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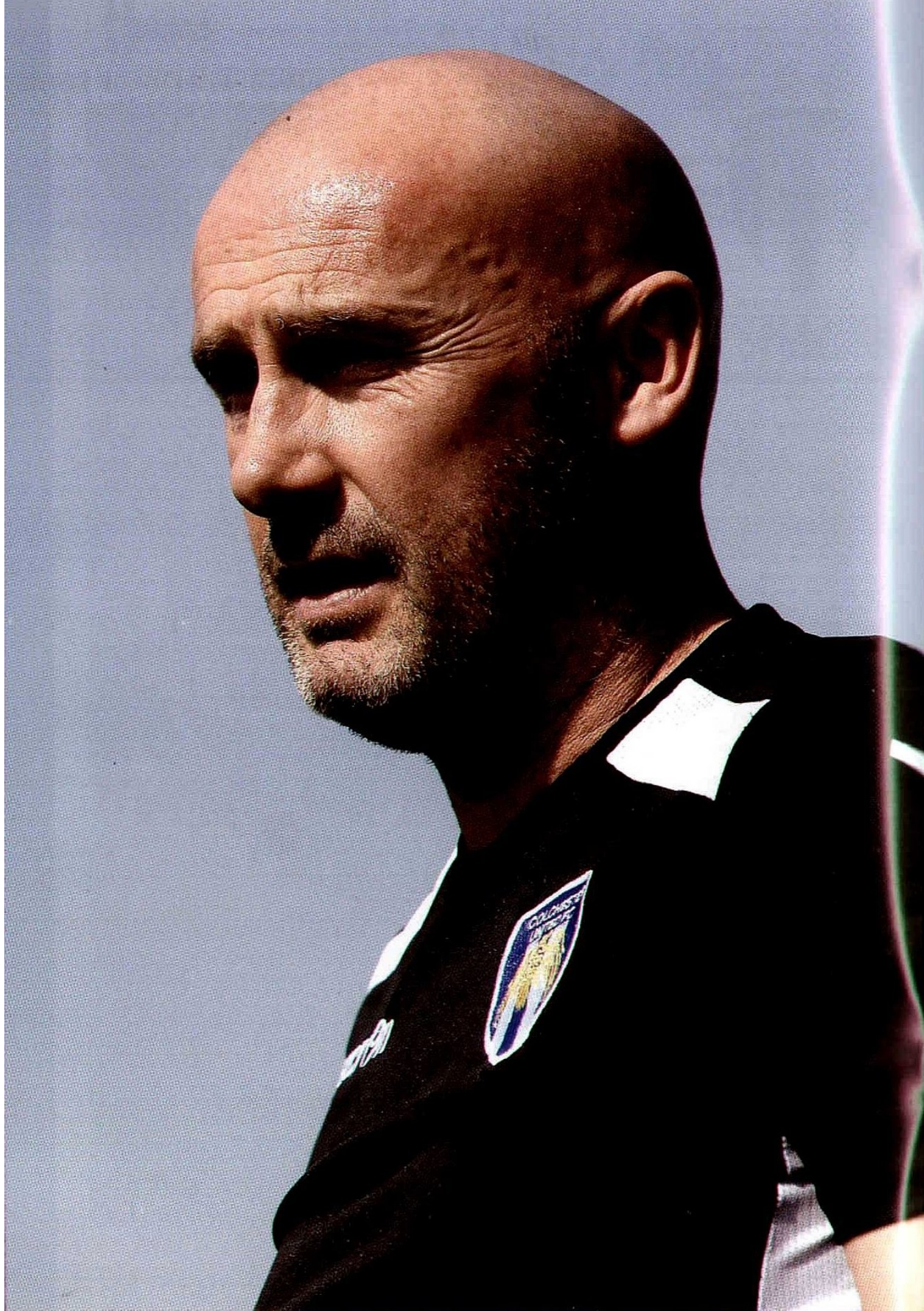
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HEAD COACH

JOHN MCGREAL



Welcome back for this afternoon's game, as we take on Swindon Town in what is the final home fixture for us this season. Ultimately, we have fallen a bit short of where we all wanted to be, but we're determined to finish on a high with two wins from the remaining two matches.



"I FEEL THAT INDIVIDUALLY, THERE HAS BEEN A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF IMPROVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE YOUNG PLAYERS THAT HAVE PLAYED A LOT OF GAMES FOR US THIS SEASON"

My welcome obviously extends to Phil Brown, his players, staff and supporters and I hope they all enjoy a safe journey back across the M4 this evening. They will be feeling our pain, with a place in the Play-Offs just evading them going into this week, and I'm sure their focus will be on getting maximum points.

Whilst our end goal wasn't quite achieved, the progress that a lot of our players have made over the past nine months has been pleasing to see. The biggest thing for me has been the way that they have bought into what Steve and I have been asking from them and we have played some outstanding football on occasions, some of which hasn't been rewarded with the goals it probably deserved.

I feel that individually, there has been a massive amount of improvement, especially in the young players that have played a lot of games for us this season. I must thank every single one of them for the effort and application they have put in and hope that they have the same will to do better as I have for next season.

No Manager or Head Coach can do everything on their own, and I have been fortunate to have some diligent and hardworking people working with me - people that I would like to thank for their help. Steve Ball and I are in each other's pocket all the time, I think I've seen more of him than my wife over the past nine months, and I think we bounce things off each other very well. Rene Gilmartin has come on board this season and done a great job with all the keepers, not just Sam and Dillon, and Physio Tony Flynn keeps making as many players as possible available to us.

We also have extremely good Sports Science and Performance Analysis departments to help us with the fitness and the preparation for matches, so thanks to Stefano Russo, Michael Still and all the staff in those departments. We also get a lot of support from everyone else at the training ground on a day to day basis so thanks to all of them, and a special thank you must go to Nancy Hayes, our

Club Secretary - she puts up with so many trials and tribulations from us on a daily basis and always comes up with the goods.

The help we get comes from the very top as well, with Robbie Cowling backing us in what we are trying to achieve and supporting all the coaching staff at the club. The two Tonys, Humes and Ashby, are also on hand whenever we need them and Florence Park is a great environment to work in. We expect the players to perform to their best day in, day out in training and of course on a matchday, and they can't do that without the correct food and drink. A big thank you then to the chefs that come in every day and of course to Jo who looks after all of us when we're in the canteen - and makes sure the players all tidy up after themselves!

We are generally only at the stadium on matchdays, but the support we get from everyone who works there is just as important. Tim Waddington and his team work so hard making sure all the games go smoothly and that makes it easy for us to concentrate on what we need to do. David Gregory and Matt Hudson also do a great job looking after the Media side of things, and have been crucial in making the relationship between us and the media, especially the local media, a strong one.

Finally, thank you all for your support throughout the season and for the way you have backed the lads every step of the way, even when things haven't gone our way. It's another season that has had its ups and downs, but one constant has been seeing you guys supporting the team up and down the country. It's a massive commitment, both financially and in terms of the time, and it's always great to hear you out-sing the home fans on those away trips. Thanks again, enjoy the remaining two matches and have a great summer.

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SEASON TICKETS & ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

As our 2017/18 home fixtures come to a close this afternoon, attentions will soon turn to what's coming up for the new campaign that gets underway in August.

Details of our 2018/19 Season Ticket packages are due to be confirmed in the near future but don't forget you can book your spot for next season with one of our Annual Subscriptions. These last for twelve months and allow you to spread the cost over the course of twelve payments! For more details, take a look at page 66 in today's match programme.



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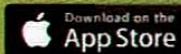
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This week, we dedicate our fixture against Swindon Town to the work of Kick It Out, football's equality and inclusion organisation.

Since 1993, Kick It Out has worked throughout the football, educational and community sectors to challenge discrimination, celebrate diversity and inclusion, and campaign for positive change.

Despite the progress made since then, Kick It Out's reporting statistics show that incidents of discrimination continue to increase and they cannot tackle the issue alone.

That's why the organisation is asking for the help of supporters to report any discriminatory abuse they see or hear – whether that's related to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation – in and around the Weston Homes Community Stadium today or in the future.

Throughout the 2017/18 season, Kick It Out will be raising awareness of the procedures in place for supporters to report any discrimination they witness or suffer at a professional game,

non-league, grassroots or even online.

Kick It Out's FREE reporting app, which can be downloaded on iPhone or Android, allows users to confidentially report incidents of football-related discrimination. The app also offers users the ability to attach video, photo and audio evidence to complaints to aid investigations into discriminatory abuse and behaviour at matches.

Aside from the app, discrimination can be reported to Kick It Out on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

It is recommended that users take screenshots of discriminatory posts on social media in case they are deleted before Kick It Out can file a report, and any report should preferably be sent to Kick It Out in a private message to ensure the safety of those reporting the incident.

These methods sit alongside the organisation's

well-established methods of reporting, including via email to info@kickitout.org and Freephone on 0800 169 9414.

Kick It Out is not a regulatory body and is therefore not responsible for administering sanctions and punishments, but the organisation's role is to raise the complaint with the club, The Football Association or relevant authority and then monitor the case to ensure appropriate action is taken.

Kick It Out will also offer support to those targeted by discrimination and can provide guidance as the complainant takes the case forward.

Colchester United are fully behind Kick It Out's work and in addition to its support in the programme today, the club will be promoting the organisation's reporting app on social media, as well as through Kick It Out resources such as posters, t-shirts and LED board advertisements inside the Weston Homes Community Stadium.





IN OPPOSITION

WORDS: Sam Preston

SWINDON TOWN

Colchester United welcome Swindon Town to the Weston Homes Community Stadium this afternoon for the final home game of the season.

Phil Brown's side sit ninth in League Two, two places ahead of the U's but neither side is now able to make it into the play-offs.

Today's visitors have the third best away record in the division, collecting 35 points on the road so far, so it is sure to be a stern test this afternoon.

Brown saw his side go down 1-0 at home to relegation-battlers Grimsby last time out so will likely be looking for a reaction from his players today.

Speaking after defeat which ended his side's hopes of ending the season in the top seven, he said: "We didn't see enough today.

"We showed enough in terms of commitment and they showed effort, they put energy into the shirt.

"Did we have enough nous and intelligence to prise open the door? When we went a goal behind that was the worst case scenario.

"We didn't have enough intelligence on the ball, we didn't have enough knowhow and we've been undone.

"I'm very, very disappointed because the home supporters were getting behind us, but as soon as the goal goes in it is a frustrating time for them as well as for myself."

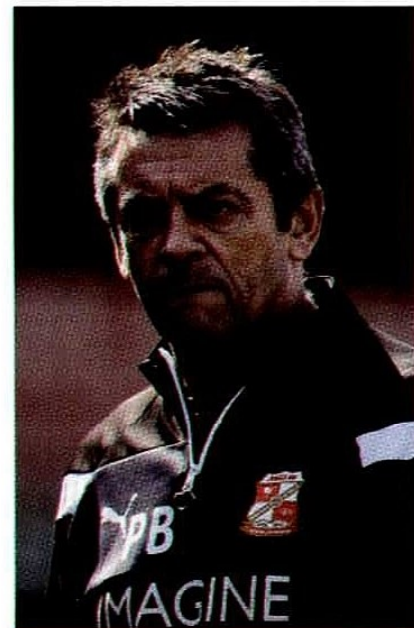
Colchester won the reverse fixture between the sides back in December, with a Sammie Szmodics goal enough to settle a five-goal thriller in their favour and will be looking to complete the double today.

Former Portsmouth man Matt Taylor was unable to help his side overcome the U's that day but did take over as interim manager between David Flitcroft's departure and Brown's appointment.

He has also been full of praise for his side's form on the road: "I think we've done very well away from home.

"We've been organised and compact and the shape's looked very good. We've worked particularly hard on the training ground and we've still got things we can improve on obviously.

"Players thrive on instructions. I think you can have a bit more freedom further up the pitch but in the first two-thirds of the pitch there has to be a good shape to the team and we've done that."



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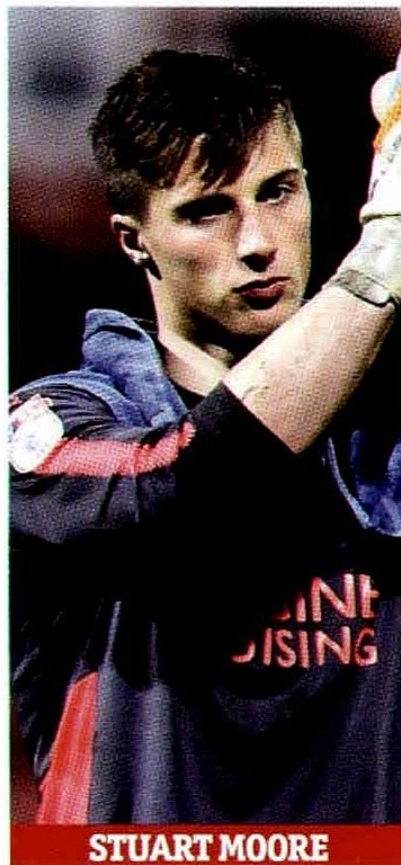
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Saturday 21st April 2018



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- 24 Knolly
- 23 Romanski
- 34 McGivern
- 03 Hussey
- 30 Anderson
- 16 Linganzi
- 08 Durine
- 31 Taylor
- 17 Richards
- 07 Mullin

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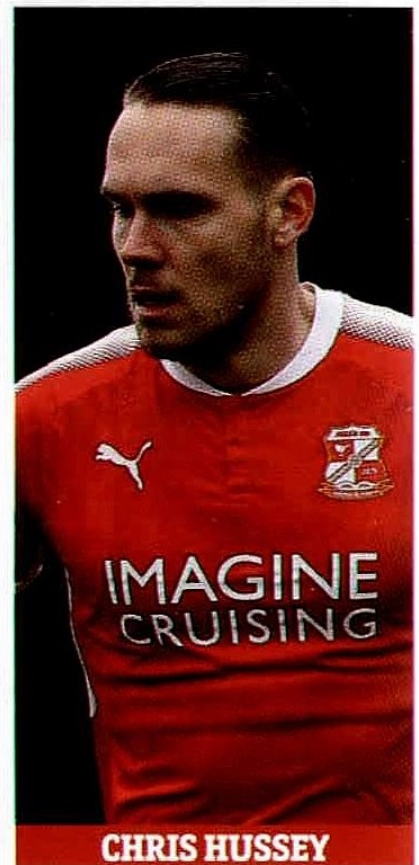


STUART MOORE

Moore is a 23-year-old goalkeeper who was brought to the County Ground in January after leaving Barrow to provide competition for Reice Charles-Cook.

