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KELLY DERHAM

Good evening and welcome to our first midweek fixture of the season.



A special welcome to everyone who has travelled up from Swindon tonight.

Tuesday night games traditionally have a detrimental effect on our attendances, mainly because young supporters can't attend because it's a school night. I think we have five midweek games this season at home, not including cup ties, which isn't ideal but every club is in a similar position and with the schools on holiday and Swindon bringing one of the bigger away followings in League 2 this season we're hoping for a good attendance.

We're still experiencing some settling-down issues with our new ticketing system and if you were stuck in a queue to get in at the Stevenage game before kick-off I do apologise. Hopefully those issues of easy access will be sorted but we are still waiting before we launch our online ticketing website. We need to make sure all our systems are in place but hopefully that will be in the next week or so. We'll keep supporters notified through the usual channels.

This Friday we are holding our Open Training Session here at the Broadfield Stadium. As well as members of our Disabled Supporters Association, we're throwing open the doors to Junior Reds to come along, watch the lads prepare for the Bury game and join Junior Reds. The scheme offers great value at just £5 for a season's membership with all sorts of benefits. Please check out the website www.crawleytownfc.com and we look forward to welcoming as many youngsters (and their parents!) here on Friday to meet their heroes!

I'd like to thank Tom Allman, our marketing intern, for all his hard work on Junior Reds and the myriad of other projects Tom gets involved in around the club. He is a hardworking and conscientious member of our team and we're lucky that he's able to work with us trying to take the club forward. The loan window closes at the end of this month. We'll always keep our options open

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in terms of adding to the squad but with Rob Milson joining us last week I'm not expecting too much more activity in or out between now and the end of August. Harry and Warren are working hard to embed the new faces into the squad and the way they want us to play and this will take time, but we're all confident that once the squad settles down our results will pick up. We're not far away as it is and anyone who has seen our last three games will agree that we could have won all of them with a bit of luck.

Finally, I am meeting Sam and Steve from the Supporters Alliance later this week for one of our regular catch-ups where we discuss the concerns of our fans. Please get in touch with Steve or Sam if you want them to raise something on your behalf. You can always email me at the club if you want to discuss anything off the field.

Good luck to Harry and the lads tonight – please get behind the boys and hopefully we'll be celebrating three points. And I look forward to welcoming you all again on Saturday for the fixture against Bury.

Kelly Derham



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HARRY KEWELL

Good evening and welcome to Phil Brown, his players and staff and everyone who has made the trip from Swindon.

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Phil is hugely experienced in the dug-out and I am sure he will have started the season in the belief that he can get what is a big club in our division back up into League One. They have recruited well and come into tonight's fixture on the back of a good 3-2 win against Tranmere on Saturday. We are in for a tough 90 minutes that's for sure.

We've had a disappointing ten days in terms of results but the consolation for me as a manager is that we have been competitive in all three fixtures and, with a bit of luck and perhaps some more composure in front of goal, we could have won all three.

On Saturday at Port Vale in what were difficult conditions we were very harshly treated in terms of the score-line. To be fair to Port Vale they got the goal in the first half and protected their lead well. In the second half, in particular, we dominated the possession and had our chances. We just needed to be more clinical in front of goal. But that will come, the more this new-look team plays together and beds in. I thought we had some excellent performances throughout the team on Saturday. With Dom Poleon suspended, Reece Grego-Cox came in for his debut and did really well. Dom is back tonight so that will give me the sort of selection headaches any manager wants.

Defensively we looked solid and I thought Rob Milson had another good game in midfield. Rob was with us throughout pre-season and although we weren't able to sort something out with him after pre-season we kept in contact, he continued to work hard on his fitness and I was really pleased we were able to sign him last week. Rob is another player in our squad who is vastly experienced at this level. He keeps the ball, is busy and effective in his work and he will contribute goals as well.

Whether we are able to add further to the squad before the loan window closes remains to be seen but I am happy with the players I have. They have worked extremely hard on the training ground and my job now, after the three defeats we have suffered, is to make sure their confidence isn't affected and that they continue to believe in the way we want to play. Sometimes in football you don't get what you deserve. A bounce of the ball or a decision may go against you and it can be the difference between winning and losing. But I am confident with the

squad we've got that it will not be long before we start to build an unbeaten run and climb the table. With 43 League games still to play there is certainly plenty of time for this to happen so keep the faith in these lads. They will come through for you.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those who have travelled to Bristol Rovers and Port Vale in the last week. These are considerable distances and your support is appreciated by everyone in the dressing room.

Please get behind the boys tonight. Believe me, your backing can make all the difference.

Harry





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SWINDON

in numbers



Programme cover from the meeting at the County Ground in 2012

2010

Year of the first meeting between the clubs in the FA Cup second round. After a 1-1 draw at the Broadfield, Reds won the replay 3-2.

118

Minute when Ben Smith scored Reds' extra-time winner at the County Ground in the second round of the FA Cup.



Jimmy Smith celebrates his goal in our 1-1 draw on Easter Monday

29

Number of goals in games between ourselves and Swindon since that first meeting in 2010.

36

Age of Swindon midfielder Matt Taylor, who also has a coaching role at the club.

88

The minute Gavin Tomlin scored our winner at the County Ground to seal a 3-2 success in February 2015, only our second away victory of that League One campaign.

5008

The attendance last April for the most recent meeting between the sides on Pay What You Can day.

16

Number of appearances Swindon midfielder Michael Doughty made during a loan spell from Reds in 2011-12.

3

3-0 is the most common number of goals scored in games between Swindon and ourselves. Swindon have found the net three times on three occasions against us, Reds once.

FOUR TO FOLLOW



Jermaine McGlashan

The Croydon-born midfielder joined Swindon in the summer. He can also play up front or off the striker.

The 30-year-old played for several non-league clubs in the south-east before joining Aldershot in 2010. Since then he has had spells with Cheltenham, for whom he made more than 100 appearances and helped secure a return to the Football League, and then League One Southend United. He left Southend in the summer and headed to Wiltshire.



Matt Taylor

The 36-year-old midfielder brought his vast experience of the Premier League – he played more than 400 games at the top level – to Swindon at the start of last season, after he was released by Northampton Town. He had a brief spell in charge in March after David Flitcroft's departure, before reverting back to a player-coach role.

Taylor made his League bow for Luton as a 17-year-old back in 1999. Since then he has played for Portsmouth, Bolton, West Ham United and Burnley and also won three England under-21 caps.

Roll Call

Swindon's goalkeeper will be Chile-born **Lawrence Vigouroux**, who was with both Tottenham and Liverpool earlier in his career. The 24-year-old spent part of last season on loan to Irish club Waterford.

Redhill-born central defender **Dion Conroy**, 22, is back in action after missing much of last season with a cruciate injury.

Along side him in the back four is right-back **Kyle Knowle**, who is in his second season at the County Ground having started out in West Ham United's Academy.

Midfielder **Martin Smith**, 22, started his career at Sunderland and joined Swindon in the summer on the recommendation of assistant manager **Neil McDonald** after



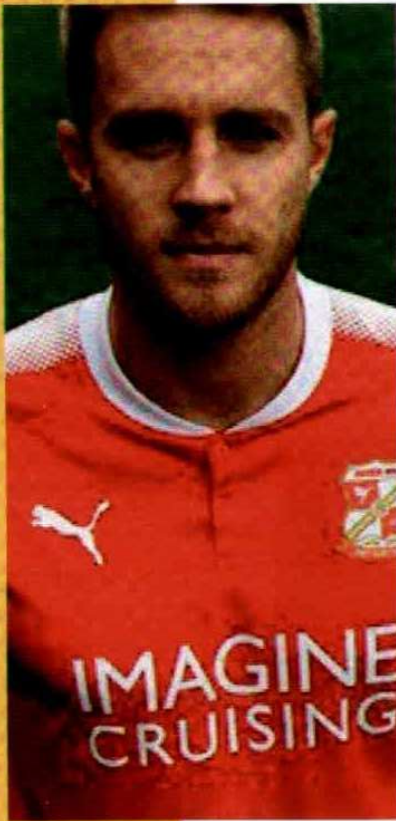
Michael Doughty

The former QPR midfielder played for Reds back in the 2011-12 promotion-winning season and scored for the Reds in an FA Cup win at Bury in November 2011.

