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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

END OF AN ERA - IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES

As we were finalising our content ready to be printed, (22/3/26) the shock news broke that Scott Lindsey, and his assistant Neil Smith, had been relieved of their duties. The Club statement read as follows:- Owner Raphael Khalili said: *"This was not an easy decision for the club. Scott has given this club some everlasting memories, which we will all be eternally grateful for. Unfortunately, results have not been at a high enough standard. Scott leaves the club with my highest regards, and I truly wish him and his family the very best for the future. The work to appoint a new Manager is already underway, and we will make a statement on the matter in due course."*



ANOTHER FINE MESS

Swindon & Crawley Town have both been given an FA Tarrif (fine) of £7,000 each for failing to control their players and staff. This is following the major melee at the end of their 2-2 draw on 6th March. Neither club contested the charge.

BRUCE WINFIELD

We feel it appropriate to make reference to the late, great, Bruce Winfield (the anniversary of his passing was on the 21st March this year). Without him, playing in the Football League might still have been a distant dream.



JONNY RUSSELL ON INTERNATIONAL DUTY

Jonny has been selected to represent the Northern Ireland U21 team for their upcoming Euro qualifiers. The U21's are due to take on Germany at the Eintracht Stadion in Braunschweig on Friday 27th March, followed by a game against Latvia at the Daugava Stadium in Riga on Tuesday 31st March. Jonny will therefore miss today's home game. Good luck Jonny - be good.

GILLINGHAM CAPTAIN SEES RED

Armani Little was sent off in the game at Bristol Rovers after picking up a 2nd yellow card apparently for kicking the ball away, thinking the final whistle had blown. His one match suspension should apply today.

HASSOCKS GO SOLAR

Local club Hassocks (of the Isthmian South East Division) have been very innovative having just installed Solar Panels at their ground. Probably a wise decision given the crazy price of electricity and the cost of running a football club. Maybe we should think about putting them on our own West (Main) stand roof? The income from selling the power back to the grid could pay the wages of a star striker! (Or maybe just run the floodlights for free.)



THREE BRIDGES FC THROUGH TO CUP FINAL AT THE AMEX

Our local friends Three Bridges, who are flying high at the top of their league, have now added to their glorious season by winning a place in the coveted Sussex Senior Cup Final. The match will be held at the Premier League home of Brighton & Hove Albion in May. Bridges will face either Eastbourne Boro or Brighton & Hove Albion U21s. It is the 144th year of the SSC and it will be their first time in the final. Bridges got past Little Common and then demolished Wick 10-0 before taking on the big boys of Horsham. Having taken that giant killing step they then shocked Worthing 4-2 in the semi final at Culver Road Lancing, to earn their place in Sussex Football history.

REDS AT TANGERINES

If you happened to take in the Dundee Utd V Celtic game on Sun 22nd March, you will have stumbled across some CTFC old boys. No 8 Panutche Camara replaced No 36 Max Watters on 89 minutes in their 2.0 win over the Glasgow hoops. Driving the team along, and getting a man of the match call, was their No 11 Will Ferry. Ferry was on loan to us in 2021/22 from Southampton and made 36 appearances. Max Watters really made a name for himself whilst at the Reds in the 2020/21 season - scoring 13 goals in 15 starts. (He is currently on loan from Barnsley.) Panutche is a bit of a minor Crawley legend - having made 103 appearances from 2017 to 2020 and then another 42 in the 2024/25 season, before swapping his Red shirt for a Tangerine one.

PAST PROGRAMME PRODUCT PLACEMENT

Anyone who has an interest in this programme and wondered if any back issues were available from earlier games - you need wonder no more. We have limited stock of the following matchday programmes:- Barnet, Cambridge Utd/Crewe, Bromley/Colchester, Harrogate & Chesterfield. Come see us/ask at the matchday sales kiosk if interested.

THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX

Best of luck to Antony Papadopoulos as he joins Essex based Chelmsford City on loan until the end of the season. They play in the Conference South - which is where he previously spent time on loan at Maidstone United.

FAB SCOTT, THUNDERBIRDS ARE GO!!!!!!!

Back In November 2025, the club announced plans to establish a new Fan Advisory Board (FAB) in conjunction with the Football Supporters Association (FSA).

At the outset of the process, the club met with the Football Supporters' Association to establish the core aims of the Fan Advisory Board.

A key priority was to ensure a diverse and representative board; including a female member and a supporter under the age of 30 and as a result, following recommendations from the FSA, Victoria Morris-Birrell and Kieran Sullivan were offered positions on the FAB until Summer 2027.

As well as Kieran and Victoria, places on the FAB were also allocated to a committee member of the Crawley Town Supporters Alliance (CTSA) and a representative of GH Coaches, to join the FAB. Two additional seats are being reserved for a Commercial Sponsor representative and a member of the Crawley Town Community Foundation.

The club, having been incredibly pleased with the high calibre of candidates that applied to be part of the new FAB, then started the election process to determine the remaining four members of the board, from the following set of successfully interviewed candidates.

The Candidates (in alphabetical order) were as follows; Charlie Bright, David Carling, James Eddolls, Sam Jordan, Steve Leake, Chris Lord, Dan Maguire, Richard Scott and Pail Taylot-Burr. The voting system adopted was based on each person who had a purchase history with the club being allowed to cast two votes.

The following people were duly elected and I thought it would be useful for you to see what they stand for, so their election statements are included:

SAM JORDAN

"Since watching my first game as a boy, when Ben Abbey scored in the Southern League, I have been fortunate enough to enjoy the ride of seeing our club grow into an established Football League side. Over the last 15 years I have held numerous roles representing supporters and engaging several different ownership groups on ways to grow our football club, this included 5 years as chairman of the Supporters Trust.

"During my time representing supporters, there have been moments where difficult conversations were required. I have never shied away from challenging conversations when I believed it was in the long-term interests of Crawley Town and its supporters. I believe a fan representative must be independent, prepared to ask the right questions, and able to hold the club to account in a constructive and respectful way, while always keeping dialogue open and focused on progress. Whilst gaining football governance experience I have held the club ownership to account on compliance and have had an insight in to ways of working in professional football. This has enabled me to use my professional experience to advise on how to improve areas of opportunity within the football club."



STEVE LEAKE

"My name is Steve Leake, and I have been a Crawley supporter since 1956 when it was known as Crawley FC. I feel I would be an effective fan representative for Crawley Town supporters, not because of my time supporting them but because even after 70 years I am still as passionate about the boys who wear the shirt which holds our badge as I was back when my dad first took me to Town Meadow.

"I have witnessed six promotions, three relegations and a great many heroic cup matches in the years I have been watching and serving the fans of Crawley Town as a member of the Supporters Club Committee, culminating in a five-year stint as Chairman up till its amalgamation with the Devils Trust, which formed the Crawley Town Supporters Alliance. I was an interim vice chair until I started to work for the Football Club, under Simon Rusk, when we had an academy back in 2011.

"When the Football club closed the Academy, I returned to the Alliance and helped introduce the Reds Rollover as a revenue raising initiative, which has provided funds for supporter-based initiatives at the club since its introduction. The Alliance currently has

a year's worth of funding from the rollover set aside for the introduction of a Broadfield Stadium based "Crawley Town FC Museum", following two very successful exhibitions at the Crawley Museum in the High Street.

"If elected as a member of the Fans Advisory Board I would like to see this become a reality, if that is what the fans want, and would also like to encourage more fans of all sexes, races and creeds to get involved in contributing to the Red Devils' Diary initiative. Town, Team, Together, we will be successful, both on and off the field. In addition I feel that in my time supporting and working for either the fans or the club I have tried to remain positive to all I have come into contact with, be they fan, player, manager or owner."



CHRIS LORD

"I am a proud Crawley Town supporter and season ticket holder who cares deeply about this club - not just about results on the pitch, but about what it means to its supporters and the local community.

"I'm standing for the Fans' Advisory Board because, after years of frustration and a breakdown in trust, I believe this is a point where proper engagement between fans and the club really matters.

"The relationship between supporters and previous ownership has been difficult, and that has left a lot of understandable scepticism. I share many of those feelings as a fan myself. However, with new owners, recent investment in the stadium and the playing squad, and a renewed sense of optimism, I think there is a genuine chance to reset how supporters are listened to and respected. That opportunity shouldn't be wasted, and it needs fan representatives who are independent and honest.

"I don't see this role as speaking over other fans or pretending to have all the answers. Crawley supporters are passionate, vocal, and don't always agree - that's a good thing. My role would be to listen, identify the main concerns that keep coming up, and represent those views fairly and constructively.

