | Partridge | Wright | Moore |
| Sat 29 | Watford | H | PDL 0-0 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Downey | Tennent | Partridge | Wright | Pollard |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | Hull City | A | PDL 1-0 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Downey | Tennent | Partridge | Wright | Pollard |
| Sat 12 | Sheffield United | H | PDL 1-3 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Downey | Tennent | Mulyne | Wright | Pollard |
| Sat 19 | Coventry City | A | PDL 1-3 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Downey | Tennent | Mulyne | Brown | Pollard |
| Sat 26 | Leeds United | H | PDL 1-0 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Partridge | Pollard | Mulyne | Brown | Syrett |
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| Sat 3 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | PDL 0-3 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Partridge | Tennent | Pollard | Brown | Syrett |
| Sat 17 | Bristol City | H | PDL 1-1 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Partridge | Tennent | Pollard | Brown | Syrett |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 2 | Luton Town | A | FAYC1 1-3 | Robinson | Stephens | Wilson | James | Tennent | Pollard | Brown | Wright |
| Sat 7 | Brentford | H | PDL 1-1 | Boness | Stephens | Mulyne | Partridge | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Syrett |
| Sat 14 | Queens Park Rangers | H | PDL 8-1 | Boness | Stephens | Debrick | Keys | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Dunne |
| Sat 21 | Ipswich Town | A | PDL 3-1 | Boness | Stephens | Debrick | Boling | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Issa |
| Sat 28 | Millwall | H | PDL 1-0 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Boling | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Issa |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | Watford | A | PDL 1-2 | Robinson | Mulyne | Wilson | Partridge | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Issa |
| Sat 19 | Charlton Athletic | A | PDL 1-2 | Robinson | Stephens | Debrick | Partridge | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Syrett |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 9 | Brentford | A | PDL 1-1 | Boness | Stephens | Wilson | Partridge | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Pollard |
| Sat 23 | Ipswich Town | H | PDL 3-3 | Boness | Stephens | Wilson | Partridge | Tennent | Wright | Brown | Pollard |
| Sat 30 | Bristol City | A | PDL 0-4 | Robinson | Mulyne | Debrick | Partridge | Boling | Moore | Cosgrave | Pollard |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 6 | Crystal Palace | H | PDL 3-1 | Boness | Mulyne | Wilson | Partridge | Pollard | Wright | Cosgrave | Syrett |
| Fri 12 | Charlton Athletic | H | PDL 12.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 20 | Millwall | A | PDL 11.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 27 | Cardiff City | H | PDL 11.00 | | | | | | | | |
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| Sat 5 | Huddersfield Town | H | PDL 11.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12 | Nottingham Forest | A | PDL 12.00 | | | | | | | | |
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| Sat 26 | Crystal Palace | A | PDL 11.00 | | | | | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | Queens Park Rangers | A | PDL 10.30 | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 9 | Crewe Alexandra | H | PDL 11.00 | | | | | | | | |

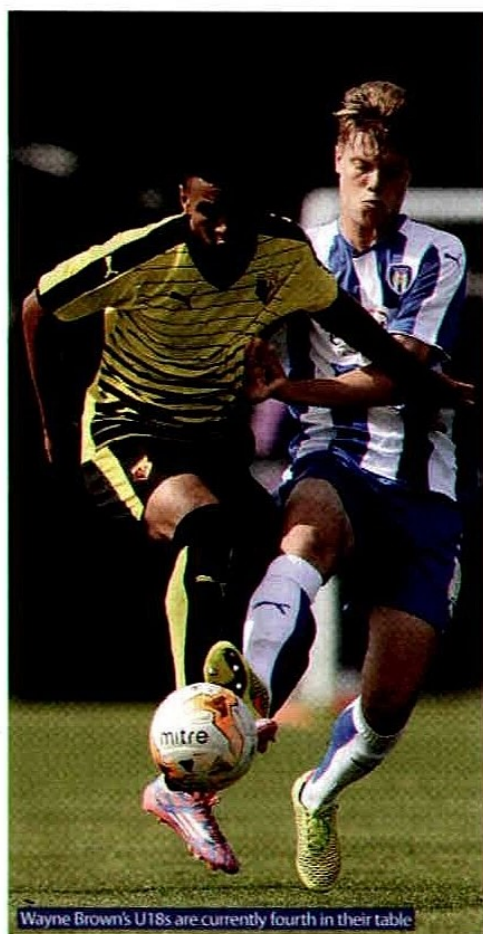


Callum Jones gave the U's the lead

hold onto the lead in the few minutes before the half drew to a close though, as Ben Morris levelled things up with a wonderful solo effort.

The half time whistle went with the scores at 3-3 and the spectators were more than happy with the forty five minutes' entertainment on offer from the young players from both sides. That entertainment level couldn't be matched in the second period though, with both sides a lot better defensively after what surely would have been harsh words about their duties while defending in the first half.

There were very few chances at either end and the half, and the game, drew to a close with the score remaining at 3-3. It meant two successive draws for the young U's since the Christmas break, with a difficult trip to Bristol City next on the list.



Wayne Brown's U18s are currently fourth in their table

| 09 | 10 | 11 | SUB 1 | SUB2 | SUB 1 |
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| McKeown | Wright | Issa | Moore | Detrick | Cosgrave |
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| McKeown | Issa | Cosgrave | Clampin | Mulyne | Syrett |
| McKeown | Syrett | Cosgrave | Clampin | Jones | Partridge |
| Jones | Syrett | Clampin | Cosgrave | McKeown | Partridge |
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| McKeown | Jones | Clampin | Cosgrave | Ager | Mulyne |
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| Sheriff | Issa | Clampin | McKeown | Moore | |
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| McKeown | Sheriff | Cosgrave | Clampin | Holland | Syrett |
| McKeown | Sheriff | Dunne | Syrett | Clampin | Cosgrave |
| Issa | Sheriff | Clampin | Mulyne | | Jones |
| Jones | Sheriff | Detrick | Holmes | Syrett | Mulyne |
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Home games are to be played at the club's training ground, Florence Park, on Grange Road in Tiptree, which can be found as follows:-

- Leaving the A12 at Kelvedon/Tiptree, follow the road through until you get to the turning from Tiptree on your left (coming from Colchester) or right (if coming from Chelmsford/London)

- Follow this road for a couple of miles until you pass the water tower on your right. Shortly after that, you will see a primary school on your left (Baynards)

- Opposite Baynards is the turning for Grange Road. Follow Grange Road as it bears around to the right and the training ground is on this road on the left hand side.

LEAGUE TABLE

| | | P | GD | Pts |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Charlton Athletic | 21 | 28 | 39 |
| 2 | Watford | 18 | 8 | 33 |
| 3 | Crystal Palace | 21 | 3 | 30 |
| 4 | Colchester United | 20 | 0 | 27 |
| 5 | Millwall | 18 | -2 | 27 |
| 6 | Brentford | 23 | -12 | 25 |
| 7 | Cardiff City | 18 | 2 | 23 |
| 8 | Ipswich Town | 19 | -6 | 23 |
| 9 | Bristol City | 21 | -11 | 17 |
| 10 | Queens Park Rangers | 18 | -27 | 17 |



DEVELOPMENT SQUAD THE U21s

Colchester United earned safe passage to the semi-finals in the Essex Senior Cup at the beginning of this month, winning 3-1 against Bowers & Pitsea here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium.

