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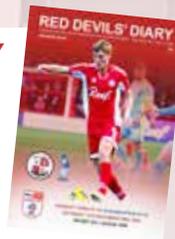
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Thanks to everyone involved in making this programme a success, and our thanks also go to you the fans for buying it.

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## WELCOME TO THE BROADFIELD STADIUM

Welcome to the Broadfield Stadium for today's League Two Match. We would also like to extend a warm Crawley Town welcome to the players, staff and fans of today's visitors and wish them all a safe journey home after the game.

## NEWS BITES FROM THE DEVIL

**BRISTOL ROVERS** have sacked manager Darrell Clarke after 10 straight defeats in League Two. Clarke, who led Rovers to successive promotions in his first spell in charge in 2015 and 2016, has failed to arrest their decline, following relegation from League One with us last season. His assistant Jon Stead has also been relieved of his duties. Clarke, 47, was appointed in place of Inigo Calderon in May 2025. Former Crawley Town manager Steve Evans & his assistant Paul Raynor have just been appointed as Rovers' new management team. This appointment comes after they spent 9 months out of the game, following their departure from Rotherham Utd. They were at the helm of Crawley from 2007 to 2012.

**BARROW** have parted company with head coach Andy Whing. He leaves with assistant Craig Pead after less than 12 months in charge. Whing arrived from Solihull Moors in January to replace Stephen Clemence and led them to 16th after a strong finish to the season. However they have struggled for much of this campaign. Neil McDonald, who only arrived at the club last month, has been placed in interim charge. As Whing departs, the Bluebirds will begin their search for a ninth manager since they returned to the EFL after a 48-year exile in 2020.

**NOVEMBER PLAYER OF THE MONTH** The Nominees for the Crawley Town FC Core FM Player of the Month were: Josh Flint, Harry Forster, Geraldo Bajrami and Jay Williams. The award went to Harry Forster.

### CRAWLEY TOWN - HONOURS LIST

Honour	Position	Season
League 2 Wembley Play Off Final	Winner	2023/24
Promoted to League 1	3rd Place	2011/12
FA Cup	5th Round	2010/11 & 2011/12
EFL League Cup	4th Round	2019/20
Conference	Champions	2010/11
Southern League	Champions	2003/04
Southern League Cup	Winner	2003/04
Southern League Cup	Winner	2002/03
Southern League Cup	Runner-up	2000/01
Sussex Senior Cup	Winner	1989/90, 90/91, 02/03, 04/05
Roy Hayden Trophy	Winner	1990/91, 91/92, 04/05
Sussex Floodlight Cup	Winner	1990/91, 91/92, 92/93, 98/99
William Hill Senior Cup	Winner	1992/93
Gilbert Rice Floodlight Cup	Winner	1979/80, 83/84
Sussex Intermediate Cup	Winner	1927/28
Montgomery Cup	Winner	1925/26
Mid Sussex Senior League	Winner	1902/03



**Back in 2012 the Crawley Town Community Foundation was established and since then it has gone from strength to strength in its work with the community of Crawley.**

Because of my advanced years I have been mostly involved with those activities laid on for the over 50s, such as Walk and Talk, Walking Football, Sporting Memories and Extra Time Hub. It is for this reason that I am going to start with this area of their work in the community.

The first seven years in the life of the Foundation helped establish itself into the lives of the people of Crawley, through its work in schools, the running of holiday soccer schemes and so much more, such as those mentioned earlier.

And then came Covid. Did it stop the Foundation in its tracks? The answer has to be an emphatic NO! Extra Time Hub, a meeting place for people over the age of 50, seeking to tackle loneliness and social isolation for people in that age group, simply went online with Zoom sessions, which not only helped to keep people together throughout the Pandemic, but also must have educated a fair number of us, the pre-computer generation, in how to use a computer to communicate with each other and keep each of us sane.

There were times during the first of the zoom sessions when more time was spent trying to make sure no one had their laptop, tablet or phone on mute, but by the end of the Pandemic everyone was computer proficient, so much so that the zoom sessions continue even now, long after lock downs have ceased to be.

The return to normality, after what seemed like a lifetime of isolation and restrictions, saw the return to getting together in the Executive suite at the Stadium and the reintroduction of Walk and Talk.

We are blessed in Crawley with the wonder that is Tilgate park and every Wednesday morning at 10am a group of intrepid members would meet there to be led on a hike around Campbell's Lake, (so named because of the floatation tests carried out on Donald Campbell's Bluebird there), which would inevitably end up at the Walled Garden café, where all topics were open for discussion and many long lasting friendships were made and developed.

For myself, as a retired teacher, it was great to be led by youngsters who I had previously taught at Holy Trinity school, although it did take a while for me to assure them that it was alright to call me Steve, and not Mr. Leake or Sir.

After a while the youngsters leading us on the walks passed their responsibilities on to us, the older generation, and since then we have walked all over Crawley, including walks in Ifield, Pease Pottage, County Oak and Nymans. You may notice that all these places have coffee shops and the like in their environments, which is only to be expected for people of our advanced years. Several members have led the walks including myself, in the early days, and Sue and Mike Wheeler, and we have held history walks through the town centre, with Crawley Museum as a starting point and the Crow Coffee shop as the finale.

The success of Walk and Talk can be seen by how it has grown from its small beginnings to a group of walkers, of all

abilities and endurance levels, currently numbering around thirteen.

The Extra Time hub at the Broadfield Stadium runs from 11.30am to 1.30pm every Friday and features such activities as quizzes, bingo, ruthless and cutthroat games of UNO or just a chance for people to meet up away from their homes and chat about everything under the sun.

Walking Football takes place between midday and 1pm, when mostly men try and stop from running after the ball under the supervision of one of the Foundation staff. Before the football the players will take part in warm up activities provided by Nuffield health and, when they vacate the Executive suite for the 3G pitch just before one, Nuffield health provides seated exercise for those who don't want to take part in the beautiful game.

After that chatting, partaking of refreshments, those games of Uno are usually the main activities, but there is also an intrepid group of walkers who will take to doing five or six laps of the wonderful turf that the Red Devils grace on match days.

When the Walking footballers return, quizzes or bingo sessions will take place, until it is time to go home, happy and contented.

For me, as someone who lives alone, albeit in a block of apartments with communal areas where you can meet up with other residents, the Hub is a social lifeline that has provided me with a group of friends I would otherwise not have met.

I have experienced all aspects of the hub, although my walking football is now limited to watching, and it has certainly helped me through some uncertain times in my life and strengthened my sense of

community, not just in the town of Crawley where I have lived for all but two years of my seventy four here on planet earth, but also in the football club that bears the town's name and also in the wider community of EFL football where Extra time hubs also take place.

Just over two years ago some of the Extra Time Hub members took part in a community-based project led by Crawley Museum on what it felt like to live in Crawley called "Belonging in Crawley" and the hub members produced a family tree showing how they came to the New Town of Crawley and it was astonishing to see how many of our lives had crossed each other's along the way.



**Family tree produced by hub members for "belonging in Crawley" exhibition**



Two of the people who contributed greatly to the “belonging in Crawley” project are Bill and Jane Webber, and the following is their story as published in the 2023/2024 EFL League 2 play off final programme.



**Bill and Jane Webber at Broadfield Stadium**

After Jane suffered a stroke a few years ago, the impact went far deeper than just the physical symptoms – it meant a loss of independence and friendships.

The impact on the family was immeasurable, having to move house and her husband, Bill, being forced to give up work, with Jane also no longer able to drive.

Bill explains: “Everything in our life changed. Jane said she was having severe headaches, and my daughter took her to the hospital for a checkup. I jokingly said, she has had a stroke – having a laugh- but then my daughter rang me up and said that mum had actually had one. Our lives have revolved around that ever since.

I had to pack up work as Jane can't be on her own anymore and we had to move as well, because Jane could no longer walk up the stairs”

However, a chance meeting with staff from Crawley Town's Community Foundation, and an introduction to their Extra Time Hub, signalled a major change for the couple.

Visit an Extra Time Hubs session at Crawley's Broadfield Stadium and you will see Jane and Bill at the heart of the chatter in the suite. Every Friday, they join the group that has become a mainstay in their social calendar and has replaced



some of what the stroke took away.

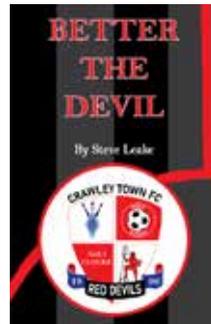
Bill adds: “We had just gone down to the shops to get some rolls and a newspaper, and we met Charlotte and Darren from the Crawley Town Foundation. We chatted to them, and they said to come to the Hub. So, we went there and have not looked back since. Jane lives for coming to the hub on Fridays.”