A product of the academy at Reading, the shot-stopper enjoyed a number of loan spells including time with Peterborough and Luton before heading north for Barrow last summer.

The six foot, two inch goalkeeper has featured regularly for the Robins in recent weeks after making his debut in a 0-3 defeat at home to Cheltenham in early March.



CHRIS HUSSEY

Attacking left-back Hussey arrived on a season-long loan from Sheffield United in the summer. The 29-year-old began his career with AFC Wimbledon before spells with Coventry and Burton.

It was with Bury where his career came to life, playing a key role to win promotion to League One, tempting Sheffield United to secure his signature prior to winning the League One title.

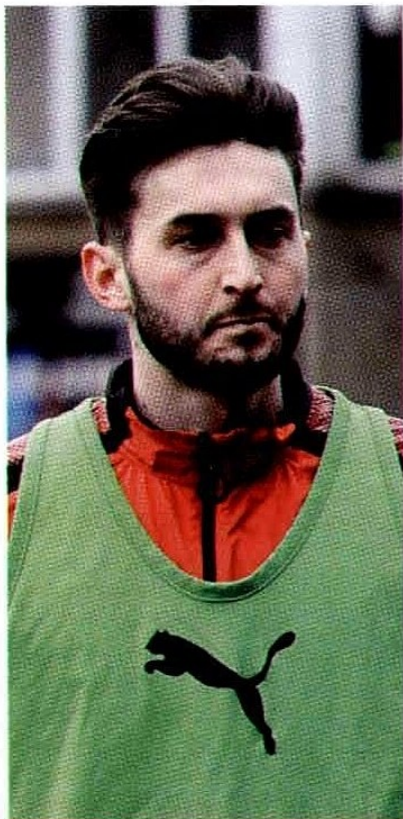
Hussey's attacking prowess was certainly evident in the opening months of the 2017/18 campaign as he contributed a number of assists for The Reds.

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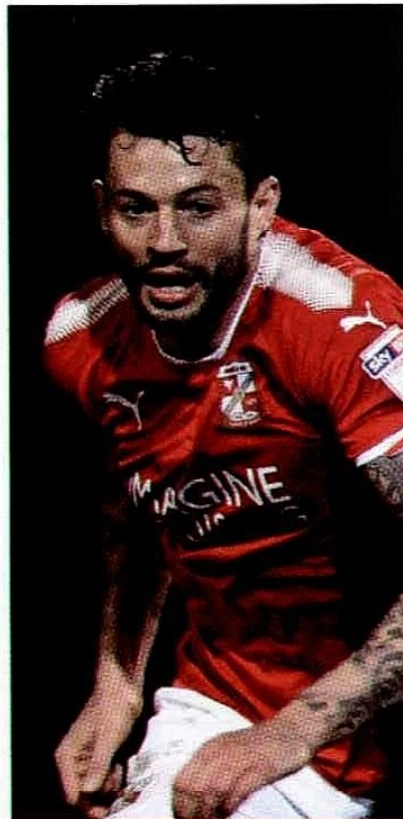


OLLIE BANKS

Added to Town's squad during the January window to help bolster the club's play-off hopes, Banks made the move on a loan deal from League One Oldham Athletic.

The midfielder has impressed at SN1, adding a different dimension to Town's midfield with an eye for a pass and the spectacular.

The 25-year-old previously spent time at Tranmere this season in a similarly temporary switch from Boundary Park, after moving to Oldham in 2016 from Chesterfield.

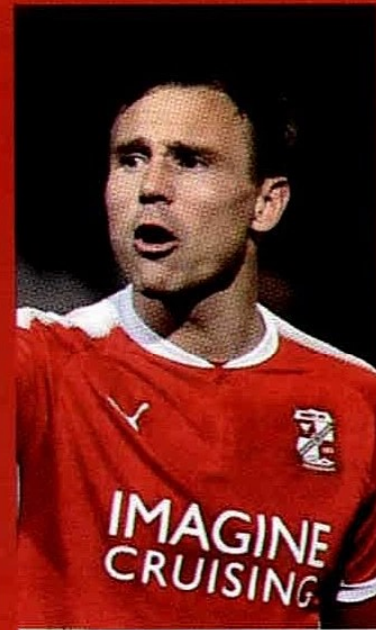


MARC RICHARDS

Experienced, proven goalscorer Richards made the switch to the County Ground in January on a free transfer after leaving Northampton Town.

With 197 goals under his belt during an 18-year career, the 35-year-old front man has been a massive hit in SN1 since his arrival having bagged 10 goals in 18 appearances for the Robins so far, including nine from his first 11 appearances.

Richards' most prolific spell came with Port Vale, where he notched 44 goals across two campaigns for the Valiants.



MATT TAYLOR

STAR MAN

Age: 36
 Position: Midfielder
 Signed From: Northampton
 Career Apps: 705
 Career Goals: 91



Town pulled off a coup when they persuaded the former Premier League star to drop down to League Two in August 2017. The former Portsmouth, Bolton and West Ham United starlet has been a leading example on and off the pitch for Town this season and he's been a key player on the pitch, contributing twelve assists and seven goals, with his set-piece abilities still as good as they were in his prime.

Taylor is a model professional and he has the respect of his team-mates and everyone at the club, which was only heightened when he stepped in to the breach as Caretaker Boss in March 2018.



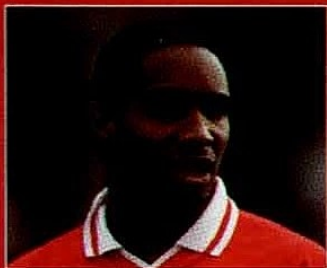
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IN OPPOSITION

UNLIKELY LADS



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.

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.

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, he has since worked in the media.



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.

OSSIE ARDILES

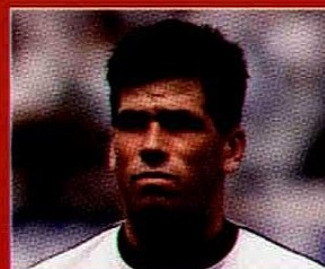
Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie Ardiles made two League appearances for Swindon Town in 1989/90. Together with Ricky Villa, the World Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped win the FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in 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 charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.



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

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.

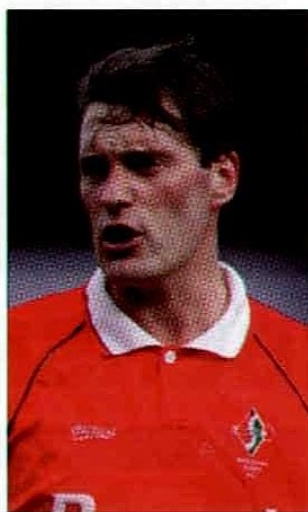


DAVE MACKAY

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.

GLENN HODDLE

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



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.



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 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'.



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LITTLE MIX COMING SOON!



It is now only two months until our big summer concert, where we welcome global music superstars Little Mix to Colchester.

Over 20,000 people will descend on the home of Colchester United to see the world's biggest girl band in action and they will welcome two support acts to north Essex.

Little Mix have announced that 2017 X Factor Winners RAK-SU and Australian sister trio Germein will be joining them on their huge of UK summer shows throughout July as part of the group's 'The Summer Hits Tour 2018'.

Kicking off in Hove on 6th July and heading to Colchester on 8th July, the run of 15 live shows ends in Inverness on 29th July.

The shows will see Little Mix perform their greatest hits, including 'Touch', 'Shout Out to My Ex', 'Black Magic', 'Wings', 'Move' and 'Power'.

Brit and Global award winners Little Mix released The Platinum Edition of their smash hit album 'Glory Days' late last year.

The original version of the album spent five weeks at the top of the UK Albums Chart surpassing any other album released by a female group this millennium and becoming the longest reigning girl group No.1 album since Spice Girls' debut 20 years ago.

Rak-Su are a four-piece group from Watford who triumphed in The X Factor, in December 2017. They were not only the first

male band to win the competition, but also the first ever X Factor act to have had three of their singles top the UK iTunes chart while being on the show, including original tracks Mona Lisa and I'm Feeling You.

Dimelo, the group's winners duet with Wyclef Jean and Naughty Boy, debuted at No.2 and has now been certified silver, spending three weeks in the Top 10 of the Official UK chart. The day after being crowned the winner also saw Rak-Su achieve an incredible five songs in the iTunes Top 6 at one point, including Dimelo at No.1.

Australian sisters Germein have the kind of close musical partnership that can only be shared by siblings, and are kicking off 2018 with a brand-new sound.

Whether jamming together at their home in the Adelaide Hills, playing alongside Arcade Fire and Catfish & the Bottlemen at the Isle of Wight festival, or opening UK stadium shows for Little Mix, it's their mutual connection to music that has seen sisters Georgia, Ella and Clara make their mark.

PARKING AND TRAVEL

Parking details for the concert will be announced very soon – stay tuned to the official website and our social media channels for more details!



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Sheffield Wednesday drew level in the 93rd minute and #ColU had a penalty saved in the 94th on Monday night.

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FT | An injury-time winner for the Imps claims all 3 points - thanks once again to those who travelled and showed their support (2-1) #ColU

A 2-1 loss for the U's on their travels at 7th week. Just a couple of games left of this season to get behind the U's!

Swindon Town FC @OfficialSTFC
FT | SWINDON TOWN 0-1 @officialgtfc
Mitch Rose's first-half penalty is the difference here this afternoon.

Today's visitors Swindon, lost out last week to Grimsby 0-1 at home.

Colchester Rough Sleepers Group @ColchesterRG
Members of the Colchester Rough Sleepers Group receiving a cheque before Saturday's match against Notts County for money raised by the joint sleep out with @ColU_Official at the Weston Homes Community Stadium in March. Thank you to everyone who took part & donated



Thanks to anyone who has donated money to the Rough Sleepers Group. The money will be put to a good cause.

Eddie The Eagle @EddieAggs1
Not the result we wanted on Saturday away to Lincoln City! Lets put things right this weekend against Swindon Town for our last home game at The WHCS this season! #ColU

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Let's hope for some more sun and heat like this time last week at Lincoln!

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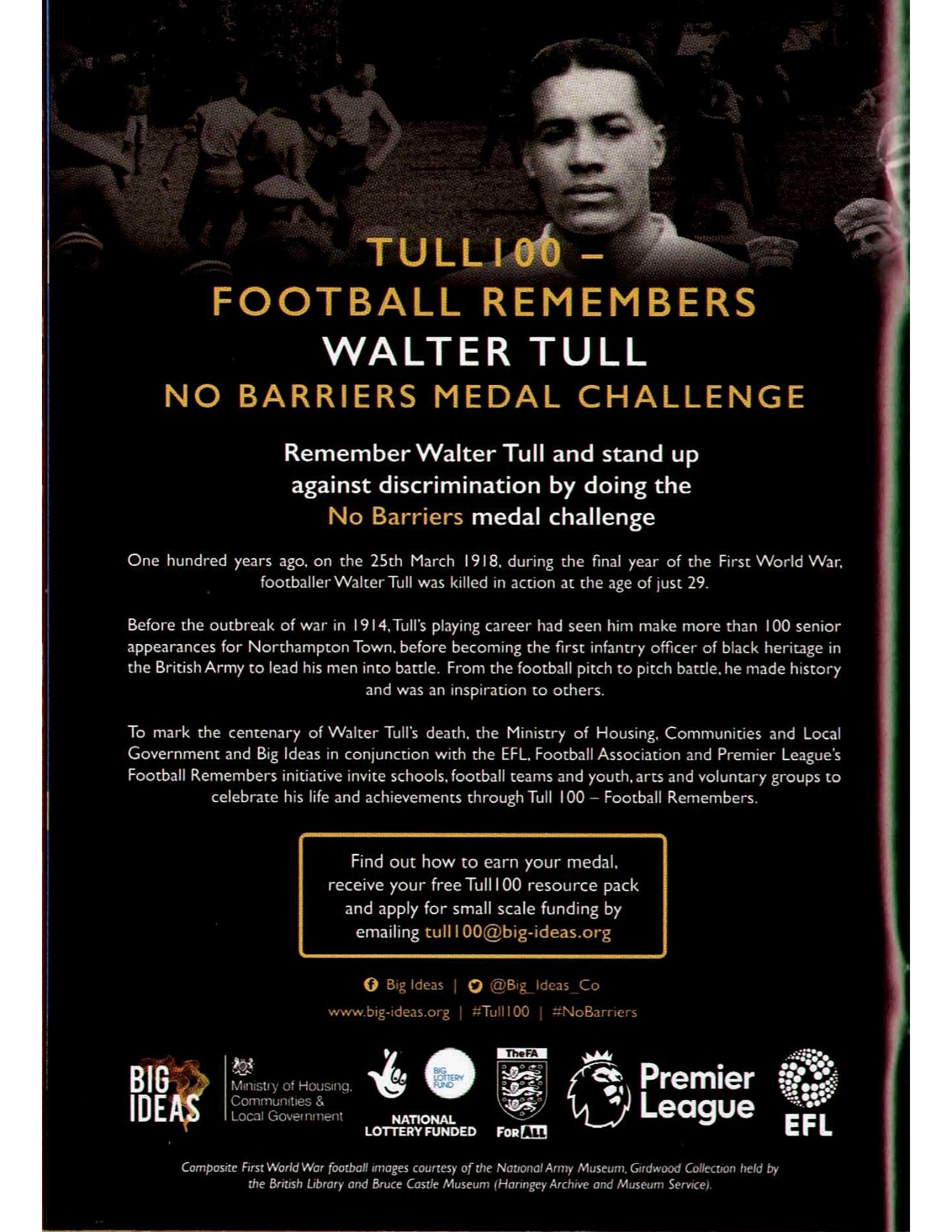
Wonder how long it would take for you to name all the other 120.



Great photo from the Notts County game. The sun has finally arrived in Essex.

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#ColU defender Cole Kpekawa has departed the club, after his contract was cancelled by mutual consent. We wish Cole well with the next stage of his career: cu-fc.com/news/2018/apri...

Good luck to Cole in the next stage of his footballing career!



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To mark the centenary of Walter Tull's death, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Big Ideas in conjunction with the EFL, Football Association and Premier League's Football Remembers initiative invite schools, football teams and youth, arts and voluntary groups to celebrate his life and achievements through Tull 100 – Football Remembers.

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CAPTAIN

LUKE PROSSER



I can't believe that this is the final home game of the season – the past few weeks have flown by since we got into the last dozen matches. We still have today and the trip to Exeter next weekend, and I speak for all of the squad when I say that we want to finish as high as we possibly can. We are massively disappointed, as I'm sure you all are, to have fallen short of our target of a Play-Off place but let's go out on a high with six points.