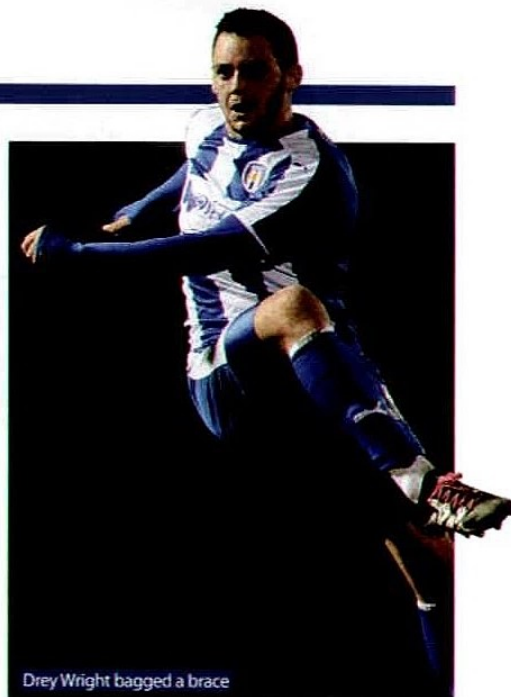
The U's scored twice in the first quarter of the game and looked set to score more, but their non-league opponents pushed them all the way in the second half as they continued their own impressive season. The U's youngsters made it three wins out of three in 2016 though, thanks to goals from Dion Sembie-Ferris and two from Drey Wright.

The U's started the game on the front foot and were rewarded with a first goal on eighteen minutes. The ball found its

way to Sembie-Ferris on the edge of the box and he calmly slotted into the upper reaches of the net to give the U's the lead. Five minutes later, it was two, as Wright peeled into the left hand channel and slotted the ball under the goalkeeper to double the U's lead.

When the U's were given a penalty on twenty seven minutes for handball, it looked like they might extend their advantage, but Sembie-Ferris crashed a shot against the bar. The visitors first chance came five minutes before half time as Trenkel headed just past the far post.

But the U's retained their two goal advantage into the break, before extending it on the hour mark. Wright



Drey Wright bagged a brace

U21s PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2

| AUGUST | | | | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | |
|------------------|---------------------|---|-----|-------|------------|---------------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Mon 10 | Huddersfield Town | A | PDL | 0-4 | Lewington | James | Olufemi | Harney | Blokobi | Edgo | Curtis | Harrison |
| Wed 19 | Birmingham City | H | PDL | 2-1 | Barnes | Olufemi | Blokobi | Harney | Kent | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 24 | Bristol City | A | PDL | 2-0 | Barnes | James | Olufemi | Harney | Kent | Lapslie | Curtis | Lapslie |
| Mon 31 | Charlton Athletic | H | PDL | 2-1 | Barnes | Olufemi | Wilson | Harney | James | Lapslie | Curtis | Lawrence |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 7 | Crewe Alexandra | H | PDL | 3-0 | Barnes | Olufemi | Wilson | Harney | James | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 14 | Sheffield Wednesday | A | PDL | 1-1 | Barnes | Olufemi | Wilson | Harney | James | Lapslie | Curtis | Lawrence |
| Mon 21 | Barnsley | H | PDL | 4-1 | Barnes | Olufemi | Wilson | Harney | James | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 28 | Coventry City | A | PDL | 1-4 | Barnes | Andrews | Wilson | Tennent | James | Lapslie | Curtis | Lawrence |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 12 | AFC Bournemouth | H | PLC | 3-0 | Barnes | Andrews | Wilson | Harney | James | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 19 | Cardiff City | H | PDL | 0-2 | Barnes | Andrews | Wilson | Pollard | James | Edgo | Lawrence | Curtis |
| Tue 27 | Millwall | A | PDL | 0-1 | Barnes | Andrews | Wilson | O'Donoghue | James | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 9 | Bolton Wanderers | H | PDL | 1-0 | Barnes | Andrews | Wilson | Pollard | James | Bailey | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 16 | Watford | A | PDL | 1-3 | Barnes | Olufemi | Wilson | Partridge | James | Bailey | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 23 | Brentford | H | PDL | 3-1 | Barnes | Brindley | Andrews | Partridge | James | Bailey | Wright | Dunne |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 8 | Fulham | H | PLC | 1-3 | Bransgrove | Vincent-Young | Olufemi | Partridge | James | Gavan | Sembie-Ferris | Curtis |
| Mon 14 | Queens Park Rangers | H | PDL | 2-5 | Bransgrove | Vincent-Young | Olufemi | Wynick | James | DI Wright | Sembie-Ferris | Regis |
| Mon 21 | Charlton Athletic | A | PDL | 1-3 | Bransgrove | Andrews | Wilson | Pollard | Olufemi | Lawrence | Curtis | Rees |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 18 | Ipswich Town | A | PDL | 3-0 | Barnes | James | Olufemi | Harney | Kent | Harrison | Sembie-Ferris | Edge |
| Mon 25 | Brentford | A | PDL | 2-1 | Barnes | Vincent-Young | Olufemi | Harney | Kent | Harrison | Sembie-Ferris | Rees |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 9 | Crystal Palace | H | PDL | 2-3 | Barnes | Branton | Olufemi | Harney | James | Lapslie | Sembie-Ferris | Rees |
| Mon 15 | Ipswich Town | H | PDL | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 29 | Cardiff City | A | PDL | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 7 | Crystal Palace | A | PDL | 14.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Thu 10 | Millwall | H | PDL | 13.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 14 | Bristol City | H | PDL | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 21 | Hull City | H | PDL | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 28 | Queens Park Rangers | A | PDL | 13.00 | | | | | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 4 | Sheffield United | A | PDL | 14.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Thu 7 | Watford | H | PDL | 13.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 11 | Nottingham Forest | H | PDL | 19.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 18 | Leeds United | A | PDL | 14.00 | | | | | | | | |



Dion Sembie-Ferris celebrates his goal with Chris Regis



Femi Akinwande bursts clear of the defence

found some space on the edge of the box, and curled home a low effort just inside the right hand post to make it 3-0.

From there on though, it was Bowers who had the advantage for the remainder of the game. After hitting the post through Manor, they pulled one back on sixty eight minutes as Hilton's cross was smashed home by Bryan.

They had another opportunity as it fell to Manor six yards out, but he scuffed his first shot before firing wide. As the game entered its final five minutes, Bonne outmuscled three before forcing a good save out of Goodwin-Green, then Barnes made an even better stop at the other end.

That gave the U's some breathing space into the dying moments of the game and they ran out 3-1 victors. The Weston Homes Community Stadium will also be the venue for the U's in the Semi-Final, as they were drawn out to host Concord Rangers. In the other Semi, Heybridge face the winners of the Redbridge/Tilbury tie.

U21S SQUAD

- James Bransgrove
- Dillon Barnes
- Jamie Harney
- Jack Curtis
- Marley Andrews
- Callum Harrison
- Tyler Brampton
- Kieran Bailey
- David Segura
- Cameron James
- Milo Downey
- George Brown
- Tariq Issa
- Callum Robinson
- JJ Wilson
- Diaz Wright
- Decarrey Sheriff
- Jamie Stephens
- Joe Tennent
- Louis Dunne
- Chris Regis
- Charley Edge
- Femi Akinwande

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| Dr. Wright | Regis | Dunne | Edge | Issa | Lawrence |
| Dr. Wright | Regis | Dunne | Harrison | Dr. Wright | Andrews |
| Bonne | Szmodics | Dr. Wright | Regis | | |
| Dr. Wright | Regis | Edge | O'Donoghue | McKeown | Harrison |
| Bonne | Szmodics | Wright | O'Donoghue | Regis | Dunne |
| Dr. Wright | Regis | Dunne | O'Donoghue | Bailey | Brown |
| Bonne | Szmodics | Wright | Pollard | Regis | Edge |
| Dunne | Regis | Akinwande | Lawrence | Issa | Tennent |
| Akinwande | Regis | Dr. Wright | Andrews | Lawrence | Dunne |
| Akinwande | Regis | Dr. Wright | Wilson | Brown | Issa |
| Bonne | Regis | Dr. Wright | Dr. Wright | Andrews | Akinwande |
| Bonne | Szmodics | Dr. Wright | Partidge | Barnes | Andrews |
| Akinwande | Dr. Wright | Dunne | Dr. Wright | Partidge | Sheriff |
| Akinwande | Regis | Dunne | Dr. Wright | Sheriff | Brampton |
| Bonne | Akinwande | Dr. Wright | James | | |
| Bonne | Akinwande | Dr. Wright | Harrison | O'Donoghue | Curtis |

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LEAGUE TABLE

| | P | GD | Pts |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Charlton Athletic | 18 | 20 | 40 |
| 2 Millwall | 17 | 15 | 34 |
| 3 Colchester United | 18 | -1 | 28 |
| 4 Cardiff City | 18 | 6 | 27 |
| 5 Queens Park Rangers | 19 | -3 | 26 |
| 6 Brentford | 18 | 0 | 25 |
| 7 Crystal Palace | 20 | -3 | 23 |
| 8 Bristol City | 18 | -4 | 23 |
| 9 Watford | 18 | -10 | 16 |
| 10 Ipswich Town | 17 | -14 | 16 |

SEAN THACKER THE ACADEMY



The U16s are still finding their feet since the Christmas break with particularly tough games against Ipswich, Bristol City and Crystal Palace, which all resulted in losses. Scholarships have been offered to six of the U16s players, with the remaining players now trying their luck with other professional clubs.