It was one of eight loan spells Doughty had during eight seasons with QPR. He left Loftus Road in 2017 and signed for Peterborough, making more than 30 appearances in League One last season. The 25-year-old signed for Swindon on a two-year deal during the summer having had two separate loan spells at the County Ground in 2016 and 2017.

a successful spell in Northern Ireland with Coleraine. **Steven Alzate** has played at the Broadfield Stadium before for Brighton's under-23s. The 19-year-old Londoner joined Swindon on a season-long loan from the Seagulls in the summer.

Striker **Elijah Adebayo** arrived at the County Ground in the summer on loan from Fulham. The 6ft 4in striker has also



Olly Lancashire

The 29-year-old central defender has been made club captain by manager Phil Brown. He had four seasons at Southampton and made 13 appearances before spells with Walsall, Shrewsbury Town, Aldershot and Rochdale, for whom he made more than 100 appearances between 2013-16.

Lancashire joined Swindon in July 2017 and was a regular last season despite an ongoing back problem.

played on loan for Bognor Regis Town. **Keshi Anderson** joined the Robins on a permanent basis in January following a successful loan spell. The 23-year-old began his career at Crystal Palace.



Fan Fare Conor Garrett gives us the lowdown on Swindon

How long have you supported Swindon, and how many games do you catch each season? My first Swindon game was in 2002. I usually get to the County Ground quite often, and to the odd away game, but thanks to now working most Saturdays I have missed quite a few games in the past year!

How would you assess their start to the season? So far it has been up and down, with one of the most memorable wins in recent years on the opening day, thanks to 96th and 98th minute goals against Macclesfield, followed hot on the heels by a pretty abject loss to Lincoln. If we are being positive, the team seem to be much more potent going forward than last season but the defence also seems quite leaky as well so it already looks like a lot of goals in our games this season!

What are your expectations for this season? Realistically we should be looking at getting promoted but it's far too early to tell how this team will acquit themselves. As we finished ninth last year and seem to have a slightly more competent squad and a manager with more of a plan than just kicking it long, making the play-offs would be quite good.

Who's the Swindon dangerman?

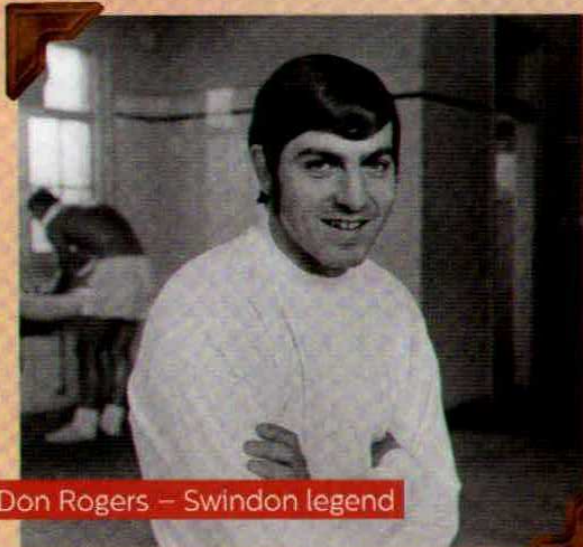
Michael Doughty has been the standout player having already established a solid standing in the Town fan base after previous loan spells. How he's dropped down to League 2 I'm not quite sure - he's great at pushing a team forward in midfield, creating chances and scoring goals as well.

What is your score prediction? Crawley 2-3 Swindon

THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

Leigh Edwards profiles eight players who had more than one spell at Swindon Town

Don Rogers



Don Rogers – Swindon legend

England U-23 winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. He signed as a professional at the County Ground in October 1962, featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970 before he was reunited with ex-Swindon boss Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. After moving to QPR in exchange for Terry Venables in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He then played for Yeovil Town and ran a sports shop in Swindon.

David Moss

Winger David Moss was Swindon Town's leading marksman in 1976-77. Initially with hometown club Witney, he joined Swindon in July 1969 and starred in their 1974-75 promotion near-miss and was part of the team that took eventual winners West Ham to an FA Cup fourth round replay. He moved to Luton Town in May 1978 and was an important figure in their 1981-82 Second Division title triumph. Returning to Swindon Town in July 1985,

he netted 60 goals in 234 League games overall for the Robins before hanging up his boots. He later assisted Brian Horton at various clubs and managed Macclesfield, becoming involved with youth development at Liverpool.

Chris Kamara

Midfielder Chris Kamara had two spells at Swindon Town. Initially with Portsmouth, he moved to Swindon in August 1977 and starred in their 1979-80 League Cup run. He rejoined Pompey in May 1981 and was swapped for Brentford's David Crown in October 1981. A Freight Rover Trophy finalist in 1985, he returned to Swindon in August 1985 and featured in their 1986-87 promotion success. He netted 27 goals in 234 League games overall before joining Stoke City in July 1988, then Leeds United, Luton Town and Sheffield United. He later managed Bradford City and Stoke and is now an analyst on Sky Sports and co-presenter of ITV's Ninja Warrior UK.

Martin Ling

Winger Ling featured prominently as Swindon Town won promotion to the top-flight in 1992-93. He began with Exeter City and joined Swindon in July 1986. He moved to Southend United three months later and was a promotion winner in 1986-87 and 1989-90, returning to Swindon in March 1991. He featured in their 1995-96 Third Division title campaign and netted ten goals in 152 League games prior to joining Leyton Orient in July 1996. After helping them reach the Third Division play-off final in 1998-99 he then played for Brighton. He managed Leyton Orient, Cambridge United, Torquay and Swindon before returning to Orient as director of football.

Phil King

England B international left-back King helped Swindon Town qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1988-89. Initially with Exeter City, he moved to Torquay United in July 1986 and joined Swindon for £155,000 in February 1987. He was ever-present in 1987-88 and sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £400,000 in November 1989. He

featured in their 1990-91 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, was 'Player of the Year' in 1991-92 and moved via Aston Villa back to Swindon in March 1997, netting four goals in 121 League games overall. He joined Brighton in March 1999, then played for Kidderminster and Bath City before becoming a publican.

Alan Mayes

Fast striker Alan Mayes was leading marksman as Swindon Town reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1979-80. After playing for QPR, he joined Watford in November 1974 and helped them to win the Fourth Division title in 1977-78. He moved to Swindon in February 1979 and formed an exciting partnership with Andy Rowland. Sold to Chelsea for £175,000 in December 1980, he rejoined Swindon in July 1983 and was top scorer in 1983-84, netting 65 goals in 151 League games overall for the Robins before joining Carlisle United in July 1985. He later played for Blackpool, Wycombe Wanderers and had a spell as Harrow Borough manager.