Unfortunately, we haven't managed to do that in the past two matches since I last spoke to you, here against Notts County and away at Lincoln last weekend. Yes we were playing two of the teams above us that are looking like they'll get into the Play-Offs – but we still felt that we competed and out played both of them and should have taken the six points on offer.

Neither of those two sides play the football that we play but in both matches, we succumbed to what they do best – get plenty of balls into the box and put us under pressure defensively. Against Notts County, we went ahead with a great goal from Drey, and looked by far the best team for at least an hour. We couldn't score the second goal when we were dominating, another trait evident through the season, and they ended up scoring three in that last half hour.

At Lincoln last Saturday, we went behind to a relatively soft penalty but showed belief in our play to get back at them. Courts scored at the end of a good move, and we looked favourites to go on and win, especially when they went down to ten men. Once again, we had chances but they hit us with a sucker punch in injury time to win the game, in front of what was a fantastic crowd.

So once again we came away from a game knowing we had played pretty

well, but got no reward for it. It means that we are now completely out of the Play-Off picture, but that's not to say that we have nothing to play for in these two matches. As I said, we are desperate to finish as high as possible, and there are also a number of players that are out of contract including myself and will be playing for our futures.

I would just like to finish my notes today with a few thank yous. The backroom staff at Florence Park do a fantastic job of preparing us for games every week, being there long after we have gone home after training, so thanks for your support throughout the season. A special thank you personally to Tony Flynn and Stefano Russo. I was out injured a very long time as you all know and if it wasn't for them both working tirelessly with me, I probably wouldn't have managed to get back playing this season. A thank you also to all the staff here at the stadium who back us to the hilt and another special group must get the final mention.

You guys and girls who follow us up and down the country, home and away, during all weathers and no matter what the mileage. Your support has been immense again this season and on behalf of the whole squad, a big thanks, keep up the good work in the last two matches and have a great summer.

Prosser



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CHARITY COLLECTION: ROYAL ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF PEOPLE



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Today we welcome one of our 2018 Charity Partners, the Royal Association For Deaf People, for the final charity collection of the season.

For 176 years, the Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD) has worked to ensure that Deaf people have access to services in British Sign Language.

From supporting children and families, to helping Deaf people find work, to befriending older people; we are here to make sure the people who use our services get the support they want, when they need it and that it is accessible to them.

Amanda Casson-Webb, Director of Communication Services and Community Development said: "We are delighted to have been chosen alongside Mid and North Essex Mind as Colchester United's Charity Partner for 2018. We are proud to be part of the Deaf community particularly here in Colchester.

"This partnership offers us a fantastic opportunity to raise vital funds to support our services as well as increase Deaf Awareness."

Thank you in advance to both sets of fans for their generosity.

ROGER MATTHEWS 1942-2018



After winning the Baxter Cup at North Street Primary in 1952, Roger Matthews won a visit to watch Colchester United train at Layer Road. From that moment on, he was hooked and for the next 66 years he rarely missed a home game, playing an active role in the club and its supporters.

Sadly Roger died very suddenly on Thursday 19th April, peacefully and surrounded by his family Liz Matthews (wife) and children, Heidi, Gair and Kieron. He loved Colchester United, second only to family and friends and would often be asked to quote scores, matches, and players names.

His fondest memory of course, was beating Leeds in 1971. He also loved drawing with Arsenal in 1959 and thrashing Barrow 5-0 in 1992 to gain promotion - the year of the double when the club went to Wembley and beat Witton Albion for the FA Trophy.

We suspect he will be with us on the terraces in spirit and would be hoping for a win today - Come on the U's!

U18S VISIT CARE HOME

Colchester United's U18s had an afternoon with a difference recently, as they visited a local care home to meet residents.

The U's youth team players, along with Head of Education Ian Lowe and Welfare & Safeguarding Officer Peter McCormack, visited Foxburrow Grange in Colchester.

The boys participated in a music and movement session with the residents, and also got to spend time with U's Hall of Famer Bobby Hunt as part of their visit.

Bobby spoke about his career with the U's and Ian said the players got a lot out of their visit: "It was such a fantastic experience to be able to spend time with the residents of Foxburrow Grange.

"Our Academy players are fully aware that Colchester United belongs to the community.

"By spending an afternoon with the residents, and helping the staff with instruction of an activity, it was an opportunity to develop key personal and professional life skills to succeed.

"It was also a true privilege to speak with Colchester



United legend Bobby Hunt. The man is an inspiration for any aspiring footballer, and the fact he is such a genuine person and great company is an added bonus.

"We are very grateful that he is prepared to give up his time to speak with our Academy players."

BIRTHDAYS!



Happy Birthday Michael Laughton

A big welcome to Michael Laughton, who is with us to belatedly celebrate his 70th birthday. He was a keen footballer into his early fifties and a qualified local referee, so is well versed in the ways of football – we hope he enjoys his visit with his wife Judith today.



Happy Birthday Martin & Carrie Ann

Happy 40th Birthday Martin and Carrie Ann Shirlcliffe. Lots of love from Mum, Ray, Lucy, Keith and Dean x



Happy 60th to Steve Jolly

Wishing a Happy 60th birthday to Steve Jolly for 30th June. Love from Daniel, Marrion, Jonathan, Elliott and Boston.



Happy Birthday to Lindsay Boreham

Happy 60th Birthday Mum. Have a great day. Come on Col U! Love Paul, Adam, Josh, Laura, Noah & Hugo xxxx

PROGRAMMES UP FOR SALE

Geoff Alsop, once of Lexden and a regular at Layer Road until his family moved north, is selling his collection of Colchester United home programmes.

There are well over 300 from 1956/57 to 1970/71 including several complete seasons. Other than rusty staples, they are in excellent condition and Geoff would prefer that they are purchased by U's supporters.

If you are interested, a list of the programmes are available from geoffalsop@gmail.com.



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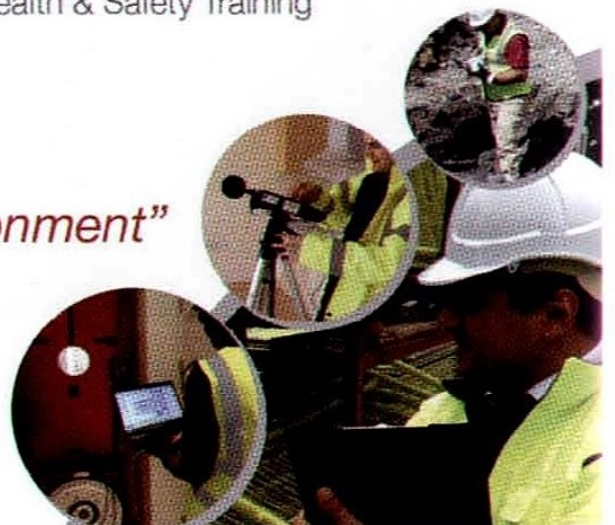
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CUSA

On behalf of the Colchester United Supporters Association I would like to welcome you all back to the Weston Homes Community Stadium this afternoon for the visit of Swindon Town.

Both teams have seen their play-off ambitions diminish in recent weeks and whilst there seems to be little to play for today, I am pretty sure that the U's players and fans will be gunning for as strong a finish as possible before the summer break. It's our final home game of a season which seems to have flown by this time.

There will be regret and disappointment that the U's struggled for form and consistency since the turn of the year. The view amongst the supporters I have spoken to is that they definitely feel that it has been an opportunity lost because they know how well we can play in a division of a largely average ability. A real pity but we all hope to have better success next season and get out of League Two again.

We all know that Accrington have done incredibly well with their winning formula. Luton have smacked in a huge number of goals and these two teams deserve their promotion. The others have really been on a par with the U's and it has come down to fine margins, key moments and the odd sucker punch, like last week, that have damaged our cause.

It has not been for a lack of effort and I could probably write page upon page with my views on our players and how hard they have worked this season. There have been some real heroes out on the pitch for the U's this season. I wish I could name them all but I am hoping that they already know who they are. We need to keep hold of them for next season and find some other heroes to join them. A massive thank you from the CUSA members to all of the U's players this season.

That thanks is extended to John McGreal and everyone else at the football club who have helped to deliver the football for us to watch, or helped the fans during the season, especially Chris in the Ticket Office



and Matt for often being the face of the U's.

The players did all that they could at Lincoln City last week in front of a very good U's away following. The three points really should have been ours and the word "gutted" barely did our feelings justice at the final whistle. These type of moments last Saturday which didn't go for us, will need to be put right for next season.

One final note and it's not sour grapes. In my view, and successful it may be, but the Lincoln brand of football and style of management feels like an acquired taste. The fourth official certainly earned his corn that afternoon!

In the final programme notes of the season it would be very amiss of me not to remember some of the loyal fans and CUSA members that have very sadly passed on during the course of the season. The U's have lost some very good people these past few months, such as Alan Smith, David Salmon, Tony Covill, Brian Smith, Becky Gladwin, Doug Grove and most recently our friend Roger Matthews, who had strong links to the U's and was hugely supportive. My apologies for any omissions that I have failed to mention. We will miss them all.

Finally from me, thank you to all of the U's

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fans and CUSA member that have backed and followed the team this season. Thank you to Talisman Coachlines for looking after us up and down the country, and in particular our regular driver Peter Strong. Thanks to the CUSA Committee Members who have done a fantastic job on a number of fronts this season, and Happy Birthday to Vice Chairman Malcolm Cole who is 65 next Friday.

There is more work ahead which we hope in time will be of help to the football club and the fans. And lastly, a big thank you from me to the lads who have played brilliantly for our Sunday side this season.

A third place finish and a couple of excellent cup runs courtesy of a some top contributions from the likes of 20+ goal man Paul Roberts, Richard Blaxall (birthday boy tomorrow), Craig Dees, Dan Roberts, Antony McLoughlin, Richard Crick, Richard Coghill, Rob Lee and Ryan Morrison. Not forgetting of course, everyone's favourite linesman, Richie Anderson.

Good luck today U's, thanks for your support and I would like to wish everyone a truly splendid summer.


**Up the U's!
Jon Burns
CUSA Chairman**

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Welcome back for this afternoon's match, as Swindon Town provide the last opposition this season here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium. Although both sides are out of the Play-Off race now, I'm sure both sets of players will be going all out to finish the season on a high in the remaining two matches.

Hopefully, that won't result in any injuries and we'll get through the last 180 odd minutes without any issues. There's only a couple of players that definitely won't be involved today, Brennan Dickenson and Louis Dunne.

Louis continues his long road back to full fitness, and is working hard in the gym on his strengthening and balance work. He has got a long summer in front of him, but he has already shown the kind of attitude that will get him through it.

Brennan has been out of action a much shorter time, and will be back in a much shorter time as well. The scan on his thigh did reveal some disruption to the fibres but it wasn't as serious as it could have been. We won't see him out there this afternoon and it will be touch and go whether he makes the final game of the season next weekend at Exeter.

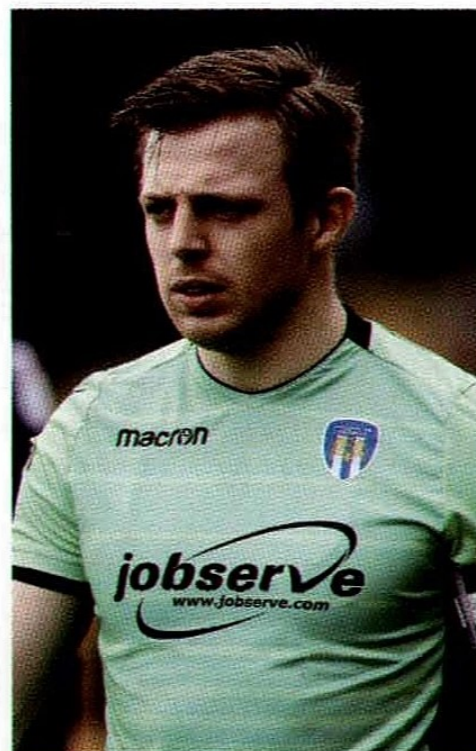
Tom Lapslie is the only other player we have had in the treatment room lately, but he has trained this week, with the aim of being fit for selection today. As with any injured player, Tom won't be rushed back at the risk of making the injury worse so he will only be considered if there is no reaction from the training ground.

There haven't been any other players with us over the past week or two, and hopefully, there won't be any more in the final week. With it being our last home game, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a number of people who have helped get us through the past nine months of the 2017/18 season.

With me in the treatment room, Alex Stefanakis has worked extremely hard is assisting me with the group and has been a real asset to the Medical Department. All the physios in all the age groups of the Academy, from the U23s down to the U9s do a great job in minimising the time any player spends in the treatment room rather than out on the training pitches at Florence Park.

And when we come over here to the stadium on a Saturday or Tuesday, we have got a fantastic matchday team led by Dr Pennell. It mustn't be forgotten that he and his team not only look after the players, they look after the welfare of the supporters if the need arises. So a big thanks to everyone connected to the medical side of things at the club.

Finally, thanks for your support over the past nine months – have a great summer and I hope you'll be back refreshed and ready to go again in August.



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NEWS FEATURE

SENIOR SIGNS ON

There was good news for the U's ten days ago, when it was announced that flying winger Courtney Senior has signed a new contract with the club. The twenty year old has made a big impression since making his first team debut in August, and has scored four goals so far for John McGreal's side.

The tricky wide man has now signed a new two year deal to extend his stay with the club and Head Coach McGreal was understandably pleased to have secured Courtney's future. He told the club's official website: "I am delighted. We've been trying to get it sorted for a little while now, so I am really pleased that it's done."

"We've been patient with him with his injury and we told him that once he got back and fit, he would be playing first team football - and he's grabbed that chance with both hands."

Courtney has mustered sixteen appearances in all competitions and has already become a big fans' favourite with his dynamic style of play. McGreal continued: "We know what he can bring to the table and, in his first window of opportunity, he has proven what he can do," John added.

"He has created and scored goals and now it's a question of building on that early success and becoming an important part of our team. He gets bums off seats and has become



a real favourite in a short period of time.

"He's still learning his trade and there's no better place for him to aid his development than at Colchester United. He's a fantastic talent and we're looking forward to seeing more in the next two years."

The player himself was also pleased to sign the new contract, saying: "I am delighted to extend my time here by another two years and I now want to get as much game time as I can. I broke into the team around Christmas and have now played a few games - I want to push on and try and secure a regular place in the starting line up next season."

"Staying here longer was always my

100% focus and I'm grateful for the faith that the Gaffer and the club have shown in me. I was injured for a whole season but was always being reassured that I would be involved as soon as I was fit again and that was a real positive for me."

