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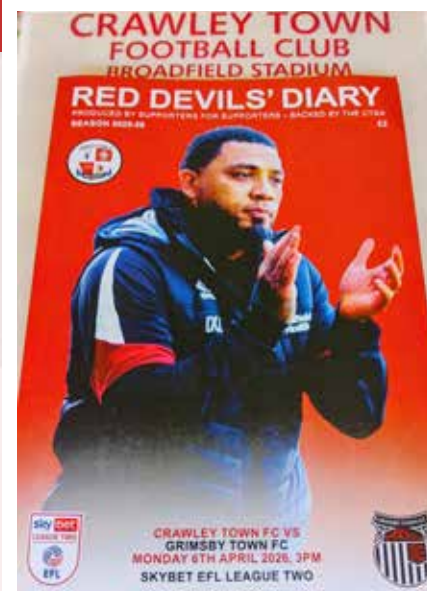
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WELCOME TO THE BROADFIELD STADIUM

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

STICK OR TWIST - RED CARD CONTROVERSY

Jay Williams' red card, given just after half time in the Grimsby match (for kicking a ball which hit an opponent after having tripped him in a challenge) has been overturned on appeal. The club submitted evidence to the FA, which was then heard by their panel. The panel agreed in favour of the club and immediately overturned the 3 match suspension.

IT'S A NUMBERS GAME

We had our largest home crowd of the season attending the Grimsby match. The total crowd of 4273 also made our top 15 highest League Two attendances. Our Newport away crowd of 523 Reds fans was our 20th highest recorded, since our Football League adventure started.

LINDFIELD COFFEE WORKS GOAL OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

The contenders were:- Klaidi Lolos V Swindon, Kellan Gordon V Swindon, Taylor Richards V Gillingham & Tobi Adeyemo V Gillingham. And the winner is.... Kellan for the stunning strike late in the game to secure a vital point.

CORE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The March Nominees were:- Charlie Barker, Jay Williams, Jacob Chapman & Scott Malone. And the winner is.... Jacob Chapman - for the third month running - is he the new Glenn Morris?



MAYBE NEXT YEAR

The EFL Trophy was contested on Sunday 12th April between Luton Town and Stockport County. Luton eventually ran out 3-1 winners in front of a 49,517 crowd. Corey Addai - our goalkeeper from the class of 22/24 - had another trip to Wembley, but this time ended up on the losing side. Corey - now 28 - had 71 games between the posts for the Reds.

RADCLIFFE RETURNS

Ben Radcliffe has been doing well at Gateshead as he, and former Reds boss Rob Elliot, have pushed up the table with survival from National league relegation now a possibility. Unfortunately Ben suffered an injury in the 3-1 win at high flyers York City and has subsequently been recalled to Crawley to complete his recovery. Ben is part of our registered 25-man squad, and so he will become available for selection when fit again.

ORSI GOES LAME

Danilo Orsi picked up a suspected fractured ankle in the Gillingham game - thankfully he is not as bad as first thought and is now another of our players sporting the latest trend in bionic support boots. Hopefully he gets back in action before too long.

REDS CLAIM AN ASSIST IN SAINTS FA CUP VICTORY

On Saturday 4th April Southampton took on Arsenal in the FA Cup Quarter Finals. 31,067 fans saw a shock home result as the Championship side squeezed through 2-1 with an 85th minute winner. In the Saints starting line up were Cam Bragg and Tom Fellows, both of whom have graced the Broadfield turf whilst on loan here. Cam (age 21) was involved in 12 games in the 24/25 League 1 season for Crawley. Tom (age 22) was on loan to us from West Bromwich Albion in the 22/23 League 2 campaign. He made 40 starts in all competitions before returning to make a name for himself in the first team. He joined the Saints in 2025.



LOOKING BACK OVER THE 2025-26 SEASON

Before we start to look back at the season and why we will finish battling for our EFL status, can I take you back to the Grimsby programme where I wrote about the CTSA and the DSA and asked you all to watch this space for news about the AGM for the Disabled Supporters' Association.



The AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday May 13th, 2026, in the Innovation Group Executive Suite, at Broadfield Stadium.

Please remember, not all disabilities are visible, and they are not restricted to people in a specific age group. If you, or someone you know, needs assistance in attending matches, home or away, or getting the most out of your CTFC watching experience because of a disability, then why not attend. I, for one, will be there, dodgy shoulder permitting.

And now on to the beginning of the end, of the season that is, and not my beloved Crawley Town. We now have just three games left of 2025/2026. A season in which we went out of all cup competitions at the first stage; Firstly to Swansea City by three goals to one away in the League Cup, after having lost our first two games in the league to Grimsby away and Newport County away. I remember thinking at the time that soon

all the new players will gel and we will fulfill the mantra coming from the club, that only promotion will do. In my saner moments I also thought it was a bit silly to come out with a statement like that, and the longer the season went on, those brash, rather boasting predictions fell by the wayside.

By the time we faced Boreham Wood away in the first round of the FA Cup on November 1st, (and lost 0.3), we had played fourteen games in the League, winning just three, losing eight and drawing three.

In the process, we scored 12 goals, conceded 21 and accrued just twelve points. In the EFL Trophy, we achieved our usual victory over Aston Villa by four goals to two and in the last league game before the trip to Arsenal ladies' territory, we, perhaps, appeared to be turning a corner when we beat the Gas from Bristol by four goals to nil, with goals being scored by our all-time leading goalscorer OG, followed by efforts from Harry Forster, Scott Malone and Louis Flower, albeit against ten-man Bristol Rovers since the 35th minute, when Jack Sparks was sent off for handball.