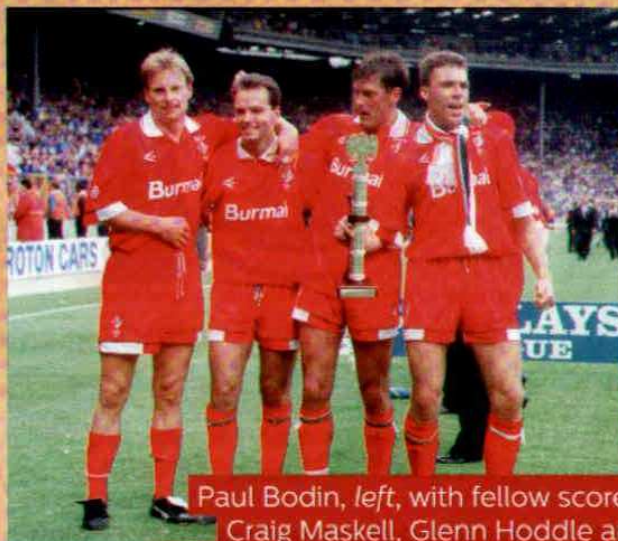
Jimmy Quinn



Jimmy Quinn played and managed the Robins

Northern Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn was Swindon Town's top scorer in 1987-88. After starting with Oswestry, he joined Swindon in December 1981 and moved to Blackburn in August 1984. He rejoined Swindon in December 1986 and helped win promotion that season, joining Leicester in June 1988. Later with Bradford City, West Ham, and AFC Bournemouth, he was Reading's joint player-boss, then had a spell at Peterborough before returning to Swindon as player-manager in November 1998. He netted 40 goals in 120 League games then managed Northwich Victoria, Shrewsbury, Cambridge United, AFC Bournemouth and Nantwich.

Paul Bodin



Paul Bodin, left, with fellow scorers Craig Maskell, Glenn Hoddle and Shaun Taylor after they scored in the 1993 play-off final against Leicester

Welsh International defender Bodin had two spells at Swindon Town. A former Chelsea junior, he had spells with Newport County and Cardiff City before moving to Bath City in July 1985. He was twice leading marksman and rejoined Newport in January 1988. After moving to Swindon two months later, he was sold to Crystal Palace for £550,000 in March 1991 and rejoined Swindon in January 1992. He helped reach the Premier League in 1992-93 and win the Second Division title in 1995-96. After scoring 37 goals in 239 League games he joined Reading in June 1996, then returned to Bath as player-boss and spent 12 years as Swindon youth coach.

PAST



MEETINGS

From FA Cup replays, underdogs winning and last-minute equalisers, games between Crawley Town and Swindon rarely go by unnoticed.



The players salute the travelling fans after Gavin Tomlin's late winner at the County Ground in 2015

In various competition the two sides have now chalked up 12 meetings since 2010. In that time, we've seen Ben Smith send the plucky Non-League Reds into the FA Cup Third Round, Paolo di Canio go wild on the sidelines and a fair few incidents in between.

I'm sure every Reds fan who was there will remember Gavin Tomlin's 88th minute winner – and the chaos in the stands that ensued – at the County Ground to seal only our second away win of the season in February 2015.

It was way back in 2010 that Crawley, then of what is now the National League, and Swindon of League One met for the first time.

A 1-1 draw at the Broadfield Stadium in front of a live TV audience, thanks to goals from Charlie Austin and Matt Tubbs, meant this FA Cup second round tie was headed for a replay. A chilly Tuesday evening in freezing Wiltshire was the setting for a crazy match that saw the aforementioned Smith score a 118th-minute winner to put Crawley through to face Derby after a 3-2 win in extra time. And we all know what happened next!

Into the Football League and fortunes were reversed. Three consecutive 3-0 victories in the next three meetings meant the Crawley faithful could be forgiven for never wanting to see their side face Swindon again.

Alas, you can't pick who you play, and Crawley fared better in their next four matches against the Robins, picking up three draws and a 1-0 win thanks to a penalty from Izale McLeod at the start of the 2014-15 campaign.

Football is a funny old game, represented by nothing better than two consecutive Crawley away wins at the County Ground. Gavin Tomlin's late strike in a 3-2 win was good, but how about a 3-0 win of our own, thanks to goals from Jordan Roberts and Jimmy Smith, plus an

Olly Lancashire own goal, at the County Ground nearly a year ago.

Jimmy Smith was on target again in our last meeting, as we drew 1-1 in front of a whopping 5008 spectators as our annual Pay What You Can match reeled in the punters. A late Marc Richards goal meant the shares were spooled, but it still marked a seventh match against the Robins undefeated.

And as a historical footnote, Swindon were the last team we faced in a League game in front of a live TV audience. That game took place in February 2013 when Richie Barker's side drew 1-1 with a Swindon side being managed by Paolo di Canio for the final time. A crowd of 3558 saw Billy Clarke fire Reds in front before Swindon levelled in the second half. Reds stayed 12th in the League One table.

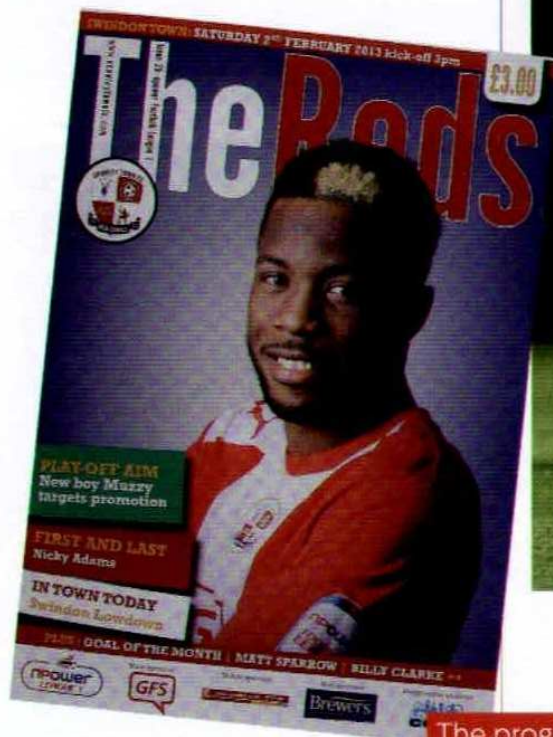
Last time we met

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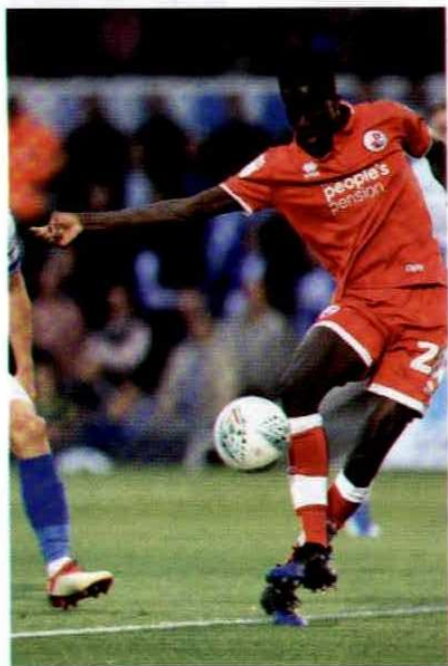
Pay What You Can attracted a gate of 5,008 including 1377 Swindon fans on Easter Monday. Skipper Jimmy Smith put Reds in front but the Robins equalised in the second half through Marc Richards' 85th-minute header.

Reds: Morris, Young, Evina, Yorwerth, Tajbakhsh, Randall, Smith, Boldewijn, Camara, Ahearne-Grant. Subs: Payne, Roberts.