"I'm not looking to be a mouthpiece for the club, but I also don't believe constant confrontation helps anyone. For me, it's about asking the right questions, challenging decisions when needed, and keeping conversations going rather than shutting them down.

"I'm under no illusion that trust will be rebuilt overnight. It takes time, consistency, and honesty - especially about what can and can't be changed. I'm comfortable dealing with scepticism and criticism, and I believe supporters deserve straight answers, even when they're not the ones we want to hear.

"Ultimately, I want Crawley Town to become a stronger and more sustainable club, with supporters treated as a valued part of its future. If elected, I would take this responsibility seriously and represent Crawley Town fans with integrity, independence, and genuine care for the club we all support.

"You reds!"



DAN MAGUIRE

"My journey with Crawley Town began in 2017 as a way to fill the void left by my retirement from sport. What started as a few cold Tuesday nights quickly evolved into a deep-rooted passion, epitomised by a 500-mile round trip to Blackpool to join just 33 other fans for a dismal 0-0 draw. Despite the scoreline, I was captivated by the unwavering loyalty of our supporters.

"Seeing that dedication culminate in our emotional day at Wembley solidified my commitment to this club; it highlighted that for our fanbase, passion is about earning and consuming those rare, special moments.

"Having followed the Reds for over 300 matches and completed 'The 92,' I possess an extensive understanding of the footballing landscape.

"My time groundhopping through the Isthmian Leagues has provided a unique vantage point on how various clubs manage social media and the matchday experience on diverse budgets. This 'fan-first' perspective is balanced by my professional background as a Program Manager in the tech industry.

"Specialising in Service Management, I am a customer-centric professional who

understands the complex operational levers required to drive an organisation. My expertise lies in identifying friction points and building pragmatic, non-judgemental solutions by considering impact from every angle.

"If appointed, I will focus on five core pillars to elevate Crawley Town:

- Legacy: Honouring our history while building a sustainable future.
- One Team: Driving transparency and removing friction between the club and its fans.
- Stability: Prioritising financial health and stadium security to protect the badge.
- Social Media: Enhancing our digital profile to engage a modern audience.
- Matchday Experience: Optimising the "gate-to-gate" experience for home and away supporters.

"As an Arsenal fan from birth, my DNA has always been "pure red," but my heart now belongs to Crawley. I am eager to apply my professional problem-solving skills to ensure

our loyal fanbase receives the service and experience they deserve."

As you can see we have a good cross section of established and passionate fans representing us. In closing, I must perhaps admit to also having an affinity to Stoke City (my dad was from Alton, near Stoke on Trent) and also Manchester United, because of the Munich 1958 tragedy, but like Dan my heart is a Crawley heart and will be as long as it keeps on beating.

Incidentally, following my article in the Barnet Programme about missing games in action, those that know me will have been surprised to find me back behind the sales kiosk.... without my arm in a sling/sporting a bionic shoulder.

Frustratingly the operation was cancelled at the last minute, so at least I got to see the draw. Hopefully they will reschedule in May, so I am back fit for pre-season training!

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





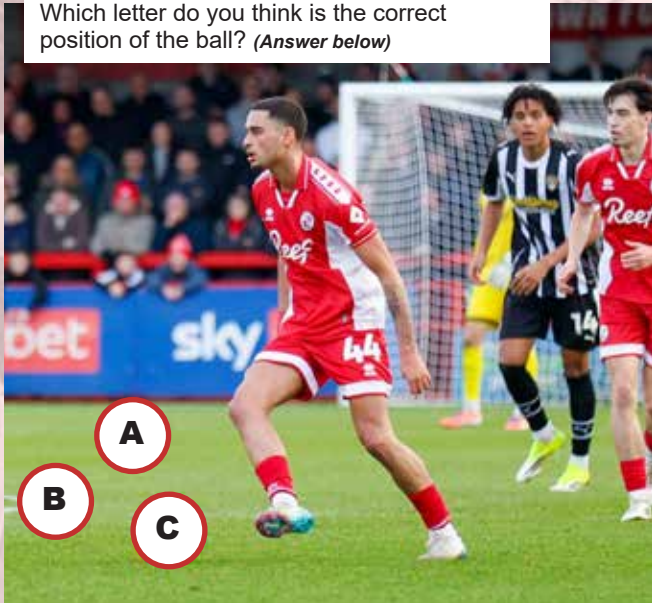
WORD SEARCH

Can you find the fourteen neighbourhoods named on the 2025/2026 White Away shirt in the wordsearch below? No, you can't because one is missing, which one?

BEWBUSH, BROADFIELD, FORGE WOOD, FURNACE GREEN, GOSSOPS GREEN, IFIELD, LANGLEY GREEN, MAIDENBOWER, NORTHGATE, POUND HILL, SOUTHGATE, THREE BRIDGES, TILGATE, WEST GREEN.

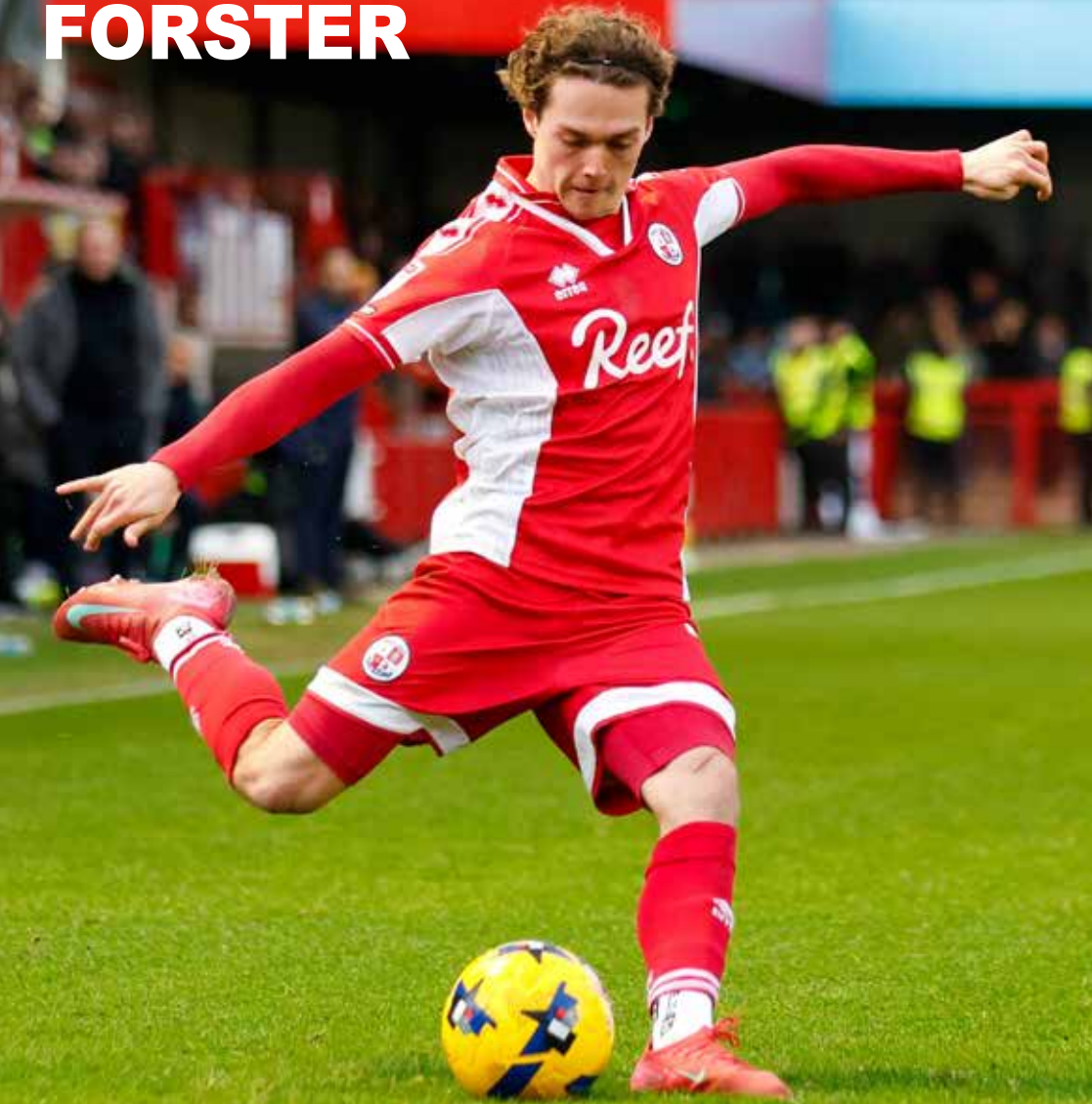
SPOT THE BALL!

