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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

### SCOTT BACK ON THE NAUGHTY STEP

By the time you read this, Scott Lindsey will have served a two match touchline ban for accumulating too many yellow cards. He has had to step up to sit in the stands for the Chesterfield & Oldham games. He has already served a one match ban this season for the same reason. Given some of the ridiculous decisions that have gone against us this season we do have a little sympathy.

### OVER THE RAINBOW - A NEW PUMA BALL

Its not yellow or white - but it is Rainbow! The EFL say:- "Serving as a powerful symbol of inclusion, the PUMA Rainbow Ball will feature across all Sky Bet EFL matches from 20 February to 1 March. It represents unity, pride and the celebration of LGBTQ+ fans, while highlighting the EFL's long-standing commitment to making football a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for every supporter in every stadium." (Insert Ball Picture) If you win the lottery you can treat yourself to your very own EFL Match Ball, for an eye watering £120.00 Lets hope this new bit of kit dazzles the opposition keepers, as we flood their goal with the Rainbow ball.



### THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

Following the recent Fans Forum, we are pleased to see that some of the points raised have already been actioned. Those of us who live in the East Stand are particularly pleased to be able to look up and see the time and score has now been moved to the bottom of the scoreboard video screen. The outside Fixture board also seems to be being updated more promptly now. It was heartening to hear the owner's future plans for development, and it seems they are really moving things along at the Falmer Sports Complex Training Ground.



As this is where the players spend a large percentage of their time it is important to make sure the facilities are as good as they can be. There is even talk of a Category 3 Academy starting next season. If this comes to fruition we are likely to return to the Sussex Senior Cup - as this will allow the likes of our younger first teamers, (Fate and Jude and Will for example) to join other development players in getting proper game time, competing in the top County Competition, with the showcase final at the Amex Stadium. We last won it in 2004/05, so it would be nice to try and end 20 plus odd "years of hurt", if we have the squad size to make it happen.



### CLUB SHOP OPENING POST MATCH

Following a request from some fans at the last Forum, the Club are currently keeping the shop open for a short time post match, in the hope of boosting sales. Hopefully it will raise enough extra revenue to buy some goals!

### EX REDS STRIKERS TRYING TO IMPROVE THEIR SCORING

Ashley Nadesan and Davide Rodari, who are both signed to Sutton United, were spotted at Ifield Golf Club recently. I think they would have found the damp ground conditions a bit of a challenge after playing on the beautiful Broadfield grass. Ashley was here from 2019 to 2023 146 apps 26 goals and Davide was a Red from 2021 to 2023 making 13 apps 1 goal.



### RED DEVILS' DIARIST MISSES GAME DUE TO SHOULDER OP

Our Head Coach at the RDD, Steve Leake (*pictured*), has had to miss today's game due to injury. We wish him all the best for a swift recovery and hope that when he comes around, after getting his new bionic shoulder, he will have a positive result to cheer him up.



### DUTCH INTERNATIONAL VISIT

It is always nice to acknowledge those dedicated overseas fans who choose to adopt Crawley Town FC as their UK team. We were pleased to see the Primo family from the Netherlands attend the recent Chesterfield game. (See picture). It was especially pleasing that their long journey was rewarded with a last minute equaliser, as Crawley rescued a last gasp point.



## CHATTING WITH CAROL & TRACEY

To commemorate International Women's day (8th March 2026), a day which honours women's fight for equality and liberation (along with the women's rights movement) I chatted to well-known Crawley fan Carol Bates BEM or "Dame Carol", as some of her friends may think of her, and Tracey Thornton, a member of Crawley Old Girls (COGS for short).

This is what they had to say about their lives and association with Crawley Town and football in general. Carol works as a painter and decorator (and is a good one, as I can personally vouch), whilst Tracey is a librarian at Hazelwick school, where the likes of Gareth Southgate, Romesh Ranganathan and myself once received our education.

Carol was born in Redhill, in 1966. Twenty days after England won the World Cup, so this year, as she says, "will be 60 years of hurt or a great celebration, for my 60th birthday! (Surely that can't be right)

Carol was educated St. Bede's secondary school, in Redhill and she readily admits: "I wasn't the most academic student, but I loved playing netball and basketball in PE. I wasn't particularly good, but did play for the school netball team. I never got the chance to play football, due to the FA's ban, but I remember writing a piece for English about Liverpool beating Southampton in the late 70s. I'm not sure why that sticks in my head! I loved football then, as my dad would take me and my sister every week to watch him play. I was the only girl who liked football in my class when I started secondary school. I stayed on for the 6th form to do a secretarial course which was one of the best things I did and I left in 1982 – which will make me sound quite old..."

I then asked them both what has been your best and worst moment since starting your association with the Club and this is Carol's frank reply: "I'll start with the worst moment, which must be when I was sacked from looking after the mascots, for some relatively innocuous comments, I made online. I loved that job and had volunteered for 8 years looking after the mascots. It (my dismissal) wasn't done in the most professional manner and not in line with any procedures, but I just had to accept it."

Note from the author (Steve Leake): This happened under previous owners and is perhaps a warning to

all of us about how we (supporters) use social media and how to treat people when they use it in a context which is purely a matter of opinion, that you or the club don't accept.

*"There have been a few best moments. Promotion to the Football League at Tamworth was a day to remember and then promotion to League One at Accrington and Rhona, putting on a promotion party in Redz for the fans and players to celebrate together when we got back. That was an unforgettable night. Then, who can forget Hartlepool away - that was an unbelievable day! Wembley, an emotional day but for me when Jay Williams scored the first goal at MK away in the second leg of the play-offs, it got even more emotional knowing that we were definitely going to Wembley. To go to Wembley, as our little club and win the play-offs brought tears to the eyes of many long-time fans. What a day!"*

Tracey replied: "My best moments as a supporter include the promotion seasons, but personal highlights for me include attending my first away game (against Eastbourne Borough) and getting my own season ticket. I have too many 'best COGS' moments to list here, but some of the special moments include playing in my first tournament, winning a Futsal tournament, playing at St George's Park and Carol Bates asking me to help coach the Walking Football sessions. The COGS Walking Football sessions have just celebrated birthday number six and whilst I love playing, coaching has been my personal best moment. COGS Founder Carol Bates is a supportive coaching mentor and introduced the COGS Xtra sessions to help develop women coaches. Watching players improve and build playing confidence is very special. I started as a beginner and had many misconceptions about coaching, but I soon realised that players need coaches to play, so the COGS Xtra can help you get into coaching."

When asked how she became a Red Devil, Carol replied: "In 2000, I moved to Crawley and my eldest son started playing for Crawley Town Youth, as it was in 2004. The parents and kids would go to games and that's when I started going. I was hooked but didn't go that regularly as it was quite hard work taking 2 young boys and keeping them occupied! But I loved the community aspect of the Club and went whenever I could. As they got older, I went more often and dragged them along. Crawley Town became a massive part of my life and still is now."



Whereas Tracey shared her start as a Red Devil by saying: "I first started attending Crawley Town FC games regularly when I married my husband Ross, so about more than twenty years ago. I did attend a game at Town Mead with my dad when I was about five or six years old, but the only thing I really remember is asking my dad 'Where is the grass'? By attending games, I heard about Crawley Old Girls. The COGS offered sessions for older women to play football. As I grew up when girls were not permitted to play football at school, I thought it was amazing that I could attend coaching sessions where I would be taught how to play. I attended my first COGS session in 2017 I think, as a beginner and loved it."

As far as any other sporting loyalties/interests are concerned, Carol said: "Basically, my life revolves around football, whether it's playing, coaching, watching or reading/talking about it!"

Tracey then went on to say: "Being a supporter, COGS player and coach is made worthwhile by the strong friendships I have made. Football is a social activity and one that Ross & I do together. Playing football has numerous well-being benefits and as a COG, I have the support of truly inspirational women. But most of all playing football is fun, even in my fifties. I love that feeling when I make a good save for my team. Being a team sport is part of the attraction of playing and when I coach, it is a wonderful feeling to hear the laughter from the women playing."

"Football has become an important part of my life, as has my 'football family' and I would never have thought about playing had I not joined Ross in supporting Crawley Town FC. If you are interested

in learning how to play or return to playing, the first COGS session is free."

"Dame" Carol then concluded our chat with: "I just love being part of the Club where you can go on your own and meet up with friends each week. Then the laughs and good away days we have, regardless of a win/loss are up there with some of the really good days out. If you add into that a last-minute winner, then the day is perfect. I just wish it would happen more often! The camaraderie on the terrace, at home, is second to none, and there is nothing better than celebrating with those around you when that important goal goes in."

"Being part of the Club has always been a big factor in events in my later life. In 2015, I founded the Crawley Old Girls (COGS) while I was Chair of the Supporters Alliance and in association with the Community Foundation; we piloted a new session to get older women learning to play football which had 10 women on the first night. 11 years later, Women's Recreational Football has become a fast-growing genre of women's football and among many other things I've been lucky enough to be involved in was working with The FA and UEFA on the UEFA Women's EURO2022 Legacy Programme to increase the number of women participating in recreational football. I have also been lucky enough to be awarded a British Empire Medal in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Football and Inclusion (Steve made me put that in!). This has led to many other opportunities, including being invited to the UK Parliament to discuss how to get



more women and girls physically active through sport."