Billy Clarke scores our goal in the 2012 meeting at the Broadfield Stadium



The programme cover that night featured Mustapha Dumbuya in 2013



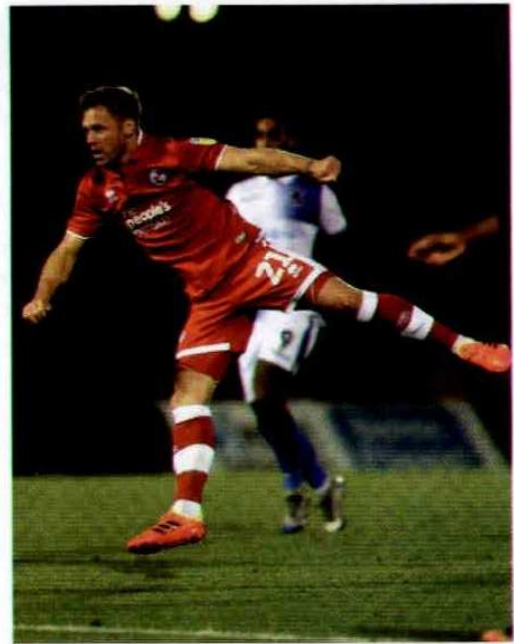
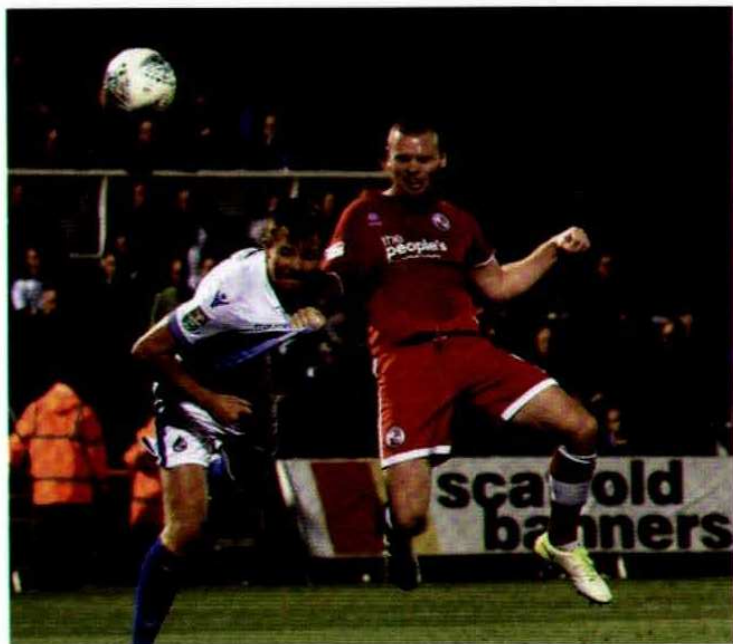
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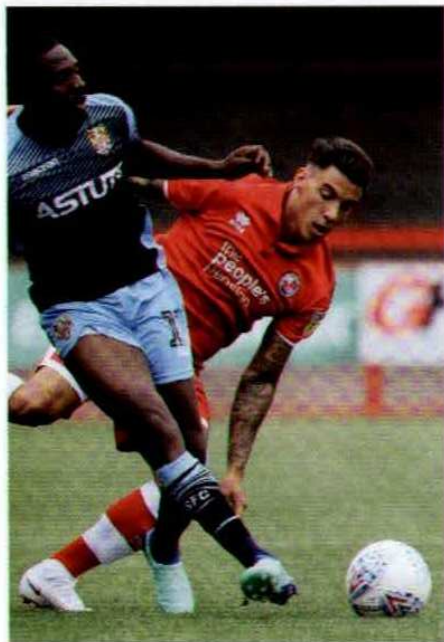


Reds bowed out at the first-round stage of the Carabao Cup for the fourth successive year in a game which came to life in the last ten minutes.

The hosts were leading through Kyle Bennett's 33rd-minute header but with Reds pressing for an equaliser Dominic Poleon's goalbound shot was handled by a defender only for referee Lee Swaby to turn down our penalty appeals. Rovers went up to the other end and Ollie Clarke was allowed space to beat Yusuf Mersin from 25 yards – another soft goal to concede.

Mark Connolly headed us back into the tie in the 88th minute from Ashley Nathaniel-George's cross, but Poleon then picked up a second yellow as frustration boiled over following another odd decision by the referee who should have awarded a drop ball on the edge of the box instead of allowing keeper Adam Smith to clear his lines.





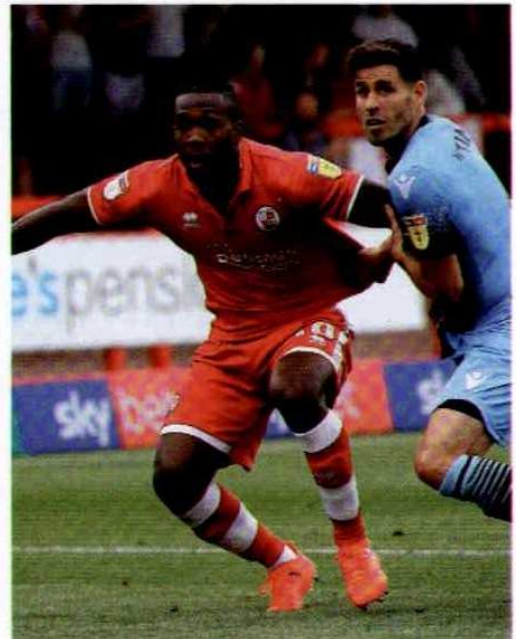
Crawley Town 1 Stevenage 3



Two late goals by Stevenage's veteran striker Alex Revell sentenced Reds to defeat and means it is mid-February since we last won a home League game.

After a goalless first half Stevenage broke the deadlock in the 48th minute through Bobby Reid's header but it took Reds just three minutes to equalise. Filipe Morais picked out Ollie Palmer with a lovely cross from the left and his header flew in.

But Reds seemed to run out of steam in the closing stages. Revell made it 2-1 in the 88th minute with a towering header and won the game at the end of a counter-attack five minutes into stoppage time. Home protests that we should have been awarded a throw instead of Stevenage at the start of the move and that Revell was offside fell on deaf ears.



Mark Connolly wants back-to-back home games to kickstart the season

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

You've just started your fifth season with the club. How does it feel to be part of the furniture?

Well, I'm still enjoying it as much as the first day I walked through the door back in 2012. As the fans know, I love the club and the area and hopefully I can be part of a successful Crawley Town in the future.

How does this squad feel compared to others you have been part of?

Really strong, I'd say the best since I came back to the club in 2016. What we've got now is a bigger core of experienced players, lads like Filipe, Romain, Ollie and Dom who have all played at a much higher level throughout their careers and been successful. They are all winners and have hundreds of games under their belt between them. We perhaps didn't have enough of that in the last couple of years. It's a good mix to be honest because there are some young lads in the squad who are desperate to prove themselves and have a good career.

The players love working under Harry Kewell, don't they?

It's an easy thing to say but absolutely, the sessions he puts on are brilliant. Some of the boys who have come in this summer have been very pleasantly surprised at the quality of the coaching sessions the gaffer and Warren put on. We all want to learn and keep improving as players. I've been at some clubs where training has not been that enjoyable but here we all look forward to coming in and working every day. The manager has got a very specific style of how he wants to play and that is drilled into us all the time. A lot of the new lads, as I've said, are experienced and they haven't taken long to buy into what the manager wants.

How would you describe our start to the season?

I'm speaking before the Bury game but I feel we could be sitting here with three wins instead of

one. We should have beaten Cheltenham more comfortably but it was a great start for us. Against Stevenage we'd had a hard week on the training ground and maybe towards the end that showed. We were still going for it and conceded two late goals but we deserved a point definitely. Then in the Carabao Cup I don't think there was much to choose between the teams at all. They were there for the taking, regardless of what happened at the end with the penalty incident and then Dom getting sent off. It was nice to get my first goal and hopefully I can pick up a few more this season.