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



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T	U	V	D	W	X	I	Y	Z	A	E	B	C	D
N	M	L	K	I	H	J	I	H	R	G	F	D	E
O	P	Q	N	D	R	R	S	G	T	U	O	L	V
C	B	A	N	E	Z	B	E	Y	X	O	W	E	E
D	E	U	F	G	E	C	E	H	W	I	J	I	T
Q	O	P	O	W	A	R	N	E	M	L	K	F	A
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F	E	U	R	D	C	R	B	T	A	H	Z	Y	H
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B	A	R	E	W	O	B	N	E	D	I	A	M	N
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07 HARRY FORSTER



AUTOGRAPH



FIXTURE FEATURE - CRAWLEY VS GILLINGHAM

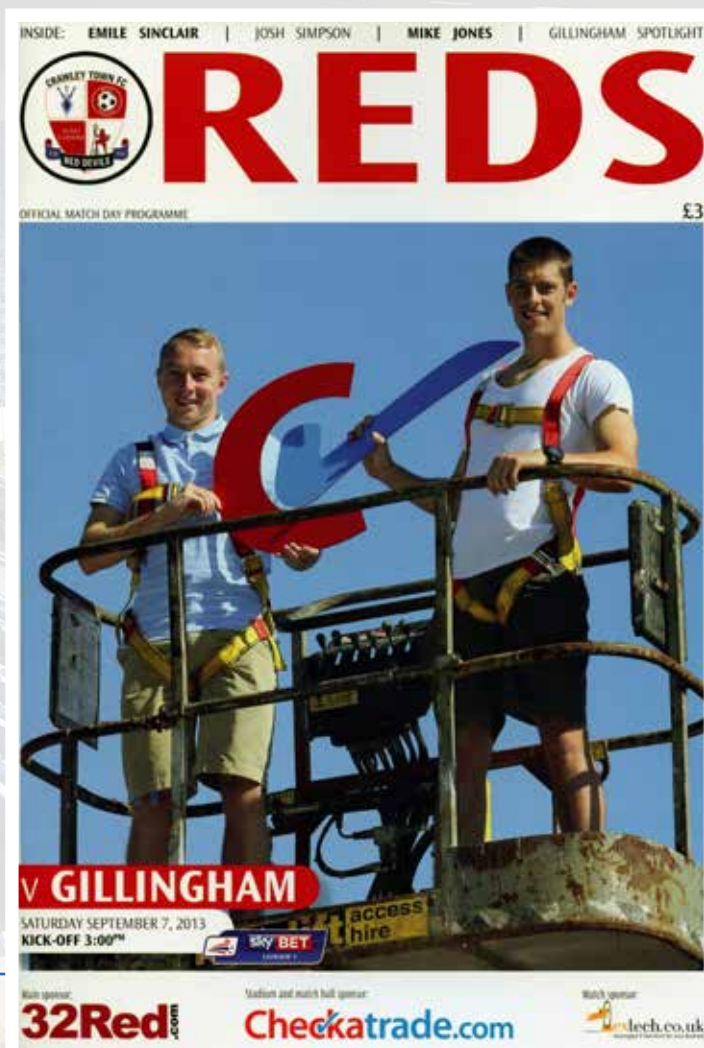
In today's feature we have the programme cover from our SkyBet League One clash on Saturday September 7th 2013, which Crawley won 3-2.

The picture shows two Crawley team members on a cherry picker with the Checktrade stadium sponsors logo. Good to see them in safety harnesses, as that unusual training session looks a bit of a health and safety nightmare.

Our defender Charlie's dad Richie Barker was in charge of the Reds at the time. The Gills were managed by Martin "mad dog" Allen. A real character (who would probably be good for Crawley right now).

Of the players listed for our opponents in this 2013 publication, it is interesting to note that No 15 Bradley Dack has been here before! (He was a mere 19 years old in 2013). Bradley had already scored his first pro goal for Charlton, in a JP Trophy game at the Broadfield in 2012, before being snapped up by Gillingham.

Meanwhile No 7 Chris Whelpdale is still going strong down at local club Burgess Hill.



CRAWLEY TOWN

Manager: Richie Barker

Colours: Red and white

1. PAUL JONES (GK)
2. JAMES HURST
3. MAT SADLER
4. MARK CONNOLLY
5. KYLE McFADZEAN
6. CONNOR ESSAM
7. BILLY CLARKE
8. SERGIO TORRES
9. GARY ALEXANDER
10. ANDY DRURY
11. JOSH SIMPSON
12. JOE WALSH
14. JAMIE PROCTOR
15. DANNIE BULMAN
16. NICKY ADAMS
18. LUKE ROONEY
20. EMILE SINCLAIR
21. MIKE JONES
22. LOUIS JOHN
23. JONTE SMITH
24. ALEX MALINS
25. JONATHAN MADDISON (GK)



GILLINGHAM

Manager: Martin Allen

Colours: Blue

1. STUART NELSON (GK)
2. MATT FISH
3. JOE MARTIN
4. AMINE LINGANZI
5. CALLUM DAVIES
6. LEON LEGGE
7. CHRIS WHELPDALE
8. BAYO AKINFENWA
9. DANNY KEDWELL
10. CODY McDONALD
11. MYLES WESTON
12. STEVEN GREGORY
14. CHARLIE ALLEN
15. BRADLEY DACK
16. ANTONIO GERMAN
17. ADAM BIRCHALL
18. CHARLIE LEE
19. DANNY HOLLANDS
21. STEPHEN BUTCHER
22. GEORGE HOWARD (GK)
23. MICHAEL HARRIMAN
26. ADAM BARRETT
30. JOSH HARE

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:

Steven Rushton

Assistant Referees:

Elliott Kaye and Rob Whitton

Fourth Official:

Daniel Cook

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MEET THE MANAGER

GARETH AINSWORTH

Gareth Ainsworth (age 52) started out as a Youth player for his hometown club Blackburn Rovers in 1989. Between 1991 and 2020 (when he finally hung up his boots whilst playing for Woodley Utd) he made 561 appearances and scored 113 goals from midfield. When researching for this section I was surprised to find that Gareth scored a very impressive 37 goals in 83 appearances for Lincoln City between 1995 and 1997.



He won the Lincoln Player of the Year award for both the 1995–96 and 1996–97 seasons. Understandably a very popular player at Sincil Bank, Ainsworth was voted fourth in the club’s top 100 legends after a poll conducted in May 2007. Gareth went on to several other clubs before establishing himself at QPR, where he completed his first century of matches at one club. Finishing with 141 (21 goals). He was there from 2003 to 2010 before moving to Wycombe Wanderers where he managed another 112 games (16 goals).

Having dipped his toe in the managerial waters whilst at QPR and Wycombe in player manager roles, he embarked on a long stint with Wycombe, where he managed to take them on several historic cup runs. (Taking on the likes of Aston Villa, Tottenham and Coventry). He also got Wycombe into the Championship for the 2020/21 season. The highest they have ever been.

In February 2023 QPR signed him as head coach, he then moved to Shrewsbury Town, before arriving at Gillingham on 25th March 2025. In September 2025 Ainsworth had to undergo routine cardiac surgery, but he is now back fit and trying to get the team firing on all cylinders again.

Fascinating trivia fact: On 21 October 2010, he represented the English Football League at the unveiling of the Footballers’ Battalions memorial on the site of the Battle of the Somme.

WE’VE MET BEFORE - CRAWLEY VS GILLINGHAM

PLAYED 17 WON 4 DRAWN 4 LOST 9 WIN RATIO 23%

2005/06	18 Oct 2005	Gillingham v Crawley Town	L 2-0	LDV Vans Trophy
2011/12	26 Dec 2011	Crawley Town v Gillingham	L 1-2	League Two
	20 Mar 2012	Gillingham v Crawley Town	W 0-1	League Two
2012/13	04 Sep 2012	Crawley Town v Gillingham	W 3-2	Johnstones Paint Trophy
2013/14	07 Sep 2013	Crawley Town v Gillingham	W 3-2	League One
	08 Mar 2014	Gillingham v Crawley Town	L 1-0	League One
2014/15	25 Oct 2014	Gillingham v Crawley Town	D 1-1	League One
	11 Nov 2014	Crawley Town v Gillingham	L 1-2	Johnstones Paint Trophy
	28 Mar 2015	Crawley Town v Gillingham	L 1-2	League One
2018/19	13 Nov 2018	Gillingham v Crawley Town	L 2-1	Football League Trophy
2020/21	08 Sep 2020	Gillingham v Crawley Town	L 2-1	Football League Trophy
2021/22	10 Aug 2021	Crawley Town v Gillingham	D 2-2*	League Cup *L 10-9 pens
2022/23	22 Nov 2022	Crawley Town v Gillingham	D 0-0	League Two
	04 Feb 2023	Gillingham v Crawley Town	L 1-0	League Two
2023/24	19 Aug 2023	Crawley Town v Gillingham	L 0-1	League Two
	26 Dec 2023	Gillingham v Crawley Town	W 0-2	League Two
2025/26	15 Nov 2025	Gillingham v Crawley Town	D 2-2	League Two

DID YOU KNOW?