The couple's social circle has grown thanks to the project, and they now meet with members of the club outside of the Friday sessions. When asked what Extra Time Hub meant to her, Jane simply said “Friendship”

Darren Ford, Head of the Crawley Town Community Foundation, comments: “Activities for older people tend to default to bingo and tea dances. At Extra Time Hubs, we want to create a social community of people who meet regularly to socialise and to do the things they enjoy or want to try, not what society expects them to do because they have reached a certain age.

As we have seen with Bill and Jane, the Hub helps people to feel better by reducing their social isolation and loneliness and in doing so, we also nudge them towards being more physically active, too”.

Why not, if you're in a similar position as Bill and Jane were in, try giving Extra Time Hubs a go? The first session is free and only £3 a session from then on. If, however, you haven't yet reached that stage in your life, why not consider supporting those who have by buying “Better the Devil” for the reduced price of £10 which will ensure £3 goes straight to work of OUR foundation in OUR community. Contact me at red4ever40@hotmail.com for details.



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FROM 26TH DECEMBER 2025

## FESTIVE OPENING HOURS

The club's Christmas Holiday opening times are as follows:

26TH DEC - MATCHDAY HOURS (10:00 - HALF-TIME)

27TH DEC - CLOSED

28TH DEC - CLOSED

29TH DEC - MATCHDAY HOURS (10:00 - HALF-TIME)

30TH DEC - CLOSED

31ST DEC - CLOSED

1ST JAN - CLOSED

2ND JAN - CLOSED

3RD JAN - CLOSED

4TH JAN - CLOSED

5TH JAN - NORMAL HOURS RESUME



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### SPOT THE BALL!

Which number do you think is the correct position of the ball?

(Answer below)



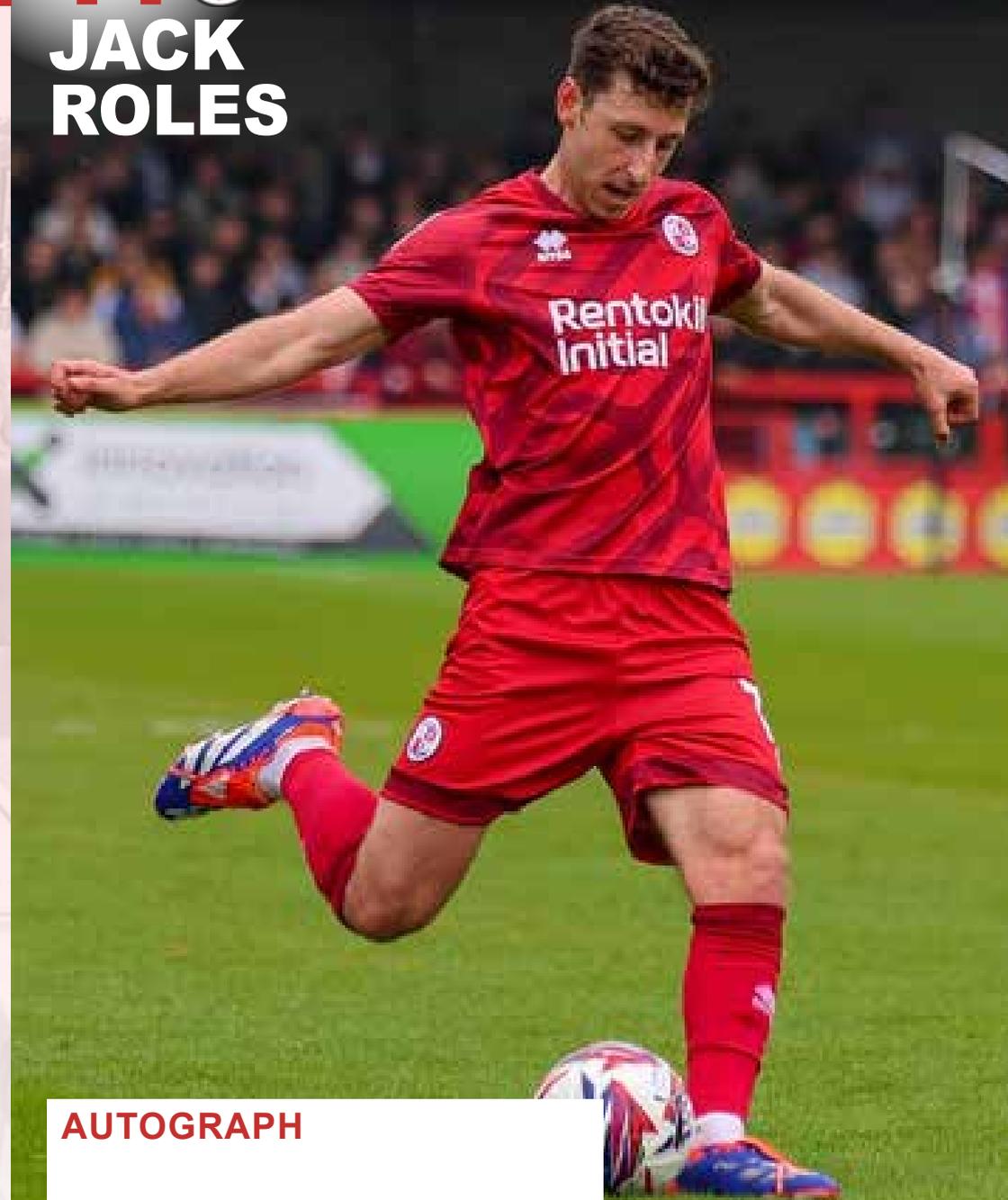
### WORD SEARCH

Find these club names in the grid below:  
 ACCRINGTONSTANLEY, BARNET,  
 BARROW, BRISTOLROVERS, BROMLEY,  
 CAMBRIDGEUNITED, CHELTENHAMTOWN,  
 CHESTERFIELD, COLCHESTERUNITED,  
 CRAWLEYTOWN, CREWEALEXANDRA,  
 FLEETWOODTOWN, GILLINGHAM, GRIMSBY,  
 HARROGATE, MKDONS, NEWPORTCOUNTY,  
 NOTTSCOUNTY, OLDHAMATHLETIC,  
 SALFORDCITY, SHREWSBURYTOWN,  
 SWINDONTOWN, TRANMEREROVERS,  
 WALSALL

WHICH TEAM IS NOT IN THE WORDSEARCH?  
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# 11 JACK ROLES



**AUTOGRAPH**



SPOT THE BALL ANSWER Ball B is correct! MISSING CLUB Swindon Town



## BROMLEY 3-1 REDS



### Notes from an away trip to see Crawley Town play Bromley on Tuesday, the 9th of December.

For the second time on the trot it was an away game at a stadium I've not been to before.

It is a first visit to Hayes Lane, the home of Bromley. It was the same for a lot of fans making the trip, as it is the first league meeting between the two clubs.

There have been some friendlies played against them here over the years, including one only just over two years ago, and going further back, games in the FA Cup Qualifying rounds, and the FA Trophy, but I wasn't a fan for those, and there weren't the same kind of numbers going to games then.

I took the supporter's coach over to the game, my first use of the service this season. It's a short enough coach journey for me to cope with, and with it being a Tuesday night game it meant

the least working time lost to make it to the game. The coach was completely full.

Bromley are working on upgrading the stadium since their promotion to the league in 2024, and their new main stand houses their club shop and club bar, but there was no admittance for Crawley fans, and there is nothing in the away end to allow for sales of alcohol. In fact the facilities for away fans as a whole are poor.

The walk around to the away end is down a potholed gravel 'road' and not ideal for anyone who may be unsteady on their feet. An actual small marquee for serving refreshments (slowly), and Portaloos, is all they have.

This is wholly unsuitable for the night on 500 away fans who have made the relatively short journey. So much so that at half time they didn't clear the queue for food and drink until over twenty-five minutes into the second half.

There are changes in the starting line up

since the Salford game, with the back from suspension duo of Ryan Loft and Charlie Barker both starting.

Kabby Tshimanga dropping to the bench, and Louis Flower out of the squad. Jay Williams kicked off for us, and he was sporting a smaller bandage than when he finished the game last time out.

And he was involved in an early heavy challenge and was down needing treatment. Bromley were peppering our box with enough crosses to keep a horde of vampires away, and we were dealing with them, but the ball kept coming back.

When we do break it is from a poor pass back by Bromley, straight to Harry McKirdy, he gets to the edge of the area and manages to dink a cross to the far post where Ryan Loft is there to head goalwards, it somehow manages to squirm past the keeper and into the net and we lead 1-0 with pretty much our first attack of the game.