Played **14** Won **3** Drawn **13** Lost **8**
Goals for **12** Goals against **22** Points **12**

The next fourteen games started with a home win against Fleetwood Town, which made it two wins on the trot. Unfortunately, we didn't win again until we defeated Barrow away on the 24th of January, following that with a creditable draw on the road against Walsall. However, between the start of the second group of 14 games and the end at the Bescott (Poundland) stadium we lost another seven, meaning that almost two thirds of the way through the season we had only garnered a total of 23 points from 28 games played.

As we all know, the January transfer window saw the record signing of thirteen players,

including the return of four of the play off heroes, but with no real improvement in results, although it could be argued that the style of play was more pleasing to the eye.

Played **14** Won **2** Drawn **5** Lost **7**
Goals for **16** Goals against **24** Points **11**

Played **28** Won **5** Drawn **8** Lost **15**
Goals for **28** Goals against **46** Points **23**

The next set of 14 matches started with a home win against fellow strugglers Harrogate Town and ended with 2 wins against Gillingham at home and Newport County away and a disappointing defeat against Grimsby Town at home. In between however, we had to make do with five draws and five defeats, which ultimately cost Scott Lindsey his job as manager of Crawley Town FC, and saw the introduction of Colin Kazim-Richards in his place.

The initial impact of the managerial change was immense, as Crawley Town secured two victories before that loss against the Lincolnshire side, although it must be said we were without Jay Williams and down to ten men for forty-three minutes plus seven extra of the second half. The disappointment of defeat being somewhat assuaged by the four teams below us also losing.

Played **14** Won **3** Drawn **5** Lost **6**
Goals for **9** Goals against **16** Points **14**

Played **42** Won **9** Drawn **13** Lost **20**
Goals for **39** Goals against **58** Points **37**

This meant the last game prior to today's visit of Shrewsbury Town, against Steve Evans' Bristol Rovers side, who had managed to drag themselves clear of any fear of relegation, was between a side with nothing to play for except pride and Crawley Town, who kicking off early, had the chance to lay down a marker which the four teams below them would have to try and match.

A plus for the Red Devils being that Jay Williams had his red card overturned and would be available for the game against the Gas. I don't think that we will get to play the second half against Grimsby again though, do you? Before watching the game against Bristol, I asked myself how, in the first place, we had managed to get into the position we find ourselves in?

Last season you could point to certain matches like Wrexham at home, when a point was lost because of a terrible piece of officiating, or to our throwing away two points at Exeter City, when we had led by three goals at half time. This season, I believe it is simply down to the low number of goals we have managed to score, especially when only five single goals scored in any five of the thirteen matches we have drawn would have been enough for us to be safe, even before the game was played at Bristol.

If you turn to the centre pages of this or any programme, you should be able to see emboldened names proliferating in the last three columns of the players on the field at the start of the games. We have just thirteen printed in bold type, out of a possible one hundred and twenty-six. Those three columns should look like the trunk of a healthy tree, upon which goals scored by others in the team would be like the leaves or fruit of a successful season.

Our leading scorer is Harry McKirdy with seven, whereas Kaby Tshimanga, who left us in the January window, now has 13, five for us and another eight for Barnet. We, perhaps, could have done with him staying or even with us playing two or more forwards in a game, especially at home.

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We have also not been able to call upon some of our best players because of injuries, which has not helped but I was pleased to see Kellan Gordon back in the starting lineup against the Gas, but such has been our luck lately that he didn't see the game out today.

Having just watched our game against Bristol Rovers, which we lost three one, I am going to leave the write up of that game to Kevin Neylon, but suffice it to say that the first half was similar to the Grimsby game, with us going in two down at the break, but this time we got a response from the team which almost sneaked us a draw.

Louie Watson, coming on for Louis Richards, pulled one back in the 80th minute and then, in the last minute of added on time, Harry McKirdy almost won us the point but failed to connect with only the keeper to beat. The ball was cleared and added insult to injury when Rovers scored their third on the counter, and the game ended in a somewhat flattering 3-1 home victory.

Now all we had to do was hope that three of the teams below us would lose in the afternoon games, or two of them lose and the other two grind out a draw against each other. One positive from the game, from a football family perspective, was everything coming to a halt in the 14th minute so that everyone, players and fans of both clubs and the officials, could pay tribute to a 14-year-old Rovers fan who sadly, had recently passed away.

I clapped at home watching the television and thought about a Crawley stalwart who passed away on Good Friday. Bill Doidge, **pictured right**, a fan of many years and a member of the Supporters Club Committee back in the non-league days, passed away on Good Friday and will be sorely missed by his friends and family. His service will be at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on St George's day April 23rd at midday, followed by a wake at Grattons Indoor Bowls Centre in Pound Hill.

After the disappointment of losing against



Bristol Rovers, Kaby Tshimanga scored one of Barnet's three goals in their win over Barrow, Tranmere secured a point against Chesterfield while Newport secured all three against Harrogate which means Tranmere are 20th on 37 points ahead of Crawley Town also on 37 but with a superior goal difference of 1 and Newport County on 37, a further six goals behind us.

Barrow are in the first of the relegation places four points behind the three teams above them, but with a game in hand on Crawley and Newport, whilst Harrogate are in 24th place on 33, on the same number of games played as Crawley and the Exiles.

Barrow will have played their home game in hand on Tuesday 14th April against Oldham Athletic which, if they have won, would have put them just one point behind us and Newport. I have always liked Oldham; well, I will do if they have beaten Barrow by the time you read this.