Of the six boys who will be joining the club full-time in July, Matt Boiling and Callum Jones have both featured in recent Under 18 line-ups (with Jones scoring in the 3-3 draw versus Ipswich) meaning that the U16 squads have been made up of trialists and U15s players which have made for more disjointed performances than earlier in the season.

The Ipswich game remained goalless until the last 15 minutes before they

scored two quick goals to deservedly win 2-0. Bristol City proved too strong against our predominantly U15s side, running out easy 3-0 winners and while the performance against Crystal Palace was better, we were beaten 1-2 by a last minute goal after Oliver Gravett had earlier given us the lead.

Similarly, the recent U15s performances have been inconsistent with the highlight being a strong display and subsequent 4-1 victory at Leyton Orient (Max Maughn scored twice with further goals from Reuben Mudd and Oliver Gravett).

At the other end of the scale was a 0-3 loss at Southend in a game where we just never got our passing game going and didn't cope with the conditions as well as Southend did.





Inbetween was a fixture at Category One Academy, Reading, which saw a performance which was a combination of the Orient and Southend displays in that we were dominated in the 1st half, but responded to play some excellent football after half-time only to get caught out and beaten in the latter stages.

Forthcoming fixtures for the U16s are against Barnet, Millwall, Cardiff and Leicester, while the U15s can look forward to fixtures with Barnet, Norwich and Brentford.

Sean Thacker



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A photograph of Lionel Richie performing on stage. He is wearing a black military-style jacket with gold buttons and a black shirt underneath. He has a mustache and is smiling, looking towards the right. He is holding a microphone in his right hand. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a pattern of small, glowing lights, suggesting a stage setting. The text 'LIONEL RICHIE' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below it, 'ALL THE HITS' is written in a smaller, orange, bold, sans-serif font.

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Colchester United have been delighted with the level of demand for ticket sales for next summer's Lionel Richie concert, with the event still six months away.

With tickets having proven hugely popular since going on sale at the start of December, the event looks set to be another massive success when the global music superstar comes to Colchester in the summer of 2016.

U's General Manager Tim Waddington told the matchday programme: "We are incredibly happy with the level of demand for tickets since we went on sale four weeks ago.

"We were delighted to be able to showcase another one of the best music artists in the world at the Weston Homes Community Stadium and so we are pleased that so many people want to be a part of it in June."

Hospitality tickets for the event have now SOLD OUT, and there are now only limited tickets available around the stadium for the concert on Saturday June 25th.

To purchase tickets, fans are asked to visit www.ticketmaster.co.uk and www.axs.com.

The 2016 UK tour follows a phenomenal year for Lionel, which saw a sell out tour with incredible live reviews, a Number One Album, a GQ Award and a truly sensational Glastonbury moment.

"a sincere affirmation of his real standing in pop culture as a hit-maker of the highest order."

Daily Telegraph (*** 5 stars)**

"Lionel Richie: party starter, people pleaser, a Glastonbury highlight."

Guardian (** 4 stars)**

"...may just have proven himself the greatest rock star on the planet."

The Independent

International superstar Lionel Richie will return to the UK in 2016 to perform open air concerts in parts of the UK he's never visited before.

As well as the Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester on June 25th, The 'All The Hits' Tour will also visit St Austell, Swansea, Colwyn Bay, Sheffield and Gloucester.

Performing 'All The Hits' from his extensive and much loved repertoire spanning decades, all the way from the Commodores to the present day.

Lionel's shows are world renowned for their party atmosphere and audiences will be able to join Lionel in singing along to classics such as 'Hello', 'Easy', 'Dancing on the Ceiling', 'Say You Say Me' and 'All Night Long'.

Lionel said: "I had such a great time in the UK

this year and I can't wait to visit new places and meet new people.

"Performing at Glastonbury for the first time was such a thrill for me and given me an appetite to do new things in the UK.

"I know these shows are going to be very special. It'll be the first time I'll have been to Colchester and I can't wait."

Ticket Sales

Tickets are priced at £70, £55 and £40 for Lionel's visit to Colchester.

Hospitality Packages

For Hospitality Packages, please contact 01206 755141.

The UK fell back in love with Lionel last year following a tour that received glittering re-reviews and culminated in a phenomenal Glastonbury performance.

After drawing the biggest crowd of the weekend with over 100,000 people flocking to the Pyramid Stage, Lionel's album 'The Definitive Collection' reached Number 1 on the UK album charts for the first time in 23 years.

Lionel went on to receive British GQ's Icon Award adding to a celebrated career which includes four GRAMMYS, a Golden Globe and even an Oscar. Having sold over 100 million albums worldwide, Lionel shows no signs of slowing down.



COMMERCIAL SALES PITCH

END OF SEASON DINNER

It's exciting times in the commercial office as plans are underway for this year's End of Season Dinner.

The event is always the pinnacle of the events calendar and this year will not disappoint - the events team are working on the entertainment, room dressing and sourcing some fantastic items for our ever popular auction.

No matter what the season brings, we can always guarantee a great evening at the Weston Homes Community Stadium. Eddie has his tux ready, so get your's dry cleaned and book your places now!

Tickets are just £55 each and include a wonderful night of fine dining and entertainment.



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WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We welcome Hadleigh to our football sales team from this weekend. Some of you will already know Hadleigh who has worked with our Conference and Events team for the last 12 months, but she is now going to join Michelle and Julie in selling sponsorship, hospitality and advertising.



With one of the most pro-active commercial departments in the Football League, the girls are taking over and will be speaking to local and national businesses to bring in new sponsors and supporters to the stadium. We have a lot of support from local business customers and want to build upon this.

We have a superb stadium, and with over 300,000 visitors to the stadium every year, we can offer an amazing platform to promote your business to our wide and varied audience.

If you would like to find out more about the commercial opportunities, contact the team on 01206 752020.

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Even Sam Walker's media career had to start somewhere, and that place was a corporate host in the Layer Suite at the U's! Now you could be the next Sam Walker.



The commercial team are looking for a matchday host in the Layer Suite to host the room, do the pre-match and post-match interviews with the players, the Man of the Match presentations and to read the ever-dreaded names on the teamsheet!

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LEAGUE ONE REVIEW BY KATIE BALL

DIVISION ROUND-UP



Former US man Jacob Murphy celebrates his goal for Coventry in their 1-1 draw at Port Vale

Burton extended their lead at the top of the table to four points following Walsall's 3-0 defeat to Millwall.

The Brewers defeated Bradford 3-1. Mason Bennett's deflected shot broke the deadlock in the 17th minute, before Tom Naylor converted a cross to put the hosts in complete control. Mark Duffy added a third, whilst Rory McArdle headed home a consolation for the Bantams in injury-time.

Walsall were dealt a big blow with a 3-0 loss at home to Millwall. Lee Gregory grabbed a brace; a goal either side of Mahlon Romeo's impressive finish, to stutter the Saddlers' promotion efforts.