"One of my favourite times was getting the COGS involved as the flag bearers for a home game in Feb. 2022. It was a nice change to see some older women waving the flags for the players to walk through."

"Sometimes, I just have to pinch myself that I'm just a normal woman who loves football and wanted to play, even if it was at age 48 that I started! One of my most special memories of playing for COGS is playing on the Broadfield pitch and scoring in front of where I stand on the terrace. It doesn't get much better than that! If you feel strongly about something, don't let anything stop you trying to do it!"



"You don't need to have any experience to play with COGS, so if you want to do something different and get active, come and join us, as we have 6 sessions per week for all abilities – 3 are still run by the Community Foundation. Come and enjoy the fun that football brings, alongside being a fan of our brilliant club!"

Come and make your own best moments by looking at this link: <https://crawley-cogs.co.uk/>

To give you some understanding of the situation in the past as regards women and girls playing football please read on.

### THE BAN ON WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Girls were first taught or allowed to play football in some UK schools as early as the 1890s, with documented instances of girls playing, although far less frequently than boys.

While interest grew in the early 20th century, on 5 December 1921, the FA met at its headquarters in London and announced a ban on the women's game from being played at professional grounds and on

pitches of clubs affiliated to the FA, stating: "the game of football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged."

After the Great War, the war to end all wars, many factories closed and women went back into domestic life or retrained in professions such as bus conductors and nurses. At the same time, some people questioned whether football was damaging to women's health. Indeed, Dr Mary Scharlieb of Harley Street, herself a woman, described it as the "most unsuitable game; too much for a women's physical frame".

The ban sidelined the women's game to being played in public parks for nearly 50 years. Despite this, women were determined to keep playing football and around 30 teams in England met in Liverpool on 10 December 1921 to set up the English Ladies Football Association (ELFA). This aimed "to popularise the game among girls and to assist charity".

The following year saw the first and only ELFA Challenge Cup competition, which Stoke Ladies won, beating Doncaster and Bentley Ladies 3-1 in the June 1922 final.

Despite the lack of decent-sized facilities, women's football carried on throughout the '30s, '40s, '50s and most of the 1960s. Games were played at rugby venues and smaller grounds which couldn't house many fans. Though the women continued to play, they became increasingly overshadowed by the men's game. In 1947, Kent County Football Association suspended a referee because he was also working as manager of the Kent Ladies Football Club. It justified its decision saying that "women's football brings the game into disrepute".

But clubs continued to form; one example being Manchester Corinthians Ladies FC founded in 1949. Percy Ashley, a Bolton Wanderers scout, founded the club so his daughter Doris, a talented footballer, could play in a team. The Corinthians played at Fog Lane Park in Didsbury, a suburb south of the city. Players often had to clean themselves in the local duck pond after matches as there was no running water in the changing rooms.

The team was very successful, winning many domestic trophies within their first two years. As there were very few local women's teams, Ashley set up a second team, The Nomads, in 1957 so they could play against the Corinthians in charity matches. The Corinthians went on to win an unofficial European club championship in Germany in 1957.

The team was accompanied by Manchester City's German goalkeeper, Bert Trautmann, who acted as their interpreter. More overseas trips followed,

including to Portugal/Madeira, the Netherlands, South America and the Caribbean, and Morocco. The team won more than 50 trophies and raised £275,000 for charity.

As society began to change during the 1960s, women started to campaign more for their social rights. On 1 November 1969, representatives of 44 clubs attended the first meeting of the Women's Football Association (WFA) in London. Arthur Hobbs, a carpenter and amateur footballer, was the first Honorary Secretary of The WFA and Pat Dunn was its first Chair.

In 1967, Hobbs had organised a women's tournament in Deal, Kent, with the support of local miners from Betteshanger Colliery. The Deal Tournament, played on the Colliery's playing fields, showcased and celebrated women's football. It was a pre-cursor to the Women's FA Cup, which would go on to be first played in 1971.

The FA was coming under increasing pressure to lift the ban on women's football. In December 1969, the FA's Executive Committee recommended that what they termed 'ladies' football" should no longer

be classified as unaffiliated. In the following month, at a meeting of the FA Council on 19 January 1970, the FA finally voted to rescind the controversial resolution of 1921 that had banned women's football for being "unsuitable".

Eventually, after a lot more deliberations, a meeting of the FA's Rules Revision Committee sat in August, to prepare the way for an amendment to be made to the relevant FA rule. Finally, at the FA's next Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Great Western Royal Hotel in Paddington on 24 June 1971, Women's football could now be played on FA-affiliated grounds, and registered referees could officiate at women's matches.

It is great to see how far our women have come in just over 50 years, from playing on unaffiliated pitches, to being the Euro Champions, not once but twice in a row. Indeed our Broadfield Stadium hosts the Brighton Women's team, who currently sit in mid table of the top flight. Their multinational team features famous Lioness Fran Kirby. Their next home game is at 12pm on Sunday 22 March when they take on Liverpool.

## CTFC HONOURS LIST

- Lge 2 Wembley Play Off Winners 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, 1990/91, 2002/03, 2004/05
- Roy Hayden Trophy Winner 1990/91, 1991/92, 2004/05
- 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, 1983/84
- Sussex Intermediate Cup Winner 1927/28
- Montgomery Cup Winner 1925/26
- Mid Sussex Senior League Winner 1902/03





### WORD SEARCH

In honour of International Women's Day tomorrow, can you find the names of the LIONESSES that won the 2022 Euro Championship against Germany? There are 13 to find; the starting eleven and the two goal scorers, plus the coach.

MILLIEBRIGHT, LUCYBRONZE, RACHELDALY, MARY EARPS, LAURENHEMP, CHLOEKELLY, FRANKIRBY, BETHMEAD, GEORGIASTANWAY, ELLATOONE, KEIRAWALSH, ELLENWHITE, LEAHWILLIAMSON, SARINAWIEGMAN.

Who were the goal scorers? (Answer below)

### SPOT THE BALL!

Which letter do you think is the correct position of the ball? (Answer below)



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# 41 KELLAN GORDON



**AUTOGRAPH**



## FIXTURE HISTORY - CRAWLEY VS SWINDON TOWN

In 2010/11, Conference-side Crawley Town were drawn against League One's Swindon Town in the 2nd Round of the FA Cup, it would prove to be a real ding-dong tie for the two club's first-ever competitive meeting (they had previously played out a pre-season friendly at Broadfield Stadium in 2005 which the Robins won 4-3). A draw at Broadfield Stadium meant a replay on a freezing cold night at the frost bound County Ground.

The visiting non-leaguers from CTFC won through in extra time with a late goal from Ben Smith. This led us on to beat Derby 2.1 at home, Torquay 1.0 away before narrowly missing out at Old Trafford as Man Utd scraped through 1.0

The following season, the Reds had been promoted into League Two, while the Robins had dropped out of League One after finishing bottom and the rivalry began in earnest. Swindon completed the double over Crawley on their way to finishing as champions, but it wasn't all bad news for the Reds who finished in third place and so were also promoted.

For the three seasons that Crawley remained in League One their results against Swindon Town were fairly even, up until 2014/15 when the Red Devils, having completed the league double over the Robins, were relegated. That same campaign Swindon found themselves in the play-offs but failed to progress any further. Swindon were relegated two seasons later and matches between the two sides resumed. In August 2017, Crawley won 3-0 at the County Ground, (it would be their biggest away win of the campaign.) During the 2019/20 season, the Robins inflicted Crawley's heaviest defeat of the season at Broadfield Stadium but the Red Devils were not given the chance to atone at the County

Ground when a curtailed season due to the COVID-19 pandemic meant the fixture was indefinitely postponed and the final league table decided on a points per game basis. Swindon were crowned champions, having played just 36 matches, but were relegated the following season.

The final match of the 2022/23 season saw Charlie Austin score against the Red Devils in a 2-1 home win at the County Ground. The same player also scored for Swindon over thirteen years earlier, netting their first-ever competitive goal against Crawley Town in the aforementioned FA Cup tie. Earlier, Crawley registered their best biggest home league win against Swindon during a poor campaign for the Red Devils that saw them narrowly avoid relegation.

During the 2023/24 season, Crawley suffered their heaviest defeat of the campaign at the County Ground when the Robins put six past the Red Devils without reply. The Reds did, however, make amends at Broadfield Stadium winning 3-1 in a season that saw them promoted at Wembley Stadium in the League Two play-off final. The following season saw now League One Crawley drawn at home to Swindon of League Two for the opening round of the Football League Cup. The Reds withstood a second-half fightback to clinch a 4-2 victory to progress in the competition.

After a single season in League One, Crawley were relegated ahead of this current campaign and in December were defeated by a single goal in Swindon. Today, with home advantage, Crawley will be hunting for points to alleviate any relegation fears, while the Robins will want to complete another double over their hosts in their efforts to cement a place in the top seven.