The remaining fixtures for the bottom five are:

18th April - Barrow v Walsall, Cheltenham v Newport, Crawley v Shrewsbury, Harrogate v Colchester, Tranmere v Bristol Rovers

21st April - Cheltenham v Tranmere

25th April - MK Dons v Tranmere, Accrington v Crawley, Cambridge v Barrow, Newport v Oldham, Walsall v Harrogate

2nd May - Barrow v Newport, Crawley v Salford, Harrogate v Barnet, Tranmere v Grimsby



JOIN US TO HONOUR A CRAWLEY TOWN LEGEND!

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25TH APRIL 12-2PM
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WE WANTED TO COMMEMORATE KEN BLACKMORE IN THE WAY MOST OF US ENJOYED HIS COMPANY, BY INVITING YOU TO JOIN US ON THE LAST AWAY DAY TO ACCRINGTON, WHERE MANY WILL REMEMBER HOW MUCH THAT PREVIOUS COACH JOURNEY IN 2012 MEANT TO KEN & ALL WHO TRAVELLED WITH HIM. TO DO THIS WE THOUGHT WE COULD ALL MEET UP IN THE PUB AND EXCHANGE OUR KEN STORIES, ENABLING ALL FANS TO JOIN IN IF THEY SO WISH.



WORD SEARCH

Can you find the Crawley Town Players who, (according to the CTFC website) are still on contract or on loan with the club?

ADEYEMO (2), ANDERSON, BAJRAMI, BARKER, BROWN, CASHMAN, CHAPMAN, CONROY, COPLEY, DARCY, FERIZAJ, FLINT, FLOWER, FORSTER, GORDON, HEATER, KOTEY, LOFT, LOLOS, MALONE, MCKIRDY, ODIMAYO, ORSI, PAPADOPOULOS, PEREIRA, RADCLIFFE, RICHARDS (2), ROBERTSON, RUSSELL, VASSELL, WATSON, WILLIAMS, WOLLACOTT

SPOT THE BALL!

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



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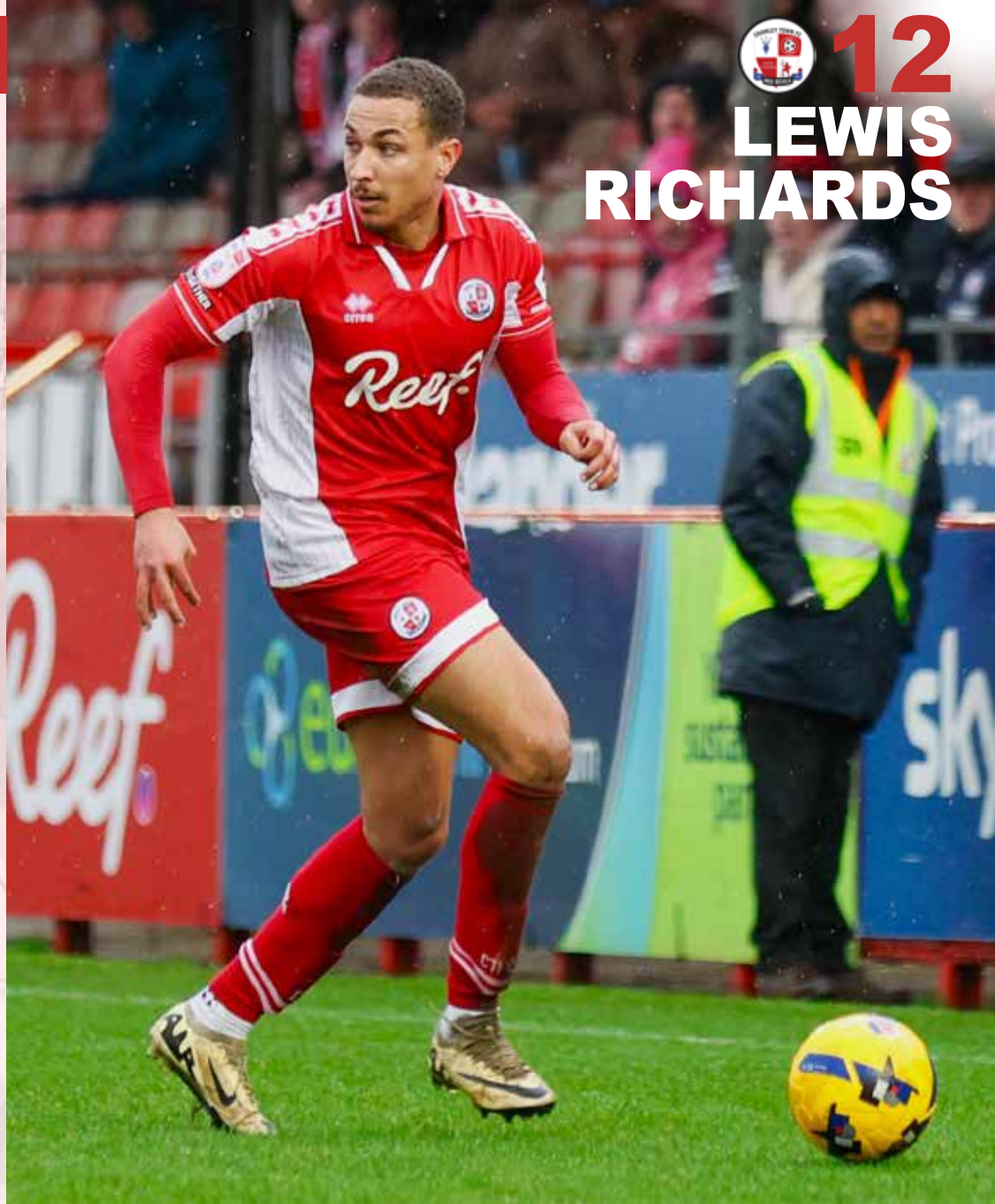