Wigan left Sheffield United with a 2-0 victory. Two goals in four minutes gave the Latics the win, which sees them move up to third in the league table. Will Grigg opened the scoring from the penalty-spot, with Conor McAleney netting the second on his debut.

Gillingham and Swindon played out a 0-0 draw. Josh Wright and Rory Donnelly went closest for the Gills, whilst Jonathan Obika saw his effort blocked for the visitors.

Coventry dropped more points at Port

Vale in a 1-1 draw. Jacob Murphy gave the Sky Blues the lead just before the break as he rounded Vale goalkeeper Jak Alnwick. However they couldn't hold out as the hosts replied with a fantastic strike late-on through midfielder Sam Kelly.

Crewe secured a vital 2-0 win against Rochdale. The Railwaymen wrapped up the points in the first-half as Marcus Haber and Brad Inman found the back of the net. Haber poked the ball home after a scrappy corner, before Inman went on a darting run and duly slotted

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



LEE GREGORY

Millwall's top goal-scorer Lee Gregory produced another dominant display last weekend as he notched a second-half double in his side's 3-0 thrashing of Walsall.

The 27-year-old has now moved on to 18 goals for the season so far, with the Lions proving to be real contenders for promotion as the weeks go by.

In a goalless first-half, Gregory went close to breaking the deadlock on two occasions. His first opportunity came early on, when strike partner Steve Morison found space to cross the ball into the box, yet the hot-shot just failed to latch on to it. He also saw a powerful shot from inside the area saved by the Saddlers' goalkeeper Liam Roberts.

Gregory did get himself on the scoresheet just past the hour mark when he converted Jed Wallace's cross from close-range, following his team-mates' quick counter-attacking play.

The points were wrapped up in the 77th minute as the game's star-man ran onto a pass and calmly slotted the ball home.



TYKES LOSE JOHNSON

Barnsley have lost manager Lee Johnson to Championship side Bristol City, with the 34-year-old moving to Ashton Gate on a three-and-a-half year deal.

Johnson will now return to the Robins in a managerial capacity, following his six years at the club as a player from 2006-2012. During that spell he featured 199 times, spending four years under his father and boss Gary Johnson.

His departure last Saturday came just two days after the Tykes had reached Wembley and the final of the Football League Trophy with a penalty-shoot-out victory over Fleetwood. He had also recently guided them from a precarious league standing of 22nd up to 12th in the league – just five points off the play-off places.

The former midfielder's new job sees him take charge of his third club in just over a year, as he only left his first position at Oldham to switch for Oakwell in February 2015.



Barnsley's Sam Winnall continued his good run of form with another goal

the ball home.

Fleetwood and Shrewsbury ended goalless. David Henen and Ashley Hunter drew saves from Shrews' goalkeeper Jayson Leutwiler, however the visitors missed the best chances as Shaun Whalley scuppered a one-on-one opportunity and Abu Ogogo hit his shot wide.

Peterborough claimed a 1-0 victory at Chesterfield. It was a hard-fought win for the visitors as they were reduced to nine-men following the dismissal of both Michael Smith and Ricardo Santos. Tom Nichols scored the only goal of the game, just five days after he moved to Posh from Exeter for an undisclosed fee.

Barnsley comfortably defeated Bury 3-0. Marley Watkins put the Tykes ahead in the 20th minute with a solo effort, before Sam Winnall continued his hot-streak with yet another goal. Adam Hammill also got in on the action in the second-half when he drilled home from inside the box.

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LOCAL SCENE



Former Colchester United youngster Russell Malton was on target as **BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT'S** Ryman League play-off charge gathered pace.

Malton netted in their comprehensive 4-1 home win over Great Wakering Rovers, along with Josh Gould, Phil Kelly and Jake Clowsley.

It ensured it was two big wins in five days for James Webster's side, following their 4-0 derby success against Witham Town last week.

Wakering always knew they were in for a difficult afternoon against a buoyant Regent side that had won seven and lost just one of their previous ten Ryman League fixtures.

And a tricky task became even tougher following the third-minute sending-off of skipper Stuart Hepburn.

The centre-half was given his marching orders for an alleged stamp.

Undeterred in the early stages, Wakering took the lead in the 17th minute when Dan Gilchrist turned in James Pugsley's cross.

However, the goal early served to put extra fire in Brightlingsea's bellies and they were level two minutes later, thanks to an unstoppable effort from Malton.

Gould soon added the second with a towering header from Ricky Griggs' corner.

And the first-half scoring was completed following a sublime left-wing cross from Clowsley that was excellently headed in at the



Russell Malton

far post by Kelly.

Clowsley deservedly added his name to the scoresheet midway through the second half, getting on the end of a right-wing cross before drilling past Adam Seal.

Wakering's miserable afternoon was compounded in the closing stages when Max Kent was dismissed for a second booking.

Elsewhere in the north division, **WITHAM TOWN** pulled off a fantastic 2-1 victory at high-flying Thurrock.

Garry Kimble's side had lost nine of their previous dozen games in all competitions and only won once since November 28.

However, George Cocklin's 85th-minute penalty and a quick second from Nathan Koranteng put them 2-0 ahead.

David Cowley then pulled one back for Thurrock.

HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS were unfortunate to lose 2-1 at home to Harlow Town.

George Cole gave Jody Brown's side a fifth-minute lead but Leon Antoine popped up with a first-half leveller for the promotion-chasing Hawks.

Swifts, who had won their previous three league and cup games, looked on course for a point.

But they conceded a penalty for handball that was converted by Alex Read, with 15 minutes remaining.

MALDON & TIPTREE had a frustrating afternoon in their mid-table clash at home to Aveley.

Despite dominating, Steve Ball's

side missed chances and were held to a 0-0 draw.

It means they are unbeaten since December 19th and yet to lose since Ball's appointment just after Christmas.

Former U's youngster Craig Hughes scored to help **STANWAY ROVERS** continue their fine run of form in the Thurlow Nunn League premier division with a 4-0 win over Whitton United, at the Hawthorns.

Despite playing against strong wind in the opening 45 minutes, Angelo Harrop's side - second in the table - were in no mood to relinquish their winning form.

Stanway took a fourth-minute lead through Jamie Shaw.

The striker's bullet header was provided by a delightful cross from Ben Newson, who turned his man with ease and set up the first goal of the afternoon.

Two minutes later, Rovers doubled their lead.

Newson again provided the assist with a low, driven cross into the box from the right.

It was despatched by Antonio Sabini, arriving late in the area, whose cool, left-foot finish beat keeper Ross Welton.

Rovers' early dominance continued when Hughes' free-kick rebounded off a Whitton defender and fell into the net, for 3-0.

And Stanway wrapped up victory through substitute Billy Hunt, who pounced on a loose ball to score with 20 minutes remaining.

Junior U's



WITH EDDIE THE EAGLE

Good afternoon all and welcome back to the Weston Homes Community Stadium for today's match against Swindon Town.

Unfortunately for us there will be a few more empty seats than last time we were here for our FA Cup match against Tottenham Hotspur but, even with that being the case this match is still just as, if not more important with where we currently find ourselves in the table.

There is not much room for any slip ups from the U's and I know the players will be doing their utmost to get three points today.

Last time out here against Tottenham we got off to an unfortunate start with start centre backs Alex Wynter and Tom Eastman colliding but we are pleased to report both are back on the mend with Tom already back in action.

Once both of our central defenders had gone off we were always going to be up against it, with the quality of the Premier League side who did take the lead midway through the first half however the U's battled well and we went into the break 1-0 down.

As we went into the second half we continued to battle well and create chances and an unfortunate deflection saw Spurs take a 2-0 lead in the 64th minute.

The U's conceded again before a great run and shot from Gavin Massey rebounded off the post and into the net off the Tottenham defender.