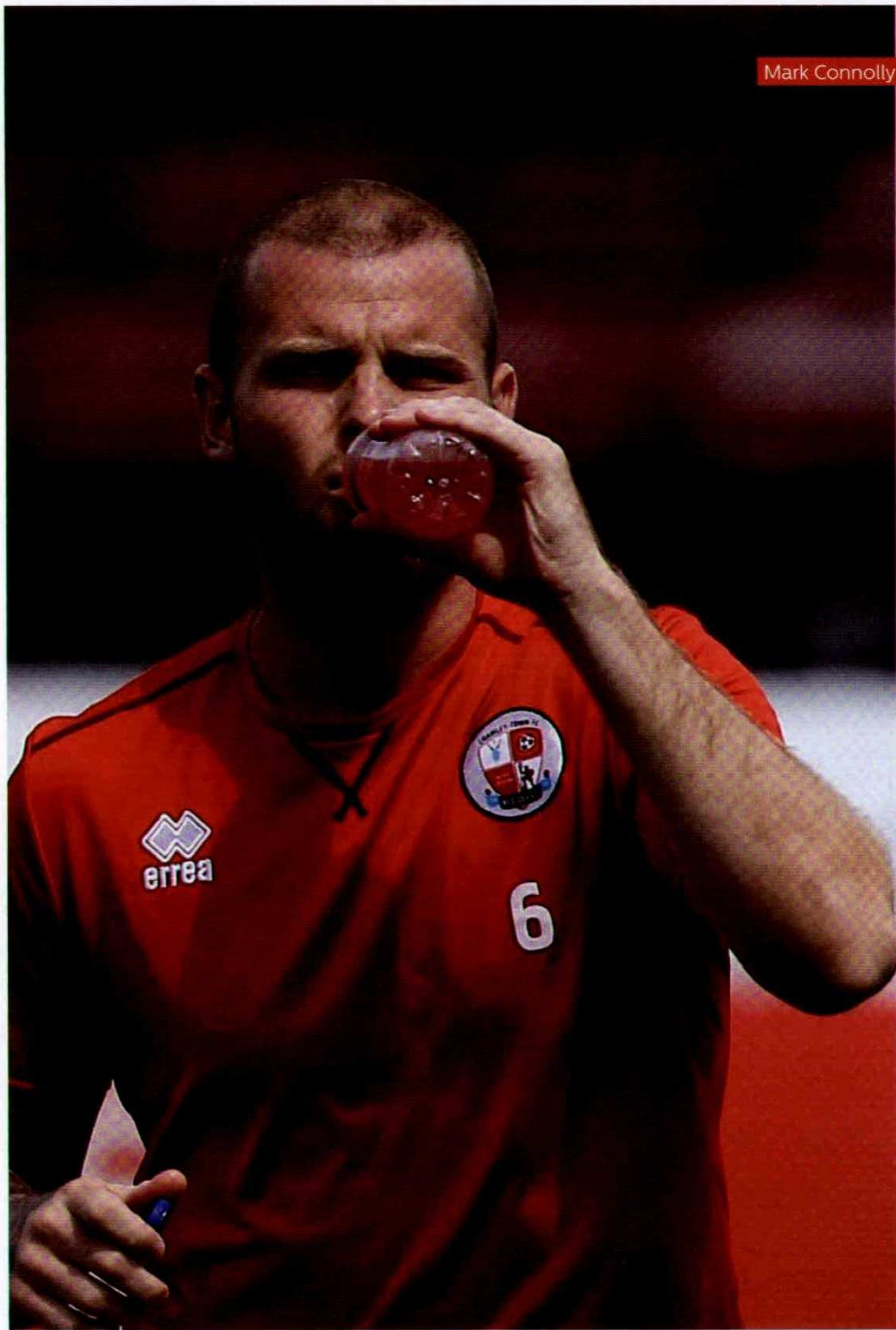
You're your harshest critic. Can we improve defensively?

100 per cent yes. Obviously, it's a new pairing with me and Romain and getting that understanding together is going to take time but we've got to do better, particularly at defending balls into the box. I don't think the goals that we've conceded so far have been great at all, just crosses that we need to deal with. The gaffer is big on that sort of thing, being organised and more importantly switched on. If you're tired physically then you're more likely to switch off mentally. We need to get better as a defensive unit.

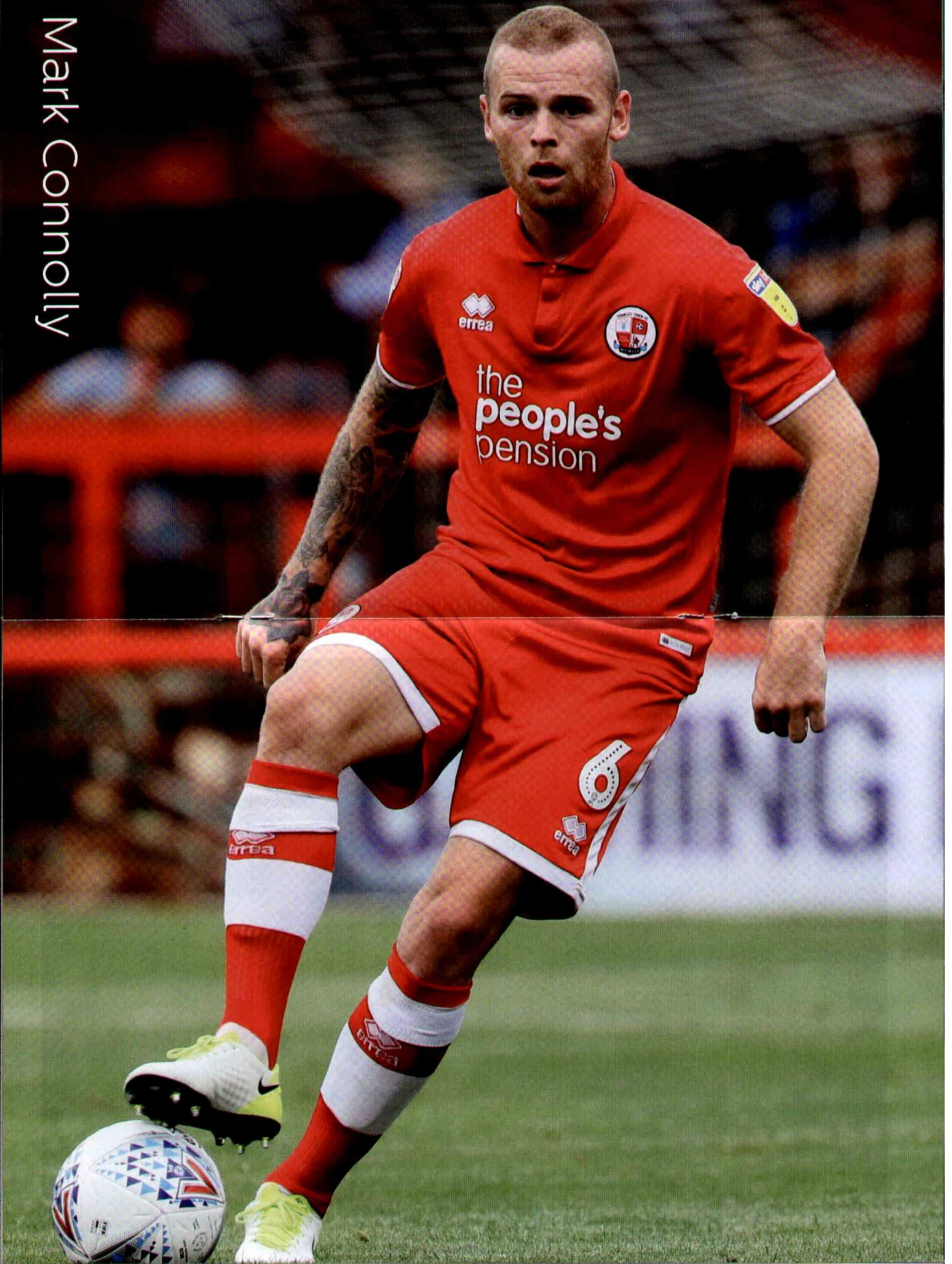
Finally, the home form needs to get better as well doesn't it?

Someone told me last week that it's February since the last home win. We had that spell during the middle of last season when we won consistently at home, the fans got behind us and we all made it hard for the opposition. It should not be too difficult to get that vibe back around the Broadfield. These two games this week are an ideal opportunity for us. We're aiming for six points and if we get them I really believe we can kick on and establish ourselves in the top half of the table.

Mark Connolly



Mark Connolly



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Giovanni Porciatti

for Premier League and EFL clubs. The league is demanding and of a high standard.

For anyone who excels, there are opportunities to train and even gain a contract with the Crawley Town FC first team. Giovanni Porciatti has just finished the course, and is currently training with the first team aiming to secure a professional contract.