SPOT THE BALL ANSWER Ball A



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LEWIS RICHARDS



AUTOGRAPH



Jamie Proctor chases down Shrews player Ryan Woods at Broadfield Stadium. (Sat, 14 Sept 2013)

WE'VE MET BEFORE - CRAWLEY VS SHREWSBURY TOWN

PLAYED **9** WON **2** DRAWN **3** LOST **4** WIN RATIO **22%**

2011/12	Lge 2	Sat, 15 Oct	Crawley Town 2-1 Shrewsbury Town
	Lge 2	Mon, 27 Feb	Shrewsbury Town 2-1 Crawley Town
2012/13	Lge 1	Sat, 08 Dec	Crawley Town 2-2 Shrewsbury Town
	Lge 1	Mon, 01 Apr	Shrewsbury Town 3-0 Crawley Town
2013/14	Lge 1	Sat, 14 Sep	Crawley Town 1-1 Shrewsbury Town
	Lge 1	Tue, 11 Mar	Shrewsbury Town 1-1 Crawley Town
2024/25	Lge 1	Sat, 12 Oct	Crawley Town 3-5 Shrewsbury Town
	Lge 1	Sat, 03 May	Shrewsbury Town 1-2 Crawley Town
2025/26	Lge 2	Sat, 18 Oct	Shrewsbury Town 1-0 Crawley Town

Shrewsbury Town first crossed paths with the Red Devils in 2011 after Crawley Town had been crowned Football Conference champions and promoted to the Football League for the first time in their history.

16 Oct 2011: Crawley Town return to the top of League Two with their fifth straight win after beating promotion rivals Shrewsbury.

24 Feb 2012: Shrewsbury, unbeaten at home for a year, come from behind to beat Crawley and lift themselves back into the League Two top three. The result leaves the Red Devils in fifth, four points adrift of the automatic promotion places but with games in hand. The season ended with both clubs promoted to League One, after Shrewsbury finished in 2nd place and Crawley Town in 3rd, the final automatic promotion place. It marked Shrews return after a 15-year absence.

08 Dec 2012: A late strike earns Crawley a share of the spoils at home to League One strugglers Shrewsbury. Crawley drop to 10th, Shrewsbury climb a place to 21st, just a point from safety with their first away point in two months.

01 Apr 2013: A second-half hat-trick earns Shrewsbury a vital victory over the Red Devils to move seven points clear of the relegation zone. Shrewsbury secured safety and finished in 16th place while Crawley enjoyed a creditable 10th place finish in their first-ever season in League One.

14 Sep 2013: Crawley equalise as their home League One clash with Shrews ends in a draw.

11 Mar 2014: Shrewsbury pick up a point in their fight to avoid relegation following a draw with Crawley.

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*Jeremy Kelly's last appearance
in a Crawley Town shirt (Sat, 03 May 2025)*

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The campaign was not kind to the Shrews who finished in 23rd place and were relegated back to League Two. The Red Devils finished in 14th place. The following season Crawley were relegated while Shrewsbury regained their place in League One. It wasn't until Crawley Town were promoted back to League One following a successful 2023/24 League Two play-off campaign that the two sides would meet again.

12 Oct 2024: With both clubs struggling in the relegation zone, Shrewsbury beat 10-man Crawley to secure their second League One win of the season. The lead changed hands three times in a see-saw clash at the Broadfield Stadium as Crawley suffered a fifth successive league defeat for the first time in nineteen months.

03 May 2025: With both sides already relegated, Max Anderson hits an historic milestone when his winning goal is recorded as the EFL's 600,000th since it began in 1888. Crawley end a single disappointing campaign in League One in 21st place with Shrewsbury rock-bottom in 24th.

18 Oct 2025: Shrewsbury score in the 84th minute to secure victory against ten-man Crawley Town. Crawley's winless League Two run extended to five games.

18 Apr 2026: To be continued.....

BROADFIELD STADIUM ATTENDANCES V Shrewsbury Town

2011/12	League 2 Sun, 16 Oct	Attendance: 3,453 (unknown)
2012/13	League 1 Sat, 08 Dec	Attendance: 2,770 (243)
2013/14	League 1 Sat, 14 Sep	Attendance: 3,202 (253)
2024/25	League 1 Sat, 12 Oct	Attendance: 4,215 (394)

The biggest attendance at Broadfield Stadium for a Crawley Town v Shrewsbury Town fixture came last season when the struggling League One sides met in October 2024 when a crowd of 4,215, including 394 travelling Shrews (the largest recorded number to make the journey to Crawley) witnessed an eight-goal thriller, the visitors winning 5-3.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Shrewsbury finished 8th in the Second Tier (Division 2 – Now the Championship) two seasons running, in 1983/84 & 1984/85. That is the highest League position they have attained.
- They have won the Welsh Cup 6 times – last doing so in 1984/85.
- In 2018 their ground was the first to install “safe standing”

BY IVAN NOEL

THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH

MATTHEW COX (RIGHT)

England youth international goalkeeper Matt Cox is currently on loan to Shrewsbury Town from his parent club Brentford. On 28 January 2025, then League One Crawley Town signed Cox on loan until the end of the season, during a goalkeeper injury crisis affecting the club. Cox went straight into the starting lineup, but his ill-fated loan spell was cut short when he suffered a torn hamstring during just his third appearance - necessitating a return to Brentford for treatment.