According to the youngster, the step up to first team football was a big one, but one that he feels that he has coped with. He concluded: "The intensity of first team football is much higher than it is in U23s matches, and the pace is much quicker. Having bigger crowds also puts a bit more pressure on us but having them cheer you on gives you a big boost and that can only make you play better. I think I have coped with the step up in the past few months, but I do want to be involved in every game possible from now on."

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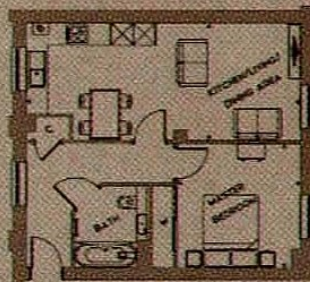
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A BIG THANK YOU

After almost three million visitors, six international football matches and three concerts featuring global music stars, a successful ten year partnership between Colchester United and Weston Homes will come to a close this summer.

Whilst Weston Homes have had a fabulous partnership with the U's and both parties have seen their name carried far and wide by one of the most productive deals in the club's history, the club have chosen not to renew this deal.

Both Colchester United and Weston Homes part on extremely good terms, with both sides celebrating the significant benefits generated by the decade long partnership.

Weston Homes said: "We have had a fantastic partnership with Colchester United and the decade long sponsorship agreement got our brand name partnered with the Stadium and the football club and, as a result, has seen us associated with a range of extremely high profile sporting, music, charity and cultural events. It has been extremely successful and we wish the club and the stadium the very best for the future."

Colchester United said: "We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to Weston Homes for their fantastic support over the past ten years. It has been a hugely successful partnership

over the past decade and is one of the longest in the club's history.

"Weston Homes' support has allowed Colchester United to establish the stadium as a key community hub and their backing both as title sponsor and at individual events has allowed us to create many special stories together since the venue opened in 2008.

"The past decade has seen us host three major concerts featuring global music stars, six international football fixtures, along with a host of sporting and non-sporting events that has benefitted a broad cross section of the community in Colchester and across the region.

"Hundreds of thousands visit the stadium each year and Weston Homes name has been synonymous with the successes we have enjoyed in our first ten years at our new home."

Over the coming pages, we take a look at the most memorable moments at the Weston Homes Community Stadium since we arrived in 2008.





MEMORABLE MATCHES

This afternoon's match sees the conclusion of the tenth league season at our current stadium and, along the way, there have been plenty of memorable matches to get the senses tingling and remind us just why we turn up and support our local team.

We will all no doubt have matches that stand out in our minds, but we've selected a few here to get those memories flowing when you head down the pub after this afternoon's proceedings.



Weston
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THE CURTAIN RAISER ATHLETIC BILBAO, AUGUST 2008

After over thirty years of talk about a new stadium, the big day finally arrived on August 4th, 2008. Spanish side Bilbao were the visitors for the first ever match at our new home and it was an entertaining game on a sunny evening. There were two penalties in the match, with Scott Vernon notching from the spot for the U's, but it was the Spaniards who took the victory with a late penalty of their own.



THE DRAMATIC CONCLUSION TO THE SEASON PRESTON NORTH END, MAY 2015

In the 2014/15 campaign, the U's had spent the majority of the season in the bottom four and entered the final day knowing they needed results to go their way across a series of games to escape relegation. Preston arrived safe in the knowledge that bettering MK Dons' result would ensure automatic promotion. When Chris Porter missed a penalty for the U's, fans feared the worst, but George Moncur popped up with just nine minutes to go and, with results changing elsewhere, a dramatic survival was confirmed.



THE VISIT OF THE BIG BOYS TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, JANUARY 2016

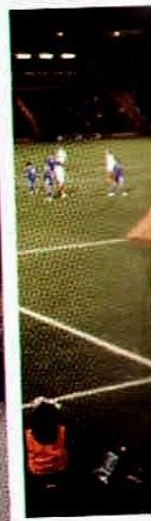
A sell out crowd at the Weston Homes Community Stadium welcomed Premier League high fliers Tottenham Hotspur in front of the TV cameras in 2016. The U's fans in attendance would have been hoping for an upset, but the team's plans were undermined early on when Tom Eastman and Alex Wynter both left the game after a clash of heads. Tottenham went on to show their class as they progressed to the Fifth Round, but there was a moment for the U's fans to enjoy when Gavin Massey's cross forced a late own goal.

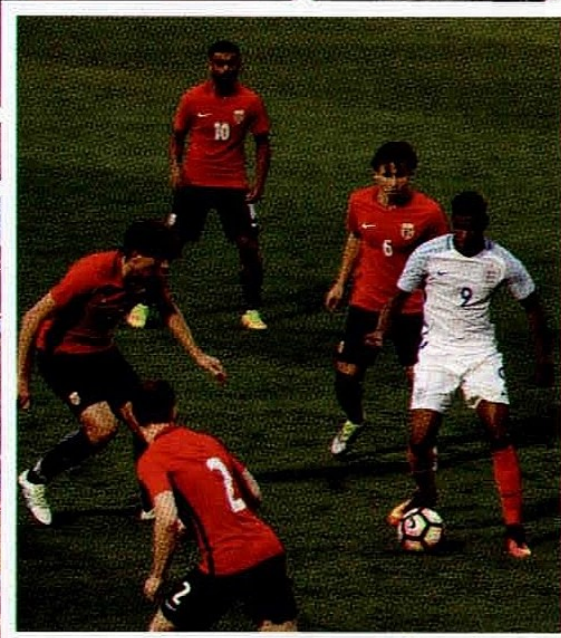
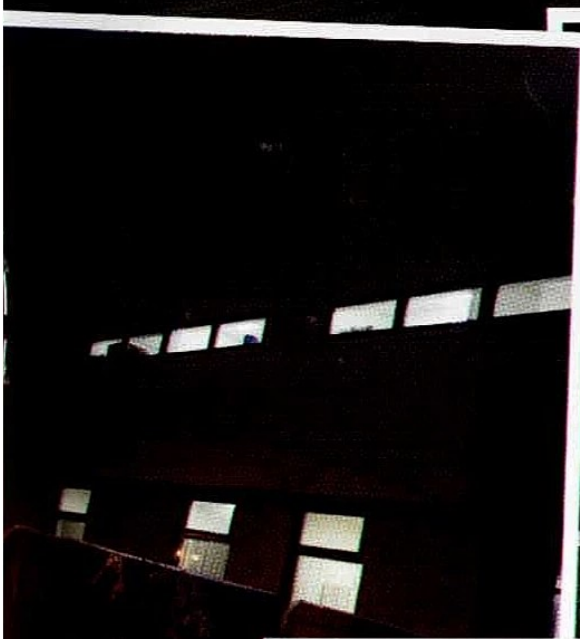


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Over the course of the first ten years at our current home, we have been privileged to have hosted six international fixtures, as England and the FA have made Colchester United's home one of their own.

Football fans in north Essex have been able to watch England U19s, the England Lionesses twice and the England U21s three times.

The national side have recorded some memorable victories, including a 5-0 win over Iceland and a 6-1 win over Norway, with Marcus Rashford scoring a hat-trick as part of his remarkable emergence into the professional game last season.

The England ladies side also got on the goal trail last season, defeating Kazakhstan 5-0 with four goals in twelve minutes in front of a sold out stadium, testament to the progress of the women's game over the course of the ten years since our move from Layer Road.



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A COMMUNITY FACILITY

One of the challenges presented to Colchester United when they moved to their new home in 2008 was to make the stadium a true community facility – and it is a challenge that has been accepted with relish and with great success over the past ten years.

Only a month ago, over 4,000 runners from the local area and beyond participated in the Colchester Half Marathon, which started and finished from the U's home venue. Thousands were raised for local charities as many of those participating fine tuned for the London Marathon.

The stadium has also hosted St Helena Hospice's Midnight Walk on several occasions, an event which is one of hundreds of community events to have been held at the stadium across the ten years to enable local good causes to raise valuable funds.

Our social events calendar including Tribute Nights, Comedy Nights and a range of exciting events has made the stadium a must visit for those looking to let their hair down. What's more, every Christmas, thousands have visited the Weston Homes Community Stadium to start their festive period in style.

And our series of outdoor concerts featuring global superstars (more of that overleaf!) has ensured that the Weston Homes Community Stadium has been well and truly placed on the map as a community facility.

It is estimated that around 3,000,000 people have visited the stadium since it first opened in 2008, so thank you for being a part of it!





SUPERSTARS COME TO COLCHESTER





And once again, a **BIG** thank you to Weston Homes for their fantastic support over the past ten years!



Moving to the Weston Homes Community Stadium has enabled Colchester United to bring global music superstars to the town, as a series of major concerts has brought tens of thousands to the area.

Elton John led the way, with the music legend coming to the stadium in 2014. His huge back catalogue of hits ensured the first concert was a major success and, after a year's hiatus, the stage was set for another of music history's finest artists to come to north Essex.

Lionel Richie belied his 67 years of age as he commanded the stage for over two hours and had those in attendance in the palm of his hand.

A year later, it was a very different audience for the visit of X Factor star and local hero Olly Murs to the stadium, and it was another memorable evening under the summer sun as he got the crowd partying twelve months ago.

The U's home venue is now one to watch for major concerts!

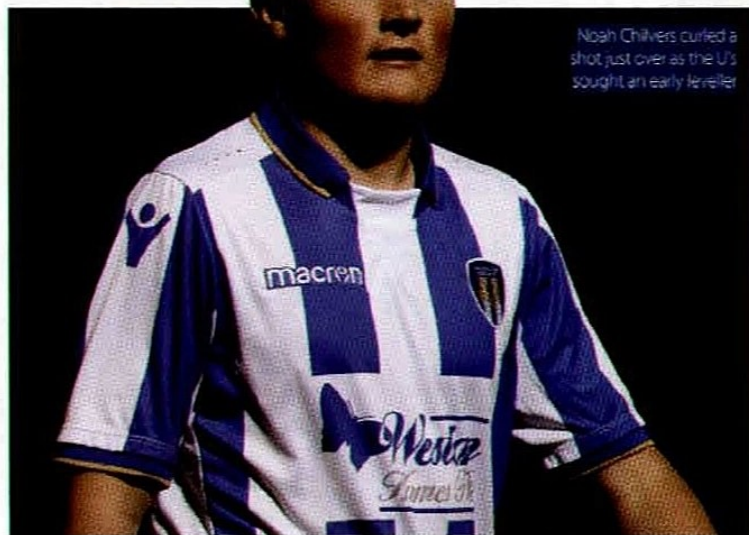


THE U18s YOUTH TEAM

U's U18s 0-3 Leeds United

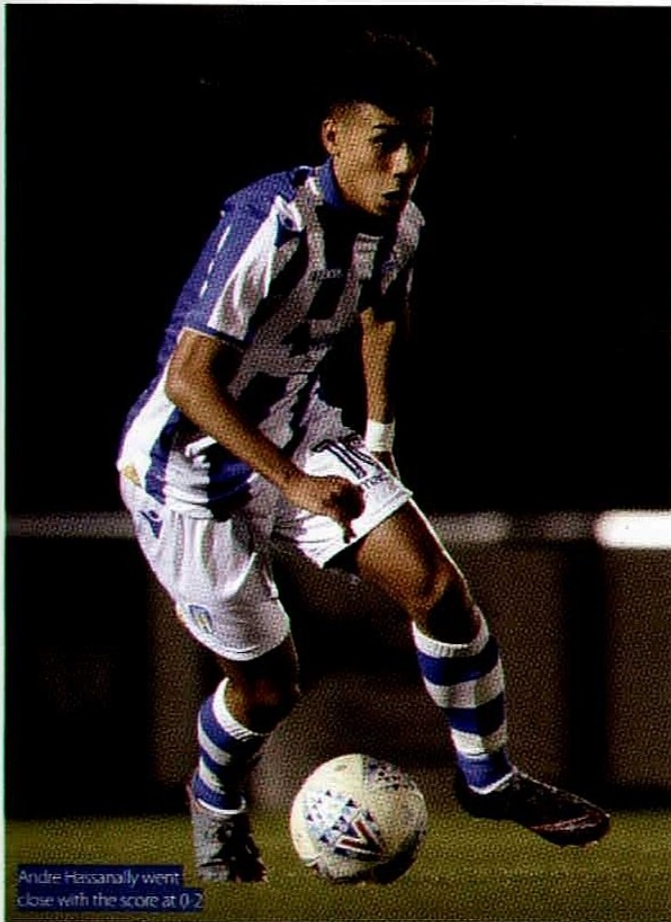
The U's youngsters suffered defeat at the hands of north division high-fliers Leeds United, at Florence Park earlier this month. Chris Llewellyn's side fell behind after eight minutes when keeper Ted Collins' goal-kick went straight to Kun Mikatolov, who promptly shot the ball back past him into the empty net.