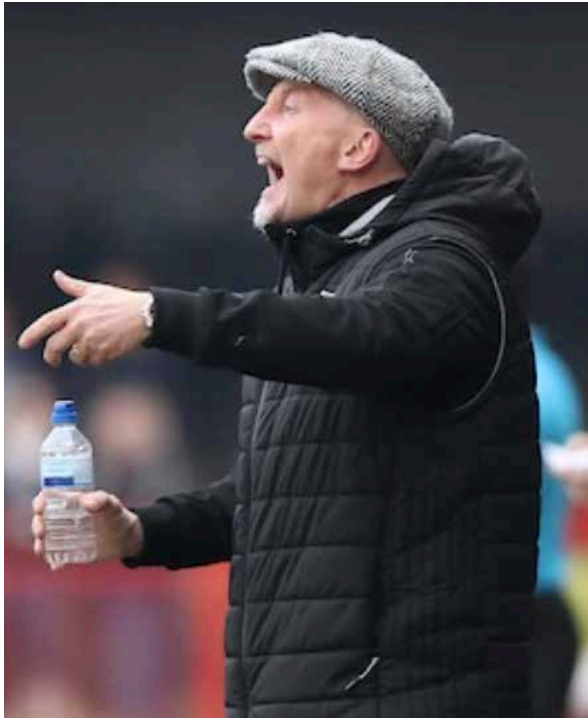
## MEET THE MANAGER

### IAN HOLLOWAY

Ian Holloway was a midfielder who played 597 times (50 goals) in a career that spanned from 1980 to 1999. Holloway's long managerial career began with Bristol Rovers and continued through the years with Queens Park Rangers, Plymouth Argyle, Leicester City, Blackpool, Crystal Palace, Millwall, QPR again, Grimsby Town and onto his current posting at Swindon Town which commenced on 25 10 2024.

His first-ever encounter with Crawley Town came after he had guided Crystal Palace to promotion through the Championship play-offs and as part of his side's preparation for the upcoming 2013/14 Premier League campaign he arrived at Broadfield Stadium for a pre-season match. His side lost 3-0 to the Reds but it wasn't just the scoreline that left Holloway fuming. Throughout the match Holloway was subjected to merciless abuse and taunting from a Crawley supporter sitting just yards from the touchline, with reports suggesting the manager turned to face his tormentor and yelled "Why don't you shut up?!" When the final whistle blew, the enraged Palace boss marched straight to the stewards and demanded the individual in the stands be punished.

A return to Crawley probably wasn't top of Holloway's wish list, but after taking the job as manager of League Two Grimsby Town in December 2019 he found himself back in the dugout at the Broadfield a month later, to lock horns with John Yems's Red Devils. The match ended 3-2 after a battling performance saw Crawley come from behind to claim the points. When Holloway's Mariners returned to Crawley the following season he didn't need to worry about anyone winding him up from the stands, as the match was played behind closed doors due to the coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the country, but it also meant Grimsby fans were denied seeing Holloway get his first win against the Reds. This season, Crawley crossed paths with Holloway again, but this time as Swindon boss. In December Scott Lindsey's team suffered a narrow defeat at the County Ground when former Red Devil Ollie Palmer converted from the penalty spot. Post-match Holloway praised his side despite their "minging" performance and even said Scott's team probably played better than his.



### OLLIE'S RESULTS AGAINST CRAWLEY TOWN FC - P 3 W 2 D 0 L 1

2019/20	L2	Sat 25 Jan CTFC 3 Grimsby 2	V John Yems
2020/21	L2	Tue 24 Nov CTFC 1 Grimsby 2	V John Yems
2025/26	L2	Sat 20 Dec Swindon 1 CTFC 0	V Scott Lindsey

## WE'VE MET BEFORE - CRAWLEY VS SWINDON TOWN

PLAYED **23** WON **7** DRAWN **7** LOST **9** WIN RATIO **30%**

2010/11	FA Cup	<b>Fri, 26 Nov</b>	Crawley Town 1-1 Swindon Town
	FA Cup	<b>Tue, 07 Dec</b>	Swindon Town 2-3 Crawley Town
2011/12	League 2	<b>Tue, 13 Sept</b>	Crawley Town 0-3 Swindon Town
	League 2	<b>Tue, 14 Feb</b>	Swindon Town 3-0 Crawley Town
2012/13	League 1	<b>Tue, 21 Aug</b>	Swindon Town 3-0 Crawley Town
	League 1	<b>Sat, 02 Feb</b>	Crawley Town 1 -1 Swindon Town
2013/14	League 1	<b>Tue, 26 Nov</b>	Crawley Town 0-0 Swindon Town
	League 1	<b>Tue, 25 Feb</b>	Swindon Town 1 -1 Crawley Town
2014/15	League 1	<b>Sat, 16 Aug</b>	Crawley Town 1 -0 Swindon Town
	League 1	<b>Sat, 21 Feb</b>	Swindon Town 1 -2 Crawley Town
2017/18	League 2	<b>Sat, 26 Aug</b>	Swindon Town 0-3 Crawley Town
	League 2	<b>Mon, 02 Apr</b>	Crawley Town 1-1 Swindon Town
2018/19	League 2	<b>Tue, 21 Aug</b>	Crawley Town 2-2 Swindon Town
	League 2	<b>Sat, 26 Jan</b>	Swindon Town 0-1 Crawley Town
2019/20	League 2	<b>Sat, 26 Oct</b>	Crawley Town 0-4 Swindon Town
	League 2	<b>Tue, 01 Feb</b>	Swindon Town 1-1 Crawley Town
2021/22	League 2	<b>Sat, 19 Mar</b>	Crawley Town 3-1 Swindon Town
	League 2	<b>Sat, 03 Dec</b>	Crawley Town 2-0 Swindon Town
2022/23	League 2	<b>Mon, 08 May</b>	Swindon Town 2-1 Crawley Town
	League 2	<b>Sat, 26 Aug</b>	Swindon Town 6-0 Crawley Town
2023/24	League 2	<b>Mon, 01 Jan</b>	Crawley Town 3-1 Swindon Town
	League 2	<b>Tue, 13 Aug</b>	Crawley Town 4-2 Swindon Town
2024/25	League Cup	<b>Tue, 13 Aug</b>	Crawley Town 4-2 Swindon Town
2025/26	League 2	<b>Sat, 20 Dec</b>	Swindon Town 1 -0 Crawley Town

## THE COUNTY GROUND, OPENED 1892 CAPACITY - 14,753 (ALL SEATED)



SWINDON'S HOME, AWAY & THIRD KITS



## THEY'VE PLAYED FOR BOTH

**THREE former Red Devils are amongst the current Swindon squad.**

### WILL WRIGHT (2023-2024)

When initially approached, Will Wright had reservations about joining Crawley Town but was sold on the project and possession-based style of play that Reds boss Scott Lindsey planned to implement for the coming season and so on 1st August 2023 he put pen to paper. Signing from Gillingham for an undisclosed fee he became squad number 30. The versatile defender soon slotted into Lindsey's newly assembled team, showing he was comfortable in possession and able to deliver accurate passes at seemingly any range. He also proved himself to be adept at long throws and dead ball situations and made an instant impact when his goal from a free-kick beat visiting Bradford City on the opening day of the campaign. The defender scored 4 goals over the course of the campaign, the last, notably, being against his former side at Priestfield Stadium. Will only missed one league match throughout the entire campaign, which was crowned with our historic winning performance at Wembley Stadium, where he played his part in keeping a clean sheet against Crewe Alexandra in the League Two play-off final and proving that his decision to move to Crawley Town was the correct one after all. Unfortunately contract negotiations with the club fell through before he had the chance to prove himself at League One level and on 25 June 2024, Wright agreed to join League Two Swindon Town from 01 July.

### TOM NICHOLS (2020-2022)

Following his release from Bristol Rovers in 2020, Tom Nichols had trials with Swindon Town, but instead joined League Two Crawley Town on a one-year deal, reuniting him with former Exeter Assistant and then current Crawley boss John Yems. He was initially given squad number 16. Nichols was a big hit with the fans, even though their first glimpse of him in the flesh was in December, when a limited number of 'home' supporters were allowed in the stadium during a season predominately played behind closed doors, due to the coronavirus outbreak. Nichols went on to make 109 appearances for the club in all competitions, scoring 29 goals, including his first professional hat-trick against Torquay United in that extraordinary FA Cup match.

### OLLIE PALMER (2018-2020)

In June 2018, Ollie Palmer was signed on a two-year deal for a nominal fee from Lincoln City by then Crawley Town Head Coach, Harry Kewell. Palmer scored on his debut, hitting the back of the net with the only goal of the game in our opening fixture of the 2018/19 campaign, away to Cheltenham Town. He went on to score 14 goals in his first season for the Red Devils. In September 2019, Palmer's goal was the last kick of the game that secured Crawley's progression in the EFL Cup, knocking out Championship-side Stoke City in a penalty shootout. Palmer finished his second and final season with the Red Devils on 16 goals in all competitions, completing 68 games. Towards the end of his contract Palmer was caught being derogatory about the training facilities, so he joined AFC Wimbledon, (less said about that the better.) He then went on to join the Wrexham success story – staying with them into the Championship.