We do try to improve on it straight away but a poor pass on the edge of our box isn't capitalised on. Play is pretty even, but we have the best chances and force a couple of decent saves from the keeper. Only for Bromley to improve as the half goes on, and a host of corners leads to the inevitable equaliser a couple of minutes before the end of the half's normal time, and we end up going into the break at 1-1.

The second half sees Bromley firing on all cylinders, an early let off as a ball isn't dealt with and ends up with the Bromley number 9 in the six-yard box, but thankfully he slices his shot onto the roof of the net.

A left wing cross sees two Bromley players vying to get a touch on it in the box and they manage to steer it just wide between them. We are really struggling to get going. We half clear a cross and it drops to a Bromley player thirty yards out, their shot hits two Crawley defenders on the way through and totally wrong foots Wollacott in goal and we trail 1-2.



Hopefully, that will wake the players up, as they really haven't turned up for the second half yet. I'm not sure what soporifics were used in the half time team talk, but they need to cut it out.

It doesn't really get any better, more corners, more messing about at the back, and it leads to what we have seen so many times, over the last season and a half, losing the ball in our own half and being cut to pieces as the Bromley players sweep forward and stroke the ball into the net again, and we trail 1-3 now.

Then the home players classlessly divert to celebrate in front of the away terrace, gesticulating and goading them.

The home fans aren't much better, chanting 'we can see you sneaking out' as our fans clear a space so a collapsed fan can get treatment from the snail like attentions of St John's Ambulance.

Fortunately the fan is able to get up and leave with help after ten minutes. By which time the 90 minutes are up, and there are four added minutes. And the game finishes with a 3-1 defeat after a poor second half.

After the full time whistle the atmosphere between players and fans is not great, with words thrown from both sides that are not helpful. It was time to dodge the puddles and potholes and head back to the coach.

It was a subdued journey back, and the vote for player of the match wasn't an enthusiastic one, with Harry Forster coming out as the best of an, at best, average bunch on the night.

At least it was a short journey, and back at the Broadfield before 11.





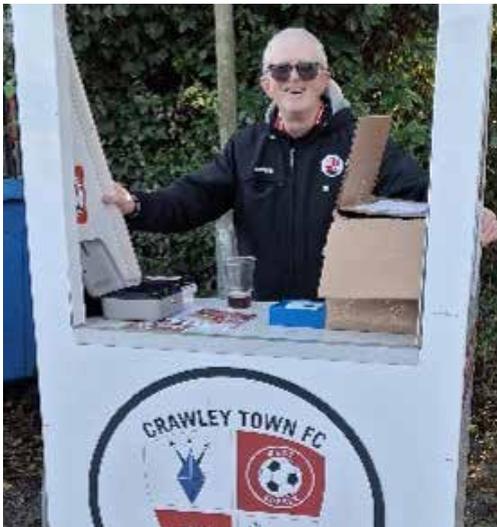
## REDS 2-2 OLDHAM ATHLETIC



### Notes from the Crawley Town home game against Oldham Athletic on the 13th of December.

Hot on the heels of the disappointing showing at Bromley on the Tuesday night, it was home action with the visit of Oldham Athletic, back in the EFL after three seasons in the National League.

It's well known that I like to be in the ground as early as possible, but it was five to three and the hives were rising, as I was helping (well, standing around supporting) Steve Leake with the sales of the first issue of this programme. With us playing Oldham, there was an effort to have a minute's applause in the 28th minute to commemorate Ernie Cooksey who played for both clubs and who died at the young age of 28. However, being unable to contact his



family meant the club weren't able to put any official announcement up on the board, so unfortunately, with only word of mouth and what was in the programme, the applause was sporadic.

There were four changes to the starting lineup from the Tuesday night debacle, with Harvey Davies, Dion Conroy, Kaheim Dixon, and Jack Roles all starting.

We start well, an early shot from Jay Williams goes over the bar, Kaheim Dixon chases a long ball and the attempt to stop him getting the ball sees the Oldham keeper and a defender collide. The defender comes out of it badly and needs substituting. Ryan Loft attempts the spectacular overhead effort which goes wide. There's a traditional poor pass at the back which sees an Oldham shot on target, and another which clears the stand. We attack, Ade Adeyemo, Harry Forster and Jack Roles combine, with the latter's shot being deflected wide for a corner. Which we keep possession from and Roles puts a cross to the far side of the box, Loft gets to it and shoots and it goes in, and we take a 1-0 lead early on in the game, again.

It is a good spell of the game for us, a Forster cross sees Josh Flint attempt a back heel flick which goes just wide. Roles has a shot from thirty yards out which goes over the bar, and Charlie Barker and Forster both have crosses into the box cleared. But Oldham are still dangerous, and a long throw into our box is flicked on and turned into the net, but the linesman has his flag up for offside, so it won't count.

A long ball out of defence finds one of their players ten yards behind our defence, but the shot is well saved by Harvey Davies. A couple of

corners follow in quick succession, both of which end up with Davies clearing.

We pick up again; Forster sets up Reece Brown and his shot is saved and it falls to Kaheim Dixon who sees his shot saved as well. Adeyemo has a shot from outside the box which is saved. And into six added minutes, Dixon breaks into the box and gets tackled, the ball comes back to Brown on the edge of the box and his attempt to float it over the defender and keeper comes back down off the underside of the bar and back to the keeper. We get a free kick thirty-five yards out and it's well worked from Forster to Dixon to Roles and his shot is deflected for a corner, which is taken and cleared and the half time whistle goes with a lead of 1-0.

I'm not sure what is going on at half time, but we once again come out slowly for a second half. A misplaced pass ends up with an Oldham corner; it's half cleared, and then becomes another corner. Davies makes a save, there is a block on the line and it's hacked out for a throw, which is worked to Michael Mellon, son of the Oldham manager, (who is on loan to Oldham from Burnley,) and he curls it past the despairing dive of Davies and its level at 1-1.

It is like we have forgotten how to play, there are misplaced passes galore, needless throws given away. Oldham shots, one wide, a save from Davies, and a penalty claim as an Oldham player goes down in the penalty area. They are out-muscling us, and some cynical fouls get players a talking to from the ref. In the first three quarters of the game the referee has been extremely picky with where both sides take throws from, not letting anyone take it more than a couple of paces forwards (or backwards) from where the ball went out.

The first time he doesn't is one on halfway, which Oldham eventually take fifteen yards into our half. We don't deal with it and it is flicked into the box where the Oldham striker Stevens has all week to pick his spot, before putting it past Davies in goal and we trail 2-1.

From an Oldham corner we break with Dion Pereira, who has only just come on as a



substitute, he plays it forward quickly to fellow sub Kabby Tshimanga who beats his man for pace and slots it past the keeper from just inside the area and we are back level 2-2.

We are now out for a winner, Loft plays in Tshimanga again, but he can't repeat the trick and his shot takes a deflection and goes for a corner. Forster breaks into the box from midfield and goes down under a challenge, and like the one at the other end, nothing is given. Loft is bundled over twenty-five yards out. Forster plays it deep and it is flicked for a corner. A header is saved and then the ref blows his whistle and points to the spot.

Pandemonium follows. Oldham players surround the ref, one of them pushes him. None of them are booked. Then eventually he goes and speaks to the linesman who is placed ready for the spot kick, and changes the decision and gives a free kick to Oldham (replays show it was the right decision, the handball was by Barker, but there's no way the referee or linesman knew that, it definitely looked as if the Oldham players had bullied them into the decision).

Despite not booking any Oldham players for the surrounding and pushing of him, he then runs forty yards to book Flint who is non-plussed as to what it was for (as are we all), and when the referee blows the final whistle, Flint has to be dragged away by captain Dion Conroy from confronting the referee.

Another disappointing second half malaise, and a point still leaves us far too close to the relegation places for comfort. The main plus? We sold all the programmes.

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*Colchester's Ossama Ashley shields the ball from Nick Tsaroulla. (Tue, 18 Apr 2023)*

## WE'VE MET BEFORE - CRAWLEY VS COLCHESTER UNITED

Aside from our reserve sides meeting in the mid-90s in the Capital League, Crawley Town 'proper' first encountered Colchester United after their promotion to League One, ahead of the 2012/13 season where they played each other for three seasons until Crawley were relegated back to League Two.

The U's held on to their place in League One for one more season until they were themselves relegated to League Two, which has remained the backdrop for matches between the two clubs ever-since.

The opening reunion game following Colchester's relegation was in the League Trophy, where Jason Banton's delivery picked out an unmarked James Collins in the area, who finished well past U's keeper Sam Walker to score the only goal of the game.

The 2017/18 League Two campaign was Colchester's most successful against Crawley, with them completing the league double over the Reds.