- Gillingham’s highest ever league placing was 11th (in what is now known as the Championship) in 2002/03.
- Two of our top 15 home attendances have featured the Gills as our visitors: 4,310 in 2023 and 4,255 in 2011 – we hope to make it three today!

PRIESTFIELD STADIUM, OPENED 1893
CAPACITY - 11,582 (ALL SEATED)



GILLINGHAM’S HOME, AWAY & THIRD KITS

THEY'VE PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES

There really is nowhere else to go than straight to Crawley legend **Glenn Morris**.

Now in his 42nd year, the Woolwich born 6ft goalkeeper started out close to home, making 124 appearances between the sticks for Orient between 2001 and 2010. He then had a two year stint at Southend Utd (57 Apps) followed by another two year contract at Aldershot Town (34 apps). In 2014 he signed up with Gillingham (10 apps).

Morris was then released, so Crawley swooped in for him in May 2016 and appointed him as a player/goalkeeping coach. Before he knew it he was thrown in at the deep end and displaced the likes of Yusuf Mersin and Mitch Beeneey.

The coaching aspect was soon secondary as Glenn proceeded to make the Reds number 1 shirt his own. He was an award winning player (so many match winning/saving performances) – taking the Player of the Year Trophy in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 and, after a short rest - to let others have a chance, he won it again in 2021/22.

He also obtained the Players Player of the Year Award and the Away Player of the Year in 2018/19. In his 6 years with Crawley he amassed a stunning 257 games! Sadly for us he was allowed out on loan to Gillingham on 29th July 2022 and moved there permanently in April 2023. If he starts today he will be sure of a warm Broadfield welcome.



ONES TO WATCH

BRADLEY DACK (age 32) is a star player who has come full circle. He started out his pro career at the Gills – playing for them from 2012 to 2017 – during which time he racked up 160 matches and 31 goals from an attacking midfield role. He was transferred to Blackburn Rovers for £750,000 in June 2017. He helped Blackburn back into the Championship and played at that high level until May 2023. Despite suffering two career threatening long term ACL knee injuries, he still managed 158 starts and 50 goals in a Rovers shirt. On release from Blackburn Bradley went to Sunderland in the 23/24 season and managed 16 appearances and 1 goal. He then returned to his original club on 15th August 2024.



SAM VOKES (age 36) is a vastly experienced Welsh International striker. He started out with top flight AFC Bournemouth (he was born in Southampton) in 2006 and made 54 starts (16 goals). After a move to Wolves in 2008 he was loaned by them to an incredible 6 clubs! Leeds Utd, Bristol City, Sheffield Utd, Norwich City, Burnley & Brighton. Burnley obviously took to him the most, as they signed him up in 2012 and he racked up 230 games and 56 goals for them. Stoke then took him on their books in 2019 (78 starts 8 goals) after he was allowed to leave Turf Moor in the January window. However after drifting into a bit of a super sub role he moved to Wycombe Wanderers on 28 July 2021. He made the acquaintance of a certain G Ainsworth whilst there and it was therefore no great surprise when he signed for Gillingham in June 2025. In a Wales career that spanned from 2008 to 2019 Sam accumulated 64 caps and 11 goals for his country.



PLAYERS IN SHOT

IMAGES VS SWINDON TOWN BY GRANT MANSFIELD



Above: Jonny Russell our latest International; Below: Klaidi sure enjoyed that goal



Top left: Bajrami holds off Ex Red Will Wright; Top centre: Charlie drives on; Top right: Jay plays air guitar whilst ex Red Ollie Palmer looks on bemused; Above: Dion launches a cross into the box



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)	
AUGUST																	
2	Grimsby Town	L2	L 0-3	6,806	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Forster	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Papadoupoulos, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Anderson)	
9	NEWPORT COUNTY	L2	L 1-2	3,189	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Adeyemo	Holohan	Tshimanga	ANDERSON 1, Watson, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Papadoupoulos, Kotey)	
12	Swansea City	CC1	L 1-3	5,095	Davies	Barker	Roles	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Anderson	Adeyemo	Mukena	TSHIMANGA 1	Holohan, Watson, Papadoupoulos, 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 (Papadoupoulos, Radcliffe, Kotey)	
19	MILTON KEYNES DONS	L2	D 1-1	3,561	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Watson	Williams	Dixon	ADEYEMO 1	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, Showwunmi, Bajrami, Flower (Brown, Mukena, Anderson)	
30	Chesterfield	L2	D 2-2	8,005	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MCKIRDY 2	Watson	Scott	Dixon	Adeyemo	Cashman	Bajrami	Pereira, Anderson, Brown, Forster, Tshimanga, Flower (Roles)	
SEPTEMBER																	
6	Harrogate Town	L2	W 1-0	2,757	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Loft	Adeyemo	BROWN 1	Bajrami	Anderson, Malone, Forster, Holohan, Tshimanga (Roles)	
13	CHELTENHAM TOWN	L2	W 2-0	3,127	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MCKIRDY 2	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	RADCLIFFE 2	Kotey	Flower	LOFT 1	DIXON 1	Brown	Forster	Showwunmi, Papadoupoulos (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	BAJRAMI 1	Forster (Malone, Anderson, Brown, Tshimanga, Dixon)	
OCTOBER																	
4	Cambridge United	L2	L 1-3	6,607	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Forster	Dixon	Holohan	Bajrami	Brown, Roles, TSHIMANGA 1 (Malone, Anderson, Flower)	
7	Leyton Orient	EFLT	L 1-2	1,373	Wollacott	Radcliffe	Conroy	Kotey	Malone	Anderson	Scott	Loft	FLOWER 1	Brown	Tshimanga	Barker, Flint, Holohan (Robertson, Heater, Watson, Showunmi)	
11	WALSALL	L2	D 1-1	3,461	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Malone	Anderson	McKirdy	LOFT 1	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	L2	W 4-0	3,416	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MALONE 1	Anderson	Scott	Loft	Watson	Holohan	Bajrami	FLOWER 1, FORSTER 1, Tshimanga, Dixon (Brown, Roles)	
NOVEMBER																	
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	FLOWER 1	FORSTER 1, Williams, Pereira (Bajrami, Scott, Tshimanga)	
11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	EFLT	L 1-2	924	Davies	Roles	Radcliffe	Flint	Kotey	Forster	Scott	Loft	Mukena	Tshimanga	BAJRAMI 1	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	BAJRAMI 1	Roles, TSHIMANGA 1 (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, TSHIMANGA 1 (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
29	Salford City	L2	L 3-4	2,127	Wollacott	Bajrami	WILLIAMS 1	Flint	McKirdy	FORSTER 1	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	Tshimanga	Pereria, Roles, Dixon (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
DECEMBER																	
9	Bromley	L2	L 1-3	3,544	Wollacott	Barker	Bajrami	Flint	McKirdy	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Williams	LOFT 1	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	LOFT 1	Roles	Watson, Pereira, Holohan, TSHIMANGA 1 (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	BROWN 1	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Roles	Watson, Tshimanga, Adeyemo, Holohan, McKirdy (Dixon)	
29	BROMLEY	L2	L 1-3	4,058	Davies	BARKER 1	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Holohan	Brown	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Adeyemo	Roles, Forster, McKirdy, Tshimanga (Dixon, Watson)	
JANUARY 2026																	
1	Barnet	L2	L 1-2	2,566	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Vassell	Richards	Forster	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	MCKIRDY 1	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	MCKIRDY 1, 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	RICHARDS 1, 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	ANDERSON 1	FLINT 1	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Richards	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	Bajrami, L Richards, Forster, McKirdy, Pereira (Wollacott, Odimayo)	
FEBRUARY																	
7	CREWE ALEX.	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	WILLIAMS 1	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)	
MARCH																	
7	SWINDON TOWN	L2	D 2-2	4,124	Chapman	Bajrami	GORDON 1	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	LOLOS 1	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Odimayo, Forster, T Adeyemo (Darcy, Ferizaj, A Adeyemo)	
13	Colchester United	L2	D 0-0	5,167	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Forster, Odimayo, Darcy, T Adeyemo (Ferizaj, A Adeyemo)	
17	BARNET	L2	D 1-1	2,650	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	ORSI 1	Darcy, Odimayo, Forster, T Adeyemo (Ferizaj, A Adeyemo)	
21	Fleetwood Town	L2	L 0-1	2,638	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Odimayo, L Richards, McKirdy, Darcy, A Adeyemo (Forster)	
28	GILLINGHAM	L2															
APRIL																	
3	Newport County	L2															
6	GRIMSBY TOWN	L2															
11	Bristol Rovers (KO 12.30)	L2															
18	SHREWSBURY TOWN	L2															
25	Accrington Stanley	L2															
MAY																	
2	SALFORD CITY	L2															



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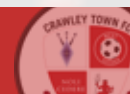


Dedicated to our hardworking groundstaff (when you see how bad the Fleetwood pitch was, it makes you appreciate the effort that goes in to making our pitch so good.) Thanks to Complete Turf Care for all your hard work throughout a very wet season.