## THEY'VE PLAYED FOR BOTH - PART 2

**Seven current Crawley staff who have plied their trade with Swindon.**

**SCOTT LINDSEY & JAMIE DAY (2022-2023)** Scott Lindsey relinquished his role as Swindon Town's head coach to take the reins at Crawley in January 2023 bringing with him his assistant Jamie Day. Scott had spent time as a youth coach at Swindon Town prior to stepping up into management as assistant to Ben Garner. Following Garner's departure to Charlton Athletic in June 2022 it was announced that Scott would replace him for the upcoming campaign.

**JOJO WOLLACOTT (2021-2022)** Goalkeeper Jojo Wollacott first played for Swindon in February 2021 while on an emergency seven-day loan from his parent club Bristol City. The following season, following Swindon's relegation to League Two, he signed a permanent one-year deal with the Robins, making 39 league appearances in all competitions.

### AKINWALE ODIMAYO (2020-2022)

Recent Crawley acquisition Akinwale Odimayo joined Swindon Town ahead of the 2020/21 season following his release from Reading. Over two campaigns across Leagues One and Two the defender made 76 appearances in all competitions and scored 3 goals.

### KELLAN GORDON (2017-2018)

Kellan Gordon played for Swindon Town while on a season-long loan from his parent club Derby County, making 30 appearances in all competitions and scoring 3 goals.

### RONAN DARCY (2022-2023)

In July 2022, Ronan Darcy signed a two-year deal with Swindon for an undisclosed fee from Bolton Wanderers. He made 47 appearances and scored 4 goals in all competitions. After one season with the Robins he joined Crawley Town for an undisclosed fee, reuniting him with Scott Lindsey who had signed him for Swindon.

### HARRY MCKIRDY (2021-2022 / 2024)

Following his release from Port Vale and after a successful trial period with Swindon Town, Harry McKirdy put pen to paper on a one-year deal with the Robins. He made 44 appearances and scored 23 goals in all competitions and was named in the EFL League Two Team of the Season and also picked up Swindon's Player of the Season award. The following season he made 5 appearances and scored twice before signing for Hibernian but returned again on loan for the second half of the 2023/24 season clocking up an additional 9 appearances and scoring another goal.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Former Crawley goalkeeping coach Steve Hale (pictured) was with Swindon for 9 years, starting out with their Academy and then overseeing goalkeepers at the club from the under 9s to the first team!



# PLAYERS IN SHOT



IMAGES BY GRANT MANSFIELD, FROM THE CHESTERFIELD GAME



*Above Left: Darcy fires in a left foot shot*

*Above Right: Lolos gets the crowd on their feet with a cheeky lob*



*Top left: Kick-off time. Top right: Lewis Richards takes on his marker  
Above: Gordon launches a cross into the box*

*Above: Celebrations after our late goal*



# 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	Bajrami	<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	Williams	<b>LOFT 1</b>	Watson	Tshimanga, Dixon, Roles (Davies, Conroy, Holohan)
13 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	L2	D 2-2	3,152	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Dixon	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Williams	<b>LOFT 1</b>	Roles	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	Williams	Loft	Roles	Tshimanga, Watson, Adeyemo, Holohan (Dixon, Wollacott)
26 COLCHESTER UNITED	L2	D 1-1	3,993	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Forster	<b>BROWN 1</b>	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Roles	Watson, Tshimanga, Adeyemo, Holohan, McKirdy (Dixon)
29 BROMLEY	L2	L 1-3	4,058	Davies	<b>BARKER 1</b>	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Holohan	Brown	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Adeyemo	Roles, Forster, McKirdy, Tshimanga (Dixon, Watson)
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>															
1 Barnet	L2	L 1-2	2,566	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Vassell	Richards	Forster	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	<b>MCKIRDY 1</b>	Watson, Tshimanga, Adeyemo, Dixon (Roles, Brown)
4 Cheltenham Town	L2	L 0-3	3,211	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Williams	McKirdy	Forster	Richards	T Adeyemo	Russell	Brown	Pereira, Roles, Tshimanga (Bajrami, Watson, Odimayo, Vassell)
17 NOTTS COUNTY	L2	L 1-2	3,933	Davies	Vassell	Odimayo	Flint	Forster	Pereira	Russell	Copley	Williams	Lolos	Orsi	<b>MCKIRDY 1</b> , Anderson (Wollacott, Radcliffe, Barker, Bajrami, Adeyemo)
24 Barrow	L2	W 1-0	2,322	Chapman	Vassell	Odimayo	Flint	Darcy	McKirdy	Russell	Copley	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	<b>RICHARDS 1</b> , Barker, Forster, Anderson (Wollacott, Pereira, Bajrami)
27 Walsall	L2	D 0-0	4,899	Chapman	Vassell	Anderson	Flint	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Richards	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	Odimayo, Bajrami, L Richards, McKirdy, Pereira (Wollacott, Forster)
31 HARROGATE TOWN	L2	W 2-0	3,326	Chapman	Vassell	<b>ANDERSON 1</b>	<b>FLINT 1</b>	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Richards	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	Bajrami, L Richards, Forster, McKirdy, Pereira (Wollacott, Odimayo)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>															
7 CREWE ALEX. (KO 12.31)	L2	L 0-1	2,975	Chapman	Vassell	McKirdy	Flint	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Lolos	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	T Richards, Forster (Pereira, Odimayo, Bajrami, L Richards)
10 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	L2	L 0-3	2,961	Chapman	Vassell	McKirdy	Flint	Darcy	Forster	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Odimayo	Orsi	Gordon, T Richards, Bajrami (Barker, Copley, Pereira)
14 Tranmere Rovers	L2	L 0-2	5,739	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Flint	Darcy	Forster	Copley	Lolos	Williams	Odimayo	Orsi	Barker, Pereira, Ferizaj (Wollacott, Adeyemo, L Richards)
17 Milton Keynes Dons	L2	D 0-0	7,035	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Flint	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Ferizaj	Orsi	Forster, Pereira (Russell, Odimayo, Adeyemo, T Adeyemo)
21 CHESTERFIELD	L2	D 1-1	3,250	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	A Adeyemo	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	<b>WILLIAMS 1</b>	Ferizaj	Orsi	T Richards, Forster (Russell, Odimayo, T Adeyemo, Pereira)
28 Oldham Athletic	L2	L 0-2	7,050	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Forster	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	Orsi	T Adeyemo, A Adeyemo (Wollacott, Odimayo, Ferizaj, Pereira)
<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														





## MK DONS 0-0 REDS TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY



**I was one of the first in, so the picture is of the inside of the stadium before it started filling up. Not that it would change much. We were on the lower tier this time, not like the upper tier from THAT playoff game a couple of years ago. There were less Crawley fans there this time, but still 338 on a Tuesday night in February, for a team struggling at the wrong end of the table is a good turnout.**

Onto the game and there is an early free kick to MK, and it's a yellow card for Geraldo Bajrami - 22 seconds is good going, even for us. Justin Ferizaj is showing some nice touches early on and he plays it out to the left but the cross is deflected to the keeper. A long ball from MK deceives Charlie Barker in flight and a player is in behind, but the shot is well wide. Ferizaj comes out again and plays it down the left, Ronan Darcy plays it on to Lewis Richards who cuts inside and curls a shot just wide right.



We win a corner down the left, the ball comes in and there are a couple of attempts before the flag goes up for offside. A free kick into the box is headed out to Jay Williams and his shot is well over. MK break and work it through the middle and look to be in, but we get back to block and clear.

Josh Flint has the ball and runs from his own half to the penalty area and has a shot, which takes a slight deflection and is saved. Inevitably Williams gets a yellow card for a sliding challenge in midfield. MK break themselves, down the left to the byline and cross it in; there's a free header at the back post which is well saved by Jacob Chapman for a corner, and (more in hope than expectation) we throw four up to the halfway line for it.

A long free kick from MK sees it come to a MK player, and the shot is guided away by Chapman. MK cross it back in and get a corner. The resultant ball is half cleared and a shot is scooped over the bar.

Lolos is fouled in midfield and makes the most of the contact and the MK

player gets a yellow card. It's played down the right, Kellan Gordon on to Lolos to Danilo Orsi and on to Darcy and his shot goes over the bar. A Barker cross bounces around in the box before a shot through a forest of legs is saved. There are 4 added minutes. We concede a late corner, a shot is blocked for another corner, and we clear and the half time whistle goes with the scores level 0-0.

Our first foray into MK territory second half sees us win a corner; sadly this is straight to the keeper. Lolos gets the ball in the middle of the half and his speculative long-range shot is saved at the second attempt. MK get the ball on the right after we give it away, a cross is met by a striker but is straight at Chapman.