During the 2019/20 season, the Red Devils played host to Colchester United for the 4th round of the League Cup but disappointingly bailed out of the completion, losing 3-1. It was later found that the Reds would likely have been disqualified from progressing any further, even if they were to have won, for fielding an ineligible player. (The legendary Dannie Bulman)

Both League Two matches between the clubs during the 2020/21 season were played behind closed doors, due to Government guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The 2021/22 League Two campaign was Crawley's most successful against Colchester, with them completing the league double over the U's.

Both League Two fixtures between the clubs during the 2022/23 season ended in stalemate, 2-2 in Colchester and goalless at the Broadfield Stadium.

The last time the sides met was during Crawley's 2023/24 promotion season. Colchester needed a win to claw their way out of the relegation zone, while Crawley were aiming to cement their play-off credentials.

A passionate appeal for increased support from manager Danny Cowley sparked the arrival of almost 1,000 visiting fans at the Broadfield Stadium and they weren't to be disappointed, when a spirited display saw their side win 3-2 and claim their fifth and last away league win of the campaign.

Today's fixture will be the second time Colchester have played Crawley on Boxing Day, both times here at Broadfield Stadium, but the Red's faithful will be hoping for a better outcome than last time, in 2017, when Colchester won 2-0 ending an unbeaten league home record that stretched back to October.





*Williams under pressure from Colchester's Matt Jay.  
(Sat, 09 Dec 2023)*

## WE'VE MET BEFORE - COLCHESTER UNITED FC

PLAYED **24** WON **5** DRAWN **8** LOST **11** WIN RATIO **20.83%**

2012/13	League 1	Tue, 18 Sep	Colchester United 1-1 Crawley Town
	League 1	Tue, 01 Jan	Crawley Town 3-0 Colchester United
2013/14	League 1	Sat, 21 Sep	Colchester United 1-1 Crawley Town
	League 1	Tue, 15 Mar	Crawley Town 1-0 Colchester United
2014/15	League 1	Sun, 28 Dec	Crawley Town 0-0 Colchester United
	League 1	Sat, 14 Mar	Colchester United 2-3 Crawley Town
2016/17	League Trophy	Tue, 30 Aug	Crawley Town 1-0 Colchester United
	League 2	Tue, 27 Sep	Crawley Town 1-1 Colchester United
	League 2	Tue, 14 Feb	Colchester United 2-3 Crawley Town
2017/18	League 2	Sat, 09 Sep	Colchester United 3-1 Crawley Town
	League 2	Tue, 26 Dec	Crawley Town 0-2 Colchester United
2018/19	League 2	Sat, 13 Oct	Colchester United 3-1 Crawley Town
	League 2	Tue, 01 Jan	Crawley Town 2-0 Colchester United
2019/20	League 2	Sat, 12 Oct	Crawley Town 2-1 Colchester United
	League Cup	Tue, 29 Oct	Crawley Town 1-3 Colchester United
	League 2	Wed, 01 Jan	Colchester United 1-1 Crawley Town
2020/21	League 2	Tue, 01 Dec	Colchester United 1-1 Crawley Town
	League 2	Sat, 20 Feb	Crawley Town 1-0 Colchester United
2021/22	League 2	Sat, 18 Sep	Colchester United 0-1 Crawley Town
	League 2	Sat, 01 Jan	Crawley Town 3-1 Colchester United
2022/23	League 2	Tue, 25 Oct	Colchester United 2-2 Crawley Town
	League 2	Tue, 18 Apr	Crawley Town 0-0 Colchester United
2023/24	League 2	Sat, 09 Dec	Colchester United 1-2 Crawley Town
	League 2	Sat, 13 Apr	Crawley Town 2-3 Colchester United



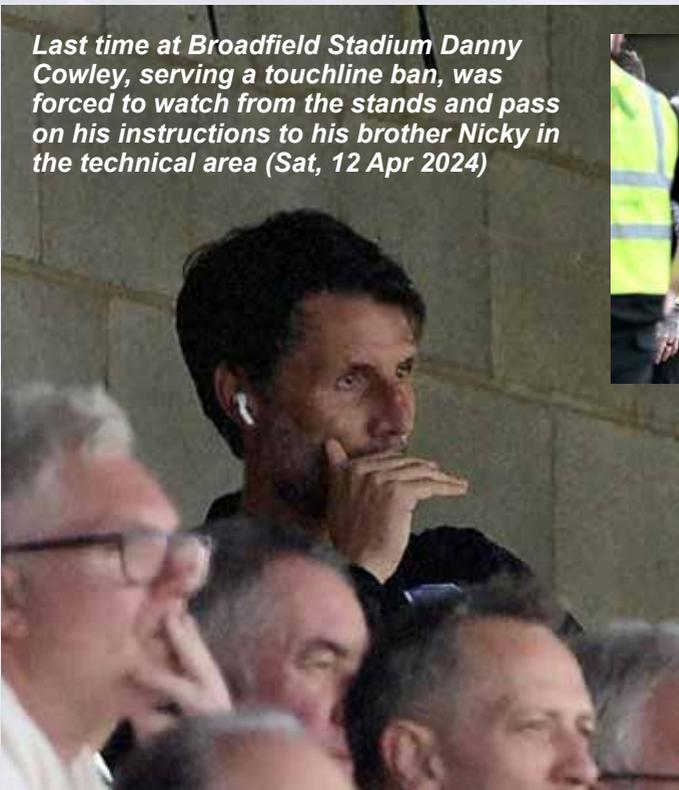
# SEASON RECORD 25/26

HOME Away Red = Evening KO ■ Cautioned □ Sent Off Scorers in **BOLD**  
 L2 = SkyBet EFL League Two **FAC** = FA Cup **EFLT** = EFL Trophy Group F