The U's struck back well and Noah Chilvers curled a shot just over but they then found themselves further behind after fourteen minutes, following a quality move by the visitors. A great ball out to the right found Theo Hudson in loads of space and his



Noah Chilvers curled a shot just over as the U's sought an early leveller

AUGUST			STARTING XI														
Sat 19	Huddersfield Town	H PDL	1-1	Michaels	Feris	Anderson	Keys	Jopling	Ager	Chilvers							
Sat 26	Sheffield Weds	A PDL	0-6	Phillips	Michaels	Feris	Anderson	Keys	Jopling	Hassanally	Chilvers						
SEPTEMBER																	
Sat 2	Barnsley	H PDL	3-2	Phillips	Michaels	Feris	Anderson	Tricker	Jopling	Ager	Chilvers						
Tue 5	Nottingham Forest	A PDL	0-6	Phillips	Michaels	Feris	Howard	Kensdale	Jopling	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 9	Burnley	A PDL	2-4	Phillips	Michaels	Kazeem	Howard	Keys	Tricker	Hassanally	Anderson						
Sat 16	Sheffield United	H PDL	1-2	Phillips	Anderson	Tricker	Howard	Cracknell	Kensdale	Hassanally	Anderson						
Sat 30	Watford	H PDL	4-1	Phillips	Anderson	Cracknell	Howard	Keys	Hassanally	Anderson							
OCTOBER																	
Sat 7	Bristol City	A PDL	1-0	Phillips	Madley	Stone	Howard	Keys	Routledge	Hassanally	Anderson						
Sat 21	Cardiff City	A PDL	0-3	Phillips	Madley	Stone	Howard	Keys	Routledge	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 28	QPR	H PDL	4-5	Phillips	Michaels	Antwi	Howard	Keys	Madley	Ager	Anderson						
Tue 31	Cheshunt	H FAYC1	5-4	Phillips	Keys	Madley	Howard	Kensdale	Anderson	Ager	Chilvers						
NOVEMBER																	
Sat 4	Millwall	A PDL	0-4	Clarke	Michaels	Stone	Howard	Keys	Tricker	Hassanally	Anderson						
Sat 11	Crystal Palace	H PDL	0-2	Clarke	Bennett	Michaels	Comish	Cracknell	Tricker	Miller	Anderson						
Mon 13	Bishop's Stortford	H FAYC2	5-0	Phillips	Keys	Stone	Howard	Kensdale	Madley	Ager	Chilvers						
Sat 18	Ipswich Town	H PDL	1-3	Phillips	Olley	Stone	Howard	Keys	Madley	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 25	Charlton Athletic	A PDL	1-4	Phillips	Olley	Kazeem	Howard	Cracknell	Kensdale	Hassanally	Anderson						
DECEMBER																	
Sat 2	Coventry City	H PDL	1-2	Clarke	Bennett	Madley	Comish	Kensdale	Cracknell	Hassanally	Chilvers						
Thu 14	Crewe Alexandra	H FAYC3	2-0	Seaden	Howard	Keys	Comish	Cracknell	Kensdale	Hassanally	Chilvers						
JANUARY																	
Sat 6	Cardiff City	H PDL	1-4	White	Michaels	Madley	Comish	Kensdale	Anderson	Hassanally	Chilvers						
Sat 13	QPR	A PDL	0-2	White	Howard	Keys	Anderson	Cracknell	Madley	Ager	Anderson						
Tue 16	MK Dons	H FAYC4	2-0	Seaden	Howard	Keys	Comish	Cracknell	Kensdale	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 27	Millwall	H PDL	2-5	White	Michaels	Cracknell	Comish	Kensdale	Madley	Ager	Anderson						
FEBRUARY																	
Hi 2	Ipswich Town	A PDL	5-1	Coulter	Howard	Kazeem	Krasniq	Cracknell	Kensdale	Ager	Anderson						
Tue 6	Reading	H FAYC5	1-4	Seaden	Howard	Keys	Comish	Cracknell	Kensdale	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 17	Bristol City	H PDL	3-1	Coulter	Michaels	Kazeem	Krasniq	Jopling	Torino	Freitas-Gouveia	Anderson						
Sat 24	Coventry City	A PDL	2-0	Coulter	Michaels	Kazeem	Comish	Cracknell	Jopling	Freitas-Gouveia	Anderson						
MARCH																	
Tue 6	Arsenal	H FAYC6	1-5	Seaden	Howard	Kazeem	Keys	Cracknell	Kensdale	Ager	Anderson						
Sat 10	Crewe Alexandra	A PDL	3-1	Collins	Michaels	Stone	Comish	Tricker	Madley	Hassanally	Anderson						
Sat 24	Birmingham City	A PDL	2-6	Collins	Michaels	Stone	Madley	Tricker	Cracknell	Hassanally	Anderson						
Thu 29	Crystal Palace	A PDL	1-2	Collins	Michaels	Stone	Krasniq	Cracknell	Tricker	Maughn	Chilvers						
APRIL																	
Tue 3	Bolton Wanderers	H PDL	3-6	Collins	Michaels	Stone	Madley	Kensdale	Steward	Maughn	Krasniq						
Sat 7	Leeds United	H PDL	0-3	Collins	Michaels	Tricker	Comish	Fouche	Cracknell	Hassanally	Chilvers						
Sat 14	Hull City	A PDL	2-4	Hallett	Michaels	Sayr	Comish	Fouche	Cracknell	Hassanally	Maughn						
Tue 17	Watford	A PDL	1-6	Ogbebor-Onaiwu	Michaels	Fouche	Kennedy	Tricker	Steward	Miller	Maughn						
Sat 21	Charlton Athletic	H PDL	3-6	Kerby	Michaels	Wyer	Comish	Cracknell	Tricker	Miller	Brown						



Andre Hasanally went close with the score at 0-2

perfect cross was perfect was converted by Ryan Edmonson.

It was almost 3-0 when Bobby Kamwa's shot flew just wide of the far post but the U's did have their good moments, with Andre Hasanally and Diogo Freitas-Gouveia both going close. But Lucas Odunston's shot back across goal flew wide of the far post for Leeds, for whom centre-back Oliver Casey hit the top of the bar from a corner just before the break.

Substitute Abolaji Williams headed just wide for Colchester early in the second half. But Leeds remained a threat; Mikatlov fired into the side netting and Kamwa flashed another effort just wide. The U's came close to reducing the deficit when they hit the inside of the far post through Freitas-Gouveia, who also saw a left-foot effort fly just wide soon after.

But Leeds dominated the final stages and wrapped up victory with fifteen minutes remaining through Kamwa, who curled a low shot past Collins after being fed by Odunston. Matty Tricker headed the ball off the line after Collins had initially denied Kamwa. And Tricker also nodded McCalmot's effort off the line near the end, as Leeds claimed victory.

			SUB 1	SUB 2	SUB 3
Jones	Mudd	Sims	Stone	Hasanally	
Ager	Mudd	Sims	Stone	Maughn	Clarke
Jones	Mudd	Sims	Hasanally	Chilvers	
Jones	Mudd	Sims	Chilvers	Stone	Maughn
Ager	Maughn	Chilvers	Stone	Sims	
Sims	Chilvers	Kazeem	Mudd	Maughn	Olley
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Maughn	Mudd	
Jones	Ager	Sims	Chilvers	Mudd	Hasanally
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Michaels	Hasanally	Comish
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Hasanally	Mudd	Kensdale
Jones	Hasanally	Sims	Mudd	Michaels	Comish
Mudd	Chilvers	Sims	Miller	Comish	Craknell
Mudd	Maughn	Kazeem	Olley	Cane	Santonis
Jones	Hasanally	Sims	Michaels	Anderson	Mudd
Jones	Chilvers	Cane	Michaels	Miller	Sims
Sims	Chilvers	Allen	Comish	Mudd	Keys
Jones	Allen	Sayer	Sims	Anderson	
Jones	Ager	Sims	Anderson		
Jones	Allen	Sims	Tricker	Stone	Kazeem
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Stone	Maughn	Mudd
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Hasanally	Mudd	Maughn
Mudd	Chilvers	Sims	Hasanally	Maughn	Stone
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Maughn	Stone	Mudd
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Kazeem	Hasanally	Mudd
Jones	Hutchinson	Sims	Mudley	Mudd	Maughn
Mudd	Hutchinson	Maughn	Tricker	Stone	Stone
Jones	Chilvers	Sims	Mudd	Comish	Hasanally
Mudd	Maughn	Freitas-Gouveia	Kazeem	Craknell	Chilvers
Sims	Chilvers	Freitas-Gouveia	Mudd	Krasnik	Maughn
Mudd	Freitas-Gouveia	Kazeem	Patino	Strain	Fouche
Sims	Chilvers	Patino	Kennedy	Godward	Bolby
Mudd	Freitas-Gouveia	Kazeem	Williams	Sayer	Steward
Mudd	Freitas-Gouveia	Stagg	Tricker	Patino	Miller
Mudd	Patino	Sayer	Williams	Wind	Thomas
Williams	Chilvers	Hasanally	Fouche	Kazeem	Carbone

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	P	GD	Pts
1 Crystal Palace	29	34	59
2 Charlton Athletic	29	2	55
3 Cardiff City	29	17	48
4 Watford	29	17	47
5 Millwall	29	9	47
6 Queens Park Rangers	29	-8	41
7 Bristol City	29	-10	31
8 Ipswich Town	29	-30	27
9 Colchester United	29	-45	22
10 Coventry City	29	-53	10



THE U23s

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Charlton Athletic U23s 1-1 U's

The U's U23s picked up a point in the Professional Development League Two South game recently, drawing 1-1 with Charlton Athletic in South London. A Josh Umerah penalty put the Addicks in front but the U's levelled at the beginning of a lively second period through an unfortunate own goal.

Charlton made a bright start and Alfie Doughty had the first chance of the game when the ball ricocheted at his feet, but his left-footed drive went just wide of the goal. They won a penalty on thirty nine minutes when Umerah went down under the challenge of goalkeeper Kurasik. The forward got himself to his feet and dispatched into



Callum Jones rattled the crossbar at Charlton

AUGUST				STARTING XI													
Mon 14	Birmingham City	H	PDL 2-1	Wilks	Vincent-Young	Sturgess	Jefferies	Kensdale	Brown	Issa	D.Wright						
Fri 18	Barnsley	A	PDL 2-2	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	Jefferies	Kensdale	Alarakhia	Senior	Howard						
Mon 28	Hull City	H	PDL 2-0	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	Jefferies	Kensdale	Brown	Alarakhia	Howard						
SEPTEMBER																	
Fri 1	Leeds United	A	PDL 0-0	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jefferies	Kensdale	Brown	Alarakhia	D.Wright						
Mon 11	Nottingham Forest	H	PDL 2-5	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Kensdale	Kpekawa	Wilson	Alarakhia	D.Wright						
Mon 18	Huddersfield Town	A	PDL 1-0	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jefferies	Keys	Wardle	Alarakhia	D.Wright						
Mon 25	Millwall	H	PDL 0-0	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jefferies	Kpekawa	Lewis	O'Sullivan	D.Wright						
OCTOBER																	
Tue 10	Southend United	H	CLC 2-2	Wilks	W.Wright	Kinsella	James	Kpekawa	Brown	O'Sullivan	Slator						
Mon 16	Watford	A	PDL 0-3	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	Routledge	Wardle	Brown	Alarakhia	Edge						
Mon 23	Charlton Athletic	H	PDL 1-1	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	Kensdale	Wardle	Brown	Alarakhia	Edge						
Mon 30	Ipswich Town	A	PDL 1-1	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jones	Kpekawa	Wardle	O'Sullivan	Smith						
NOVEMBER																	
Thu 2	Burnley	A	PLCG 0-4	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	D.Wright	Sturgess	Brown	Alarakhia	Edge						
Fri 10	QPR	A	PDL 5-1	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	Wardle	Kensdale	Brown	Alarakhia	Edge						
Mon 20	Crystal Palace	A	PDL 0-4	Wilks	W.Wright	Wilson	James	Wardle	Brown	O'Sullivan	Edge						
Mon 27	Coventry City	H	PDL 4-2	Barnes	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jefferies	Kpekawa	Brown	Alarakhia	Edge						
DECEMBER																	
Mon 4	Newcastle United	H	PLCG 1-2	Barnes	W.Wright	Wilson	Jefferies	D.Wright	Brown	Dunne	Edge						
Thu 7	Swansea City	A	PLCG 1-5	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Jefferies	James	Dunne	D.Wright	Edge						
Mon 18	Millwall	A	PDL 0-1	Wilks	W.Wright	Sturgess	Edge	Wilson	Brown	Alarakhia	Dunne						
JANUARY																	
Thu 25	Swansea City	H	PLCG 3-4	Barnes	W.Wright	Gondoh	Kensdale	Rooney	James	D.Wright	Edge						
Mon 29	QPR	H	PDL 3-2	Kurasik	W.Wright	Gondoh	Prosser	James	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Wardle						
FEBRUARY																	
Mon 5	Ipswich Town	H	PDL 5-2	Kurasik	W.Wright	Gondoh	Npekawa	Rooney	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Dickenson						
Fri 9	Burnley	H	PLCG 3-0	Hayes	W.Wright	Gondoh	Kensdale	Rooney	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Dickenson						
Mon 12	Crystal Palace	H	PDL 1-4	Hayes	W.Wright	Gondoh	Kensdale	Rooney	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Edge						
Mon 19	Coventry City	A	PDL 1-3	Kurasik	W.Wright	Gondoh	Npekawa	Rooney	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Edge						
Mon 26	Newcastle United	A	PLCG 0-3	Kurasik	W.Wright	Gondoh	Kensdale	Rooney	Alarakhia	D.Wright	Chivers						
MARCH																	
Mon 19	Crewe Alexandra	H	PDL 0-2	Kurasik	W.Wright	Gondoh	Ellesley	Cheismain	Coker	Loft	Ajer						
Thu 22	Bristol City	H	PDL 0-3	Huddart	W.Wright	Gondoh	Forino	Cheismain	Coker	Alarakhia	Ajer						
Thu 29	Cardiff City	H	PDL 0-3	Huddart	Williams	Wilson	Forino	Rooney	Anderson	Alarakhia	Issa						
APRIL																	
Thu 5	Charlton Athletic	A	PDL 1-1	Kurasik	W.Wright	Wilson	Kensdale	Rooney	Wardle	Gondoh	Anderson						
Mon 9	Burnley	H	PDL 2-0	Barnes	W.Wright	Wilson	Innis	Rooney	Wardle	Gondoh	Anderson						
Thu 12	Cardiff City	A	PDL 1-0	Kurasik	W.Wright	Kazem	Wardle	Kensdale	James	Gondoh	Anderson						
Sat 14	Sheffield United	A	PDL 1-2	Kurasik	W.Wright	Kazem	Wardle	Forino	Rooney	Gondoh	Anderson						
Mon 16	Bolton Wanderers	A	PDL 0-1	Barnes	W.Wright	Wilson	Brown	Kensdale	Rooney	Issa	Anderson						
Fri 20	Bristol City	A	PDL 3-2	Kurasik	Rhidian	Wilson	Wardle	Kensdale	Rooney	Gondoh	Anderson						
Mon 23	Shrewsbury	H	PDL 1-1	Barnes	W.Wright	Wilson	Wardle	Kensdale	Rooney	Gondoh	Anderson						
Thu 26	Watford	H	PDL 13:00														

the roof of the net to give Jason Euell's men the lead.