Again they work it left to right and our hero Chapman palms the cross away, and a shot is cleared for a throw. Williams plays Gordon in down the right, he crosses and Orsi's flick goalwards takes a deflection for an easy save. On the left Lolos switches it out to Gordon, he cuts inside and curls a shot just wide. MK break and put a ball in and a shot is saved and the rebound goes wide.

We make a substitution, with Richards being replaced by Dion Pereira. He's involved straight away down the left, getting into the box and putting a cross in which just eludes Orsi. MK break, there is a clash in midfield and the ref brandishes the yellow card... to Scott Lindsey.

A deep ball from MK sees us dilly dally, the clearance is blocked and we concede a corner. We break but its cut out and MK break the other way and

win yet another a corner.

At the other end, a Flint long throw gets to Darcy, and his attempt is deflected up and into the keeper's arms. We have possession around the edge of the box but none of Orsi, Lolos, or Darcy can get a shot off.

More subs with Flint and Lolos departing for Jonny Russell and Ade Adeyemo. We have a quick break, and Pereira plays it out to Gordon on the right, but his cross lands on the roof of the net and not the head of our player. MK make subs of their own and win a corner. Its half cleared, comes back in and there's a great save from Chapman, and a block for (no surprise) a corner; it is punched clear and the shot back in goes over the bar.

Another sub appears, as Gordon is replaced by Harry Forster. A free kick in midfield and Williams puts it into the box, the clearance from MK hits the closing Darcy and it forces a decent save from the keeper.

A Russell throw gets to Ferizaj and his header is caught under the bar. 6 added minutes. Chapman gets a yellow card for time wasting. A Russell throw and Forster more blocks it than shoots and it goes wide.

At the other end, a long throw into the box sees a clash of heads, and the final whistle goes not long after play restarts and it is a creditable 0-0 draw away at high flyers MK.

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## REDS 1-1 CHESTERFIELD SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

**After a decent point away at MK Dons, we see the visit of yet another playoff placed team.**

Our first decent attack sees lively Justin Ferizaj winning the ball in midfield and he exchanges passes with Kellan Gordon who cuts inside and curls a shot wide. Chesterfield win a corner, and send a curling shot just wide of their own. Klaidi Lolos is fouled on a run through midfield, and he makes an acting style meal (burger & chips) of going to the ground and the Chesterfield player picks up a booking.

Less than a minute later Lewis Richards is taken out by a far worse lunge by the booked player, a much more certain yellow than the one already given, but nothing is done! (It should be a red card - Send me to the top of the stands now!)

A Chesterfield attack sees blocks from Ade Adeyemo and then Gordon. Lolos breaks and beats three players with some brilliant chips, the crowd noise goes up a notch, but a heavy touch sees Chesterfield get the ball. A swift counterattack and they shoot over Jacob Chapman but wide. Gordon gets into the box and crosses to Danilo Orsi whose shot is brilliantly saved. A Gordon cross is met by a Lolos header which goes wide. It's end to end stuff. Lolos gets it on the edge of the area and flicks it over a player but the final touch is too strong.

Chesterfield win a corner. It's taken short and a cross is headed wide. Another corner on the other side is put behind for another corner, this is taken short and goes for a goal kick. We break, Ronan Darcy plays it to Lolos, and he plays it out right to Gordon and his shot is deflected. It's taken to Adeyemo who cuts into the box, and his shot is blocked and Chesterfield break and have a shot well over.

An injured Richards is substituted and

replaced by Jonny Russell. We force a corner, it's flapped at by the keeper, Adeyemo and Geraldo Bajrami have shots blocked and Chesterfield scramble it clear. Down the left, Ferizaj, Adeyemo, and Darcy combine and get it to Gordon, back to Adeyemo, but his cross is cleared. A Gordon cross can't quite find a Crawley player.

A Chesterfield break sees no one near the attacker inside our half, he heads to the box and is in one on one with Chapman but puts the shot just wide. The Chesterfield bench then signal their keeper to go down, which he does (yet another of the annoying "dark arts of football") and as the ref stops play all of the players head to the bench. Chesterfield attack again and a curling shot, which might be heading for the top corner, sees Russell dive at it in an attempt to clear, but he doesn't get much on it, just enough to deflect it into the goal and we trail 0-1.

From the restart we play a ball through to Darcy, he gets into the box and his shot is blocked for a corner. It's swung to the near post, and the header goes wide. Chesterfield get forward and a shot goes through a defender's legs but Chapman saves. 3 added minutes.

Chesterfield have a free kick and from it there is a shot just wide. Half time and we trail 0-1. A tired looking Ferizaj is replaced by Taylor Richards during the break.

Second half underway, We win an early corner - taken low to the near post, cleared, put back in, and hoofed high and the keeper collects. Gordon collects a booking as the ball is pumped forward. A long ball threads through to Lolos, he beats a man and has a shot which goes wide. Darcy plays a ball to Orsi in the box and back to Darcy and then to Adeyemo, who crosses, but no one can get on the end of it.

Another ball to Darcy in the box; back to



*Celebrations after our late goal*

Russell and the cross becomes more of a shot and is saved. A free kick is taken deep to Darcy, back to Russell, on to Lolos and his shot hits the side netting. On the left Darcy, Russell, Richards, and Adeyemo combine well and we get a corner. It comes to Richards and his shot is saved. He then gets a yellow card for a foul in midfield.

We make a substitution, with Harry Forster coming on for Adeyemo. A Gordon cross is retrieved by Darcy, he cuts across the front of the box and is fouled. Bajrami takes the free kick and puts it just over the bar. Dion Pereira comes on for Lolos. Russell gets a yellow card. The Chesterfield player taking the free kick slips and thus kicks it twice and we get given it instead.

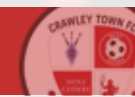
A ball into the box sees a couple of chances cleared and then Jay Williams' low shot is saved. Pereira beats a couple of men and

passes to Orsi, back to Darcy and his shot dramatically hits the outside of the post. Agonisingly close. Chesterfield then break and a shot is well saved by Chapman.

A Chesterfield free kick 30 yards out is well saved by Chapman. And yet another effort sees another fine Chapman save. Bajrami picks up a yellow card. A Forster cross is cleared, then a Russell cross is cleared. There are 4 added minutes.

A throw is taken short to Darcy, he whips a cross in, and Williams strains every sinew to get on the end of it and heads it in for the equaliser. Absolute scenes, as that levels the scores up, with only enough time for the restart before the ref blows the final whistle and we have drawn 1-1 at the death.

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## OLDHAM ATHLETIC 2-0 REDS SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY



**A game which gives me a chance for another weekend away in my old stomping ground of Manchester is always good. I spent all day Friday wandering around Greater Manchester taking photos and visiting 15 different football grounds.**

Pre-game on Saturday saw me stroll around Oldham and Rochdale, before making it to the ground. I missed the rain, so it was all good, a front row seat in the upper part of the away stand, with plenty of legroom, and it was a case of all good with the world. And then the game started.....

And from the off it's Oldham getting into our box, within twenty seconds Jacob Chapman has to clear. We are well off the pace from the start. Needless throws given away, poor attempts at tackles, misplaced passes. An Oldham free kick finds an Oldham head but goes wide. We give it away and a quick ball into the box is taken down and a shot forces a good save from Chapman and Harry Forster does just enough to put the follow up effort off and it goes wide.

We can't seem to get forward at all. Oldham win a corner; we haven't even got the three on halfway before it's taken short and deflected out for another corner. It goes all the way across to the right where Jonny Russell gets it and we attempt a fast break, but lose it and Oldham come straight back and win another corner. It's taken short and half cleared but comes back into the box and a shot is straight at Chapman. And here they come again, back into the box and they force a diving save from Chapman for a corner. It's half cleared, pumped back in and another shot is saved by Chapman. A saving block from Charlie Barker.

There's a clash and there's an Oldham player down. Taylor Richards gets a yellow card for it, but he might have been lucky to still be on the pitch as an elbow was claimed. There is another streaming Oldham attack, another shot, another Chapman save, and he stays down.

As all the players run to the bench, I might have to hazard a guess that this isn't really a proper injury, and we are doing the cheating we moan about other teams doing. But we do need all the help we can get, as this has been like the Alamo, probably worse than the first twenty minutes at Barnet, the only consolation is we haven't conceded. YET. As if by magic, when we restart, we have an attack and win a free kick about thirty yards out. It's taken deep and Jay Williams' attempt to hook it back goes for a goal kick. We break through the middle, play it to Kellan Gordon on the right and his cross is met by Danilo Orsi and the keeper saves. Then Gordon is taken out on the wing. The free kick goes into the box and is headed clear; Russell has a throw which bounces dangerously in the box but is cleared.

A ball is played out of defence to Richards in the middle of the park, he beats a man and plays it out to Forster on the left, he cuts into the box and has a shot which is saved. Then on the other side a Gordon cross is easily cleared. Gordon gets taken out again on the right and the Oldham player gets a totting up yellow card for that. Not before time. The home support are restless, as we've gotten away with a few ropey tackles and there's been a few off the ball comings together and a few shoves out of the way.