Date & Opposition	Comp	Res	Att	Team Line-Up First XI											Subs Used (Unused in Italics)	
<b>AUGUST</b>																
2 Grimsby Town	L2	L 0-3	6,806	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Forster	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Papadopoulos, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Anderson)	
9 NEWPORT COUNTY	L2	L 1-2	3,189	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Adeyemo	Holohan	Tshimanga	<b>ANDERSON 1</b> , Watson, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Papadopoulos, Kotey)	
12 Swansea City	CC1	L 1-3	5,095	Davies	Barker	Roles	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Anderson	Adeyemo	Mukena	<b>TSHIMANGA 1</b>	Holohan, Watson, Papadopoulos, Kotey, Flower (Radcliffe)	
16 Crewe Alexandra	L2	L 0-1	5,062	Davies	Barker	Flower	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Anderson	Adeyemo	Mukena	Tshimanga	Roles, Watson, Cashman, Dixon (Papadopoulos, Radcliffe, Kotey)	
19 MILTON KEYNES DONS	L2	D 1-1	3,561	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Watson	Williams	Dixon	<b>ADEYEMO 1</b>	Cashman	Tshimanga	Anderson, Roles, Brown, Flower (Radcliffe, Mukena, Showunmi)	
23 TRANMERE ROVERS	L2	L 0-2	4,874	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Watson	Scott	Dixon	Adeyemo	Cashman	Tshimanga	Roles, Showunmi, Bajrami, Flower (Brown, Mukena, Anderson)	
30 Chesterfield	L2	D 2-2	8,005	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	<b>MCKIRDY 2</b>	Watson	Scott	Dixon	Adeyemo	Cashman	Bajrami	Pereira, Anderson, Brown, Forster, Tshimanga, Flower (Roles)	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
6 Harrogate Town	L2	W 1-0	2,757	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Loft	Adeyemo	<b>BROWN 1</b>	Bajrami	Anderson, Malone, Forster, Holohan, Tshimanga (Roles)	
13 CHELTENHAM TOWN	L2	W 2-0	3,127	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	<b>MCKIRDY 2</b>	Pereira	Scott	Tshimanga	Adeyemo	Brown	Bajrami	Anderson, Malone, Flower, Dixon, Holohan (Forster)	
16 ASTON VILLA U21	EFLT	W 4-2	743	Wollacott	Malone	Mukena	Anderson	<b>RADCLIFFE 2</b>	Kotey	Flower	<b>LOFT 1</b>	<b>DIXON 1</b>	Brown	Forster	Showunmi, Papadopoulos (Heater, Pereira, Adeyemo, Tshimanga)	
20 Notts County	L2	L 0-4	8,974	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Tshimanga	Adeyemo	Brown	Bajrami	Forster, Dixon, Loft, Holohan (Malone, Anderson)	
27 BARROW	L2	L 1-2	2,889	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Watson	Loft	Adeyemo	Holohan	<b>BAJRAMI 1</b>	Forster (Malone, Anderson, Brown, Tshimanga, Dixon)	
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
4 Cambridge United	L2	L 1-3	6,607	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Forster	Dixon	Holohan	Bajrami	Brown, Roles, <b>TSHIMANGA 1</b> (Malone, Anderson, Flower)	
7 Leyton Orient	EFLT	L 1-2	1,373	Wollacott	Radcliffe	Conroy	Kotey	Malone	Anderson	Scott	Loft	<b>FLOWER 1</b>	Brown	Tshimanga	Barker, Flint, Holohan (Robertson, Heater, Watson, Showunmi)	
11 WALSALL	L2	D 1-1	3,461	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Malone	Anderson	McKirdy	<b>LOFT 1</b>	Pereira	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Forster, Flower (Radcliffe, Brown, Showunmi)	
18 Shrewsbury Town	L2	L 0-1	4,743	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Forster	Anderson	McKirdy	Loft	Pereira	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Bajrami, Roles, Cashman (Brown, Scott)	
25 BRISTOL ROVERS	1 x OG	L2	W 4-0	3,416	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	<b>MALONE 1</b>	Anderson	Scott	Loft	Watson	Holohan	<b>FLOWER 1, FORSTER 1</b> , Tshimanga, Dixon (Brown, Roles)	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
1 Boreham Wood	FAC1	L 0-3	1,536	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Malone	Anderson	Scott	Loft	Watson	Holohan	Bajrami	Pereria, Dixon, Brown, Flower, Forster (Tshimanga, Roles, Heater, Radcliffe)	
8 FLEETWOOD TOWN	L2	W 2-1	2,879	Wollacott	Barker	Radcliffe	Flint	Malone	Anderson	Adeyemo	Dixon	Watson	Brown	<b>FLOWER 1</b>	<b>FORSTER 1</b> , Williams, Pereira (Bajrami, Scott, Tshimanga)	
11 PETERBOROUGH UNITED	EFLT	L 1-2	924	Davies	Roles	Radcliffe	Flint	Kotey	Forster	Scott	Loft	Mukena	Tshimanga	<b>BAJRAMI 1</b>	Barker, Anderson, Adeyemo (Brown, Robertson, Heater, Showunmi)	
15 Gillingham	L2	D 2-2	6,252	Wollacott	Barker	Williams	Flint	Anderson	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	<b>BAJRAMI 1</b>	Roles, <b>TSHIMANGA 1</b> (Davies, Mukena, Kotey, Robertson)	
22 ACCRINGTON STANLEY	L2	D 1-1	2,885	Wollacott	Barker	Williams	Flint	McKirdy	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	Bajrami	Dixon, Roles, <b>TSHIMANGA 1</b> (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
29 Salford City	L2	L 3-4	2,127	Wollacott	Bajrami	<b>WILLIAMS 1</b>	Flint	McKirdy	<b>FORSTER 1</b>	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	Tshimanga	Pereria, Roles, Dixon (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
9 Bromley	L2	L 1-3	3,544	Wollacott	Barker	Bajrami	Flint	McKirdy	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	<b>LOFT 1</b>	Williams	Tshimanga, Dixon, Roles (Davies, Conroy, Holohan)	
13 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	L2	D 2-2	3,152	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Dixon	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Roles	<b>LOFT 1</b>	Williams	Watson, Pereira, Holohan, <b>TSHIMANGA 1</b> (Wollacott, Bajrami)	
20 Swindon Town	L2	L 0-1	8,172	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Forster	Brown	Bajrami	Roles	Loft	Williams	Tshimanga, Watson, Adeyemo, Holohan (Dixon, Wollacott)	
26 COLCHESTER UNITED	L2															
29 BROMLEY	L2															
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>																
1 Barnet	L2															
4 Cheltenham Town (KO 12 noon)	L2															
17 NOTTS COUNTY	L2															
24 Barrow	L2															
27 Walsall	L2															
31 HARROGATE TOWN	L2															
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																
7 CREWE ALEX. (KO 12.30)	L2															
10 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	L2															
14 Tranmere Rovers	L2															
17 Milton Keynes Dons	L2															
21 CHESTERFIELD	L2															
28 Oldham Athletic	L2															
<b>MARCH</b>																
7 SWINDON TOWN	L2															
13 Colchester United	L2															
17 BARNET	L2															
21 Fleetwood Town	L2															
28 GILLINGHAM	L2															
<b>APRIL</b>																
3 Newport County	L2															
6 GRIMSBY TOWN	L2															
11 Bristol Rovers	L2															
18 SHREWSBURY TOWN	L2															
25 Accrington Stanley	L2															
<b>MAY</b>																
2 SALFORD CITY	L2															





Last time at Broadfield Stadium Danny Cowley, serving a touchline ban, was forced to watch from the stands and pass on his instructions to his brother Nicky in the technical area (Sat, 12 Apr 2024)



## OPPOSITION MANAGER - DANNY COWLEY

### COWLEY'S RECORD VS CRAWLEY TOWN

PLAYED **6**  
 WON **2**  
 DRAWN **2**  
 LOST **2**  
 WIN RATIO **33.33%**



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## OPPOSITION MANAGER - DANNY COWLEY

### COWLEY'S MATCHES AS MANAGER VS CRAWLEY TOWN

2017/18	L2	Sat 28 Oct	Lincoln City 0-0 Crawley Town	Harry Kewell
2017/18	L2	Sat 17 Feb	Crawley Town 3-1 Lincoln City	Harry Kewell
2018/19	L2	Sat 08 Sept	Lincoln City 0-1 Crawley Town	F Morais & J Smith
2018/19	L2	Sat 23 Mar	Crawley Town 0-3 Lincoln City	Gabriele Cioffi
2022/23	EFLT	Tue 30 Aug	Crawley Town 2-2 Portsmouth	Kevin Betsy
2023/24	L2	Sat 13 Apr	Crawley Town 2-3 Colchester	Scott Lindsey

Danny Cowley got his first break into management in the non-league circuit initially with Concorde Rangers followed by Braintree Town and then 'sleeping giant' Lincoln City. It was during his time with the latter that he would cross paths with Crawley Town when, after just one season in charge, he took the Imps back to the Football League as National League champions. Two seasons were spent in League Two before, yet another promotion was achieved, and the Red Devils would prove stiff opposition for Cowley in the four fixtures involving the sides.

For the 2017/18 season, Harry Kewell led the Red Devils to Sincil Bank for the first-ever encounter between the two clubs and returned West Sussex with a point following a goalless draw. The return fixture at Broadfield Stadium produced four goals, Harry's Reds scoring three. At half-time Cowley had an altercation with Crawley captain Jimmy Smith and for his troubles was shown a red card by referee Trevor Kettle and sent to the stands leaving his brother, and assistant, Nicky to work the technical area.

When the Reds returned to Sincil Bank for the 2018/19 campaign it would be players Filipe Morais and Jimmy Smith in temporary charge following the sudden departure of Harry Kewell who had been bought out of his contract to take the reins at Notts County. Jimmy proved to be a thorn in Cowley's side for a second time when he and his team left with all three points. Cowley was finally victorious against Crawley for the return fixture, Gabriele Cioffi had been instated as Crawley manager but he could do nothing to prevent the Imps from winning 3-0 at Broadfield Stadium as Lincoln City romped to promotion as champions of League Two.

It was over three years before Cowley returned to Crawley, this time as manager of League One Portsmouth who had ague Tow arrived to contest their League Trophy fixture with Le. Kevin Betsy would be his opposite number and it was his side that forced a draw with an injury-time penalty before winning a penalty shoot-out much to Cowley's annoyance, the Portsmouth boss calling out the referee as one of the worst displays of officiating he had ever seen.

Cowley returned to Broadfield Stadium again during the 2023/24 season, this time as relegation-threatened Colchester United boss. Serving a one-match touchline ban, Cowley was forced to deliver his instructions from the stands to his brother Nicky in the technical area but was still able to orchestrate a win against Scott Lindsey's play-off chasing Reds.



Ryan Loft celebrates scoring the opening goal at Hayes Lane. (Tue, 09 Dec 2025)

## WE'VE MET BEFORE - BROMLEY FC

PLAYED **7** WON **3** DRAWN **1** LOST **3** WIN RATIO **42.85%**

1977/78	FA Cup (QR2)	Sat, 08 Oct	Crawley Town 3-2 Bromley
1988/89	FA Cup (QR3)	Sat, 15 Oct	Bromley 2-2 Crawley Town
	FA Cup (QR3r)	Tue, 18 Oct	Crawley Town 1-0 Bromley
1996/97	FA Cup (QR2)	Sat, 28 Sep	Crawley Town 0-4 Bromley
1999/00	FA Cup (QR2)	Sat, 18 Sep	Bromley 4-1 Crawley Town
2007/08	FA Trophy (R1)	Sat, 15 Dec	Crawley Town 1-0 Bromley
2025/26	League 2	Tue, 09 Dec	Bromley 3-1 Crawley Town

Up until three weeks ago, the only competitive matches played between Crawley Town and Bromley were in cup competition. Five FA cup qualifying matches (three of these played at Crawley's old Town Meadow ground) and then later, since the turn of the millennium, one meeting in freezing conditions at the Broadfield Stadium to contest the opening round of the 2007/08 FA Trophy when a single goal scored by Magno Vieira (pictured below) knocked the Lillywhites out of the competition.