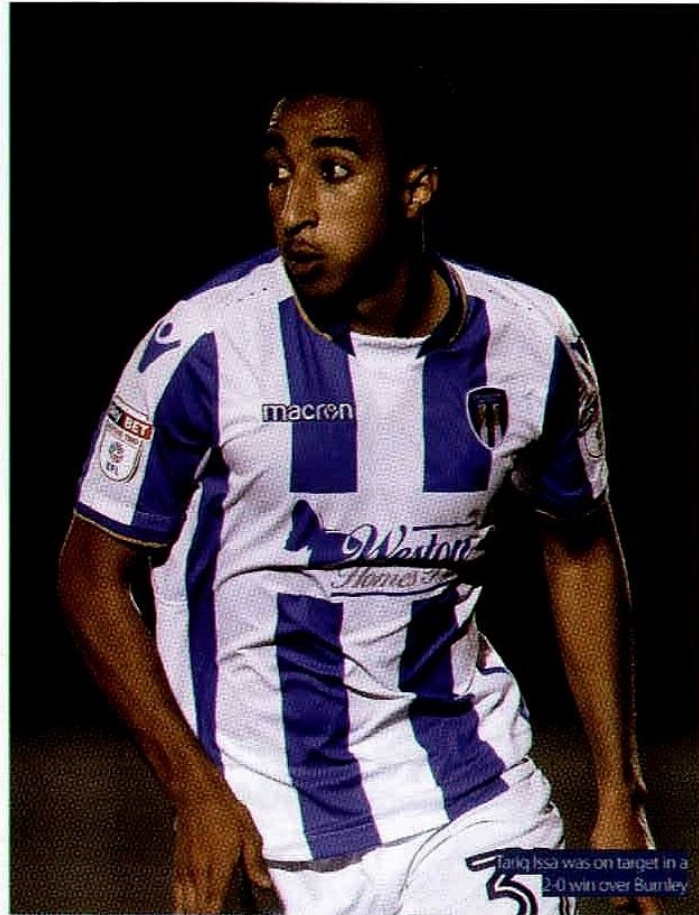
But the young U's responded soon after the break, when Ryan Gondoh's cross was diverted into his own net by defender Jo Cummings. The equaliser sparked a response from the Addicks, though, but more misfortune was to follow when they struck the crossbar twice in the same attack. Firstly, Albie Morgan smacked a long-range strike against it before Cummings powered a header onto the bar moments later.

The U's went close themselves when Callum Jones rattled the crossbar from range, which gifted Decarrey Sheriff a tap-in at the back post, only for the goal to be disallowed for offside. They had yet another goal ruled out for offside shortly afterwards. Again it was Sheriff, who guided his header above the reach of Dillon Phillips, only to look across at the linesman's raised flag, and game ended level.

U's U23s 2-0 Burnley

The U's then overcame Burnley 2-0, with a goal in each half being enough to secure victory against their Premier League opposition. The U's struck in their first real attack as a left wing cross was sent deep to the back post from where it was relayed back inside by Ryan Gondoh to his left for Tariq Issa to drive a low left footed shot into the net.

The visitors nearly struck back immediately, as Ntumba



Tariq Issa was on target in a 2-0 win over Burnley

			SUB 1	SUB2	SUB 3
McKeown	O'Sullivan	Edge	Dunne	Sturges	
Phipps	Dunne	Edge	Edge	Jones	
Phipps	Jones	Edge	Sturges	McKeown	Agar
Hanlon	McKeown	Edge	Phipps	Agar	Chivers
Howard	McKeown	Jones	Agar	Sturges	Wilson
Agar	McKeown	Dunne	Jones	Howard	Allarakhia
Dunne	McKeown	Sheriff	Wilson	Gondoh	
Kabamba	Odellusa	Senior	Edge	Allarakhia	McKeown
McKeown	Issa	Senior	Agar	Sheriff	Sturges
Sheriff	McKeown	Issa	Agar	Jones	
McKeown	Issa	Sheriff	Allarakhia	Wilson	Edge
McKeown	Issa	Sheriff	Kensdale	Agar	Wardle
McKeown	Issa	Senior	Dunne	Sturges	Sheriff
Sheriff	Dunne	Senior	Sheriff	Jeffries	Sturges
	Dunne	Senior	Issa	McKeown	
Guthrie	Issa	Senior	McKeown	Allarakhia	Kensdale
Sheriff	Issa	Senior	McKeown	McKeown	
Sheriff	Ive	Senior	Roberts	McKeown	
Sheriff	Issa	Phipps	Wardle	Chivers	Allarakhia
Ogedi-Uzokwe	Issa	Sheriff			
	Issa				
Ogedi-Uzokwe	Issa	Sheriff	Edge	Wilson	Phipps
Sheriff	Issa	Chivers	Jones	Jones	Chivers
Phipps	Sheriff	Wilson	Agar	Jones	
Phipps	Chivers	Shodipo	Sheriff	Wilson	
	Issa	Sheriff	Wilson	Jones	Krasnichi
Jones	Sheriff	Kpekawa	Kensdale	Allarakhia	Chicknell
Jones	Sheriff	Kpekawa	Wilson	Reidman	Wardle
Jones	Sheriff	Gondoh	W Wright	Agar	
Jones	Sheriff		Sims	Chivers	Allarakhia
Ogedi-Uzokwe	Issa	Sims	Kensdale	Sheriff	Allarakhia
Sheriff	Issa	Sims	Comish	Rounsey	
Issa	Chivers	Sims	Jones	Allarakhia	Kensdale
Sheriff	Jones	Sims	Wardle	Gondoh	Chivers
Sheriff	Issa	Sims	Jones	Allarakhia	W Wright
Sheriff	Issa	Sims	Krivy		

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6 Colchester United	28	-8	37
7 Millwall	29	-10	37
8 Coventry City	28	-8	36
9 Cardiff City	29	-15	34
10 Bristol City	28	-16	23



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Mahanka got in behind Ryan Inniss but keeper Dillon Barnes got down to smother the shot. As the young U's threatened again, Gondoh picked out the impressive Ollie Sims who broke down the left and into the box. He rode a tackle which caught him, but he kept his feet to get in the cross - had he gone down, he would have had a shout for a home penalty.

The U's remained on top and, after half time, Sims was the provider for Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe but his shot was well blocked by Oliver Younger. Then Burnley stepped up the pressure and dominated for a ten minute spell but found keeper Barnes in fine form as he made a whole series of saves. The best of these came when a knock back from Mahanka found Aiden O'Neill, and the U's keeper saved exceptionally well from close range.

This came after Tommy Wood's effort seemed blocked by a combination of Barnes and a defender, then he saved from Christian N'Guessan and O'Neill. Having survived that spell the U's went very close as a great delivery in by Sims saw Ogedi-Uzokwe denied by the combination of keeper Conor Mitchell and defender Younger.

The home team then had their grip back on the match, Sims rustled the top of the netting, Issa fed Sims, and his shot was blocked away into the path of Gondoh but the ball got stuck between his feet. A pass out from the defence was sent straight to Decarrey Sheriff but he advanced and shot wide of the far post. A great strike by Issa took a big deflection and went just wide.

Then late on left back Ali Koiki lost control of the ball to Gondoh, who moved forward and slipped the pass to his right to the supporting Sheriff to drive into the net on the stroke of full time.

Cardiff City U23s 0-1 U's

The U's U23s then made it two wins in succession, as they ran out 1-0 winners against Cardiff City. A goal from Will Wright was enough to separate the two sides and ensure the U's moved onto the heels of the teams above them in the league table.



Will Wright grabbed the only goal in a close game away at Cardiff

The U's could have gone ahead after just three minutes, when Ryan Gondoh forced a great save out of the Cardiff keeper. And they went close again when Decarrey Sheriff's effort was blocked by good defending.

But City could do little to deny Will Wright, who smashed home from close range after ten minutes. It could have got even better for the U's when Gondoh's effort from distance smacked back off the woodwork.

Things settled down after that early flurry and Cardiff had a chance from Harris, who forced a save out of Dom Kurasik. Waite struck an effort just over the bar just before half time, but the U's went into the break ahead.

The U's came out strongly after the interval and Ollie Sims had an effort turned behind for a corner on fifty five minutes. Wright went close again just after the hour mark with a header just over the bar, before Kurasik made an excellent stop at the other end to preserve the advantage. Tariq Issa pulled a shot wide on seventy six minutes, but Wright's early goal was enough to give the U's all three points.

Bolton Wanderers U23s 1-0 U's

The U's U23s fell to defeat in their next away day, with Bolton taking the points in a match held at the Lancashire FA. The U's had to contend with some Wanderers pressure in the opening stages of the game and the home side's efforts were rewarded thirteen minutes into the game. Hall chased the ball down and he was able to charge down Barnes' clearance, with the ball rebounding into the empty net.

Bolton had a flurry of other chances but the U's defence held firm and they almost drew level five minutes before half time when the ball was sent into the box, only to be denied by a last ditch clearance.

The U's had more attacking thrust in the second half and had another chance five minutes after the restart when Will Wright blazed off target from a decent position. Five minutes after that opportunity, a good tackle denied Decarrey Sheriff as he was about to pull the trigger before Callum Jones also saw an effort just off target. Navarro almost doubled Bolton's lead with twenty minutes to go, but he lifted the ball over Barnes but off target too. However, Hall's early chance was enough to separate the two sides.



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TWO MATCHES ON OFFER TODAY!

Stick around to see the U's U15s in action.

Colchester United's U15s will get the chance to impress the club's supporters once again today, as they take on their Southampton counterparts, following this afternoon's match against Swindon Town.

The U's youngsters, who took four points from their two games against Arsenal in the Premier League Floodlit Cup, have since been in a Shield competition for those sides who didn't make it to the knockout stages of the original tournament.

Having beaten Millwall in the last round of the Floodlit Shield, they'll now face the Saints at WHCS after the conclusion of the match against Swindon, in a 5.45pm kick-off.

And the U's fans can play their part in helping the young players this afternoon.

U's Academy Manager Jon De Souza said: "The fans really can play a big part today as, the more people that watch them, the

more it puts them under pressure and tests them in a game like environment.

"It would be great if the supporters could stay around and watch for another hour and a half, because I believe it will play its part in helping these young players to progress.

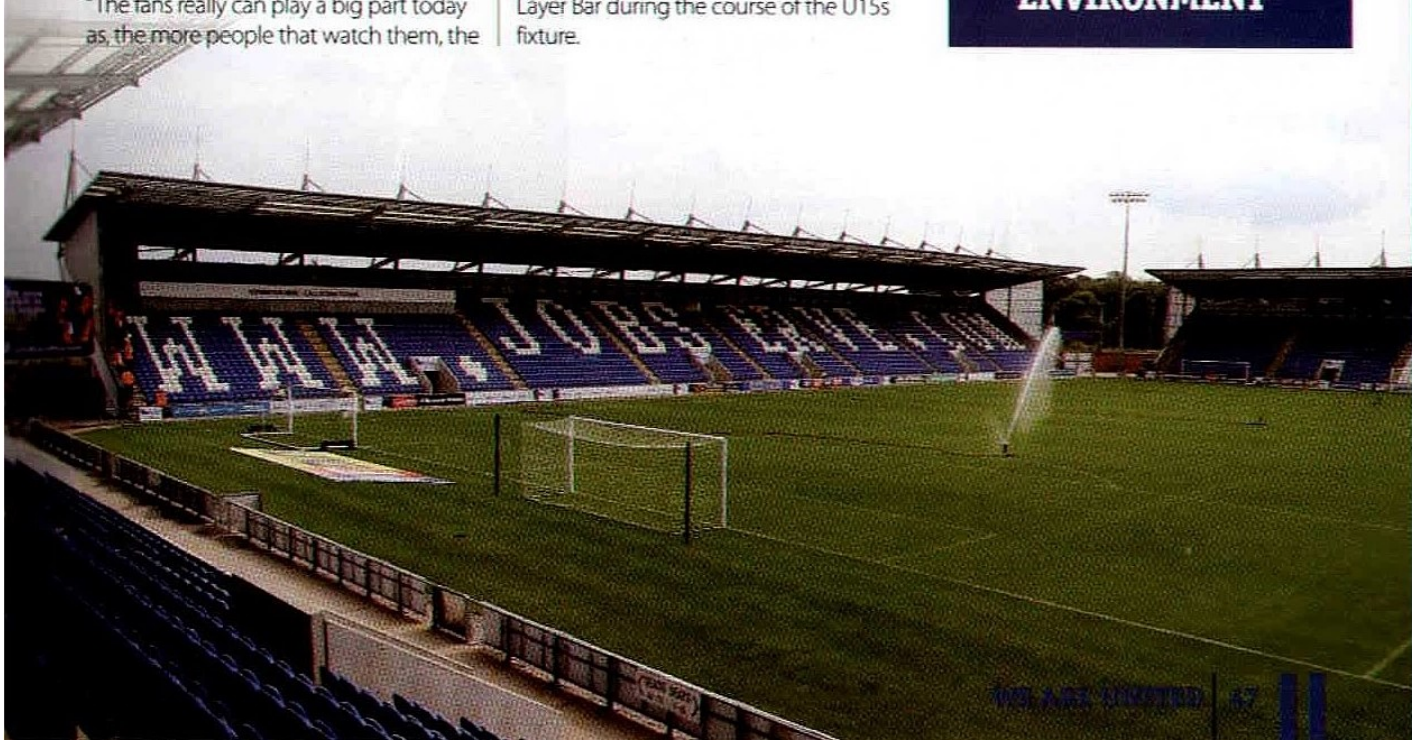
"The group has done well this year and a real measure of that, even though they are still U15s, they have contributed nearly 50 appearances between them at U18s level this season and that can only bode well for the future."

Once today's League Two game is finished, you will be able to make your way around to the West Stand and enter the stadium via the South West gates to take your seat for the match.

The West Stand concourse at the W1/2/3 end will remain open, whilst supporters are also welcome to make use of the Layer Bar during the course of the U15s fixture.



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LINCOLN CITY COLCHESTER UNITED

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL, 3.00PM

2 Whitehouse 55 (pen)
Waterfall 90
1 Senior 60

Colchester United lost 2-1 against Lincoln City in their penultimate away game of the season.

Lincoln scored deep into injury time through sub Luke Waterfall, after Michael Bostwick was sent off for hauling down Mikael Mandron.

They had gone ahead earlier in the second half via a penalty by Elliott Whitehouse, but Courtney Senior equalised for the U's minutes after coming on as a sub.

John McGreal made one change to his starting line-up, bringing Sean Murray in for Sammie Szmodics

It was the visitors that started the game on the front foot, in fact they got into good positions twice in the very first minute.

Mikael Mandron looked like he might be able to get a shot away but the chance went away, then Olamide Shodipo shot over the bar from a tight angle.

The majority of the early action then played out in the Lincoln half, but Allsop in

the home goal was relatively untroubled with direct shots.

A wide free kick from Ben Stevenson then found Mandron, but his header went safely over before the hosts had their first effort.