AWAY MASCOTS

Ben Allison

Age: 10

From: Surrey

Hobbies: Football - plays midfield for GPR U11s in Woking

Fav Players: Fabien Robert



Sam Allison

Age: 8

From: Surrey

Hobbies: Football - plays midfield for GPR UBs in Woking

Fav Players: Jon Obika



The U's goal was deserved and sent the WHCS crowd wild, but unfortunately it was the away fans who were cheering again two minutes later and that's how the match ended.

A good game which both teams gave their all and the U's can hold the head high from their performance.

Back to today and make sure we give them our all to cheer them on to victory so we can start heading up the table in the right direction.

Up the U's!
Eddie
Prediction: U's 1-0 Swindon



A BIG WELCOME TO...

HARRY BLAIR

Happy 13th Birthday Harry Blair! We hope you enjoy the game, love from all of the family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOSEPH!

A big welcome to Joseph Burns, who is celebrating his upcoming 9th birthday with us today. Joseph has his birthday on Wednesday and is here with brother Sam and friends from school and his current team Eight Ash Green, and some from his old team FC Clacton.

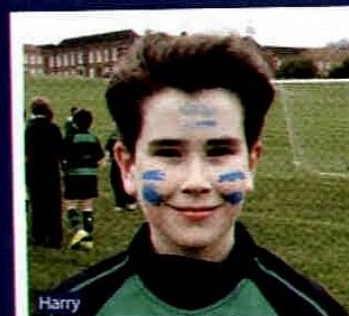
Joseph's hobbies are playing football, athletics, and playing computer games and he plays football for:

- Eight Ash Green YFC (Saturday and Sunday), and was the highest goal scorer last season winning the golden boot, and is currently for this season too, and has played at Spurs, West Ham, Ipswich all of which he scored too.
- Colchester United PDC (At Warriors Rest, Tiptree on Wednesday's) where he played for them against Norwich in October, where he scored a hat trick for the U's and he also plays at FCC Academy on a Monday run by Kem Izzet and Jon Willis.

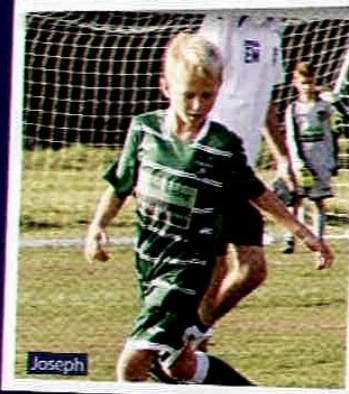
We hope Joseph, Sam and the gang have a great day!

ELIZABETH CARTER

Happy 9th birthday Elizabeth Jane Carter, lots of love Nanny and Grandad, have a brilliant day!



Harry



Joseph

Junior U's



WITH EDDIE THE EAGLE

Try your hand at these games and puzzles that Eddie has put on for you - how many did you get right?



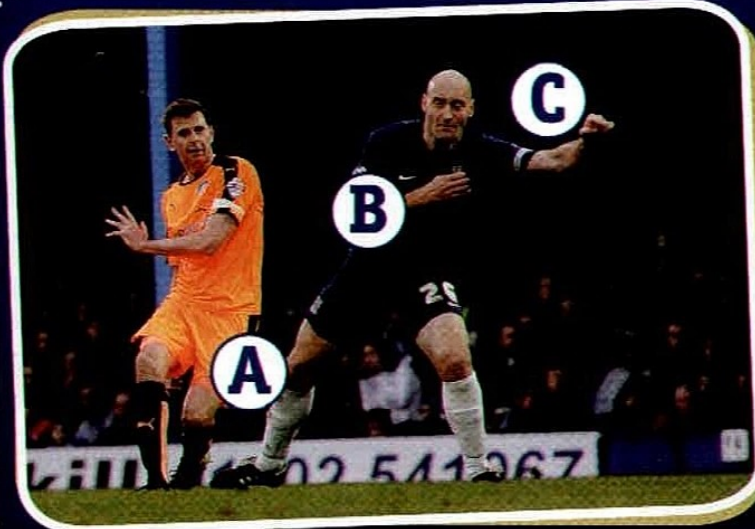
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Good afternoon everyone and on behalf of the Colchester United Supporters Association, I would like to welcome you back to the Weston Homes Community Stadium.

Swindon Town are our visitors today and they've had a mixed bag of a season. Their league position is certainly not where their ambitions lie, but they'll still be hard opponents for the U's to overcome. And overcome we must, as the pressure mounts to start winning games and scoring goals. 17 games to go seems a lot but they will fly by if we are not careful. Let's make today the catalyst for a return to winning ways and the start of a remarkable run out of the relegation zone.

It's a very special day for one U's fan and that is Mike Heaps who celebrates his 70th birthday today. No birthday lie in for him as he kindly volunteered to talk about the U's on BBC Radio Wiltshire this morning and I'm guessing there is only one present he'll be asking for. Mike was very seriously ill not so long ago and it's brilliant that he has come through it all and is following the U's home and away again. Happy Birthday Mike and I hope that you enjoy your afternoon cheering the U's boys onto victory.

The last time we were here was also a special day because Spurs were in town. Great to see the ground full of fans again. Just a pity, for us and for them, that we lost Tom and Alex so early on. I think that it would have been a much better contest but for their early withdrawal, but just so glad that they are OK, especially Alex who is recovering nicely at home. One of the biggest matches of their careers to date, and on the telly, and what do they do - they decide to smack their heads together!

I thought the day went pretty well apart the long queues at the turnstiles and I believe on



Mike Heaps

the West Stand concourse for food and drink. Outside the South Stand, there were 3 lines of fans snaking around the place and it was tough to tell at times whether you were heading to a turnstile or the burger van. Well done for being so patient before and after the game.

Onto Southend last week and a game that has been the subject of much focus. Two nasty first half tackles, one seeing yellow and one seeing red. Not much difference between the two and only the referee will know his reasons and judgement behind his decisions. We are going to miss Alex these next few games, that's for certain.

Our ten men were very good value for their point until one misplaced pass left us open for the first goal and then the game was lost. Joe Edwards had a storming game and was a clear winner of the CUSA MOTM voting. Another kick in the teeth though for the U's and their fans in a crucial Essex derby marred by events in the stands.

Watching any sporting event must be in a safe environment and despite its history, football should be no different. Last Saturday was a throw back to the dark ages and those responsible must be punished, and in my view that includes the stewarding at Southend.

A low profile is one thing but in a heated derby match it was a recipe for disaster and there's no excuse for letting someone with an intent to hurt someone go to and from his seat unchallenged. I was also very disappointed with the behaviour of some of the Southend players, but that will be for the footballing powers to deal with.

Let's all make sure that nothing like that ever happens again.

What must happen today though is the U's must win. Hopefully they've picked themselves up from last week and intend to do all that they can to make sure the three points are theirs at the final whistle.

Goals will keep us up this season. Winning games is the only thing that will save us, and as the saying goes, if you don't buy a ticket, you've got a diddy squat chance of winning the raffle.

Best of luck U's and play to win please!

Jon
CUSA Chairman

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Colchester United supporter Tom Leggett had a day to remember last Saturday, despite the U's loss to Essex rivals Southend United.

Tom has become well known to fellow fans after his efforts in recent months to raise money for his son Alfie, who was diagnosed at birth with Norrie Disease.

The disorder causes blindness and hearing problems and can result in autism, slow development and seizures. Alfie has already lost his sight and in December he went to Detroit to have a Vitrectomy, where scar tissue was removed from his retina.

Having already raised money to send Alfie to the States for the aforementioned operation, Tom decided to embark on another fundraising effort on Saturday for future treatment for his second son.

That meant setting off from the Weston Homes Community Stadium at 4am ahead of the second Essex derby of the season, with 39.1 miles ahead of him on the road before reaching Roots Hall.

Ten hours later and his journey was done, and Tom accepted the acclaim of both sets of supporters at Roots Hall, with a tear in his eye.

He told Brian Jeeves of the Yellow Advertiser: "I can't put it into words, it was incredible. I was reduced to tears.

"I couldn't keep my emotions back. People were so nice. The chairman came down to congratulate me - even the announcer and the stewards helped me and dipped into their own pockets.