Today, the sides will meet for only the second time at Broadfield Stadium, but this time as League Two rivals since Bromley's promotion to the Football League for the first time in their history via the 2023/24 National League play-offs.

Bromley will be looking to complete the double over the Red Devils having recently beaten them at Hayes Lane while Crawley will be hoping to continue their unbeaten record against Bromley with a second win at Broadfield Stadium.

## THE MANAGER

ANDY WOODMAN (age 54) has been in charge at Bromley since March 2021 and led the club to promotion to League Two. Woodman, a former Premier League coach, is known for his passionate, disciplined approach, often utilizing a 3-4-3 formation and focusing on strong defensive organization. He made 438 appearances as a goalkeeper in a career that spanned from 1989 to 2006.



He started his managerial career at Sussex club Whitehawk before moving to Bromley. He won the FA Trophy in May 2022 and the National League Play Off Final in May 2024. He is good friends with Crawley's favourite Ex England manager Gareth Southgate.

His son Freddie is also a goalkeeper, currently on the books at Liverpool. He made 11 appearances for Crawley in 2015 whilst on loan from Newcastle Utd.

# PLAYERS IN SHOT



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*Above left: Ryan Loft*

*Above right: Gavan Holohan*

*Left: Kaheim Dixon loses his shirt*

*Right, opposite page: Louis Flower running to receive the ball*





## ERNIE WHO?, JIM GREEN AND THE “MYSTERIOUS” DAVE SHEPHERD

Like many of you, I suspect, after watching the second half at Bromley (I started writing this the next day), there was a distinct lack of Christmas spirit amongst us.

Hopefully, though, the point against Oldham and even better at Swindon (he says more in hope than expectation) has, when this article is read, restored some hope amongst the faithful. Sadly I was again AWOL for Oldham, but sent both sons along as my substitutes and will be back for these Christmas games.

As this is a time for giving and receiving, I was only too delighted to be on the receiving end of a very dusty box of programmes dragged out of the loft of an old Red Devils fan. They certainly stirred many memories of times in the 1970s and 80s when I barely missed a game, either home or away, so thank you Alec (RIP) for not throwing them away!

In amongst the aforementioned Crawley programmes were a small number of other clubs' offerings from the 1950s and 60s including a couple of Crystal Palace's early floodlit Football League matches from winter 1953. I was a bit surprised to open the one from 10th October 1953 to see Ernie Randall's pen picture and photo on the first page.

Who is Ernie Randall, I hear you ask. At that time, Palace played in Football League Division Three South (the bottom division was then regionalised North and South) and Ernie was their centre forward and leading goalscorer.

Fast forward to season 1956/7 and Ernie had signed for Crawley, who were just commencing their first season in the Metropolitan League, having joined from the Sussex County League that summer. In that league we would be up against one of Ernie's old clubs, Chelsea, where he had played from 1950 to 1953, mainly as a reserve, scoring lots of goals, but also having a handful of first-team games.

Ernie was from Bognor and played for them before signing for Chelsea, but it was on joining Palace in 1953 that he played the majority of his Football League games before returning to

Bognor in 1955, from where we signed him a year later.

It would prove to be a hugely successful signing for us, playing in a league littered with talented young professionals for the likes of Chelsea, West Ham and Brighton. He would be our leading goalscorer in three of his four seasons at Crawley, before departing at the end of the 1959-60 season. I have included a photo of Ernie scoring a goal at the Fire Station end of a very muddy Town Meadow against Brighton, a game we won 4-0.



**Ernie Randall scoring in 4-0 win over BHA April 1958**

Ernie would even have a stint as team manager, and his proudest moment was when we won the Metropolitan League Challenge Cup with a victory over two legs against Brighton at the end of the 1958-59 season. We had won a tight first leg 1-0 at Town Meadow, but then had the daunting task of playing the second leg at the Goldstone, against a side containing several players with Second Division experience. However, a magnificent rearguard action kept the score at 0-0 and Ernie was able to proudly hold aloft the very impressive trophy (apologies for the



press cutting being a bit tatty!).

Sadly, on our return to the Goldstone a few days later, we would surprisingly lose the Sussex Senior Cup final 2-1 to Worthing (as usual!). The cup form would not continue into the following season, and 1959-60 would prove a difficult one for Ernie and the team. Over 40 players were used that season to try to bring us some success in the Metropolitan League, but it was not forthcoming. We would finish bottom of the table, conceding 116 goals in the process and with Ernie leaving at the end of the season. Ernie would live to the age of 89, only dying in 2015.

The Crawley Town family recently had the sad news that former director, press officer and vice president Jim Green had died. Jim had been with the club since arriving in the town in the mid-1970s, and I remember chats with him in the old Floodlite Club about how best to use his news/media expertise (Jim was Head of News at ITN at the time) to try and promote the club more.

Over the years Jim was involved in most aspects of the club, always ready for a chat with fans of all ages and willing to help the club financially on several occasions.

In amongst the programmes I was given, I found a couple from 1980/81 where Jim had a

Left: Crawley win MLCC at the Goldstone v BHA  
Below: Ernie Randall with MLCC trophy



frequent column. One of these was a profile of Ray Crawford, then Fareham Town manager, but more famous in his playing days. In the other article, Jim took Ron Greenwood, the England manager of the time, to task for suggesting that the Southern League was full of gamblers and failures, something Jim took great exception to. That was Jim, always willing to speak his mind.

Jim was also an ally for me when I joined the club board as a director in the 1990s (see photo of us directors celebrating at our 4-2 FA Cup win at home to Northampton on 16th November 1991 on our way to the Third Round) and helped me take on that new role on “the other side of the fence”. RIP Jim, and condolences to son Gavin, daughter Julie and the rest of Jim's family.



Talking after the funeral to Jacqui, the daughter of Audrey and Les Turnbull, I was introduced to a family friend and one of the club's frequent executive area matchday sponsors.

Dave Shepherd (not Ted Shepherd's son) was best mates with Les and Audrey's son Robbie (or Rob) Turnbull.

At the time in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Robbie was playing mainly for our reserves but did also play the odd first-team match.

Subsequently I managed to find out from Tony Pope, our revered club historian of many years, that Dave played some reserve games for us, and Tony found mention of him scoring for us in a game against a team called Inmates.

Dave managed to solve a puzzle that had baffled even Tony himself, when he showed me a team photo from pre-season 1980/81 and confirmed he was the mystery player, front row far right!

I won't name the full line-up but leave it to some of our older readers to try and fill in all the names. No prizes, just a "well done" if you can name at least seven!

Finally, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Let's hope for a prosperous new year for the team.

*Mick Fox – mjfjo@yahoo.co.uk*



Top: November 16th 1991 FA Cup 1st Round Crawley 4 Northampton 2 Directors box celebrations

Above: Crawley Town 1980/81 Pre Season line up.

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**Barnet (A)**  
**Thursday 1st January, KO 3pm**

**1201** Three Bridges  
**1259** West Hampstead Thameslink

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Then Jubilee Line to Canons Park - takes 18 minutes. The Hive is a few minutes walk from Canons Park tube. In total a journey time of 1 hour 25 minutes.

Then do the same journey in reverse after the game. Tube Canons Park to West Hampstead tube. Then the short walk to West Hampstead Thameslink. Trains run every 15 minutes from there back to Three Bridges.

A Thameslink travelcard is £13.10 with a railcard or in a groupsave (3-9 people travelling together) or £19.70 without.

**Cheltenham Town (A)**  
**Sunday 4th January, 12pm kick off.**

**0556** Three Bridges to Gatwick  
**0612** Gatwick to Reading  
**0824** Reading to Swindon  
**0921** Swindon to Cheltenham Spa.  
(Arrives 1023)

*Then after the game...*

**1500** Cheltenham Spa to Swindon  
**1619** Swindon to London Paddington  
Then tube to London Victoria  
**1802** London Victoria to Three Bridges  
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**CHELTHENHAM TOWN**

**LIVE ON SKY TV**

Coach departs from the Broadfield Stadium at 8.00am for the midday kick off and cost is £40.00 – we will travel direct to Cheltenham, if making good time we will stop for a 30 minute break at Oxford Services on the way. Our coach will park up by the Stadium and will depart straight after the game has finished, with a non-stop return to the Broadfield Stadium.