MAT SADLER

Mat was involved in 46 games for the Shrews whilst on loan from Watford in the 2010/11 season. He later returned to Shrewsbury from 2015 to 2019 and was on the pitch 129 times for them. Mat played 103 matches for Crawley from 2012 to 2014.

ROMAIN VINCELOT

A less familiar name – Frenchman Romain was a midfielder who came to Crawley from Bradford City in 2018 – he only made 15 appearances for the Reds in all competitions before departing to Shrewsbury. He only managed 7 matches in all competitions for them – due in part to the need for a hip operation. He was released and moved to Stevenage, where he ended his career at age 35, after 32 appearances in season 2020/21.

JAMES COLLINS (RIGHT)

Irish International striker James has just won a promotion to the Championship with Lincoln City. He had a decent ratio when at Shrewsbury for the 2011/12 season - 66 appearances & 22 goals in the league. He returned to them for another prolific stint between 2014 & 2016, making 68 appearances and scoring 20 goals. He even managed another 8 goals in 2016 whilst on loan to Northampton, before signing for the Reds. He graced the Broadfield in the 2016/17 season, scoring 20 goals in 45 League 2 games, before being sold to Luton Town for an undisclosed fee. (How we could have done with him these last couple of seasons!)



MEET THE MANAGER

GAVIN COWAN (age 44) had a top non-league career as a defender, which started in 2001 and ended in 2018 at AFC Telford. His one League Club was Shrewsbury – for whom he competed in 24 games, scoring one goal, from 2005 to 2007. He started on his managerial career at AFC Telford in National league North. He then moved on to take the reins at Brackley Town, where he stayed from 2023 to 2026. He left the National League team to join the Shrews on 29 January 2026. He took them from relegation favourites to survivors by winning 5 straight games. This feat earned him the Manager of the Month award for February. In addition to his busy management role he has his own Academy “The Crossbar Group”.



NEW MEADOW STADIUM, OPENED 2007
CAPACITY - 9,875 (555 SAFE STANDING)



SHREWSBURY'S
HOME, AWAY & THIRD KITS

GROUND IMAGE IAN MULCAHY

PLAYERS IN SHOT

IMAGES BY GRANT MANSFIELD



TOP: Orsi & Pereira on the charge
ABOVE: Celebrate good times -The joy of scoring!

TOP: Taylor Richards on the move in midfield
ABOVE LEFT: Copley sprints with the ball
ABOVE RIGHT: Scott Malone launches the ball forwards



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 1 x OG	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	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	Los	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Odimayo, L Richards, McKirdy, Darcy, A Adeyemo (Forster)	
28 GILLINGHAM	L2	W 2-0	4,338	Chapman	A Adeyemo	Copley	Malone	Pereira	Barker	L Richards	T ADEYEMO 1	Williams	Darcy	Orsi	T RICHARDS 1, Anderson, Forster, Odimayo, McKirdy (Los)	
APRIL																
3 Newport County	L2	W 2-0	6,146	Chapman	A Adeyemo	Copley	Malone	T Richards	Barker	L Richards	T Adeyemo	Williams	Forster	MCKIRDY 2	Odimayo, Watson, Anderson, Pereira, Russell (Wollacott)	
6 GRIMSBY TOWN	L2	L 0-2	4,273	Chapman	A Adeyemo	Anderson	Malone	T Richards	Barker	L Richards	T Adeyemo	Williams	Forster	McKirdy	Copley, Watson, Pereira, Russell (Odimayo, Wollacott)	
11 Bristol Rovers (KO 12.30)	L2	L 1-3	7,453	Chapman	A Adeyemo	Copley	Malone	Gordon	Barker	L Richards	T Adeyemo	Williams	Forster	McKirdy	WATSON 1, Pereira, Los, Russell (Odimayo, Wollacott)	
18 SHREWSBURY TOWN	L2															
25 Accrington Stanley	L2															
MAY																
2 SALFORD CITY	L2															



NEWPORT COUNTY 0-2 REDS FRIDAY 3RD APRIL



An amazing four full coaches rock up at Rodney Parade today, thanks to the players and the club subsidy. So there is a very healthy throng of ever hopeful Reds fans. We are in our all-white away kit, with Newport in amber and black shirts, black shorts, and amber socks.

We have an early attack and get into the Newport box, there's a tackle and Harry McKirdy goes to ground and is claiming a penalty which is waved away, we keep the ball and cross it in, but it goes out for a goal kick. At the other end Newport have a corner, it's taken short, and then pumped in deep and as we clear and come away with it Charlie Barker is fouled.

It's a game between two sides trying not to make a mistake and despite this (or perhaps because of it) there aren't any more than about three passes from either side before it's given away. This whole lot of nothing carries on for about ten minutes. Then we win a free kick on

the left as Harry Forster is taken out, and there is a yellow card for the Newport player. The ball goes into the box and is taken by the keeper, he launches long and immediately the Newport striker is flagged as being offside.

Down the right wing McKirdy beats a couple of men and gets into the box and pings a cross through the six-yard box, the despairing lunge of Forster can't quite get to it, and it goes out on the other side. (That was a big chance). The keeper is down needing treatment after colliding with the post. When play restarts we win a corner from Forster's persistence.

The corner comes in and is headed away, a shot from distance is blocked and it comes to Taylor Richards and his shot is dragged wide, and there's another Newport player down needing treatment. A shot from distance by Lewis Richards comes closer to troubling the corner flag than the goal. And then the game drifts into another seven or eight minutes of not very much. We give a free kick away about thirty yards out and L Richards picks up a booking. The free kick is headed away and the second ball in goes out for a goal kick.