The Oldham players are trying it on a bit as well, as they go to ground at every opportunity. We play out from the back down the left to Forster, he plays it across to Ronan Darcy, it gets shifted again, and

then over to the right to Gordon who gets a cross in, and someone gets a head on it, but it goes wide.

Oldham, having had a five-minute breather, get a cross into the box, Williams is on the deck as it comes over, and it gets to the far post, the first effort is just stopped by Chapman, I think he saved a second effort as well before the ball was bundled over the line. Our players are claiming Williams was fouled in the build-up, but the ref doesn't agree and we trail 0-1.

Straight away Oldham are in again, Chapman spreads himself well and blocks the shot. They win a corner and the ref goes over to book someone on the Oldham bench. We clear the corner on the second attempt. Forster is fouled as we attempt to break down the left, and it leads to a yellow card for the Oldham player. The Oldham number nine has been tussling with various players, and he goes down after a tangle with Geraldo Bajrami, nothing given but the fans are screaming for a foul.

There's an Oldham player down on the edge of their box after another coming together, more screams for a foul, and when we get a free kick on the other side of the pitch, there's another yellow card for the Oldham bench. The Oldham fans are now abusing the ref and there are ironic cheers when he gives them a free kick as we go into 2 added minutes. Richards breaks and is brought down and a yellow for the Oldham player just increases the abuse for the ref. He blows for half time with us trailing 0-1.

We make a substitution at half time (just the one? I hear you ask) with Forster being replaced by Ade Adeyemo. Not difficult I know, but we start the second half better than we did the first. Richards plays the ball out to Adeyemo and there's a neat back heel to the overlapping Darcy and he gets a cross in, but it's cleared. We have a free kick on halfway, it's put into the box and cleared and Oldham break. Two passes later there's a man in the middle, in on goal, and he slots it in the corner and we trail 0-2.

Scrub that about starting the half better. Oldham seem relentless, they get a corner, but the ref takes an absolute age to decide whether it was a goal kick or a corner. We head it clear and attack, getting it to Klaidi Lolos and he gets into the box, but is hesitant and reluctant to take a shot, it does get across to Richards on the left, who does shoot, but it's blocked. We make a sub; Lolos goes and is replaced by Dion Pereira. He has an impact immediately. He gets it to Gordon and the ball into the box is kept in by Orsi who feeds it back onto Darcy and his shot is tipped over the bar for a corner.

Which is swung in - straight into the keeper's arms. We are struggling all over the place, losing the ball in midfield now, and there needs to be a saving tackle from Bajrami, but it's at the expense of a corner. A shot forces a Chapman save. A ball out from the back gets to Orsi and he pings it out first time to Gordon on the right, but his cross is cleared. The Oldham number nine is down again claiming a foul, but nothing is given. And seconds later an Oldham player misses his kick at the ball but does manage to get Richards on the follow through and gets a yellow card for that. The free kick from 40 yards out is again wasted. (Oh how we need to borrow a set piece coach for a week - Thomas Frank is free!) We attack down the right, put a deep ball in which Adeyemo retrieves, he passes it to Orsi, and his shot is over the bar.

Oldham get a free kick about 35 yards out and Chapman comes and claims the lofted ball. In news that will surprise nobody, there's some nice foot work to a point, but the final ball is letting us down. Pereira beats men in midfield and goes to play in Orsi, but the ball is too strong and goes for a goal kick. We sub Richards for Tobi Adeyemo, and for the first time since his signing we now have both Adeyemo's on the pitch.

We attack with Pereira, and he gets it to Ade Adeyemo who cuts inside and goes to cross, but it ends up as a shot and goes over the bar. Oldham waltz up the other end and have a shot blocked, it comes back to them, and a cross is blocked behind for a corner. Coming forward we have the ball in promising positions in the box again but are unable to generate a shot and we lose the ball. Somewhere there is a field full of very happy cows, who know their backsides are very safe, no matter how many banjos our players are given.

A ball out to Ade Adeyemo sees him get a cross in, and Tobi Adeyemo gets on the end of it, but the header goes wide. Russell launches a long throw into the box, and it's put out for a corner, which is swung in under the bar straight to the keeper. There are 5 added minutes to endure.

An Ade Adeyemo cross is headed back out and then he and Russell combine and we win a corner. It goes in and is punched clear; we pump it back in to give the keeper catching practice. A free kick is put in from the right and headed back out and the full-time whistle goes on another demoralising defeat in front of 188 Crawley Town masochists.

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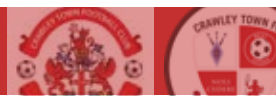
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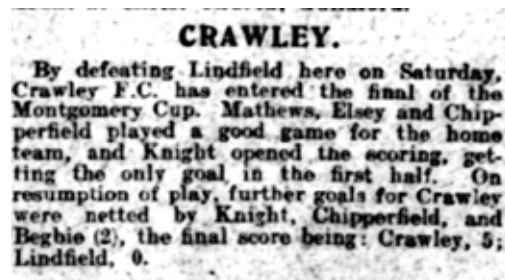
## CUP GLORY AND CHANGING SURROUNDINGS

I will start today by briefly continuing the tale of our cup run exactly 100 years ago, which I began in our first Red Devils' Diary in December, the day we played Oldham.

No, not the FA Cup but the Montgomery Cup. I had left a real cliffhanger – I bet you couldn't sleep for days after – with my mention of us having won 9-0 against Cuckfield to reach the semi-final of the competition.

Maybe not a big deal these days, but as we were just a small market town of a few thousand souls, local bragging rights within the county were important and it was a trophy we had never won before. This was all the more galling as the actual trophy had been presented to the Mid Sussex League several years previously by a local resident, Mr Archie Montgomery of Ifield Hall.

For some reason, local press coverage of our semi-final in February 1926 was pretty sparse, but I have managed to find a small report of our resounding 5-0 win over Lindfield, and include it here.



*Crawley 5 Lindfield 0 Montgomery Cup Semi-Final - February 1926*

Our opponents for the final were decided a week or so later, when Haywards Heath thrashed Ardingly 6-1 to set up a cracking match for later in the season, though



any bubbling cup fever was dampened somewhat by us losing a Sussex Intermediate Cup semi-final 6-1 at home to Hove St Andrews that same day.

I will leave mention of the April final for a future article, and apologise to those already familiar with the subject, as I know club historian Tony Pope covered this period very well in his programme articles in the early 2000s (particularly 2004/05). Copies of those programmes are worth getting hold of if you want to read up on the early history of Crawley FC.

That 1925/26 season would find us still playing at Victoria Hall Meadow, which had been our home since 1920.

For those wondering where that ground – actually little more than a field with a rudimentary enclosure – was located, it was at the north end of the High Street, roughly between the rear of the ancient Boscobel building (opposite the newish Travelodge) and the Dyers Almshouses slightly further north.

The Victoria Hall itself was a popular dance hall on the north end of the High Street (see picture below), and according to newspaper adverts for dances, had “the best floor in Sussex”. As well as the dances, I have found mention of opera, political rallies (Conservative, Labour and Liberal) and even boxing and wrestling evenings taking place there in the 1920s.



*Victoria Hall London Road/High Street*

I believe the hall was built around 1920 and for a short time in the 1930s was known as the Blue Hall.

The picture I have included of the Victoria Hall shows it in a very derelict post-war state, with the photo also showing the Boxall and Collins garage and the bus garage on the corner of Northgate Road. Sometime after this picture was taken these buildings were demolished and I remember Brewers Decorating Supplies taking on the modern premises built on the site, which in a nod back to its previous life was known as the Victoria Works.

We would play at the Victoria Hall Meadow only until the end of the 1925/26 season, after which we moved a short distance to Rectory Field (somewhere near the old Post Office building on The Boulevard) for three seasons before moving back to Victoria Hall Meadow in 1929. Bear in mind that these were fairly rudimentary “grounds” and often the move was necessitated by the farmer needing the field for agricultural or similar purposes!

Our current home at Broadfield is the furthest the club has ever had to move (aside from a single season in 1953 - when we had to move out of Town Meadow to Ifield Green for remedial pitch work and the building of a new stand). After leaving Victoria Hall for the final time, the club had a short hiatus from playing activities in the mid-1930s, before combining with Crawley Athletic and Crawley Rangers in 1938 and using Ranger's ground

on Malthouse Meadow (Brighton Road backing on to Malthouse Road) for a short time.

After this, in 1939, it moved back to the north end of town and Yetmans Field, on the opposite side of the road to Victoria Hall (roughly where Sunnymead flats are located). In 1949, a short hop across Ifield Avenue to Town Meadow (we had previously played here briefly in 1906-08 when it was just a field) took us to what would be our home for many years until the move to Broadfield in 1997.

I have included a couple of pictures from Yetmans Field and Town Meadow (so called as it was “the town's meadow”, located near the Town Barn) for our newer fans. The first is of a Crawley FC team line-up at Yetmans Field around 1945/46, and it is just possible to make out the back of the Embassy Cinema in the back right of the picture (for younger fans, where the Turtle Bay restaurant is now).