At the moment we are still hoping to run the supporters coaches to **BARROW & WALSALL**. We visit Barrow on Saturday 24th January, and we have another away trip on Tuesday 27th January (an evening trip to Walsall.) Barrow is our longest trip of the season and the coach is expensive and we would need a virtually full coach to run it, even then we would still run at a financial loss – for this trip we have to consider putting up the cost of travel. If you are interested then please let me know and I will put you on the list. We will not be organising an overnight trip, it will be there and back on the day – a really long day of travelling – we will have comfort/coffee stops on both trips and hopefully we may be able to organise a pub stop on the way to Barrow. With Walsall being on a Tuesday evening, we have always struggled to run a midweek coach to the midlands and beyond, as it means time off work and the younger supporters who travel with us have school/college to attend the next day.

**REMEMBER...** If you can't get to the stadium to pick up your away match tickets we can collect and bring them to the game, on the coach – just let us and the club know when buying your tickets that you want them collected (please make sure they put a contact telephone number on the envelope) – we will text you when we have them, so you don't need to worry.

Full details of our away matches are also on our website [www.ghcoaches.co.uk](http://www.ghcoaches.co.uk) . To book on any of these coaches we will be in Redz bar before any home game – Saturdays or midweek – or you can book via Email, text messages to Alain – NEW E mail [ghcoachesat@gmail.com](mailto:ghcoachesat@gmail.com) Text or phone 07771-792346. Patrick via Facebook or X (Twitter). For coach payments this can be done either via Bank transfer or if in Redz cash. If you need our bank details then please ask.

**We are in partnership with UNITED MINIBUSES AND COACHES**  
**to run supporter transport to matches – UNITED Telephone 01293-781000**





## HISTORICAL STATS COMPILED BY IAN MULCAHY THE CONFERENCE YEARS & EFL

### CONFERENCE (NATIONAL LEAGUE)

Most League Points	105	2010/11	Least League points	47	2005/06
Most Draws	14	2008/09	Least Draws	9	2004/05
					2007/08
					2008/09
Most wins	31	2010/11	Least wins	12	2005/06
Most defeats	19	2005/06	Least defeats	3	2010/11
Most goals scored	93	2010/11	Least goals scored	48	2005/06
Most goals conceded	67	2007/08	Least goals conceded	30	2010/11
Best GD	63	2010/11	Worst GD	-7	2005/06
					2009/10
Best Home Att	4,054	18 Mar 2011 v AFC Wimbledon			
Best Away Att	6,895	5 Oct 2010 v Luton Town			
Lowest Home Att	593	24 Feb 2009 v Lewes			
Lowest Away Att	320	28 Aug 2010 v Hayes & Yeading			
Top season scorer	37	Matt Tubbs (2010/11) <i>League goals only</i>			
Top Season Apps	46	Dannie Bulman (2008/09) Simon Rayner (2008/09) <i>League appearances only (+ from the bench)</i>			

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Most Lge Points	84	L2 2011/12
Least Lge points	46	L2 2022/23, L1 2024/25
Most Draws	15	L2 2011/12, L1 2013/14, L2 2019/20
Least Draws	7	L2 2023/24
Most wins	23	L2 2011/12
Least wins	11	L2 2019/20, L2 2022/23
Most defeats	25	L2 2015/16
Least defeats	8	L2 2011/12
Most goals scored	76	L2 2011/12
Least goals scored	45	L2 2015/16
Most goals conceded	83	L1 2024/25
Least goals conceded	47	L2 2019/20 (37 matches only due to COVID) <i>54 in full seasons L2 2011/12 and L1 2013/14</i> <i>Alexandra at Wembley.</i>
Best GD	22	L2 2011/12
Worst GD	-33	L2 2015/16
Best Home Att	5,744	3 May 2015 v Coventry City, League One
Best Away Att	27,325	18 Apr 2025 v Birmingham City, League One <i>CTFCH stats show 33,341, 19 May 2024 v Crewe Alexandra at Wembley.</i>
Lowest Home Att	1,455	26 Sep 2017 v Newport County, League Two <i>12 Dec 2020 v Barrow was 650, but was also a "sell out" due to COVID restrictions</i>
Lowest Away Att	1,098	20 Oct 2015 v Morecambe, League Two
Top season scorer	23	Daniilo Orsi (2023/24) <i>League goals only</i>
Top Season Apps	49	Klaidi Lolos <i>League appearances only (inc. from the bench), including the 3 play off matches</i>

## 2025/26 SEASON STATS AS AT 20/12/25

No / Pos / Player / Previous Club or Loan Status <i>These stats cover all competitions</i>	CTFC 25-26 Stats					CTFC Career	
	St	Su	Gls	Y	R	Apps	Gls
<b>1 GK</b> Harvey Davies <i>Season long loan from Liverpool</i>	14			2		14	
<b>2 DF</b> Scott Malone <i>Cambridge Utd</i>	6	2	1	3		11	1
<b>3 DF</b> Dion Conroy (Captain) <i>Swindon Town</i>	17			4		100	3
<b>4 DF</b> Geraldo Bajrami <i>Season long loan from Burton</i>	14	2	3	3		16	3
<b>5 DF</b> Charlie Barker <i>Wealdstone</i>	22	2		7		69	2
<b>6 MF</b> Max Anderson <i>Dundee</i>	10	5	1	5		60	4
<b>7 MF</b> Harry Forster <i>Bromley</i>	11	8	3	3		82	10
<b>8 MF</b> Gavan Holohan <i>Grimsby Town</i>	8	7		2	1	38	1
<b>9 FW</b> Kabongo Tshimanga <i>Peterborough</i>	13	9	5	1		22	5
<b>10 MF</b> Reece Brown <i>Forest Green Rovers</i>	16	5	1	3		21	1
<b>11 MF</b> Jack Roles <i>Woking</i>	4	11		2		89	6
<b>13 FW</b> Harry McKirdy <i>Bromley</i>	17		4	5	1	17	4
<b>14 FW</b> Louis Flower <i>Brighton &amp; Hove Albion</i>	6	10	3	3		16	3
<b>15 DF</b> Ben Radcliffe <i>Derby County</i>	4		2	1		23	2
<b>17 MF</b> Kyle Scott <i>Orange County USA</i>	12			7		12	
<b>18 FW</b> Danny Cashman <i>Worthing</i>	3	2		1		5	
<b>19 MF</b> Dion Pereira <i>Luton Town</i>	8	5		1		13	
<b>20 DF</b> Joy Mukena <i>St Albans City</i>	4					48	
<b>21 FW</b> Ryan Loft <i>Season long loan from Cambridge Utd</i>	12	1	4	3	2	13	4
<b>22 FW</b> Ade Adeyemo <i>Cray Valley PM</i>	16	2	1	4		82	9
<b>23 MF</b> Fate Kotey <i>Fulham Academy</i>	2	3				5	
<b>24 FW</b> Kaheim Dixon <i>Season long loan from Charlton</i>	7	8	1			15	1
<b>25 MF</b> Antony Papadopoulos <i>On loan to Maidstone</i>		3				10	1
<b>26 MF</b> Jay Williams <i>MK Dons</i>	11	1	2	4		68	5
<b>27 MF</b> Louie Watson <i>Luton Town</i>	11	6		1		25	
<b>28 DF</b> Josh Flint <i>FC Vollendam</i>	23	1		4		44	
<b>29 FW</b> Tola Showumni <i>Louisville City</i>		4				4	7
<b>30 GK</b> Ryan Sandford <i>On loan to Eastbourne Boro</i>							
<b>33 GK</b> Will Heater <i>On loan to Sheppey Utd</i>							
<b>34 GK</b> Jojo Wollacott <i>Hibernian</i>	11					48	
<b>56 MF</b> Jude Robertson <i>Ipswich Academy</i>		3		1		3	





			Start	Sub
1	GK	Harvey DAVIES	■	■
2	DF	Scott MALONE	■	■
3	DF	Dion CONROY	■	■
4	DF	Geraldo BAJRAMI	■	■
5	DF	Charlie BARKER	■	■
6	MF	Max ANDERSON	■	■
7	MF	Harry FORSTER	■	■
8	MF	Gavan HOLOHAN	■	■
9	FW	Kabongo TSHIMANGA	■	■
10	MF	Reece BROWN	■	■
11	MF	Jack ROLES	■	■
13	FW	Harry MCKIRDY	■	■
14	FW	Louis FLOWER	■	■
15	DF	Ben RADCLIFFE	■	■
17	MF	Kyle SCOTT	■	■
18	FW	Danny CASHMAN	■	■
19	MF	Dion PEREIRA	■	■
20	DF	Joy MUKENA	■	■
21	FW	Ryan LOFT	■	■
22	FW	Ade ADEYEMO	■	■
23	MF	Fate KOTEY	■	■
24	FW	Kaheim DIXON	■	■
25	MF	Antony PAPADOPOULOS	■	■
26	MF	Jay WILLIAMS	■	■
27	MF	Louie WATSON	■	■
28	DF	Josh FLINT	■	■
29	FW	Tola SHOWUMNI	■	■
30	GK	Ryan SANDFORD	■	■
33	GK	Will HEATER	■	■
34	GK	Jojo WOLLACOTT	■	■
56	MF	Jude ROBERTSON	■	■