Down the right Ade Adeyemo beats two men and passes to Tobi Adeyemo in the box, he lays it back to Jay Williams, and on to Louie Copley who is fouled twenty-five yards out. T Richards lines up to take and it clips a head in the wall and goes for a corner. Taken into the middle it's headed back to Forster, but his second attempt flies well over the box and out for a throw. He is then body checked on the left and we have a free kick, it comes into the box, and the header goes straight to the keeper.

Newport get down the left and a cross takes a deflection to a striker in the box; their shot is saved by Jacob Chapman for a corner. It's cleared but put back in and Chapman collects. His clearance is returned, A Adeyemo gets a boot on it, but it comes to the Newport striker, who goes on and puts it past Chapman into the goal, but he's been adjudged to have handled it when controlling and it's a free kick to us. (That is a relief.)

We have a mad thirty seconds where we are trying to commit back pass hari-kari and Newport have a couple of half chances, only for us to break and T Richards is fouled in midfield. Then

Barker is taken out and cleared off the pitch, down the right, and there's a booking for the Newport player. There's an incident in the far corner and McKirdy gets a booking for a challenge, and the fans down there are screaming for it to be a red. Not sure from our distance and angle what it was. Then

T Adeyemo picks up a yellow for a bit of a lunge to prevent a break in the Newport half.

Newport have the free kick on the right, about twenty-five yards out, it's swung in and Chapman shows the calmest confidence in just leaving the ball to go out wide left - with two strikers bearing down on him and the ball. There are four added minutes at the end of the half and there is clash of heads in midfield. Both Williams and a Newport player need treatment and go off. We play a ball out from the back to Forster down the left, he plays it on to T Richards and he gets a shot off, but it is straight at the keeper.



A Newport striker gets forward into the box but is tackled and we clear, and there is another player down. We end up playing six added minutes before the half time whistle goes with the scores level at 0-0.

Coming out for the second half and Williams yet again has a bandaged head, this time going around his temple and under his chin. We get an early ball into T Adeyemo in the box, and his shot goes just wide. Newport get a cross in from the left and it comes all the way over to the right where the player cuts inside and curls a shot which also goes just wide.

We make some early substitutions; with Copley and T Richards being replaced by Max Anderson and Dion Pereira. A long ball out from Chapman has A Adeyemo racing clear down the right and he gets into the box and to the byline and cuts it back and finds McKirdy in the middle and he prods it in and we lead 1-0. Coffee is spilt in the celebrations in the stand, and the players enjoy it on the pitch as well. (The goal not the coffee!)

And it isn't long before we attack again,

this time it starts on the right with Barker who comes out from defence and feeds it to A Adeyemo, he plays it into Williams in the middle, and it goes on to Richards on the left, he plays it down the line to Forster and he clips a high cross over the keeper and the defender and it lands perfectly on McKirdy's head at the far post for his, and our, second of the game and we lead 2-0 and Reds are in dreamland.

A bit of a wakeup call when T Adeyemo misplaces a back pass in midfield straight to a Newport attacker, he plays it to the left and they are one on one with the keeper, but Chapman saves and it goes for a corner. It's taken short and we clear. L Richards puts a cross in at the other end, but it's headed back out for a throw.

Before we take it, Newport makes some subs, and then we put a cross from the throw out for a goal kick. Newport then win a free kick on the left, about thirty-five yards out. It is taken deep and Williams puts it behind for a corner. It again goes deep and A Adeyemo collects the ball and sprints forward with it, before putting it through into the middle to McKirdy who gets into the box and is unceremoniously taken out by the keeper, but he was offside.

A subsequent deep Newport cross from the right finds a head on the end of it but it goes well over the bar. A Adeyemo is now down injured on the right, and he is immediately subbed off with Akin Odimayo coming on. A ball in midfield falls to Forster, he beats a man and has a shot from the edge of the area which is just over. Barker is taken out in midfield and there's a booking for Newport.

A spell of possession in the Newport half ends with the ball getting to Pereira on the right, he cuts inside and tries to curl a shot in, but it goes straight to the keeper. Newport go down the other end and have a shot which goes well over the bar. We make our final substitutions, McKirdy is replaced by Louis Watson, and L Richards is replaced by Jonny Russell.

Newport win a corner and then get a throw. It's taken long into the box, there's a bit of a panic in there, but the shot goes wide, to the relief of the players. We win the ball in the midfield, and it

falls to the industrious Forster, he plays it on to Watson who slips the perfect ball into Pereira in the box, only for him to put his shot well over the bar. Newport have a spell of possession in our half, and despite screams for an offside they work it out to the left and get a shot off which goes just wide. There are six added minutes. A Newport cross is headed behind for a corner. It's taken deep and we then play a long ball down the channel, but it is too long and the Newport keeper gets it. The final whistle goes and it is a famous 2-0 away victory secured with a McKirdy brace.

The crowd was announced as a healthy 6,146 with an outstanding 523 Crawley fans having made the trip to South Wales. Lots of folk hanging around to applaud the players today. Plus there was the big post-game huddle in front of the fans with all the players and staff.

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REDS 0-2 GRIMSBY TOWN MONDAY 6TH APRIL



Easter Monday, bright sunshine, two wins on the bounce, all is good going into the game. New manager bounce – what could possibly go wrong?

There's an early Grimsby attack down the left and into the box, they cut inside and curl a shot just wide of the right-hand post. We come out down the right and Taylor Richards lays it back to

Ade Adeyemo, he cuts across the field before passing to Harry Forster, his cross into the box is too deep. Grimsby win a corner; we clear and win a free kick. It is pumped long by Charlie Barker across field it is fed back to Lewis Richards who attempts an ambitious shot from forty yards, which goes just wide. T Richards takes the ball into midfield and lays a ball through to Jay Williams; he gets into the box and puts a cross in which the keeper spills and it gets hacked off the line and away.