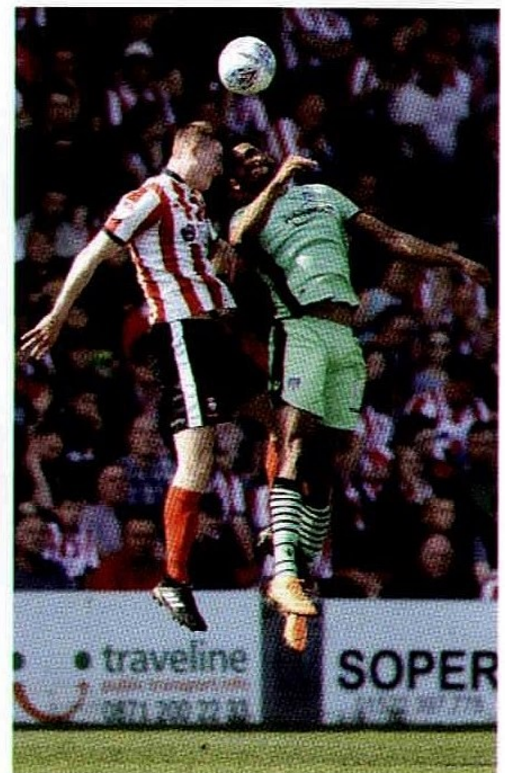
That shot went well over, but Neil Eardley's shot on twenty seven minutes was on target, comfortably finding the hands of Sam Walker.

Three minutes later, the U's keeper was stretched more, having to tip wide a shot from the edge of the box from Matt Green.

Lincoln were coming more into the game at this stage, but Tom Eastman and Luke Prosser were dealing with the long balls pumped into the box for Rhead.

Rhead came out of the box to get his only chance of the first half, but shot well over the U's crossbar from twenty yards out.

Neither side created clear cut chances in injury time at the end of the half, with the





score unsurprisingly goalless given the amount of chances carved out.

Whatever Danny Cowley said to his side at the break, it worked – they came out far more positively than the first half, and took the game to the U's.

A substitution at the start also helped, with Ollie Palmer involved in the penalty for the hosts.

He was poised to shoot, and the referee deemed him to have been denied the chance and pointed to the spot.

He wanted to take the spot kick himself but Whitehouse insisted it was his, and calmly sent Walker the wrong way to give Lincoln the lead.

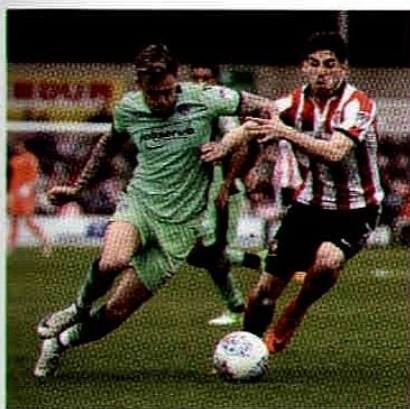
John McGreal immediately made a substitution of his own, bringing Courtney Senior on for Shadipo – and the youngster made a similar if not better impact than Palmer.

Having got the ball just inside the Lincoln half, he raced forward and played the ball to Mandron.

Senior then made his way to the near post and sidefooted the low cross firmly into the bottom corner to level the scores.

The hosts continued to ask questions of the U's defence, but Walker and the back four were proving resolute.

Sammie Szmodics replaced Sean Murray,



and had a chance to score within a couple of minutes of entering the fray.

He got clear on the left angle of the box, decided to shoot early but Allsop saw it and pushed it out.

Mandron looked like he had a better chance to score from the rebound but a defender touched it onto him and the ball went wide of the Lincoln goal.

Palmer then went close for the hosts, when his curling effort bounced back off the crossbar after he was denied by the U's keeper seconds earlier.

With seven minutes remaining, the hosts were reduced to ten men as Michael Bostwick hauled down Mandron as the U's man got free of the defence.

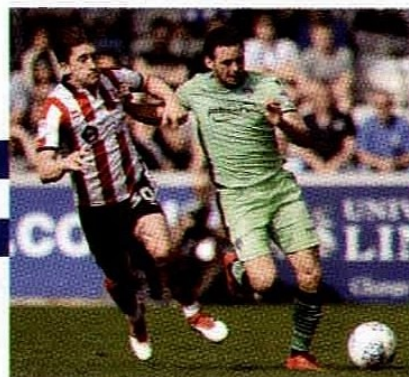
After consulting with his assistant, the referee produced the red card and the U's had a man advantage.

Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe was introduced just before injury time commenced, but it was the home side that scored the late winner.

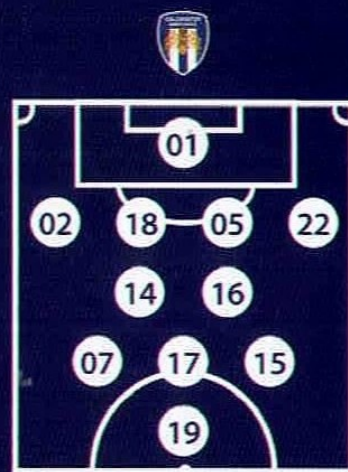
A corner was cleared to the halfway line, but the ball was then funnelled wide again and put into the box.

A deflection looped it into the box and sub Waterfall beat Walker and the U's defender with a towering header to send the home crowd wild.

The final whistle went seconds later, and the U's had once again been narrowly beaten by a team above them – despite more than matching their opponents.



22 Allsop, 23 Eardley ■ 16 Bostwick ■, 6 Wharton (Waterfall 74 ■), 3 Habergham, 4 Whitehouse (Pett 72), 30 Woodyard, 19 Frecklington, 26 Anderson (Palmer 45), 9 Rhead ■ 10 Green



1 Walker, 2 Jackson, 18 Eastman, 5 Prosser, 22 Vincent-Young ■ 7 Wright, 14 Comley (Ogedi-Uzokwe 89), 17 Stevenson, 15 Shodipo (Senior 57), 16 Murray (Szmodics 70), 19 Mandron ■

Junior U's



Good afternoon U's fans!

Welcome to Colchester United Football Club for our last home game of the season against Swindon Town! Once again the season has flown by and we see ourselves with only two games left. We have had another season of ups and downs with fantastic highs and disappointing lows but we wouldn't have it any other way!

Last time out we faced Lincoln City who have had a fantastic season and unfortunately made it even better with a win against the U's! The U's made the game level through a well



worked Courtney Senior goal but it wasn't to be as the Imps grabbed a winner at the death! Unfortunately it was a similar end for the U's at our last home game also against Notts County even though we started well through a Drey Wright goal. In what was an even game The U's had the better of game early on but Notts County finished strongly and won the game 3-1.

MATCHDAY CLUB

LAWFORD U8S

Lawford U8s have played together for the last two years and competitively for one season.

While each individual continues to develop, it is particularly pleasing to see the team spirit that has emerged amongst the players.

Lawford Junior has grown from small beginnings into a thriving club, combining with Lawford Lads in 2015 to form Lawford FC.

With excellent facilities at School Lane, Lawford, the club seeks to inspire and develop individuals of all ages to enjoy and play football to the best of their abilities.

For more information please visit their website www.lawfordfc.co.uk.

Enjoy your day Lawford!



HELLO...

DYLAN, JOE & HARRY

Welcome Dylan, Joe and Harry to their first Colchester United football match. Hope you have a great time!



WELCOME CLACTON BLUES U8S!

A big welcome today to Clacton Blues U8s who are here to watch the U's in action this afternoon. They

are the current Colchester & District Youth Football League Shield Champions, and we hope they have a great day today!



The team are: Henry Tucker, Archie Doy, Archie Newman, Cameron Chaplin, Jackson Kamara, Kian Juby, Ethan Stacey, Isaac Wright and Freddie Rusbridge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LINCOLN

A happy 8th birthday to Lincoln Atkins who is here for a special visit with his friends at this afternoon's game. Have a great day and enjoy your special Col U cake!

CAPEL PLOUGH FC

A big welcome this afternoon to Capel Plough FC, who will be attending the game to round off a busy Girls Football Week across the UK.

Capel are pictured here in blue after their match against Colchester Town.



WELCOME KEIARNO

A big welcome to Keiaro Clarke, who is here for his first ever game today to celebrate his sixth birthday! We hope he has a fantastic visit to Col U today.



SHOUT OUT TO OLIVER!

A huge welcome to 10-year-old Oliver Harper to this afternoon's game - his first ever live football match! I hope you love your first real game, love Darren and Mum xxx

Back to today and let's make sure we see the season out on a high and make the most of the last home game before we go again next season! Sing your hearts our loud and proud for The U's as we prepare for a summer of twiddling our thumbs (or wings!) and waiting for pre-season!

Thank you all once again for your support this season home and away and we cannot wait to see you back here in August for the start of the 2018/19 season!

**Up the U's
Eddie!**



3-1



Junior U's

COLCHESTER UNITED FC

Have a go at these games and puzzles that Eddie has set up for you!

SPOT THE BALL



SHIRT NUMBERS



Can you add up the following players' shirt numbers to work out today's answer?



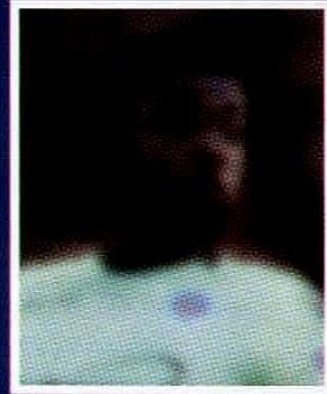
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Can you find the following players to have played for both the U's and Swindon in today's wordsearch?

- MURRAY
- ROSE
- CURETON
- PRUTTON

OUT OF FOCUS



NAME THE MANAGER



NAME THE BADGE



NAME THE SHIRT



SCRAMBLED!

Can you unscramble this anagram to work out the names of these two current Colchester United players?

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- Wordsearch:
 Scrambled: Eastman, Kent
 The Shirt: Notts County
 The Badge: Grimsby Town
 The Manager: David Fittcroft, Mansfield Town
 Out of Focus: Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe
 Shirt Numbers: 39
 Spot the Ball: C

ANSWERS:

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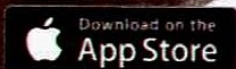
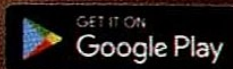


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Former Colchester United Centre of Excellence coach Jody Brown has led HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS to a play-off place.

Two days after winning 2-1 at Bowers and Pitsea, they posted another Bostik League division north victory thanks to a 4-1 success at Grays Athletic.

Joe Gardner scored their opening goal just after the half-hour mark and Luke Callander added their second on 53 minutes.

Although Callum Thompson halved the deficit, Matt Price popped up with a late double to make the points safe.

Keeper Danny Sambridge also deserves special praise for saving a penalty and making other vital stops.

Swifts have now won their last four matches and five of their last six – a fantastic run that has driven them up to fifth in the table.

They are assured of a top-six finish – an amazing achievement given the fixture backlog they have had to work through in recent weeks.

The team will now be striving for home advantage in the second leg of the play-offs.

MALDON AND TIPTREE now cannot finish in the play-off places as, with just two games left, they are seven points behind sixth-placed Canvey Island.

Two more in-form sides met when Haringey Borough entertained **WITHAM TOWN**.

The hosts had won their previous six, while Adam Flint's men had won their last two and four out of five.

On this occasion, it was the hosts who kept their run going thanks to a second-half winner from Jorge Drassi-Sambu.

Harry Gibbs' goal put them on the back foot but they turned the match on its head thanks to goals from Jack Gardner and Correy Davidson. Their winner came in the 90th minute.

BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT had their last



home league match of the season and lost 1-0 at home to Metropolitan Police.

Jon Nurse's late headed goal separated the sides.

COGGESHALL TOWN are on the brink of promotion after a 2-0 success at Wroxham.

The Seedgrowers now look certain to go up from the Thurlow Nunn League after scoring a goal in each half through Curtis Haynes-Brown and Jamie Shaw.

They are top of the Premier Division – four points clear of Felixstowe and Walton, who thumped Saffron Walden Town 4-0 – and have now won 34 of their 42 matches.

They are 12 points better off than third-placed Slowmarket Town but with their goal difference so superior, it looks highly unlikely they will be reeled in by the Suffolk side.

A top-two finish – and promotion – therefore appears a foregone conclusion.

BRAINTREE TOWN manager Brad Quinton has praised the impact that Dan Thompson has had since joining the Iron and in keeping them on track for a place in the Vanarama National League South play-offs.

The departure of leading scorer Phil Roberts

and striker Karl Olyide after Christmas may have hit the Iron's hopes of a top-seven finish, but Thompson's arrival in February has helped maintain their push towards the play-offs.

It was the 24-year-old forward, who works as a PE teacher, who fired home the winning goal at play-off rivals Truro and Quinton has been impressed by the impact the tall striker has had.

His strike in the win at Truro City last weekend, added to the one he scored on his debut in the 1-0 win against Poole Town, has underlined what Thompson has brought to the team, but it is more than just his goals that have caught his boss' eye.

"Dan is a remarkable player who has moved us on so much," said Quinton.

"There may be some frustration that he hasn't scored as many goals as he'd have liked, but the things he gives us when we're under pressure and his link-up play is unbelievable.

"He has come in and just hit the ground running.

"I think he can be such a threat with the balls that we can put into the box.

"With a little bit of luck, he could be massive for us in the rest of the season."

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If you are interested in partnering with Colchester United or wished to discuss any opportunities for next season feel free to get in contact with the commercial team on 01206 752020 or e-mail commercial@colchesterUnited.net

We look forward to seeing you next season!

Up the U's!

Callum Sutherland & Michelle Tricker



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

It is now just ten days until the winners of our 2017/18 awards are decided at the fantastic End of Season Dinner - come along and be a part of it!

We will welcome fans, sponsors and of course the players and management team to the home of the U's - and you can join them! Tickets are available including an arrival drink, three-course meal and guest speaker, Perry Groves.

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Throughout 2017/18, Colchester United FITC successfully delivered an expansive Sport & Education programme to over 60 schools across the country.

We would like to invite schools to join Colchester United's Sport & Education Programme for 2018/19 academic year.

Our new Information Pack detailing our extensive programmes can be found on the club's official website.

For the first time, every school which employs our services will have access to FREE packages and programmes contained within the Information Pack.

For more information on how your School can get involved with the Sport & Education Programmes please contact ben.elmer@colchesterunited.net.



DYLAN'S PROGRESS REWARDED

Colchester teenager Dylan Jacobs has been acknowledged for his efforts and progress with Colchester United's Premier League Kicks programme, which runs across the local area.

Dylan was one of the first participants to start with the U's Premier League Kicks scheme eighteen months ago, and has made great progress in terms of his football and social development.

The keen goalkeeper has participated in all of the Kicks festivals, matches and enrichment sessions and has only missed four sessions out of thirty since



the scheme got underway.

Tom Tayler, Senior Development Officer at the U's Football in the Community

Scheme said: "Dylan's communication skills and confidence has soared as a result of his involvement in Kicks.