Above: Keeping a pitch perfect is not without its problems as this sprinkler malfunction mid match proved.
Right: The Old Devils Den - now the groundperson's tool hut.
Below: These sci-fi contraptions are grass growing heat and light rigs.





COLCHESTER UNITED 0-0 REDS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



I've never been to Colchester before, so I went up early to have a wander around the Roman founded city, do some sightseeing, a bit of charity shop browsing, and have plenty of time to get to the ground.

Which is convenient if travelling by car, but it isn't great by public transport, especially for evening games, as there are buses out to the stadium pre-game, but they stop running before half time, so it's taxi or an hour's walk back to the train station.

Perhaps the ground should be called the Jobsworth stadium; they wouldn't let me bring my bag in, and therefore I left my glasses in the bag. Then to add insult to incompetence they let lots of others in with the same sized or larger bags. Fuming!

The game gets underway. It takes a while for anything to happen football wise. A couple of corners for us, a couple of tame shots. Colchester break and Scott Malone gets a booking for stopping it. Colchester players are

getting caught offside early on, but then they beat the offside trap next time around; passes in to our box as we fail to clear and a shot goes wide.

They're getting forward more, a shot from outside the box is straight at Jacob Chapman. And again, a cross in and a header saved. We attack and have a shot, but Colchester break and get their own. A long throw is cleared and there is a lightning break and the cross in hits Malone and forces a good save from Chapman.

The corner is taken short and we're asleep, it comes to an unmarked player and his shot is blocked, as three defenders throw themselves at it.

A strong old school challenge from Barker brings a yellow, with the home fans calling for a red. We're struggling to get out of our own half, giving free kicks away, allowing crosses, just about dealing with them.

We finally get out and get a throw, Russell heaves it in, but it's cleared. Geraldo Bajrami plays it out from midfield to Russell on the left and his cross wins a corner. The keeper

puts it out for another which comes to nothing. Taylor Richards picks up a booking for a late challenge closing a defender down.

There's one added minute but only a distant echo of the announcement from the home stand; they haven't bothered turning the speakers on in the away end. The half time whistle goes and it's all square 0-0.

It takes three minutes of the second half for us to get out of our own half. A Kellan Gordon cross is put out for a throw. Colchester win it and break. We win a free kick in midfield, and are offside when it comes in. Colchester break, get a cross in, a shot is blocked, we break and Richards runs box to box, slips it left for Klaidi Lolos, he cuts inside and his shot goes just wide right.

As an attack is cleared Russell picks up a yellow for a tackle on halfway. Chapman is not having his best kicking game, putting a lot of balls straight out on the left. A blatant (oscar winning) dive doesn't bring about the penalty the Colchester player and fans were hoping for.

Gordon wins a free kick, it's headed out and we pass it back to Chapman. Dion Pereira plays a ball to Gordon, then it's on to Richards, and his shot is blocked, back to Gordon and we get a corner. Which the ref stops twice to have words with Bajrami and the Colchester number 6, the second time after a theatrical dive from the latter claiming an elbow. When the corner comes in it is cleared.

Substitution time. Malone, Richards, and Russell are replaced by Akin Odimayo, Ronan Darcy, and Harry Forster. Down the left Pereira and Forster combine and Forster is cynically taken out. We win the free kick, but there's no card. Of course we waste the free kick. Colchester make some subs of their own and we replace Lolos with Tobi Adeyemo.

A long ball out by Colchester goes down the left and they get a cross in which Chapman fumbles behind for a corner. And so the loop begins. Five corners, all taken short, all of which we are asleep for before we finally clear it.

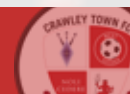
We break and waste a chance to use the overlap. A long ball sees an Adeyemo flick onto Danilo Orsi, he lays it off to Darcy and his low shot is saved for a corner and finally Barker slices an attempt high. Forster gets a booking, there are three added minutes,

We put the ball into the box four times but can't produce a shot, And Bajrami picks up our sixth booking (all deserved, but Colchester got none, yet three challenges as bad as any of ours).

The whistle goes and it's 0-0 and a point, but it wasn't a great spectacle (even without mine on).

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REDS 1-1 BARNET TUESDAY 17TH MARCH



Home action on a Tuesday night, the second evening game on the trot, and Barnet are the visitors. It is a more positive start from Crawley than we had against the same opposition on New Year's Day.

But that wouldn't have been difficult! Straight from the off Kellan Gordon is a threat down the right and pings in three early crosses. Another ball into the box sees a header come back off the post, three shots are blocked at source, (damn those Barnet defenders) finally it's cleared.

The game is a bit feisty, players are getting a lecture from the ref early on. A Barnet free kick goes across the box, and we take three attempts to clear, it comes back and goes across the six-yard box and out for a corner. We launch it clear, breaking one of the drainpipes on the east marquee in the process, luckily the monsoon season seems to be over.

Barnet get a shot which takes a deflection for a corner. It's taken short then put deep for a goal kick. The ref's lecturing again, and there's a booking for a Barnet player. Gordon gets a cross into the box, there are two smothered attempts at shots, back to Gordon, and his cross is headed over the

KRL Logistics stand for ball loss number one.

There's a corner at the other end which we clear but Barnet get yet another corner, and the ref is still on his lecturing tour. It's taken deep and a shot goes wide. Gordon is chuntering at the lino this side after some non-decisions following a couple of seemingly brutal Barnet challenges; and one of the fans trots down to the advert boards and offers the lino his glasses. A Reds free kick is pumped into the box, only for Barnet to break and get a corner at the other end. The resulting shot is wide.

They have another shot from the edge of the area which Jacob Chapman saves for a corner. We clear and put a cross in, Gordon has a shot blocked, as is the follow up, and it's cleared. There's an off the ball clash and Gordon appeared to have been elbowed. None of the officials have seen it. It's like a game of skittles out there; players are going down all over the pitch; the ref's letting a lot go, and annoying both sets of fans.

Barnet win a corner, it is taken short, and a deflected shot goes for yet another corner. It's flicked on and Chapman saves. He launches it and it's taken down by Danilo Orsi, he feeds Gordon and his cross is put out for a throw from which we win a corner, it's taken too deep and goes straight out for a goal kick. (The curse of the modern aerodynamic ball. In the olden days you were lucky if it made it to the near post.)

It's very snippy. The ref's still lecturing players at every dead ball. Jonny Russell charges down a clearance and the ball spins to Orsi but the flag is up for offside. There's one added minute during which Geraldo Bajrami picks up a booking, and the half time whistle goes with the scores level at 0-0.

Into the second half Russell plays it to Klaidi Lolos, and his shot is blocked. It comes back to Malone who plays it to Lolos in the box, but his cross is cleared. We give a disputed throw away, we switch off, and a deep cross is put in, and it's headed back across the goal and bundled in at the other post and we trail 0-1.

Down the left from the kick-off, switch it to the right to Gordon, back into the middle to Taylor Richards and he's fouled in the D. Lolos takes, the wall jumps, he puts it in under the wall, but there isn't any real power to it, and it is an easy save.

Coming out from the back and it's a war of attrition, one of our players goes down, then a Barnet winger likewise, and another of our players is taken out. There's a booking for the Barnet player. As players slowly get to their feet we make a couple of substitutions, with Lolos and Russell being replaced by Ronan Darcy and Harry Forster.