"Of course, both sets of fans were amazing. They were giving me a round of applause and handing me money. We filled the collection bucket right to the

brim, it was absolutely fantastic.

"I can't even begin to say how thankful we are."

Tommy, who works for Lookers Ford at Sudbury, explained: "I started off at a decent pace, and felt really good going through Maldon where I met up with a Southend supporter who did a few miles with me.

"But after about 25 miles my left calf muscle went. From then on it was a massive, massive struggle. It was really painful, but I kept going.

"It took a little bit longer than I was hoping for, but I was happy to get there in the end."

"We are at around £2,500 in cash at the moment. But with money coming in from the auction of signed shirts and footballs from Southend and Colchester plus donations online, I reckon it will be about £3,500, which is phenomenal."

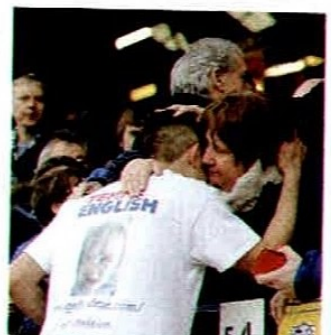
Southend United supporter Steve Walsh played a huge role in raising funds amongst the Blues fans.

He said: "I read about Alfie's plight via the Yellow Advertiser and along with Michael Levy and some other fans, we decided to hold a raffle in the local pubs to support his cause.

"It was a lot of hard work on the day, and we'd like to thank the Spread Eagle, Railway, Sutton Arms and Blue Boar who allowed us to sell tickets.

"We'd like to say a big thank-you to everyone who contributed. We raised £230.00 from raffling an autographed Southend shirt."

People can still donate to Alfie's fund at gofundme.com/alfiesvision.





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TOM VISITS THE FL BOYS CUP

Whitecourt Primary School will take Colchester United's name forward in the Football League Trust Kids Cup after winning the local round at the end of January.

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Kelvedon St. Mary's and Whitecourt Primary School (Braintree) met in the final after both remaining unbeaten in at the qualifying stages.

Whitecourt were the winners in a well matched, competitive final and, after going 1-0 down, they came back to win 2-1.

The players from all teams got to meet U's first teamer Tom Lapslie and Whitecourt will now go on to represent Colchester United at the regional finals being held at Coventry.



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| 15 & 16 February 2016 | Rec - 2 | 13.00 - 15.00 | Clacton LC | Book Direct | £12.50 | N/A |

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| Date(s) | School Yr | Time | Venue | Code | Price | Junior U's |
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| 15 February 2016 | 2-7 | 10.00 - 15.00 | Clacton LC | Book Direct | £12.50 | N/A |
| 17 February 2016 | 2-9 | 10.00 - 15.00 | Shrub End* | SE17 | £15.00 | £13.50 ★ |
| 19 February 2016 | 2-6 | 10.00 - 15.00 | WHCS* | WHCS5 | £15.00 | £13.50 ★ |

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| Date(s) | School Yr | Time | Venue | Code | Price | Junior U's |
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| 15 February 2016 | 2-6 | 10.00 - 15.00 | Shrub End* | SE18 | £15.00 | £13.50 |

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| Date(s) | Ages | Time | Venue | Code | Price | Junior U's |
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JUNIOR U'S TASTER DAY

| Date(s) | School Yr | Time | Venue | Code | Price | Junior U's |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| 17 February 2016 | Rec-6 | 10.00 - 12.00 | WHCS* | WHCS6 | £5.00* | FREE |

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GRAESON LAITT ASK LAITTY

Graeson Laitt is back again and on hand to give us all of the U's stats and facts throughout the season - if you've got a question for Laitty, send it in to [media@colchesterunited.net!](mailto:media@colchesterunited.net)

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the 78th meeting between the sides in all competitions, and the eighth here at the WHCS.

That puts them as the joint second most regular visitors to our new stadium level with Walsall and Oldham Athletic. Top of the pile is Leyton Orient who we have played here on nine occasions.

The U's won the first three meetings here with the Robins, lost the next three and last season, grabbed what ended up being a valuable point after Jacob's Murphy goal just 37 seconds into the game.

United will be looking for their first double of the season over Town thanks to a 2-1 victory at the County Ground in September.

George Moncur and Callum Harriott scored the U's goals that day with Wes Thomas getting a first-half equaliser for the home side.



Jacob Murphy celebrates his quickfire goal as the U's fought off relegation last season



"THE U'S WON THE FIRST THREE MEETINGS HERE WITH THE ROBINS, LOST THE NEXT THREE AND LAST SEASON, GRABBED WHAT ENDED UP BEING A VALUABLE POINT..."



Matt Briggs' next appearance for the club will be his fiftieth since joining originally on loan in January 2015.

THE HISTORY MATCH

United's biggest win over Swindon came at Layer Road in March 1956 when Ken Plant scored a hat-trick in a comprehensive 5-0 romp. The game saw a goal straight from the training ground.

Arthur Wood of the Colchester Gazette explains further: "A surprise free-kick move, which Ben Fenton used at times when he captained Charlton, on Saturday produced one of the smartest goals seen at Layer Road this season. No sooner had he slipped the ball forward into the penalty area than Bob Dale came racing from behind him at full speed to slam it into the net.

"This piece of strategy worked like a charm. Fenton's pass was beautifully judged, and the Swindon defence were taken completely by surprise as Dale ran on to it."

That season ended with Swindon bottom of the Division Three (South) table and needing to re-apply for election – which was as usual a foregone conclusion in the closed Football League shop at the time.

Perhaps that was a good thing though, for the U's had also had to apply for re-election in both 1954 and 1955. The only other time they had to do so was in 1973.



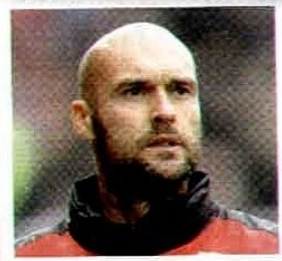
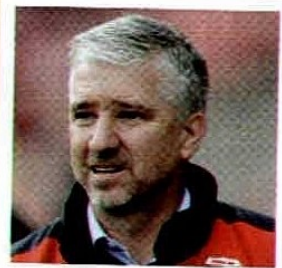
Ken Plant

Since the U's beat Swindon Town in September, the Robins have had three different managers.

Mark Cooper parted ways with the club following a defeat at Millwall in October, and he was temporarily replaced by Chairman Lee Power.

In November, Martin Ling was next appointed to the top job but sadly resigned just after Christmas due to health reasons.

Town are now managed by highly-rated coach Luke Williams who has been part of the backroom staff at the club since 2013.

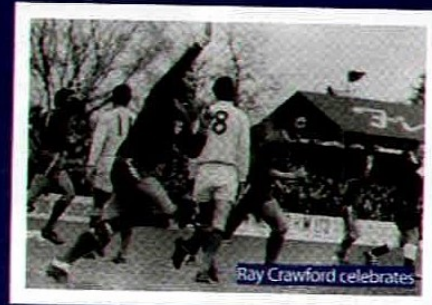


Gavin Massey will make his 150th Football League appearance for the U's next time he sets foot on the pitch.

ON THIS #COLU DAY

1952: The U's have their first experience of playing under floodlights. They beat Headington United (now Oxford United) by a single Jimmy Elder penalty at the Manor Ground. U's skipper Reg Stewart said "we thoroughly enjoyed it".

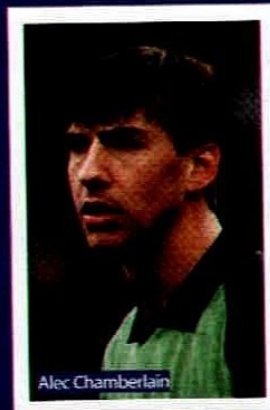
1971: The U's were involved in possibly the greatest FA Cup shock of all time as 'Graham's Grandad's' knocked Leeds United out of the FA Cup. Ray Crawford scored twice in the first-half making it an astonishing 3-0 scoreline before Leeds hit back via Norman Hunter and Johnny Giles. Graham Smith's superb late save from Mick Jones earns the U's a place in football history and a Sixth Round tie at Everton.