He said: "It's a really good experience for me. I am working hard and personally I am learning a lot from it and feeling like I'm improving day by day."

Another ex-student Amber Whenham, who also completed her Education in June 2018, is off to America in September to do a scholarship.

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ON THE SPOT

Josh Payne

Tea or **coffee**?

Cats or **dogs**?

Beach holiday or city break?

6-0 win or 1-0 win in the 90th minute?

Barcelona or Real Madrid?

Win the league or **win promotion at Wembley**?

Score but the team lose or **score an own goal but the team win**?

Quickfire round

Proudest football achievement?

Making my debut in the Premier League for West Ham at Ewood Park against Blackburn.

Biggest match ever played in?

It was a League Cup game against Millwall at Upton Park.

Best player played against?

Steven Gerrard.

Best stadium ever played in?

Upton Park simply for the atmosphere.

Any superstitions before games?

Every time the fitness coach tells us it's time to go out and train, I have to go to the loo! Even if I don't need to, I have to try!

Best goal ever scored?

The free kick at Wycombe two seasons ago was pretty special!

Best mate in the dressing room?

Brian Galach.

Who do you support?

Reading.



Josh in action for West Ham against Millwall in a League Cup tie at Upton Park in 2009

RETRO REDS



Tonbridge 30th October 1976

Almost exactly 60 years ago - 23rd August 1958 to be precise - we started our season in the Metropolitan League against Luton Town 'A'.

Our programme editor noted at the time: "There is a decided air of optimism running through the club and a feeling that this year may well be a lucky and auspicious one in its history." Much as, maybe, our current season, despite our disappointing defeat at home to Stevenage last week. Let's hope that optimism is rekindled after tonight's game against Swindon, another old rival!

Optimism aside, there are huge differences between then and now although it seems that, like now, the 1958-59 team had a good mix of youth and experience and also a "happy fellowship amongst the players!"



One big difference was that three of that season's squad were still completing the compulsory National Service (including Glenn Morris's relative Nobby Davis), while the following week we were going to enter the FA Cup for the very first time, playing at home to Horsham in the first qualifying round, with an unusual Saturday 3.15 kick-off.

Also, the club had readopted the *Town* name after several years as just Crawley FC. Unfortunately, like

our game against Stevenage, the early optimism took a knock as Luton beat us quite comfortably 3-0, although we did win the two league games after that against Haywards Heath and Fulham 'A' before our opening run of four home league games in a row was ended when Arsenal 'A' beat us - again by a 3-0 scoreline. Just to dampen optimism further, we also lost that first ever FA Cup tie on 6th September 1958 when local rivals Horsham beat us 1-0 in a tight battle.

I have added a couple of cuttings from the Luton programme (*left*) and I have left in some of the adverts, to jog the memories of those older fans who might remember Kales, Nelson's Stores or Bastable & Son!

In the Stevenage programme I mentioned the sad passing in early summer of one of our Town Meadow stalwarts, Len Coleman. Len's daughter, Linda, kindly sent me a few team photos that Len and his wife had hanging on their lounge wall (now that's what I call a proper supporter!). I am including one of these here, one of the few photos or cuttings I have from our pretty desperate years in the mid-1970s.

This team photo is taken at Tonbridge on 30th October 1976 for our second tie of the season in the Southern League Cup, having beaten Gravesend and Northfleet 3-0 on aggregate over two legs in the previous round. The first of those games - also on 21st August - was at Gravesend, ending in a 2-0 win, with goals from Wayne Peacock and Brian Roberts, with Roberts scoring the only goal in the second leg on 24th August 1976.

Notice in the team photo the *lush* surface underfoot at Tonbridge, not a surface acceptable today, perhaps? The line-up was, L to R back row: Peter Frost, Dave Easton, Maurice Chilver, John Maggs, John Leedham, Wayne Peacock, Brian Roberts. Front row L to R: Andy McDonald, Tony Mulhearn, Ian McGonagle, David Gates, Vic Bragg.

As above, early optimism abounded that season as, after three desperate seasons, manager Dave Haining had brought in highly rated forward Wayne Peacock from Eastbourne to play in attack alongside the very talented Tony Mulhearn, while retaining some of the old guard from our fine side of the late 1960s (Leedham, Maggs, Bragg). It took some time for the side to gel, though, and it wasn't until 9th October that we managed our first league win, followed by four wins in a row, culminating in one of my favourite away experiences – a 6-0 win at Aylesbury! That victory brought a second hat-trick in two games for Peacock, but that run was ended at Tonbridge with an own goal bringing a disappointing 1-0 defeat and our usual early Southern League Cup exit.



Lastly, another blast from the past, this time from Football League Review, which was given away as an insert with most

CHAMPION, CHAMPIONS!

When you're League champions things begin to happen off the pitch as well as on it, as Everton discovered after their dressing room champagne celebrations at Goodison (right). One of their admirers, former Coventry City assistant secretary Brian Horsley, offered the players a free holiday at his smart Springfield Hotel on the beautiful Welsh coast at Fairbourne in Merioneth. We captured some wonderfully relaxed pictures of the stars in Wales.



Picture one: Horseriding Alan Ball watches wife Lesley and daughter Amanda on Princess. Picture two: I've always wanted to be an engine driver says Ball on the Fairbourne-Barmouth holiday express. Picture three: Up in the mountains, far away from it all—John Hurst with wife Rosemary, Alan Ball with Amanda and Lesley, Joe Royle and Janet who have since celebrated their marriage, host Brian Horsley, Gordon West and concert pianist wife Anne. Picture four: Even away from it all the autograph hunters gather and Keith Newton



5 with son on his shoulders happily oblige in the sun. Picture five: I've always wanted to be a sand yacht racing driver says Alan Ball backed by Keith Newton, John Hurst and their host.

Football League programmes in the 1960s and 70s, although it was often thought an irrelevant nuisance.

Reading this one from August 1970, the centrefold above (CHAMPION, CHAMPIONS!) was all about the reward given to the 1969-70 League champions, Everton – a free holiday at a North Wales boarding house. Some great pictures of England players Alan Ball, Keith Newton and Joe Royle horse riding, playing with a tractor, etc. All very nice, I am sure, but would it have cut much ice with last season's champions Manchester City?

ON THIS DAY

Craig Bratt looks back at games played on this day by the Reds

Nicky Adams takes a tumble under Jay McEveley's challenge at Swindon six years ago



When:

Saturday August 21, 2010

**Altrincham 0
Crawley Town 1**

Masterton, 62'

A memorable season for the Reds, when we won the league title and promotion to the Football League, began in August with a 1-0 defeat at home to Grimsby Town, but form quickly turned and by the end of the month we were top of the league, helped by this win at Moss Lane.

Steve Masterton, signed from Greenock Morton that summer, struck a free kick in the 62nd minute for the only goal of the game to seal a 1-0 win over an Altrincham side who were relegated at the end of that season.

Team: Kuipers (GK), Hall, Wilson, Mills, Quinn, Rusk, Masterton, Torres, Neilson, Tubbs, Enver-Marum.

Attendance: 776

When:

Tuesday August 21, 2012

**Swindon Town 3
Crawley Town 0**

Crawley were brought back down to earth with a bang after an opening day 3-0 win on their League One debut against Scunthorpe United. Swindon were dominant against the Reds at the County Ground, with two goals before half time from Matt Ritchie and Tommy Miller. Raffael de Vita added a third after the break to make it a miserable Tuesday night for Richie Barker's men.

Jones (GK), Sadler, Hunt, McFadzean, Connolly, Bulman, Adams, Simpson, Akpan, Clarke, Alexander.

Attendance: 7,658.

When:

**Saturday August 22,
2015**

**Cambridge United 0
Crawley Town 3**

Deacon 39, 47, Edwards 87

After a winless first three games at the start of the 2015-16 Sky Bet League Two season, Crawley, under the management of Mark Yates, picked up their first victory of the campaign in style with a comprehensive win at Cambridge United.