*The Post War Yetmans Field line up*





1950 Town Meadow behind Ifield Avenue build

The other picture is of the building of Ifield Avenue, roughly at the point where the Fire Station entrance is and with Town Meadow ground in the background. You can hopefully make out the low light-coloured building which was the club changing rooms and headquarters from around 1950.



Town Meadow building at the end of its life.

I found a press article from May 1950 regarding the building of the HQ which mentioned a very early example of the "buy-a-brick" fundraising scheme popular at various times in ours and other clubs' histories. Apparently the club had set aside a day that month when fans could pay one shilling (five pence, hence known as the "bob-a-brick" fund) and not only buy the brick but also lay it as part of the new building. Sadly, the weather was so bad that on the day nobody turned up and it had to be rearranged.

I finish with a picture of the HQ building at the end of its life in the late 1970s, just prior to demolition to make way for a new, larger changing room/office complex. This was built by former Town goalkeeper John Maggs, with a bit of help from a few of us fans, including another former Crawley goalkeeper, my dad, John Fox.

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The supporters coach will depart from the stadium at 4.00pm and will cost £30.00. We will travel direct to Colchester United's Stadium non-stop; arriving at about 7.00pm – earlier if the traffic is good on the M25 at Dartford and the A12. Coach will park up at the stadium. We will depart straight after the game finishes and travel back non-stop to the Broadfield Stadium. Match tickets are now available from the Colchester ticket portal – the earlier you book them the cheaper they are.



### SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026, 3PM FLEETWOOD

The supporters coach will depart from the stadium at 6.30am and will cost £40.00. We will have a comfort/coffee break at the M6 Toll services at about 9.15pm and then a buffet stop at The Foresters Arms, Standish – our first visit. We will depart from there at 1.00pm to arrive at Fleetwood just after 2.00pm. Coach will park up at the stadium. We depart straight after the game and will have a break at some point on the return journey, depending on traffic conditions – either Warwick or Oxford.



### FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026, 3PM – NEWPORT COUNTY

The supporters coach will depart from the stadium at 9.00pm and will cost £40.00. We will travel direct to Newport. It being a Bank Holiday we will not arrange a buffet stop, as we know we have been held up in traffic on these public Holidays in the past. If the traffic is good on this trip, and we are making good time, we will stop at Leigh Delamare services for a break. Our coach will park up near the stadium. We will depart straight after the game finishes and travel back to Crawley - we will have a comfort break at Reading services.



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## HISTORICAL STATS COMPILED BY IAN MULCAHY ATTENDANCES & EFL STATS

### CTFC TOP 15 HOME ATTENDANCES

Conference	Att	League Two	Att	League One	Att
18/03/2011 - AFC Wimbledon	4,054	07/10/2023 - Wrexham	5,572	03/05/2015 - Coventry	5,744
26/02/2011 - Barrow	3,941	07/05/2024 - MK Dons	5,564	18/03/2014 - Wolves	5,680
22/02/2011 - Southport	3,765	07/03/2017 - Portsmouth	5,350	23/12/2024 - Birmingham	5,530
02/04/2011 - Darlington	3,554	29/03/2024 - Doncaster	5,336	11/03/2025 - Charlton	5,489
12/02/2011 - Wrexham	3,331	13/04/2024 - Colchester	5,223	28/04/2025 - Northampton	5,105
12/04/2011 - Luton Town	3,326	02/04/2018 - Swindon	5,008	09/09/2012 - Portsmouth	5,058
29/03/2011 - Mansfield Town	3,162	27/04/2024 - Grimsby	4,885	01/02/2025 - Wrexham	5,049
22/04/2011 - Rushden & D	3,083	22/12/2023 - AFC W'don	4,792	01/03/2025 - Cambridge	4,955
05/03/2011 - Histon	3,031	06/04/2012 - Crewe	4,723	12/04/2025 - Leyton Orient	4,793
30/04/2011 - York	2,945	25/03/2023 - Rochdale	4,717	09/11/2024 - Huddersfield	4,752
07/12/2004 - Barnet	2,941	28/04/2012 - Hereford	4,615	10/08/2024 - Blackpool	4,718
17/08/2004 - Hereford	2,570	19/08/2023 - Gillingham	4,310	31/08/2024 - Barnsley	4,704
16/10/2010 - Newport	2,566	14/01/2017 - Hartlepool	4,266	28/09/2024 - Bolton W	4,696
21/02/2005 - Morecambe	2,516	26/12/2011 - Gillingham	4,255	22/12/2012 - Sheffield	4,604
21/08/2004 - Aldershot	2,508	29/04/2023 - Walsall	4,189	14/09/2024 - Stockport	4,538

### 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) 54 in full seasons L2 2011/12 and L1 2013/14
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 CTFCH stats show 33,341, 19 May 2024 v Crewe Alexandra at Wembley.
Lowest Home Att	1,455	26 Sep 2017 v Newport County, League Two 12 Dec 2020 v Barrow was 650, but was also a "sell out" due to COVID restrictions
Lowest Away Att	1,098	20 Oct 2015 v Morecambe, League Two
Top season scorer	23	Danilo Orsi (2023/24) League goals only
Top Season Apps	49	Klaidi Lolos League appearances only (inc. from the bench), including the 3 play off matches

## 2025/26 SEASON PLAYER STATS AS AT 28/2/26

No / Pos / Player / Previous Club or Loan Status <i>These stats cover all competitions</i>	CTFC 25-26 Stats						CTFC Career	
	CRD*	St	Su	Gls	Y	R	Apps	Gls
<b>2 DF</b> Scott Malone <a href="#">Cambridge Utd</a>	06/26	6	2	1	3		11	1
<b>3 DF</b> Dion Conroy <a href="#">Swindon Town</a>	06/27	21			5		104	4
<b>4 DF</b> Geraldo Bajrami <a href="#">On loan from Burton</a>	~	21	5	3	6		26	3
<b>5 DF</b> Charlie Barker <a href="#">Wealdstone</a>	06/27	32	4	1	10		80	3
<b>6 MF</b> Max Anderson <a href="#">Dundee</a>	06/26	12	7	2	7		66	5
<b>7 MF</b> Harry Forster <a href="#">Bromley</a>	06/26	18	14	3	3		95	10
<b>10 MF</b> Reece Brown <a href="#">Forest Green Rovers</a>	06/26	18	6	2	3		24	2
<b>12 DF</b> Lewis Richards <a href="#">Bradford City</a>	06/27	5	2		1		7	
<b>13 FW</b> Harry McKirdy <a href="#">Bromley</a>	06/26	22	5	6	6	1	27	6
<b>14 FW</b> Louis Flower <a href="#">On loan to Woking</a>	06/26	6	10	3	3		16	3
<b>15 DF</b> Ben Radcliffe <a href="#">On loan to Gateshead</a>	06/27	4		2	1		23	2
<b>16 DF</b> Jonny Russell <a href="#">Glentoran</a>	*	7			1		7	
<b>18 FW</b> Danny Cashman <a href="#">Worthing</a>	06/27	3	2		1		5	
<b>19 MF</b> Dion Pereira <a href="#">Luton Town</a>	06/26	11	10		1		21	
<b>20 FW</b> Justin Ferizaj <a href="#">Bray Wanderers</a>	06/28	2	1				3	
<b>21 FW</b> Ryan Loft <a href="#">On loan from Cambridge Utd</a>	~	15	1	4	5	2	16	4
<b>22 FW</b> Ade Adeyemo <a href="#">Cray Valley PM</a>	06/26	18	5	1	4		87	9
<b>23 MF</b> Fate Kotey <a href="#">On loan to Whitehawk</a>	06/27	2	3				5	
<b>25 MF</b> Antony Papadopoulos <a href="#">Welling United</a>	06/26		3				10	1
<b>26 MF</b> Jay Williams (Captain) <a href="#">MK Dons</a>	06/26	25	1	3	10		82	6
<b>27 MF</b> Louie Watson <a href="#">Luton Town</a>	06/26	11	8		3		27	
<b>28 DF</b> Josh Flint <a href="#">FC Vullendam</a>	06/26	35	1	1	4		56	1
<b>30 MF</b> Louie Copley <a href="#">On loan from Arsenal</a>	~	3					3	
<b>31 DF</b> Akin Odimayo <a href="#">Newport County</a>	06/27	4	1				5	
<b>32 MF</b> Taylor Richards <a href="#">QPR</a>	06/26	3	4	1	1		7	1
<b>33 GK</b> Will Heater <a href="#">On loan to Sheppey Utd</a>	*							
<b>34 GK</b> Jojo Wollacott <a href="#">Hibernian</a>	06/26	11					48	
<b>35 GK</b> Jacob Chapman <a href="#">On loan from Huddersfield</a>	~	9			1		9	
<b>38 FW</b> Tobi Adeyemo <a href="#">On loan from Watford</a>	~	2					2	
<b>41 DF</b> Kellan Gordon <a href="#">Notts County</a>	06/27	8	1		4		9	
<b>42 DF</b> Theo Vassell <a href="#">Barrow</a>	06/26	7			1		7	
<b>44 MF</b> Klaidi Lolos <a href="#">On loan from Peterborough</a>	~	7				1	63	15
<b>49 MF</b> Ronan Darcy <a href="#">On loan from Wigan</a>	~	9			2		88	8
<b>56 MF</b> Jude Robertson <a href="#">On loan to Whitehawk</a>	*		3		1		3	
<b>99 FW</b> Danilo Orsi <a href="#">AFC Wimbledon</a>	06/28	10					60	25