We follow this up with a whole series of getting balls into the box, it pinballs around, and NOT being able to get a decent shot, we do the same three times, before it goes out for a goal kick. We make another substitution with Malone being replaced by Akin Odimayo. There's a promising break down the right as Gordon, Barker, and Dion Pereira combine well, but there's a foul in the box. A Gordon cross is hefted over the Eden Utilities Stand for ball loss two, and a corner.

At the other end Chapman smacks a clearance at a Barnet player and it spins back and hits the post and goes out for a goal kick. Barnet then get a corner, it comes

in and Chapman snatches the ball off the line, but the lino has his flag up for offside. We make our final substitution with Pereira being replaced by Tobi Adeyemo.

A Gordon cross finds Forster on the edge of the box, but his shot doesn't have enough power to beat the keeper. A deep cross is retrieved by Forster and his cross flicks off a Barnet head for a corner. It goes into the near post and is headed half clear, Gordon steams into the box to win it and there's a coming together and he goes down.

It doesn't look like anything's going to be given, but eventually the ref blows his whistle and points to the penalty spot. Orsi takes it with power and the keeper goes the right way, but it is in! The crowd go wild. Orsi has his first goal for us since his return, and we are level 1-1.

After the goal, there's argy-bargy with getting the ball back to halfway, and Darcy and a Barnet player pick up bookings for it.

As the game restarts there are seven added minutes shown. Crawley are really dominating now.

A free kick in our half is pumped down the right, passed inside to Jay Williams, and he plays it across to Darcy who pings a superb shot which the keeper gets down well to tip round the post. It is cleared for a throw and Barker launches it into the box, but there is a free kick to Barnet.

Another ball up and there's a shot from Richards, but he slices it and it spins out for a goal kick. The ref blows the final whistle, and it finishes as yet another draw 1-1. (That now makes 5 draws in 6 games.)

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FLEETWOOD TOWN 1-0 REDS SATURDAY 21ST MARCH



Another marathon trip, but a weekend away at my mum's so that is a bonus. It was officially the first day of spring, and the sun had come out in celebration of that fact. And sat in the north stand it was in our eyes for most of the game – which, along with the haze, made watching what was on the pitch more painful than usual.

We are in the all-black third kit (never a good sign) as Fleetwood are in their home colours of red shirts, white shorts, and red socks. Into the game, and we get an early corner, it's taken deep and headed back across and met by another header which goes wide. A couple of minutes later, we win another corner, it's taken deep again, headed back and a shot is blocked. Fleetwood attack down the right and get a cross in and Geraldo Bajrami is injured putting it out for a corner and replaced by Akin Odimayo. Meanwhile Fleetwood have chances from 2 corners, Jacob Chapman saves one, and the other is wide.

We get a corner, it is taken deep, headed back in, and cleared out to Dion Pereira who cuts inside and curls a shot and a defensive header deflects it out for another corner. It hits the first man, and the ever reliable Kellan Gordon pumps it back in, but the offside flag is up. The Fleetwood right winger is getting a lot of joy down that side, and another cross comes in, there's a free header near the penalty spot, but it's close enough to Chapman for

him to save. The ref is letting a lot go on both sides. To an extent I can understand it being a bit agricultural out there, after all the pitch does remind me of a ploughed field in places. Danilo Orsi wins a free kick about twenty-five yards out to the left of the box. Taylor Richards takes it (I'm not sure if it was a cross or a shot) and the keeper claims it quite easily.

Fleetwood win a corner after Jonny Russell tries (and fails) to shepherd a ball out for a goal kick. It comes in, is nodded down and a shot goes well over the bar from three yards out, a let off. Odimayo is down after a challenge contesting for the resulting goal kick. It looks worse than it is, and the Fleetwood player gets a booking for it. We are trying to make a mess of things, passing it back to Chapman, he's taking too long and it's blocked and comes back to a Fleetwood striker, the offside flag is up before he puts the ball in the net. Fleetwood win another corner and Russell is down in a heap as he deflected the ball with his balls for the corner. It's cleared.

There are four added minutes. Klaidi Lolos switches the ball to Gordon and his cross in to the area takes a deflection and goes to the keeper. Pereira gets the ball in midfield and sets off on a mazy run, beating three players before getting a shot off, which takes a deflection for a corner, and it comes in straight to the keeper. The half time whistle goes, and it is scoreless. We really need to find a way to score, at least occasionally, from the corner kick concept!

So on Into the second half. There's an early stoppage as a Fleetwood player is down. From the drop ball restart we work it to Richards

and his shot from distance is over the bar. A long ball forward to Russell in the box sees him dispossessed. A couple of borderline tackles (one from each side) are ignored and the game calms down and falls into a midfield morass. Fleetwood come down the right again, beat a player, cut inside, play it across the front of the box and back to the middle where a crisp shot comes in... which beats Chapman and we trail 0-1. Having not been to a Fleetwood match before, what came next was both a surprise, and in retrospect, probably the only bright spot of the afternoon as they played the Captain Pugwash theme as a goal celebration.

Before the restart we make a couple of substitutions, with Lolos and Russell going off, to be replaced by Ronan Darcy and Ade Adeyemo. Only to nearly give another goal away and then another Chapman clearance is charged down, but fortunately Fleetwood take too long over having a shot, we get a block in and the ball falls nicely for Chapman to collect. We attack down the right and Gordon's cross is just behind the players in the box and goes out for a throw. It's taken to Pereira and his cross in is cleared.

Scott Malone plays a ball to Adeyemo, he gets into the box, plays it back to Darcy, but it's whipped off his toes. It comes back and Darcy plays it to Adeyemo who beats a man and his cross is deflected for a corner which is taken deep, headed back and cleared off the line. It's put back in, and we win another corner only to give away a free kick when it comes in.

Pereira and then Richards are felled in quick succession in midfield, but nothing is given. Darcy has a retaliatory foul, and the ref does give that, but in doing so rather annoys the Fleetwood players - as the advantage was on and they were in on goal in numbers. Sometimes incompetent refereeing can help us. A throw on the left goes all the way over to Gordon and his shot is blocked and cleared. It comes back to Adeyemo, and he gets past two and into the box and is then blocked for a corner. It is hit deep and cleared, put back in, intercepted and Fleetwood break; they have a three on one at the halfway line, but the one manages to force them out wide and when a cross comes in, we have people back

to challenge, and the header is claimed by Chapman.

Time for more subs; with Malone and Pereira making way for the returning Lewis Richards and Harry McKirdy. The latter is soon in action, and we get into the box and look to have a chance, but McKirdy is penalised for a foul, which is a joke as the defender was trying to relieve him of his shirt. We get a free kick about 35 yards out, dead centre, it's worked sideways to create an angle, and Charlie Barker pings it out to Adeyemo, he drifts in and crosses, it's put out for a corner which as usual comes to nothing.

There's a lot of sideways and backwards passing and suddenly from nowhere the ball ends up with Lewis Richards about forty yards out and he just lets fly. The keeper gets fingertips to it to nudge it onto the post, and out for a corner. We only just stop a break away from it on the halfway line. We get a free kick, and Darcy puts it into the box, Jay Williams gets on the end of it, but the header is straight at the keeper.

McKirdy breaks into the box and beats a couple of men before going down under a challenge. He's claiming a penalty, and the ref takes a few seconds to decide before pointing for a goal kick. As in the first half, there are four added minutes. Fleetwood play a long ball down the right, waltz into the box and have a shot which is blocked. We attack and Gordon is fouled just to the right of the penalty area, which brings a booking for Fleetwood. There is no urgency to take the thing though, and Chapman comes up for it as well, it is cleared and it takes a tackle from Adeyemo just before halfway to prevent a chance.

The full-time whistle goes and it is another defeat on the road 0-1. It's a long trek home for the 158 Crawley fans, but a large number are hitting the bright lights of Blackpool for the night first. A case of drowning sorrows rather than celebrating, sadly.

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BLACK CATS, MAGPIES AND RED DEVILS

Due to visiting my wife's family in Newcastle, I sadly had to miss Tuesday night under the lights against Barnet. I did catch the second half on TV, as we huffed and puffed without creating a huge amount, despite Kellan Gordon constantly providing crosses and eventually winning us a penalty – probably the only way we were going to score, an opinion backed up by watching our struggles at Fleetwood on Saturday.

Football-wise, the trip wasn't much better as my "other" team (from a link through my nan's family), Sunderland (the Black Cats), had just lost at home to that lot from Falmer, while Newcastle (the Magpies) were battered by Barcelona, to the dismay of all my in-laws. Can we just write off this season and pretend it never happened (while retaining our EFL status)?