We attack down the left and lose it, and Grimsby break and get into the box and have a low shot which Jacob Chapman gets down well to save. He then reacts like lightning and saves the follow up, but the flag had already gone up for offside. We attack down the left and Tobi Adeyemo beats a man and drives into the box and goes down in a heap on the goal line.... the ref waves away the penalty claims and gives a goal kick. Grimsby have a free kick in our half, and it is swung into the box, and a header is just over the bar. That's a warning shot from the play off chasers. We have a bit of possession, passing it around before playing it back to Scott Malone who tries an ambitious attempt at goal from distance; this one goes well over. We give it away in midfield and Grimsby break at speed, and there's a shot from a tight angle which squeezes past the

outstretched leg of Barker and arm of Chapman and goes in and we trail 0-1

Grimsby quickly get another corner and it is put in under the bar, a Grimsby head is on the end of it, but Chapman manages to collect. And then yet another Grimsby attack down the left, a cross comes in and we head it behind for a corner. It's swung in and Chapman punches clear. Another of our attacks is broken up and there's another fast Grimsby break and a ball through to the striker on the edge of our area, he only has Chapman to beat, the Grimsby fans are celebrating as if he's scored, but he somehow manages to put it wide.

A free kick for us is pumped into the box and headed back out. We control the ball and put it back into the box, and it is headed out again. It falls to Williams and his shot from thirty yards goes wide.

A long clearance out from the back is taken down by T Richards, and he's then tackled untidily and we have a free kick about thirty-five yards out. Taken and put into the box but no one gets a touch on it, and it goes out for a goal kick. In a surprise to no one, Grimsby attack down the left and beat a man and get a cross into the six yard box, an effort from close in is blocked out to the edge of the area on the right, and a shot is smashed back in.... it takes a cruel deflection and goes into the top corner and we trail 0-2.

Almost as if we are incapable of learning or doing anything about it, for the umpteenth time, Grimsby come down the left again. A cross is put behind for a corner. That's headed behind for another. We clear toward Harry McKirdy on halfway and he's clearly wrestled to the ground, nothing given and the Grimsby ball into the box gets controlled by a hand and we get a breather. We also make a substitution with T Richards being replaced by Louis Watson. We come out with a ball from Malone to Richards, it's pumped into the box, and the defender misses his kick, McKirdy retrieves and tries a chipped cross back in, sadly straight to the keeper.

Yet again a ball goes to McKirdy, he plays it to T Adeyemo and he fizzes a cross through the six-yard box, it takes a touch from a Grimsby player and goes out for a throw on the far side.

It is taken short and a ball into the box does find a Crawley head, but it drifts out for a goal kick. There are two added minutes at the end of the half for nothing much to happen, and the half time whistle goes with us trailing 0-2.

Into the second half and there's an early free kick given away in the far corner. Williams, who committed the foul, then boots the ball against the player on the ground and is shown a straight red. It means nearly an entire half to play as ten men against a side already making it look easy against eleven. The free kick comes in, and we then get a free kick for an infringement in the box. Surprise, surprise, Chapman is down with a 'tactical injury' and everyone traipses to the sidelines for emergency instructions. We have a bit of possession and a cross goes deep, Forster retrieves and we work it back to A Adeyemo and his cross floats over. It's his last action as he's replaced by Louie Copley, and Forster goes over to be right back.

Grimsby are attacking down that side again, and a Barker back pass to Chapman results in them making a mess of things and a Grimsby player gets the ball, but Chapman recovers his composure and makes a save and clears it. They then go down the right and get the ball in, and we just about bundle it behind for a corner. It is taken very deep and goes out for a goal kick on the far side. We attack down the left and McKirdy plays it back to Watson and his cross finds the head of Adeyemo, but it goes straight up in the air and the keeper claims it. We make the last couple of subs with McKirdy and Richards making way for Dion Pereria and Jonny Russell.

A Grimsby player goes down as if with a severed leg after a challenge, only to bounce up seconds later with no ill effects, which leads to a brilliantly humorous shout from behind me in the marquee of "Yesterday - you should have risen yesterday." We have a free kick, and it goes into the box and is headed out, it comes to Forster but his attempt to put it back in comes off the back of another Crawley player and there is another lightning speed Grimsby break from which they win a corner. Adeyemo is dragged down from behind when free down the left wing. We get a free kick, but once again there is the question of consistency, as where's the yellow for that? It's taken deep and headed back into the six-yard box, there's a bit of a scramble, and the ball

is hacked off the line for a Crawley corner. It's taken to the near post and headed out, then put back in deep and Adeyemo rescues it, plays it back to Malone, the first cross is blocked back to him, and the second one is hacked off the line again for a corner. It's swung in and tipped out for a corner on the other side. That comes in and Adeyemo gets a header, but it goes over.

There are loud iconic cheers as a Grimsby player finally does get a yellow, it is for timewasting over a throw. We get a free kick about thirty yards out on the right side of the box, it is headed clear and we have another three attempts at recycling it back into the box, but it just keeps getting cleared. And suddenly, nowhere near where the action was, there is a Grimsby player down with a 'tactical injury'.

We win a free kick in midfield and try to take it quickly. There is a blatant block of that attempt. We get to retake, but no yellow again? We work the ball into the box and eventually there is a shot on the turn by Adeyemo, but it is blocked at source, the ball back in sees the offside flag up.