			Start	Sub
1	GK	Matt MACEY	■	■
2	DF	Rob HUNT	■	■
3	DF	Ellis IANDOLO	■	■
4	MF	Ben PERRY	■	■
5	DF	Jack TUCKER	■	■
6	DF	Tom FLANAGAN	■	■
7	FW	Harry ANDERSON	■	■
8	MF	Teddy BISHOP	■	■
9	FW	Samson TOVIDE	■	■
10	MF	Jack PAYNE	■	■
11	FW	John-Kyman GORDON	■	■
12	GK	Tom SMITH	■	■
14	FW	Kyreece LISBIE	■	■
15	MF	Dominic GAPE	■	■
16	MF	Arthur READ	■	■
17	FW	Jaden WILLIAMS	■	■
19	FW	Will GOODWIN	■	■
20	DF	Jack BALDWIN	■	■
21	FW	Owura EDWARDS	■	■
23	FW	Adrian AKANDE	■	■
24	DF	Harvey ARAUJO	■	■
26	DF	Josh POWELL	■	■
30	DF	Kane VINCENT-YOUNG	■	■
33	FW	Micah MBICK	■	■
40	DF	Frankie TERRY	■	■
42	MF	Milton ONI	■	■
44	DF	Samuel KUFFOUR JR	■	■
47	MF	Ronnie HARVEY	■	■

Match Officials vs Colchester

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			Start	Sub
1	GK	Grant SMITH	■	■
2	DF	Carl JENKINSON	■	■
3	DF	Deji ELEREWÉ	■	■
4	MF	Ashley CHARLES	■	■
5	DF	Omar SOWUNMI	■	■
6	DF	Kyle CAMERON	■	■
7	MF	Ben KRAUHAUS	■	■
8	MF	Ben THOMPSON	■	■
9	FW	Michael CHEEK	■	■
10	FW	Marcus DINANGA	■	■
11	MF	Mitchell PINNOCK	■	■
12	GK	Sam LONG	■	■
14	FW	Nicke KABAMBA	■	■
16	MF	William HONDERMARCK	■	■
17	DF	Byron WEBSTER	■	■
18	MF	Corey WHITELY	■	■
19	FW	Jemiah UMOLU	■	■
20	MF	Jude ARTHURS	■	■
22	DF	Lakyle SAMUEL	■	■
23	GK	Dillon ADDAI	■	■
24	FW	Soul KADER	■	■
26	MF	Marcus IFILL	■	■
28	DF	Sam GERMAN	■	■
30	DF	Idris ODUTAYO	■	■
31	DF	Brooklyn ILUNGA	■	■
34	MF	Alex STEPIEN-IWUMENE	■	■

Match Officials vs Bromley

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## FOXTROT OSCAR CANCER

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1204200



The charity was founded by Mathew Heal when he was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, with a view to raising awareness of all forms of cancer.

They became a fully registered charity in 2023 and have been raising funds to send cancer patients and their family members to sport events to provide some light relief in a dark time. We want our logo to be a talking point and hope that it can start conversations around Cancer all over the sporting landscape.

To date, over 200 people have been to sporting events funded by the generosity and donations of others and the people who take part in the FOC 100K in May fundraiser.

The first people sent to a sporting event were in conjunction with Crawley Town, and the club made the day incredibly special for the family. Since then, we have taken people to Horse Racing, Formula 1, Tennis, Netball and so much more.

The charity can only continue to do what it does with fundraising undertaken by the wonderful supporters and by purchasing the charities' merchandise.

You can find out more at [www.foxtrotoscarcancer.co.uk](http://www.foxtrotoscarcancer.co.uk) or, if you know someone is undergoing cancer treatment, you could apply on the website for them to go to a sporting event!

We want to be able to continue to send as many Cancer patients as possible to sporting events in the future so keep an eye out home and away for the Crawley Town and Foxtrot Oscar Cancer Flag!



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# LEAGUE TWO INFO



## SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLES & UPCOMING FIXTURES AS AT 20/12/25

Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
<b>1</b> Walsall	21	12	4	5	30	19	+11	40
<b>2</b> Swindon Town	21	12	4	5	35	25	+10	40
<b>3</b> <b>BROMLEY</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>4</b> Notts County	21	11	5	5	35	22	+13	38
<b>5</b> Milton Keynes Dons	21	10	6	5	42	24	+18	36
<b>6</b> Salford City	21	11	3	7	32	30	+2	36
<b>7</b> Chesterfield	21	9	8	4	37	31	+6	35
<b>8</b> Cambridge United	21	9	7	5	24	18	+6	34
<b>9</b> Fleetwood Town	21	9	6	6	32	28	+4	33
<b>10</b> Crewe Alexandra	21	9	5	7	34	28	+6	32
<b>11</b> <b>COLCHESTER UTD</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>12</b> Gillingham	21	7	9	5	29	24	+5	30
<b>13</b> Barnet	21	7	7	7	28	25	+3	28
<b>14</b> Oldham Athletic	21	6	9	6	21	17	+4	27
<b>15</b> Grimsby Town	21	7	6	8	33	30	+3	27
<b>16</b> Tranmere Rovers	21	6	8	7	35	34	+1	26
<b>17</b> Accrington Stanley	21	6	6	9	23	25	-2	24
<b>18</b> Cheltenham Town	21	7	3	11	18	34	-16	24
<b>19</b> Barrow	21	5	6	10	21	30	-9	21
<b>20</b> Shrewsbury Town	21	4	7	10	20	34	-14	19
<b>21</b> <b>CRAWLEY TOWN</b>	21	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> Bristol Rovers	21	5	3	13	16	39	-23	18
<b>23</b> Harrogate Town	21	4	5	12	18	35	-17	17
<b>24</b> Newport County	21	3	4	14	21	41	-20	13

### FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2025

3pm	Accrington Stanley v Barrow
3pm	Bristol Rovers v Bromley
3pm	Cheltenham Town v Shrewsbury Town
3pm	Chesterfield v Notts County
<b>3pm</b>	<b>Crawley Town v Colchester United</b>
3pm	Gillingham v Cambridge United
3pm	Grimsby Town v Oldham Athletic
3pm	Milton Keynes Dons v Swindon Town
3pm	Newport County v Barnet
3pm	Salford City v Harrogate Town
3pm	Tranmere Rovers v Fleetwood Town
3pm	Walsall v Crewe Alexandra

### MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2025

7.45pm	Accrington Stanley v Harrogate Town
7.45pm	Bristol Rovers v Barnet
7.45pm	Cheltenham Town v Swindon Town
7.45pm	Chesterfield v Cambridge United
<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Crawley Town v Bromley</b>
7.45pm	Gillingham v Colchester United
7.45pm	Grimsby Town v Shrewsbury Town
7.45pm	Milton Keynes Dons v Notts County
7.30pm	Newport County v Crewe Alexandra
7.45pm	Salford City v Fleetwood Town
7.45pm	Tranmere Rovers v Barrow
7.45pm	Walsall v Oldham Athletic

### THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY 2026

<b>3pm</b>	<b>Barnet v Crawley Town</b>
3pm	Barrow v Salford City
3pm	Bromley v Newport County
3pm	Cambridge United v Walsall
3pm	Colchester United v Milton Keynes Dons
3pm	Crewe Alexandra v Cheltenham Town
3pm	Fleetwood Town v Grimsby Town
3pm	Harrogate Town v Tranmere Rovers
3pm	Notts County v Accrington Stanley
3pm	Oldham Athletic v Chesterfield
3pm	Shrewsbury Town v Bristol Rovers
3pm	Swindon Town v Gillingham

### SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026

3pm	Barnet v Crewe Alexandra
3pm	Barrow v Bristol Rovers
3pm	Bromley v Oldham Athletic
3pm	Cambridge United v Grimsby Town
<b>12pm</b>	<b>Cheltenham Town v Crawley Town</b>
3pm	Colchester United v Accrington Stanley
3pm	Harrogate Town v Swindon Town
12pm	Milton Keynes Dons v Chesterfield
3pm	Newport County v Tranmere Rovers
3pm	Notts County v Gillingham
3pm	Salford City v Shrewsbury Town
3pm	Walsall v Fleetwood Town