Ray Crawford celebrates

1987: Goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain makes his 200th consecutive appearance in the game against Rochdale. Tom English and Richard Wilkins score the goals in a 2-0 win.

1988: The U's suffer a 1-0 defeat at Cardiff City. United had been victorious in their last eleven meetings against sides from Wales.



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| DATE | OPPONENTS | COMP | RES | ATT | VIS | POS | Sam Walker | Owen Garvan | Matthew Briggs | Joe Edwards | Alex Wynter | George Elokobi | Drey Wright | Alex Gilbey | Chris Porter | George Moncur | Gavin Massey | Chris Lewington | Jamie Jones | Elliot Lee | Tosin Olufemi | Frankie Kent | Sammie Szmodics | |
|------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| | | | | | | | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 17 | |
| AUGUST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 8 | Blackpool | H | FL1 | 2-2 | 4,438 | 599 | 9 | U | | LB | CM | CB | | U | CM | FW | CM | RW | | | | | U | U |
| Tue 11 | Reading | H | LC1 | 0-1* | 2,706 | 595 | - | GK | | LB | CM | CB | | U | CM | FW | CM | RW | | | | | U | SUB |
| Sat 15 | Peterborough United | A | FL1 | 1-2 | 5,339 | 378 | 17 | | | LB | CM | CB | U | U | CM | | CM | RW | U | | | | U | SUB |
| Tue 18 | Oldham Athletic | H | FL1 | 0-0 | 2,917 | 207 | 18 | | | | CM | CB | U | U | CM | | | RW | U | | U | | U | CM |
| Sat 22 | Fleetwood Town | A | FL1 | 0-4 | 2,888 | 142 | 23 | | | U | CM | CB | SUB | U | CM | | | CM | RW | U | | | U | SUB |
| Sat 29 | Scunthorpe United | H | FL1 | 2-2 | 3,019 | 251 | 21 | | SUB | LB | CM | U | CB | SUB | CM | | CM | LW | U | | | | U | SUB |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 1 | Northampton Town | A | JFL1 | 2-3 | 1,866 | 111 | - | | CM | LB | U | CB | CB | SUB | | | CM | LW | | | | | CB | CM |
| Sat 12 | Chesterfield | A | FL1 | 3-3 | 5,277 | 134 | 22 | | CM | LB | CM | | CB | | CM | | SUB | LW | | GK | | | U | U |
| Tue 15 | Sheffield United | A | FL1 | 3-2 | 17,623 | 108 | 19 | | CM | LB | CM | U | CB | | | | CM? | LW | | GK | | | SUB | U |
| Sat 19 | Gillingham | H | FL1 | 2-1 | 4,694 | 1,171 | 12 | | | LB | CM | | | | SUB | | CM | LW | | GK | | | CB | U |
| Sat 26 | Swindon Town | A | FL1 | 2-1 | 6,687 | 212 | 10 | | CM | LB | CM | | U | | SUB | U | CM | LW | | GK | | RB | CB | |
| Tue 29 | Bradford City | H | FL1 | 2-0 | 3,334 | 298 | 8 | | CM | LB | CM | | U | | U | SUB | CM | LW | | GK | | RB | CB | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 3 | Bury | H | FL1 | 0-1 | 4,032 | 274 | 10 | | CM | LB | CM | | U | | SUB | SUB | CM | LW | | GK | | RB | CB | |
| Sat 10 | Shrewsbury Town | A | FL1 | 2-4 | 4,947 | 194 | 12 | | CM | | CM | | LB | | SUB | U | CM | LW | | GK | | RB | CB | |
| Sat 17 | Wigan Athletic | A | FL1 | 0-5 | 8,048 | 292 | 16 | | | LB | CM | | U | | CM | FW | SUB | | | GK | | RB | CB | U |
| Tue 20 | Port Vale | H | FL1 | 2-1 | 2,785 | 155 | 12 | | CM | LB | SUB | | CB | | CM | | CM | | | GK | | RB | CB | U |
| Sat 24 | Walsall | H | FL1 | 4-4 | 3,630 | 287 | 15 | | CM | | SUB | | CB | | CM | | CM | | | GK | | RB | LB | U |
| Sat 31 | Doncaster Rovers | A | FL1 | 0-2 | 5,324 | 194 | 16 | | CM | LB | U | | CB | | CM | | CM | | | GK | | RB | SUB | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | Wealdstone United | A | FAC1 | 6-2 | 2,469 | - | - | | | LB | RB | | | U | CM | | CM | SUB | | | | | U | CB |
| Sat 14 | Coventry City | H | FL1 | 1-3 | 5,275 | 880 | 17 | | | LB | RB | | SUB | | CM | U | CM | SUB | | GK | | | U | CB |
| Sat 21 | Millwall | A | FL1 | 1-4 | 8,739 | 442 | 17 | | | | RB | | CB | U | CM | SUB | CM | LW | | GK | | LB | | |
| Tue 24 | Crewe Alexandra | H | FL1 | 2-3 | 2,602 | 122 | 19 | | | LB | CM | | U | U | | FW | CM | RW | | GK | | RB | CB | |
| Sat 28 | Burton Albion | A | FL1 | 1-5 | 2,893 | 320 | 20 | | | LB | CM | | U | U | CM | FW | CM | RW | | GK | | | CB | SUB |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 6 | Altrincham | H | FAC2 | 3-2 | 2,592 | 398 | - | | | LB | U | | CB | | CM | SUB | CM | RW | | GK | | SUB | U | SUB |
| Sat 12 | Barnsley | H | FL1 | 2-3 | 3,265 | 288 | 22 | | | LB | CM | | CB | | CM | SUB | CM | RW | | GK | | | U | U |
| Sat 19 | Rochdale | A | FL1 | 1-3 | 2,205 | 91 | 24 | | | LB | CM | | CB | | CM | FW | CM | RW | | GK | | | U | |
| Sat 26 | Southend United | H | FL1 | 0-2 | 9,222 | 2,268 | 24 | | | LB | CM | RB | CB | SUB | CM | FW | CM | SUB | | | | | U | |
| Mon 28 | Gillingham | A | FL1 | 0-1 | 7,109 | 345 | 24 | | SUB | LB | CM | U | CB | SUB | CM | FW | LM | RW | | | | | | |
| JANUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | Oldham Athletic | A | FL1 | 1-1 | 3,535 | 101 | 23 | | SUB | LB | CM | SUB | CB | U | CM | FW | LM | RW | | | | | | |
| Sat 9 | Charlton Athletic | H | FAC3 | 2-1 | 5,742 | 1,804 | - | | CM | LB | SUB | CB | | U | CM | FW | LM | RW | | | | | U | |
| Sat 16 | Sheffield United | H | FL1 | 1-2 | 4,322 | 889 | 23 | | CM | LB | U | CB | | U | CM | FW | LM | RW | | | | | U | |
| Tue 19 | Fleetwood Town | H | FL1 | 1-1 | 2,493 | 40 | 22 | | CM | LB | U | CB | U | SUB | CM | FW | CM | RW | | | SUB | | | |
| Sat 23 | Scunthorpe United | A | FL1 | 0-3 | 3,332 | tbx | 22 | | CM | LB | CM | CB | U | U | CM | FW | AM | SUB | | | | | | |
| Sat 30 | Tottenham Hotspur | H | FAC4 | 1-4 | 9,920 | 1,958 | - | | CM | SUB | U | CB | | | CM | FW | CM | LW | | | U | | SUB | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 6 | Southend United | A | FL1 | 0-3 | 10,279 | 1,312 | 24 | | CM | SUB | CM | | LB | U | CM | FW | AM | AM | | | SUB | | CB | |
| Sat 13 | Swindon Town | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 16 | Chesterfield | H | FL1 | 19.45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 20 | Bury | A | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 27 | Shrewsbury Town | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARCH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 1 | Bradford City | A | FL1 | 19.45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | Port Vale | A | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12 | Wigan Athletic | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 19 | Walsall | A | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 25 | Doncaster Rovers | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 29 | Coventry City | A | FL1 | 19.45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APRIL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | Millwall | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 9 | Blackpool | A | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 16 | Peterborough United | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 19 | Crewe Alexandra | A | FL1 | 19.45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 23 | Burton Albion | H | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 30 | Barnsley | A | FL1 | 15.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sun 8 | Rochdale | H | FL1 | 12.30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

*after extra time, 0-0 after 90 minutes



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Colchester United are pleased to announce the launch of a great addition to the club's online sites.