\* CRD = Contract Review Date \* = Not Published ~ = On Loan to CTFC

NB: The EFL only allow 5 loanees to be included in each matchday squad



## BY HERBERT'S TOURS

### Colchester United Friday 13th March

15:43 Three Bridges - Farringdon 16:41  
 16:50 Farringdon - Stratford 17:00  
 17:10 Stratford - Colchester 17:58  
 From Colchester it's a good 35 minute walk, or you can get a bus from the station to the park & ride, which is next to the stadium.  
 Return journey, bus or 35 min walk.  
 22:33 Colchester - London Liverpool Street 23:31  
 23:46 Liverpool Street - Farringdon 23:48  
 23:58 Farringdon - Three Bridges 00:54  
 Currently £36 return on a railcard or on a groupsave ticket, (3-9 people traveling together).

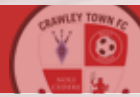


### Fleetwood Town Saturday 21st March

08:05 Three Bridges - London Victoria 08:45 Tube - Victoria line to Euston.  
 09:30 London Euston - Preston 11:39  
 11:59 Preston - Blackpool North 12:24  
 Then tram from Blackpool seafront to Fleetwood (duration 50 minutes).  
 Return journey; tram back to Blackpool.  
 18:22 Blackpool North - Preston 18:47  
 19:07 Preston - London Euston 21:40 Tube - Victoria line to Victoria.  
 22:24 London Victoria - Three Bridges 23:00 Currently £82 with a railcard.

### Newport County Friday 3rd April

10:13 Three Bridges to Farringdon 11:11  
 Then the Elizabeth line (8 mins) to Paddington.  
 11:48 London Paddington to Newport 13:22  
 Return journey  
 17:31 Newport to London Paddington 19:16  
 Elizabeth line back to Farringdon  
 19:54 Farringdon to Three Bridges 20:39  
 Currently £55 return with a railcard at the time of going to press.  
 For cheap long distance travel, it always pays to purchase a railcard and to book at least 5 weeks in advance.



## SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLES & UPCOMING FIXTURES AS AT 28/2/26

Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Bromley	34	19	11	4	58	35	+23	68
2 Cambridge United	34	18	10	6	49	27	+22	64
3 Milton Keynes Dons	34	17	11	6	63	34	+29	62
4 <b>SWINDON TOWN</b>	35	19	5	11	57	41	+16	62
5 Notts County	34	18	7	9	52	33	+19	61
6 Crewe Alexandra	35	16	8	11	52	41	+11	56
7 Salford City	33	17	4	12	46	43	+3	55
8 Chesterfield	34	13	14	7	52	44	+8	53
9 Barnet	35	14	11	10	44	37	+7	53
10 Walsall	33	15	8	10	42	36	+6	53
11 Grimsby Town	33	14	10	9	46	37	+9	52
12 Colchester United	33	13	10	10	48	35	+13	49
13 Accrington Stanley	34	13	7	14	37	36	+1	46
14 Oldham Athletic	32	11	12	9	36	30	+6	45
15 Fleetwood Town	33	12	9	12	43	42	+1	45
16 Gillingham	33	11	11	11	41	41	0	44
17 Shrewsbury Town	35	10	8	17	34	54	-20	38
18 Cheltenham Town	33	10	6	17	34	55	-21	36
19 Tranmere Rovers	34	9	8	17	46	59	-13	35
20 Bristol Rovers	34	9	4	21	33	57	-24	31
21 <b>CRAWLEY TOWN</b>	35	6	10	19	33	56	-23	28
22 Barrow	33	7	6	20	33	51	-18	27
23 Harrogate Town	35	6	9	20	25	52	-27	27
24 Newport County	34	6	7	21	32	60	-28	25

**SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026**  
 Accrington Stanley v Cambridge United  
 Bristol Rovers v Crewe Alexandra  
 Chesterfield v Shrewsbury Town  
**Crawley Town v Swindon Town**  
 Gillingham v Fleetwood Town  
 Grimsby Town v Bromley  
 Milton Keynes Dons v Harrogate Town  
 Newport County v Colchester United  
 Salford City v Barnet  
 Tranmere Rovers v Oldham Athletic  
 Walsall v Notts County

Barrow v Accrington Stanley  
 Bromley v Bristol Rovers  
 Cambridge United v Gillingham  
 Crewe Alexandra v Walsall  
 Fleetwood Town v Tranmere Rovers  
 Harrogate Town v Salford City  
 Notts County v Chesterfield  
 Oldham Athletic v Grimsby Town  
 Shrewsbury Town v Cheltenham Town  
 Swindon Town v Milton Keynes Dons

**TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2026**  
 Barrow v Bristol Rovers  
 Fleetwood Town v Cheltenham Town  
 Gillingham v Milton Keynes Dons  
 Salford City v Walsall

**TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026**  
 Accrington Stanley v Notts County  
 Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town  
 Cheltenham Town v Crewe Alexandra  
 Chesterfield v Oldham Athletic

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026**  
**Colchester United v Crawley Town**

**Crawley Town v Barnet**  
 Gillingham v Swindon Town  
 Grimsby Town v Fleetwood Town  
 Newport County v Bromley  
 Salford City v Barrow  
 Tranmere Rovers v Harrogate Town  
 Walsall v Cambridge United

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2026**  
 Barnet v Newport County





			Start	Sub
2	DF	Scott MALONE	■	■
4	DF	Geraldo BAJRAMI	■	■
5	DF	Charlie BARKER	■	■
6	MF	Max ANDERSON	■	■
7	MF	Harry FORSTER	■	■
12	DF	Lewis RICHARDS	■	■
13	FW	Harry MCKIRDY	■	■
14	FW	Louis FLOWER	■	■
15	DF	Ben RADCLIFFE	■	■
16	DF	Jonny RUSSELL	■	■
18	FW	Danny CASHMAN	■	■
19	MF	Dion PEREIRA	■	■
20	MF	Justin FERIZAJ	■	■
21	FW	Ryan LOFT	■	■
22	FW	Ade ADEYEMO	■	■
23	MF	Fate KOTEY	■	■
26	MF	Jay WILLIAMS	■	■
27	MF	Louie WATSON	■	■
28	DF	Josh FLINT	■	■
30	MF	Louie COPLEY	■	■
31	DF	Akin ODIMAYO	■	■
32	MF	Taylor RICHARDS	■	■
33	GK	Will HEATER	■	■
34	GK	Jojo WOLLACOTT	■	■
35	GK	Jacob CHAPMAN	■	■
38	FW	Tobi ADEYEMO	■	■
41	DF	Kellan GORDON	■	■
42	DF	Theo VASSELL	■	■
44	MF	Klaidi LOLOS	■	■
49	MF	Ronan DARCY	■	■
56	MF	Jude ROBERTSON	■	■
99	FW	Danilo ORSI	■	■

<b>REFEREE</b>	Simon Mather
<b>ASST</b>	Jonathan Block
<b>ASST</b>	Conor Farrell
<b>FOURTH</b>	Adrian Quelch



			Start	Sub
1	GK	Connor RIPLEY	■	■
3	DF	Filozofe MABETE	■	■
5	DF	Will WRIGHT	■	■
6	MF	James BALL	■	■
7	FW	Tom NICHOLS	■	■
8	MF	Ollie CLARKE	■	■
9	FW	Paul GLATZEL	■	■
10	FW	Harry SMITH	■	■
12	GK	Lewis WARD	■	■
14	FW	Danny BUTTERWORTH	■	■
15	DF	Harrison MINTURN	■	■
16	DF	Tom WILSON-BROWN	■	■
17	DF	Ryan TAFAZOLLI	■	■
18	MF	Gavin KILKENNY	■	■
19	MF	Joe SNOWDON	■	■
20	MF	Ben MIDDLEMAS	■	■
21	MF	James SCANLON	■	■
22	DF	Jamie KNIGHT-LEBEL	■	■
23	FW	Aaron DRINAN	■	■
24	FW	Fletcher HOLMAN	■	■
25	MF	Aidan BORLAND	■	■
26	DF	Jake BATTY	■	■
28	FW	Ollie PALMER	■	■
29	FW	Michael OLAKIGBE	■	■
30	MF	Junior HOILETT	■	■
31	MF	Billy BODIN	■	■
33	DF	Joel MCGREGOR	■	■
34	DF	Billy KIRKMAN	■	■
38	DF	Antony MCCORMICK	■	■
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