Though I didn't manage to get to a game, I did fit in a trip to the Stadium of Light, home of Sunderland, to meet up with Bob Stokoe, visit



Me and Bob Stokoe, Stadium of Light



the shop for a new scarf (also red and white, to go with my collection of Crawley scarves) and then take in a tour of the Sunderland Fans Museum.

For any football fan, irrespective of your allegiance, I know it's a long way from Crawley but if you are ever in the area I recommend the Fans Museum. It's just down the road from the stadium, in the old Monkwearmouth station building, and if you are lucky (like we were) you get a guided tour from one of the volunteer staff. It consists, apparently, of one man's lifetime collection, largely Sunderland-related, but with items from other clubs as well (even Newcastle and Middlesbrough) and includes some of his collection of 4,500 football shirts, as well as all manner of other football ephemera.

As an example, we saw the aforementioned Bob Stokoe's outfit, worn when guiding Sunderland to the FA Cup win in 1973, as well as a wall of Cup Final programmes, photos, a shirt worn by Pelé and even Paolo Di Canio's suit from when he did the famous slide on the pitch in 2013, when Sunderland scored a second goal in the derby against Newcastle (still with its mud and grass stains!).

There were no definite links with Crawley that I could see, but a few tenuous ones (aside from Di Canio himself, who managed Swindon against us in the 2011/12 season) such as a Fabio Borini shirt from his Sunderland days, with Borini doing us a favour last week by scoring two against our relegation rivals Barrow, for his latest club Salford. One or two other exhibits also stirred a memory or two of our days at Town Mead, including an old cast iron turnstile and the dressing room treatment table from Sunderland's old home of Roker Park.

I remember the early 1970s, when a group of us fans were helping to install our new turnstiles in the newly erected entrance block at Town Meadow. I say "new", but the turnstiles were purchased second-hand (or third or fourth) and in a fairly sorry state, although they saw sterling service with us for over 20 years.

I have included a photo of the turnstile block at Town Meadow, a while after installation, to hopefully jog a few memories. The fire station tower in the distance gives an idea of the ground location for younger fans.



Fans Museum Exhibits inc Borini Shirt



Turnstile block at Town Meadow 1970s

Mention of the Roker Park treatment table also reminded me of a picture in my collection loaned by the Bastable family of our very similar treatment table at Town Meadow, with Fred Cunnell ministering (?) to the aches and pains of one of our star players of the



Doug Bastable on the treatment table

1950s, Doug Bastable. It's nice to see that Football League stars of the time were not totally divorced from the everyman facilities our players had to accept in the Metropolitan League days.

Also in the fan museum were many pairs of football boots, including those primitive leather items with leather studs nailed to the bottom of the soles.

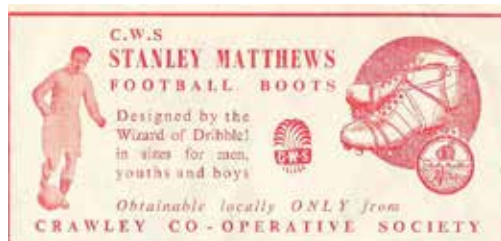
Some of these were advertised in Crawley programmes (pictured) of the 1950s and early 1960s under the Stanley Matthews brand name. I still can't quite see how Matthews (the "Wizard of the Dribble") was able to perform all that deft trickery with the ball, while wearing something more suited to working down a coal mine!

Another day, another football memory, as the following day we visited a second-hand bookshop (Kev Neylon isn't the only one to root around for old footy stuff in obscure towns around England!) in Whitley Bay, where I just happened to see a copy of the Weekly Chronicle from May 1952. It was a special edition celebrating Newcastle United's recent FA Cup 1-0 win against (Lucky) Arsenal at Wembley, with the only goal scored by George Robledo (commemorated on a John Lennon album cover for his Walls and Bridges LP) from Chile, whose daughter Elizabeth we are still in touch with.

RETRO RED DEVILS CONTINUED >>>>

Not that much of a link with us, maybe, but I saw in the paper (I snapped up this bargain for a tenner!) several photos featuring another Newcastle star of the time, Jackie Milburn, and I remembered that after his retirement, when he had moved into journalism, Jackie took part in a charity match at Town Meadow in October 1961. The match was Jimmy Hill's International XI versus the TV Entertainers XI and I have included the team sheet showing some of the famous names from the time who played in the game. Jackie Milburn scored four goals and Tommy Docherty two, but they were eclipsed by Welsh International Trevor Ford who scored five goals for the Entertainers XI in a match which finished 11-6 to the International XI.

Apologies for this off-piste ramble through the North East, but I aim to get back on track for my next article when we come to the exciting conclusion of the Montgomery Cup campaign



1954 Crawley programme with Stanley Matthews advert

of 1925/26, which I have featured in some of my earlier articles this season.

Hopefully you can contain your excitement. Come on, you Red Devils!

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T.V. ENTERTAINERS	CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th 1961		INTERNATIONAL CLUB XI
PAT SHERLOCK	The Team will be Selected from the list of Players on this page.		GEORGE SWINDEN ✓
HARRY POWLER			WALLEY BARNES
JERRY LORDAN ✓			DEREK UPTON ✓
RICKY VALANCE ✓			JIM TAYLOR ✓
WALCOLM ALLISON ✓			TOMMY DOCHERTY ✓
ANDREW RAY ✓			DEREK SAUNDERS ✓
GEORGE GUNN ✓			REDFORD JEFFARD ✓
TOMMY DOCHERTY			JIMMY HILL
RINTY MCKAGHAN ✓			EDDIE BAILEY ✓
TREVOR FORD ✓			JACK MILBURN ✓
BERNARD BRESSLAU			LEN SHACKLETON
KENNY LENCH			TOMMY LAWTON
SCOTT PETERS ✓			STAN MONTGOMERY
KEN TUCKER			TOM FINNEY
DEREK FRANKLIN ✓			JOHN CAREY
RAY MURILL			BILLY WRIGHT
DAVID MACHETH			
STAN STENNETT ✓			
JESS CONRAD			
GARRY WILLS			
DON FOX			
PETER REEDON			
TIM CONNER			
KEVIN O'BRIEN			

6	T.V. ENTERTAINERS Colours - Red & White.		Left
	G. GUNN		
	R. VALANCE (captain)		D. FRANKLIN
	R. WALKER		M. ALLISON
	J. LOGIE		T. CONNER
	T. FORD		J. LORAN
	S. STENNETT		
	T. DOCHERTY		E. BARNES
	B. JEFFARD		B. WRIGHT
	J. MILBURN		
	R. BURGESS		D. UPTON
	J. CAREY		J. SAUNDERS
	J. TAYLOR		
	G. SWINDEN		
11	INTERNATIONAL CLUB XI		Right

October 1961 Charity Programme with Jackie Milburn

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FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026, 3PM – NEWPORT COUNTY - 9AM DEPARTURE

With grateful thanks to the football club and players we can offer a reduced fare of only £15 to this extremely important match.

Please make payments for your seats as you book them – we will confirm all bookings – if you need our bank details then please ask. We will start taking booking from now, so that we can see what the uptake is and whether we need to speak to United about any additional coaches. The last date for adding an additional coach will be Tuesday 31st March – we will continue to take bookings if seats are still available on the coaches. Coach(es) depart from the Broadfield Stadium at 9.00am. Please be at the stadium at least 15 minutes before departure so that we can get the supporters boarded. As normal when we take more than one coach you can board any of the coaches but you must stay with that coach and the same seats for both trips.

Depending on timing and the traffic situation, especially on the Bank Holiday Friday, if only one coach travels to the game we may be able to stop at the Wishing Well pub on the way. However, it will be for drinks only, no buffet provided. If more than the one coach travels then we will stop at Leigh Delamare services only. Coaches will drop us off and pick us up after the game in Corporation Road just down from the away turnstiles. They have an away bar for travelling supporters inside the ground. Please return to the coaches straight after the game finishes. We will have a stop on the return journey at Reading services.

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026, 12.30PM – BRISTOL ROVERS - 8AM DEPARTURE

Again with financial help from the club we are hoping to offer subsidised travel on our coach travelling to our game at Bristol Rovers. The coach(es) will depart from the Broadfield Stadium at 8.00am – we will travel to Bristol with a stop at Leigh Delamare services on the way – we will not be stopping for a buffet, as being an early kick off we don't have the time. Coaches will park up at the stadium by the away turnstiles. Please return to the coaches straight after the game finishes. On the return journey we will have a break at Reading services. Match tickets are not on sale at the moment. Please make payments for your seats as you book them – we will confirm all bookings – if you need our bank details then please ask. We will start taking booking from now, so that we can see what the uptake is and whether we need to speak to United about any additional coaches. The last date for adding an additional coach will be Tuesday 7th April – we will continue to take bookings if seats are still available on the coaches.



SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026, 3PM – ACCRINGTON STANLEY

Well this is it, our last away game of the season – I remember when it was the last game of the season, way back in our first term in the Football League. We ended up getting promoted to League 1 at our first attempt, with a 1–0 win, Scott Neilson scoring in the second half.

The coach departs from the Broadfield Stadium at 6.30am and cost is £40.00. We will have a comfort/coffee break at the M6 Toll services at about 9.30am and then a buffet stop again at the Foresters Arms, Standish, as we did for Fleetwood. We will depart from the Foresters Arms at 1.00pm to arrive at Accrington about 2.00pm. The 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 at Warwick or Oxford Services. We should be home for about 10.30pm – depending on traffic and any diversions Match tickets are not yet on sale for this game.



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.

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 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.



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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	3,326	02/04/2018 - Swindon	5,008	09/09/2012 - Portsmouth	5,058
29/03/2011 - Mansfield	3,162	27/04/2024 - Grimsby	4,885	01/02/2025 - Wrexham	5,049
22/04/2011 - Rushden & Diamonds	3,083	22/12/2023 - AFC Wimbledon	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	4,696
21/02/2005 - Morecambe	2,516	26/12/2011 - Gillingham	4,255	22/12/2012 - Sheffield U	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	Daniilo 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 21/3/26

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
2 DF Scott Malone Cambridge Utd	06/26	10	2	1	4		15	1
3 DF Dion Conroy Swindon Town	06/27	21			5		104	4
4 DF Geraldo Bajrami On loan from Burton	~	25	5	3	8		30	3
5 DF Charlie Barker Wealdstone	06/27	36	4	1	11		84	3
6 MF Max Anderson Dundee	06/26	12	7	2	7		66	5
7 MF Harry Forster Bromley	06/26	18	16	3	4		97	10
10 MF Reece Brown Forest Green Rovers	06/26	18	6	2	3		24	2
12 DF Lewis Richards Bradford City	06/27	5	3		1		8	
13 FW Harry McKirdy Bromley	06/26	22	6	6	6	1	28	6
14 FW Louis Flower On loan to Woking	06/26	6	10	3	3		16	3
15 DF Ben Radcliffe On loan to Gateshead	06/27	4		2	1		23	2
16 DF Jonny Russell Glentoran	*	11			1		11	
18 FW Danny Cashman Worthing	06/27	3	2		1		5	
19 MF Dion Pereira Luton Town	06/26	15	10		1		25	
20 FW Justin Ferizaj Bray Wanderers	06/28	2	1				3	
21 FW Ryan Loft On loan from Cambridge Utd	~	15	1	4	5	2	16	4
22 FW Ade Adeyemo Cray Valley PM	06/26	18	6	1	4		88	9
23 MF Fate Kotey On loan to Whitehawk	06/27	2	3				5	
25 MF Antony Papadopoulos On loan to Chelmsford	06/26		3				10	1
26 MF Jay Williams (Captain) MK Dons	06/26	29	1	3	10		86	6
27 MF Louie Watson Luton Town	06/26	11	8		3		27	
28 DF Josh Flint FC Vullendam	06/26	35	1	1	4		56	1
30 MF Louie Copley On loan from Arsenal	~	3					3	
31 DF Akin Odimayo Newport County	06/27	4	4				8	
32 MF Taylor Richards QPR	06/26	7	4	1	2		11	1
33 GK Will Heater On loan to Sheppey Utd	*							
34 GK Jojo Wollacott Hibernian	06/26	11					48	
35 GK Jacob Chapman On loan from Huddersfield	~	13			1		13	
38 FW Tobi Adeyemo On loan from Watford	~	2	2				4	
41 DF Kellan Gordon Notts County	06/27	12	1	1	4		13	1
42 DF Theo Vassell Barrow	06/26	7			1		7	
44 MF Klaidi Lolos On loan from Peterborough	~	11		1	1	1	67	16
49 MF Ronan Darcy On loan from Wigan	~	9	2		3		90	8
56 MF Jude Robertson On loan to Whitehawk	*		3		1		3	
99 FW Daniilo Orsi AFC Wimbledon	06/28	14		1			64	26

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

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



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.



Fans coming home from Hartlepool

Bristol Rovers - Saturday 11th April

07:10 Three Bridges - Farringdon

Then the Elizabeth line to London Paddington (takes 8 minutes, included in the ticket price)

08:30 London Paddington - Bristol Temple Meads 10:02.

It's then a taxi or Uber to the stadium or a short walk to Bristol City centre, where there are some fantastic pubs. You can then get a number 73 or 74 bus to the Memorial Stadium, which is located just off Filton Avenue.

Return journey: Taxi/Uber or 73/74 bus from Filton Avenue (50 yards from the Stadium) back to Bristol City Centre. Then the short walk back to Bristol Temple Meads station.

16:00 Bristol Temple Meads - London Paddington 17:35

Elizabeth line from Paddington to Farringdon.

18:24 Farringdon - Three Bridges 19:09.

Currently £39 return with a railcard, £59 without at the time of going to press. Thetrainline.com

Accrington Stanley - Saturday 25th April

07:01 Three Bridges to London Bridge 07:34

Tube Northern Line to London Euston

08:30 London Euston to Preston 10:39

10:44 or 11:24 Preston to Accrington

Accrington Stanley FC is about a 20 minute walk up hill from the railway station.

Return journey:

17:23 or 18:12 Accrington to Preston

19:07 Preston to London Euston 21:40

Tube Northern Line to London Bridge

22:15 London Bridge to Three Bridges 22:49

*Thameslink services are terminating at

London Bridge that weekend, hence why the tube is required to get to London Euston. The cheapest price at the time of going to press with a railcard is to purchase three separate return tickets. Three Bridges to London Bridge £9.30; London to Preston £58; Preston to Accrington £6.45; So around £73 return in total. For the tube journey you can tap in tap out.

The price from London to Preston will increase, so it's always advisable to book well in advance. The other two fares will remain the same.



For the best price it always pays to purchase a railcard and to book at least 5 weeks in advance for longer distance AwayDays.

SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLES & UPCOMING FIXTURES AS AT 24/3/26



Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/ -	Pts
1 Bromley	39	22	13	4	62	36	+26	79
2 Milton Keynes Dons	39	21	11	7	76	40	+36	74
3 Cambridge United	38	20	12	6	56	28	+28	72
4 Notts County	39	21	7	11	65	42	+23	70
5 Swindon Town	39	21	6	12	63	45	+18	69
6 Salford City	39	21	4	14	54	48	+6	67
7 Grimsby Town	38	17	11	10	56	40	+16	62
8 Chesterfield	39	16	14	9	61	52	+9	62
9 Oldham Athletic	38	16	13	9	47	31	+16	61
10 Crewe Alexandra	39	17	9	13	58	47	+11	60
11 Walsall	39	17	9	13	48	41	+7	60
12 Barnet	39	15	12	12	49	43	+6	57
13 Fleetwood Town	39	14	12	13	48	46	+2	54
14 Colchester United	38	14	11	13	50	41	+9	53
15 Accrington Stanley	38	13	9	16	38	42	-4	48
16 GILLINGHAM	38	11	12	15	44	56	-12	45
17 Bristol Rovers	39	13	4	22	40	60	-20	43
18 Cheltenham Town	38	11	9	18	43	65	-22	42
19 Shrewsbury Town	39	11	8	20	37	63	-26	41
20 Tranmere Rovers	39	9	9	21	48	69	-21	36
21 CRAWLEY TOWN	39	6	13	20	36	60	-24	31
22 Newport County	39	8	7	24	39	67	-28	31
23 Harrogate Town	39	7	9	23	29	58	-29	30
24 Barrow	38	7	8	23	36	63	-27	29

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

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

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

Cambridge United v Swindon Town

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026

Accrington Stanley v Crewe Alexandra
Barnet v Bromley
Bristol Rovers v Fleetwood Town
Chesterfield v Cheltenham Town
Colchester United v Oldham Athletic
Grimsby Town v Harrogate Town

Milton Keynes Dons v Barrow

Newport County v Crawley Town

Salford City v Notts County
Shrewsbury Town v Tranmere Rovers
Walsall v Gillingham

MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2026

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

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2026

Bromley v Shrewsbury Town

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026

Colchester United v Swindon Town





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	☒	☒
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