"He has spoken in front of many of our community partners at our Football in the Community Day last season, as well as speaking at the Essex Police Crime Commission Community Safety Development Fund launch, where he was invited by Deputy Police Crime Commissioner Jane Gardiner.

"Dylan is now on the pathway to joining the Police Cadets, which is another success coming from his improved confidence."

LUKE IS FITC'S COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Colchester United captain Luke Prosser is the U's chosen player for the PFA Player in the Community award in 2017/18.

Luke, who returned to action this season after getting back to fitness after a knee injury, has led by example with his involvement in the club's community programme.

Luke has been instrumental in our player ambassador structure which links U's first team players to specific community programmes as well as his attendance and impact he makes when attending his own player visits across Colchester and the local community.

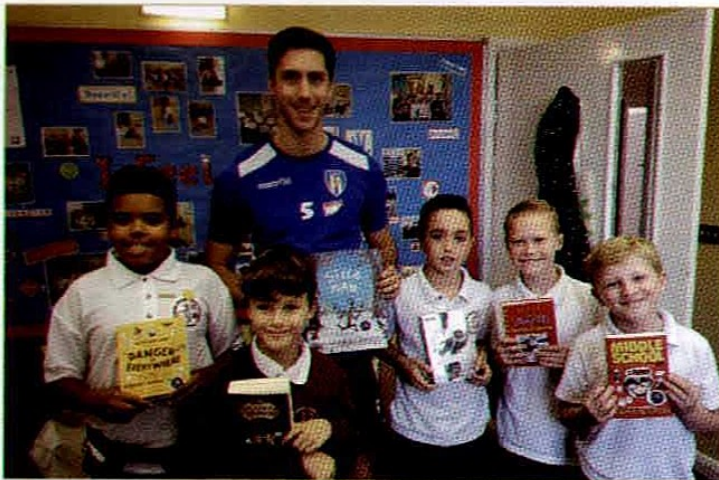
Football in the Community's Ben Elmer said: "Luke has provided a great experience for our Walking Football players over the last year, he has attended sessions, passed on his knowledge and shared his interests with the players."

"He has developed a good friendship with the players, getting to know them personally and the players are constantly following his progress with the first team."

Luke, pictured receiving his award from Football in the Community Senior Development Officer Tom Tayler, said: "Since arriving at Colchester in the summer of 2016, I have been massively impressed by the community programme."

"As club captain, I feel it is important to lead by example and I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved during my time at the club. I have taken particular pleasure at the successes of the Walking Football team and continue to keep a close eye on their progress."

"The club recruit a lot of their young players from the local area for the Academy programme and so it is important that we as players play our part in developing the club's profile alongside the community scheme."



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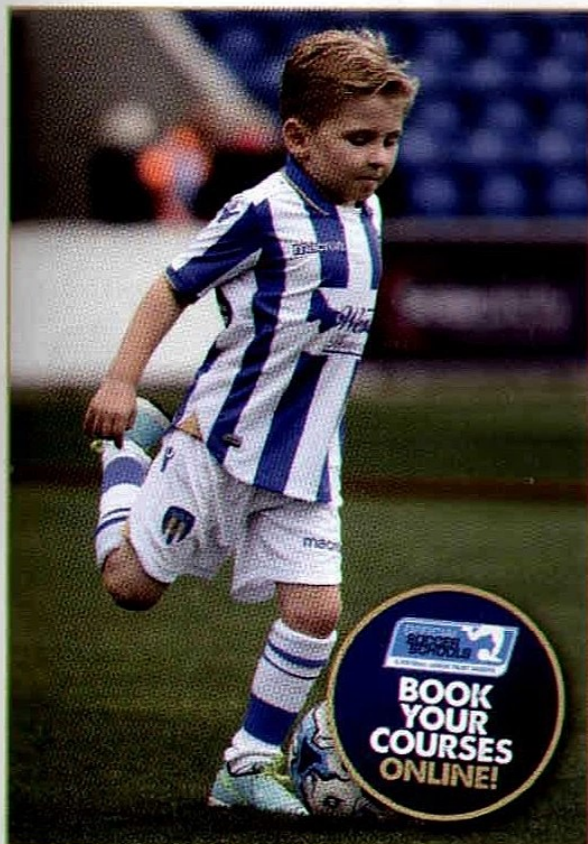
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SOCCER KIDS

For children in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Coaching is split into two age groups. Sessions include a warm up, enabling children to re-visit and refine techniques whilst building confidence in game situations.

SKILLS SCHOOL

For secondary school players wishing to receive further coaching on ways to be skilful with the ball at their feet. A popular session for players that have progressed through Soccer Kids.

SOCCER 4S

For children in school years 5 and 6. Soccer 4s includes lots of 4 v 4 games to develop technique, football insight and communication. Each session includes a conditioned small-sided game.

TINY U'S

Sessions designed specifically for children aged between two to three years old. Working on the basic fundamental movements, agility, balance and coordination alongside ball control, familiarity and mastery.

TECHNICAL GOALKEEPING PROGRAMME

The Technical Goalkeeping Programme (TGP) is designed to support the development of goalkeepers of all abilities whether at the beginning of their journey or those looking at accessing additional professional goalkeeping coaching. Goalkeepers who attend these sessions may have the opportunity to attend our invitation only sessions within the Development Centre.



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2017/18 STATISTICS

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	Sam Walker	Ryan Jackson	Tom Lapslie	Luke Prosser	Frankie Kent	Drey Wright	Doug Loft	Denny Johnstone	Sammie Szmodics	Brennan Dickenson	Brandon Comley	Olamide Shodipo	Sean Murray	Ben Stevenson	Tom Eastman	Mikael Mandron	Courtney Senior
AUGUST																							
Sat 5	Accrington Stanley	A EFL2	L 1-3	1,625	329	21	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW		AM	SUB				CM		CB	FW	
Wed 9	Aston Villa	H CC1	L 1-2	6,603	1,559	-	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW		SUB	AM				CM			FW	
Sat 12	Stevenage	H EFL2	D 1-1	3,330	348	20	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW	SUB						CM			FW	
Sat 19	Luton Town	A EFL2	L 0-3	7,865	465	23	GK		CM		CB	FW	CM	SUB					CM			FW	
Sat 26	Forest Green Rovers	H EFL2	W 5-1	3,047	152	16	GK		CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	SUB
Tue 29	Reading U21s	H CTG1	D 2-2*	527	49	-		SUB				FW			AM				CM			FW	
SEPTEMBER																							
Sat 2	Cambridge United	A EFL2	L 0-1	4,511	791	20	GK	SUB	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 9	Crawley Town	H EFL2	W 3-1	2,923	188	14	GK	RW	CM		CB	SUB			AM				CM			FW	
Tue 12	Chesterfield	H EFL2	D 1-1	2,552	117	16	GK	RW	CM			SUB			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 16	Cheltenham Town	A EFL2	L 1-3	2,718	200	17	GK	RW	CM			SUB			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 23	Wycombe Wanderers	H EFL2	L 1-2	3,562	537	20	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW	SUB		AM				CM			FW	
Tue 26	Grimsby Town	A EFL2	D 2-2	3,438	89	21	GK	FW			CB	RW	CM		SUB				CM			FW	
Sat 30	Yeovil Town	A EFL2	W 1-0	2,556	152	16	GK	FW			G	RW	CM					CM				FW	
OCTOBER																							
Tue 3	Gillingham	H CTG2	L 0-1	684	89	-	GK				CB								CM			FW	
Sat 7	Mansfield Town	H EFL2	W 2-0	3,262	339	15	GK	FW			CB	RW	CM						CM			SUB	FW
Sat 14	Carlisle United	H EFL2	L 0-1	3,402	236	16	GK	RW			CB	FW	CM						CM			FW	
Tue 17	Newport County	A EFL2	W 2-1	2,704	136	14	GK	RW	SUB		CB		CM						CM			FW	
Sat 21	Coventry City	A EFL2	D 0-0	7,149	349	15	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW							CM			FW	
Sat 28	Crewe Alexandra	H EFL2	W 3-1	3,088	185	13	GK	SUB			CB	FW	CM						CM			FW	
NOVEMBER																							
Sat 4	Oxford City	H FAC1	L 0-1	1,775	153	-	GK	RW			CB	FW	CM						CM			FW	
Tue 7	Southend United	A CTG3	L 0-2	2,781	150	-			CM		CB				SUB				CM			FW	
Sat 11	Barnet	A EFL2	W 1-0	2,301	610	10	GK	RW			CB	AM	CM		SUB				CM			FW	
Sat 18	Morecambe	H EFL2	D 0-0	2,872	64	12	GK	RW	CM		CB	FW	CM		AM				CM			FW	
Tue 21	Lincoln City	H EFL2	W 1-0	3,102	475	9	GK	RW	CM		CB	AM	CM		AM				CM			FW	
Sat 25	Notts County	A EFL2	L 1-2	6,770	346	11	GK	RW	CM		CB	AM			AM				CM			FW	
DECEMBER																							
Sat 9	Exeter City	H EFL2	W 3-1	3,102	278	10	GK	RW	CM		CB	AM			AM				CM			FW	
Fri 15	Swindon Town	A EFL2	W 3-2	6,020	160	5	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 23	Port Vale	H EFL2	D 1-1	3,485	151	8	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Tue 26	Crawley Town	A EFL2	W 2-0	2,154	375	5	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 30	Chesterfield	A EFL2	D 0-0	5,537	257	8	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
JANUARY 2018																							
Mon 1	Cambridge United	H EFL2	D 0-0	4,789	777	8	GK	RW	CM		CB	AM			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 6	Cheltenham Town	H EFL2	L 1-4	2,886	102	9	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW	SUB		AM				CM			FW	
Sat 13	Wycombe Wanderers	A EFL2	L 1-3	4,386	580	11	GK	RW	CM		SUB	FW	CM		AM				CM			FW	
Sat 20	Grimsby Town	H EFL2	D 1-1	3,016	336	11	GK	RW	CM		CB	AM			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 27	Port Vale	A EFL2	D 2-2	4,044	143	11	GK	FW	CM		SUB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 3	Newport County	H EFL2	W 2-0	2,874	184	10	GK	RW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 10	Carlisle United	A EFL2	D 1-1	4,006	144	11	GK	RW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Tue 13	Coventry City	H EFL2	W 2-1	3,319	438	10	GK	RW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 17	Crewe Alexandra	A EFL2	L 0-1	3,548	200	11	GK	RW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 24	Barnet	H EFL2	L 0-1	3,121	235	12	GK	RW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
MARCH																							
Sat 10	Mansfield Town	A EFL2	D 1-1	4,050	163	13	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 17	Yeovil Town	H EFL2	L 0-1	2,772	109	13	GK		CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Tue 20	Morecambe	A EFL2	D 0-0	893	52	13	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 24	Stevenage	A EFL2	W 1-0	2,709	390	11	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Fri 30	Luton Town	H EFL2	W 2-1	5,461	1,942	11	GK	FW	CM		CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
APRIL																							
Mon 2	Forest Green Rovers	A EFL2	W 2-1	2,869	340	10	GK	FW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 7	Accrington Stanley	H EFL2	L 0-1	3,174	208	11	GK	FW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 14	Notts County	H EFL2	L 1-3	3,599	472	11	GK	FW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 21	Lincoln City	A EFL2	L 1-2	9,211	325	11	GK	FW			CB	FW			AM				CM			FW	
Sat 28	Swindon Town	H EFL2	15:00																				
MAY																							
Sat 5	Exeter City	A EFL2	15:00																				

*won 6-5 on penalties



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- 0-11 years
- £5 pre-loaded on season ticket for spending in the Retail Outlet
- 5% off in Retail
- 5% off FITC events
- Christmas Card - email
- Priority for match and event tickets
- Free access to U23s stadium fixtures (must be accompanied by an adult)
- Members Forum - Chairman/ Manager (must be accompanied by an adult)

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- Vouchers pre-loaded on card to the value of £20
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- Free access to U23s stadium fixtures
- Members Forum - Chairman/ Manager

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- Priority for match and event tickets
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- E-programmes for each home fixture
- Members Forum - Chairman/ Manager
- Away Day Ticket Draw
- Layer Bar access Post Match



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COLCHESTER UNITED

HEAD COACH: John McGreal

01	Sam WALKER	
02	Ryan JACKSON	
04	Tom LAPSLIE	
05	Luke PROSSER	
06	Frankie KENT	
07	Drey WRIGHT	
08	Doug LOFT	
09	Denny JOHNSTONE	Out on loan
10	Sammie SZMODICS	
11	Brennan DICKENSON	
14	Brandon COMLEY	
15	Olamide SHODIPO	Loanee
16	Sean MURRAY	
17	Ben STEVENSON	Loanee
18	Tom EASTMAN	
19	Mikael MANDRON	
20	Courtney SENIOR	
21	Liam MANDEVILLE	Loanee
22	Kane VINCENT-YOUNG	
23	Tommy O'SULLIVAN	Out on loan
24	Craig SLATER	Out on loan
25	Dillon BARNES	
26	Ryan INNISS	Loanee
27	Junior OGEDI-UZOKWE	
29	Rene GILMARTIN	
35	Cameron JAMES	Out on loan
31	Tariq ISSA	
32	Diaz WRIGHT	Out on loan
33	Louis DUNNE	
39	Charley EDGE	Out on loan
42	Eoin McKEOWN	Out on loan

MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee:

Craig Hicks



Assistants:

Kevin Howick & Matt Eva



Fourth Official:

Stephen Brown



SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER: Phil Brown

01	Lawrence VIGOUROUX	Out on loan
02	Ben PURKISS	
03	Chris HUSSEY	Loanee
04	Matt PRESTON	
05	Chris ROBERTSON	
06	Olly LANCASHIRE	
07	Paul MULLIN	
08	James DUNNE	
09	Luke NORRIS	
12	Will HENRY	
14	Ellis IANDOLO	
15	Tom SMITH	Out on loan
16	Amine LINGANZI	
17	Marc RICHARDS	
18	Donal McDERMOTT	
19	Timi ELŠNIK	Loanee
21	Reice CHARLES-COOK	
22	Kaiyne WOOLERY	
23	Joe ROMANSKI	
24	Kyle KNOYLE	
25	Dion CONROY	
26	Jordan YOUNG	
27	Scott TWINE	
28	Stuart MOORE	
29	Ollie BANKS	Loanee
30	Keshi ANDERSON	
31	Matt TAYLOR	
32	Rollin MENAYESE	Loanee
34	Ryan McGIVERN	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2018/19 FIXTURE RELEASE

Next season's fixtures will be announced at 9am on Thursday 21st June, so keep your eyes peeled on www.cu-fc.com for all of the details!



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