Following the successful relaunch of the U's www.colutickets.com website over the summer, we have now launched www.coluboxoffice.com, allowing customers to buy tickets to our hugely popular social events.

Our comedy nights, tribute nights and other great evenings on our social calendar have seen the Weston Homes Community Stadium become one of the best places to go to in north Essex for a great night out.

And the new Box Office website makes it easier than ever to grab your tickets for an evening to remember with family or friends!

"We have been really pleased with the successes of colutickets.com since its summer relaunch," General Manager Tim Waddington said.

"We've seen online ticket sales increase significantly and the Print @ Home service has been particularly popular, with nearly 6,000 tickets sold in that way.

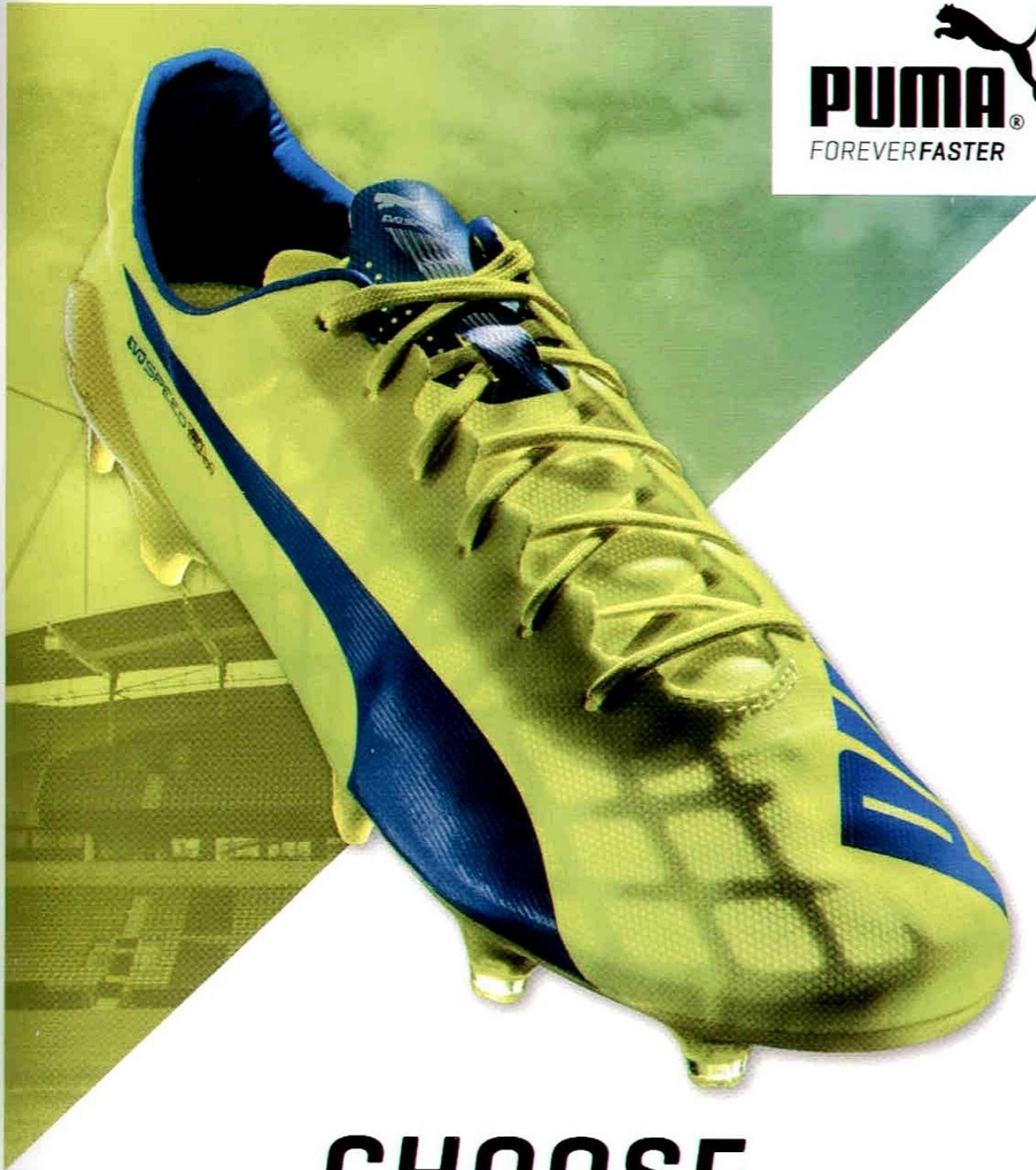
"We are really pleased with the new coluboxoffice.com site and a lot of hard work has gone into making buying a ticket for an event a simple process.

"I am sure it will prove hugely popular and we look forward to welcoming customers new and old to the Weston Homes Community Stadium."

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Manager: Kevin Keen

- Sam Walker 01 ●
- Owen Garvan 02 ●
- Matthew Briggs 03 ●
- Joe Edwards 04 ●
- Alex Wynter 05 ●
- George Elokobi 06 ●
- Drey Wright 07 ●
- Alex Gilbey 08 ●
- Chris Porter 09 ●
- George Moncur 10 ●
- Gavin Massey 11 ●
- Elliot Lee 12 ●
- Tosin Olufemi 14 ●
- Frankie Kent 15 ●
- Sammie Szmodics 17 ●
- Tom Eastman 18 ●
- Macauley Bonne 19 ●
- Tom Lapslie 20 ●
- Dion Sembie-Ferris 21 ●
- Kane Vincent-Young 22 ●
- Michael O'Donoghue 23 ●
- Richard Brindley 24 ●
- Darren Ambrose 28 ●
- Nicky Shorey 31 ●
- Elliott Parish 33 ●
- Marvin Sordell 45 ●

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Stephen Martin



Assistants:

Anthony Da Costa
Neil Hair



Fourth Official:

Oleksandr Saliy

LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

Blackpool v Shrewsbury
 Colchester v Swindon
 Coventry v Bury
 Crewe v Walsall
 Doncaster v Sheff Utd
 Gillingham v Barnsley
 Peterborough v Bradford
 Port Vale v Fleetwood
 Rochdale v Millwall
 Scunthorpe v Southend
 Wigan v Oldham

NEXT HERE



Chesterfield

Tuesday 16th February

Sky Bet League One

Kick-Off: 7.45pm



SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Luke Williams

- 01 Lawrence Vigouroux
- 02 Nathan Thompson
- 03 Brandon Ormonde-Ottewill
- 04 Fabien Robert
- 05 Jordan Williams
- 06 Jordan Turnbull
- 07 Drissa Traoré
- 08 Yaser Kasim
- 09 Michael Smith
- 10 Nicky Ajose
- 14 Michael Doughty
- 15 James Brophy
- 16 Jordan Stewart
- 18 Louis Thompson
- 19 Jeremy Balmy
- 20 Jonathan Obika
- 22 Lee Marshall
- 23 Josh Cooke
- 24 Jermaine Hylton
- 25 Tyrell Belford
- 26 Anton Rodgers
- 27 Bradley Barry
- 28 Ellis Iandolo
- 29 Raphael Rossi-Branco
- 31 Tom Smith
- 35 Jordan Young