Roarie Deacon scored his first two goals for the Reds either side of the half time, and despite a second yellow card for Fulham

loanee Liam Donnelly, Gwion Edwards was able to add a late third goal to make it Crawley's biggest away victory since a 5-2 victory at AFC Wimbledon in October 2011.

Woodman (GK), Ashton, McNerney, Bradley, Donnelly, Young, Edwards, Walton, Scales, Harrold, Deacon.

Attendance: 5,459

Roarie Deacon scores one of his two goals in the 3-0 win at Cambridge three years ago



Gwion Edwards celebrates our third goal at the Abbey Stadium back in 2015



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Joe Comper



Good evening and welcome to tonight's game.

Swindon have, much like us, had a mixed start to the season with a win and a loss in the league before being knocked out of the Carabao Cup last Tuesday. It will be interesting this evening to see who can bounce back to winning ways.



I'm delighted to welcome our match sponsors this evening, Intercleanse. Based in Manor Royal, Intercleanse have supported us for the past two seasons as well as backing the club for a number of years previously. Their support as back of shirt and short sponsors is invaluable to us so we thank them for their support not just tonight, but throughout the whole season.

One thing that has struck me about Intercleanse is the range in services they offer. We've used their commercial cleaning services here at the club, but they are also experts in other areas such as vehicle valeting, cleaning of crime and trauma scenes and specialist cleaning such as graffiti and chewing gum removal.

If you or your business are looking for cleaning services, I'd strongly recommend approaching Intercleanse for a quote. It's important that our fan base acknowledges and supports the club's sponsors, as it's their backing that allows local businesses like Intercleanse to support us, so please do give them and all our partners a try if you're in a position to do so.

I was delighted to have Jimmy Smith join me in the Mayo Wynne Baxter Suite at the Stevenage game for a question and answer session in front of our corporate guests.

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I'm pleased that members of our squad are willing to get involved in this sort of thing to add to the match day experience in the lounge. We do sell game by game tickets for £65, which includes a Director's Box seat and a three-course meal, so if your birthday is coming up, please do come and join us for a game.

I was at Bristol Rovers last Tuesday night for our cup defeat, which was hard to take given how well we played. We were very disappointed not to be awarded a penalty in the dying minutes, with insult added to injury by Rovers scoring a second straight away.

It was interesting to see their use of Babestation on the TVs at half time throughout the ground. Whilst amusing, I think we'll give that one a miss from our matchday entertainment programme!

If you do have any ideas for matchday I would love to hear them, so please do drop me an email on joecomper@crowleytownfc.com or speak to me tonight.

Enjoy the game, Joe.

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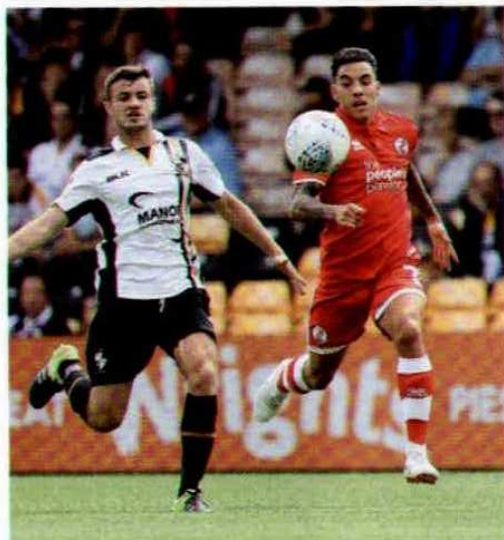
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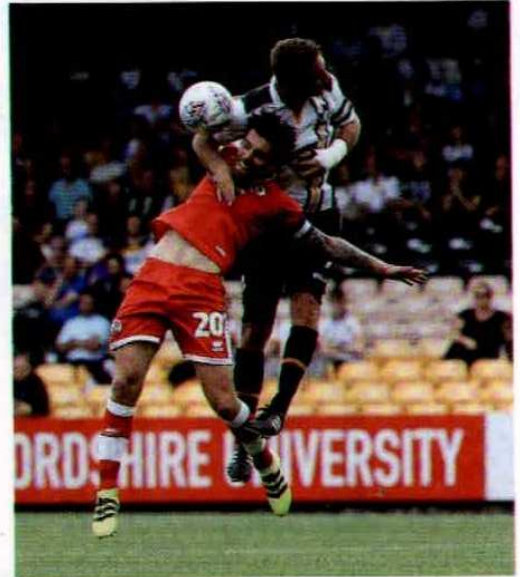


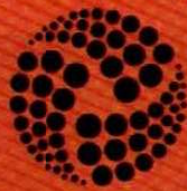
Reds were unfortunate to leave Vale Park empty-handed after a decent performance which just lacked a goal as its reward.

Vale got the winner in the 20th minute when Glenn Morris parried Tom Pope's shot but Luke Hannant reacted quickest to slide in the rebound.

Thereafter, Reds dominated possession for long stages but Vale defended well. Filipe Morais went desperately close with two efforts from outside the box, Lewis Young's low shot grazed the outside of the post and Ollie Palmer was denied by Scott Brown midway through the second period.

It was a frustrating all afternoon for Reds, but points will surely come soon if we maintain this level of performance.





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FANFARE

In his first column, regular young Reds fan Elliot Racio brings his slant on all things Crawley from the terrace



Tonight's opponents Swindon Town come into the fixture after an incredible opening day game against Macclesfield Town as they scored a 90+6 penalty and then a 90+8 penalty to win the game 3-2 with Michael Doughty completing a hat-trick to get Swindon off to a wonderful start.

However, since then Swindon's fortunes have changed with them losing their first Checkatrade Trophy group stage match 4-0 at the hands of Chelsea U21s. It then continued to not go well for Swindon as they travelled up to Lincoln's Sincl Bank, where they were heavily defeated 4-1. It was once again a Michael Doughty penalty, which he hit straight down the middle, that got Swindon on the scoresheet but it wasn't enough to help Swindon get anything out of the game.

They then turned their attention to Carabao Cup action as they played Forest Green Rovers at home. Swindon were defeated but this time only by a narrow score of 1-0. Reds fans have every right to feel confident going into the game against Swindon, despite disappointing results against Bristol Rovers and Stevenage.

Reds fell to their first defeat of the season against Stevenage with a 3-1 loss. The game looked set to be a draw until the 88th minute Stevenage netted through an Alex Revell header. Then in stoppage time Alex Revell scored once again for Stevenage despite the goal looking offside. Manager Harry Kewell had no complaints about the performance, but he was disappointed with the defeat. Reds fans were disappointed with the result but the game on Tuesday against Bristol Rovers gave Reds a chance to put a bad performance right.

In between games with Stevenage and Bristol Rovers Reds pulled off the signing of Rob Milson on a short-term contract after a successful trial period in pre-season. This is a signing that Reds fans were hoping would go through as they were impressed with what they saw from Rob during games

"ROVERS SCORED THEIR SECOND IN VERY CONTROVERSIAL STYLE AS A HUGE PENALTY APPEAL FROM REDS WAS IGNORED"

against Ipswich and Charlton.

Reds were narrowly beaten 2-1 by League One side Bristol Rovers. Reds went behind on 32 minutes through a header from Kyle Bennett who had a loan spell at Crawley during 2012. Rovers scored their second in very controversial style as a huge penalty appeal by Reds was ignored by the referee, causing Rovers to counter attack and Ollie Clarke made it 2-1 on 85 minutes.

Mark Connolly then scored a consolation goal with a header to make it 2-1. Dominic Poleon received a second yellow card and was sent off in added time. Despite this Reds fans can take many positives from the game as a few decisions went against them and without them who knows what the score could have been.

Let's hope for a positive result and performance tonight

Come on you Reds!

Elliot Racio

2018-19 FIXTURES+RESULT

		Comp	H/A	Result							
AUG	4 Cheltenham Town	EFL2	A	1-0	Morris	Francomb	Docherty	Vincelot	Connolly	Young	Payne
	11 Stevenage	EFL2	H	1-3	Morris	Francomb	Docherty	Vincelot	Connolly	Young	Payne
	14 Bristol Rovers	CC1	A	1-2	Mersin	Francomb	Docherty	Vincelot	Connolly	Young	Milson
	18 Port Vale	EFL2	A	0-1	Morris	Francomb	Docherty	Vincelot	Connolly	Young	Milson
	21 Swindon Town	EFL2	H								
25 Bury	EFL2	H									
SEP	1 Oldham Athletic	EFL2	A								
	4 Tottenham U-23s	CTG	H								
	8 Lincoln City	EFL2	A								
	15 Morecambe	EFL2	H								
	22 Forest Green Rovers	EFL2	A								
29 Yeovil Town	EFL2	H									
OCT	2 Notts County	EFL2	A								
	6 Cambridge United	EFL2	H								
	9 Portsmouth	CTG	H								
	13 Colchester United	EFL2	A								
	20 Newport County	EFL2	H								
	23 Exeter City	EFL2	H								
	27 Tranmere Rovers	EFL2	A								
NOV	3 MK Dons	EFL2	H								
	13 Gillingham	CTG	A								
	17 Grimsby Town	EFL2	A								
	24 Crewe Alexandra	EFL2	H								
27 Mansfield Town	EFL2	A									
DEC	8 Northampton Town	EFL2	H								
	15 Macclesfield Town	EFL2	A								
	22 Carlisle United	EFL2	H								
	26 Cambridge United	EFL2	A								
29 Newport County	EFL2	A									
JAN	1 Colchester United	EFL2	H								
	5 Cheltenham Town	EFL2	H								
	12 Stevenage	EFL2	A								
	19 Port Vale	EFL2	H								
26 Swindon Town	EFL2	A									
FEB	7 Bury	EFL2	A								
	9 Oldham Athletic	EFL2	H								
	16 Northampton Town	EFL2	A								
23 Macclesfield Town	EFL2	H									
MAR	2 MK Dons	EFL2	A								
	9 Grimsby Town	EFL2	H								
	12 Mansfield Town	EFL2	H								
	16 Crewe Alexandra	EFL2	A								
	23 Lincoln City	EFL2	H								
30 Morecambe	EFL2	A									
APR	6 Forest Green Rovers	EFL2	H								
	13 Yeovil Town	EFL2	A								
	19 Exeter City (Ipm)	EFL2	A								
	22 Notts County	EFL2	H								
27 Carlisle United	EFL2	A									
MAY	4 Tranmere Rovers	EFL2	H								

	SUB	SUB	SUR	UNUSED SUBS	ATT.	AWAY			
Bulman	Palmer 1	Poleon	Morais	Grego-Cox	Randall	Camara	Mersin, McNerney, Nathaniel-George	2/71	141
Bulman	Palmer 1	Poleon	Morais	Grego-Cox	Randall		Mersin, Camara, McNerney, Allarakhia	2110	224
Randall	Grego-Cox	Camara	Allarkhia	Bulman	Poleon	N-George	Morris, Soway, McNerney	2336	47
Bulman	Palmer	Grego-Cox	Randall	Camara	N-George		Mersin, McNerney, Payne	4159	70

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Today's fixtures

- Cambridge United v Exeter City
- Carlisle v Port Vale
- Colchester v Crewe Alexandra
- Forest Green v Stevenage
- Lincoln City v Bury
- Macclesfield v Cheltenham
- MK Dons v Grimsby Town
- Morecambe v Northampton Town
- Newport v Notts County
- Tranmere v Mansfield Town
- Yeovil Town v Oldham Athletic

SQUAD STATS & TABLE

Player appearances and goals 2018-19

	League		Cup		Season		Career	
	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
Tarryn Allarkhia		1		1		1		
Dannie Bulman	3		0+1		3+1		336+28	5
Panutche Camara	0+2		1		1+2		19+19	3
Mark Connolly	3		1	1	4	1	157+13	9
Josh Doherty	3		1		4		18+4	
George Francomb	3		1		4		4	
Reece Grego-Cox	1+2		1		2+2		2+2	
Yusuf Mersin		1		1		14+2		
Filipe Morais	3				3		3	
Joe McNerney						63+6	5	
Rob Milson	1		1				2	
Glenn Morris	3				3		90	
Ashley Nathaniel-George	0+1		0+1		0+2		0+2	
Ollie Palmer	3	2			3	2	3	2
Dominic Poleon	2		0+1		2+1		2+1	
Josh Payne	2						54+18	6
Mark Randall	0+3		1		1+3		26+10	1
Jimmy Smith						152+15	17	
Romain Vincelot	3				3		3	
Lewis Young	3		1		4		156+21	2



League table

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Exeter City	3	2	1	0	6	2	+4	7
2	Lincoln City	3	2	1	0	6	2	+4	7
3	Stevenage	3	2	1	0	6	3	+3	7
4	Milton Keynes Dons	3	2	1	0	3	1	+2	7
5	Port Vale	3	2	0	1	4	2	+2	6
6	Swindon Town	3	2	0	1	7	8	-1	6
7	Forest Green Rovers	3	1	2	0	6	3	+3	5
8	Mansfield Town	3	1	2	0	6	3	+3	5
9	Colchester United	3	1	2	0	3	1	+2	5
10	Crewe Alexandra	3	1	1	1	6	1	+5	4
11	Yeovil Town	3	1	1	1	6	3	+3	4
12	Oldham Athletic	3	1	1	1	5	4	+1	4
13	Tranmere Rovers	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
14	Bury	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4
15	Carlisle United	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
16	Grimsby Town	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
17	Cambridge United	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
18	Newport County	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4
19	Crawley Town	3	1	0	2	2	4	-2	3
20	Northampton Town	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2
21	Notts County	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
22	Cheltenham Town	3	0	0	3	0	3	-3	0
23	Macclesfield Town	3	0	0	3	3	8	-5	0
24	Morecambe	3	0	0	3	0	9	-9	0

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Colours: red and white

- 1. Glenn **Morris**
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- 3. Josh **Doherty**
- 4. Josh **Payne**
- 5. Joe **McNerney**
- 6. Mark **Connolly**
- 7. Reece **Grego-Cox**
- 8. Jimmy **Smith**
- 9. Ollie **Palmer**
- 10. Dominic **Poleon**
- 12. Yusuf **Mersin**
- 14. George **Francomb**
- 15. Ashley **Nathaniel-George**
- 18. David **Sesay**
- 20. Romain **Vincelot**
- 21. Dannie **Bulman**
- 22. Filipe **Morais**
- 25. Mark **Randall**
- 26. Brian **Galach**
- 27. Tarryn **Allarakhia**
- 28. Panutche **Camara**

Swindon Town



Manager: Phil Brown

Colours: black

- 1 Lawrence **Vigouroux**
- 2 Kyle **Knogle**
- 3 Michael **Doughty**
- 4 Jak **McCourt**
- 5 Sid **Nelson**
- 6 Olly **Lancashire**
- 7 Jermaine **McGlashan**
- 8 James **Dunne**
- 9 Marc **Richards**
- 10 Keshi **Anderson**
- 11 Steven **Alzate**
- 12 Will **Henry**
- 14 Ellis **Iandolo**
- 15 Chris **Robertson**
- 16 Martin **Smith**
- 17 Elijah **Adebayo**
- 20 Toumani **Diagouraga**
- 21 Jordan **Young**
- 22 Kaiyne **Woolery**
- 23 Luke **McCormick**
- 25 Joe **Romanski**
- 26 Dion **Conroy**
- 27 Scott **Twine**
- 28 Sol **Pryce**
- 31 Matthew **Taylor**

Match officials

Referee: Charles Breakspear

Assistant Referees: Thomas Ramsey, Isaac Searle

Fourth Official: David Spain



Next home game

Saturday, August 25, kick off 3pm

Bury