There are seven added minutes. Barker is pushed over from behind, and apparently that is perfectly allowable, Grimsby carry on and get into the box, and a shot comes back off the post and is cleared. We are attacking and for reasons no one but the ref knows, it is a free kick for Grimsby. The keeper takes forever over it and when it is pumped forward the Grimsby player on the left wing is ten yards offside, but there is no flag. They get a cross which hits Barker and flies over the KRL Logistics stand for the only ball loss of the day and a corner to Grimsby. Generally a decent second half from Reds, all things considered.

The full-time whistle goes and it is a 0-2 loss. It could have been a lot worse; there may have been a taking the foot off the gas by Grimsby after we went down to ten men. I don't understand how this Grimsby team are only tenth in the league, they are easily the best side we have played (both home and away) all season.

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BRISTOL ROVERS 3-1 REDS SATURDAY 11TH APRIL



A trip to Bristol is always a good idea, plenty to see and do before a game, even if it is an early kick off due to FSS. There are a couple of changes to the starting lineup, Kellan Gordon is back, and Louie Copley starts. Taylor Richards and Max Anderson are out, and Klaidi Lolos is on the bench. We are in our all red with white trim home kit, and Bristol Rovers are in their traditional blue and white quartered shirts, blue shorts, and blue socks.

There are early attempts at attacks from both teams, which see balls played too long and going straight out for goal kicks. Despite the sun it is deceptively windy out there and it's taking the ball every which way but where it is supposed to be going (I'm giving the players the benefit of the doubt). It's seven minutes in before we have a proper attack. We have a couple of throws near the box, and a cross finds Louie Copley but his shot is well over. Some fancy footwork (if heart-stopping) from Jacob Chapman sees him elude a defender and ping a ball out to Lewis Richards, he drives forward and puts a cross in, but it evades everyone and goes out for a throw on the other side.

It had been on the socials before the game that there would be a minute's applause for a recently deceased Bristol Rovers fan in the fourteenth minute, but I'm not sure I've seen all the players and officials on the pitch stop and join in for one of these before. Nice touch from the ref pausing the game.

We have a couple of attacks down the left, Richards is playing well going forward, he puts a cross in and Tobi Adeyemo gets a head to it but it curls out wide with the wind. Kellan Gordon on his welcome return plays Harry McKirdy in, and his cross flies dangerously through the six-yard

box and is cleared on the far side. A Rovers long throw is headed out for a corner, it's taken deep, put back in and we clear. Then Rovers break down the right and a cross is just about scrambled away by Chapman.

An attempt at a ball out in the breeze bounces back to a Rovers player who gets into the box, holding off Jay Williams, he slots the ball through Chapman's legs and into the net and we trail 0-1.

We win a free kick in midfield, it's played to Gordon who swings it into the box and the wind takes it away from the keeper and out to Richards on the left but his shot is both high and wide. A long diagonal ball over the top finds the Rovers right winger somehow onside and in on goal, instead of a shot he squares it to another Rovers player, but they are tackled and the chance looks to have gone, only for them to somehow stick a leg out and toe it into the bottom corner and we somehow trail 0-2.

Unfortunately Gordon pulls up chasing a ball down the wing and he's replaced by Dion Pereira with Ade Adeyemo dropping back to fill in at right back. Pereira is involved straight away, he's fed by A Adeyemo, and he cuts inside and curls a shot which goes just wide. At the other end Chapman again gets away with one as he's closed down before booting clear. Pereira is brought down on the edge of the area which brings about a booking for a Rovers player. The free kick hits the wall and is cleared.

A Rovers long throw on the left is allowed to bounce in the box, and it's flicked on and there's a free header at the back post which comes back off the post when it looked easier to score, a definite let off. A long free kick forward by Chapman takes a bounce and is put out for a corner, it's taken to the near post and just flicked out for a goal kick. There are four added minutes at the end of the half, and nothing happens in them before the half time whistle goes and we traipse into the dressing room 2-0 down.

Into the second half and Rovers have the ball in the net again, but the whistle had gone long before for an offside decision. They have a long throw, again we allow it to bounce and put it out for a corner. The Rovers fans behind the goal don't agree with the ref and are screaming for a penalty. It's taken deep and we clear it at the second attempt. A throw to Forster is played back to Charlie Barker and his cross is blocked

and goes back to Pereira, he plays it to Forster, and his shot is blocked and Ade's follow up goes over the bar. A ball forward finds the lively Pereira who holds off two players and crosses it for T Adeyemo whose shot is well saved. A Scott Malone cross is put out for a corner, it's played back to Forster, and his cross is caught by the keeper. A free kick to Rovers about thirty yards out is swung in and the header is well saved by Chapman and then put out for a goal kick.

We replace A Adeyemo with Klaidi Lolos and Forster now fills in at right back. A Rovers cross goes straight across the area without anyone getting a touch on it. Then all of a sudden there is a serious hail storm. It's playing havoc on and off the pitch as it comes in sideways, fans are trying to get to more sheltered areas in the stands, and the notebook is getting soggy. Another Rovers cross is met by a header and goes just wide. (You do wonder if the ref could have stopped the game for a minute or two, as the passing hail storm was quite severe.)

We are getting down the wings but are struggling to have a telling final ball. We have a lot of the ball in the Rovers half, and eventually there is a shot from Forster, but it curls wide. We make our final subs with Richards and T Adeyemo going off and being replaced by Jonny Russell and Louis Watson. A ball into the middle finds Pereira and he has a shot which goes high and wide. The ball just won't fall for us. A Lolos shot is blocked, then Watson's follow up is blocked; it falls to Forster, he cuts inside and has a shot blocked. Lolos gives a silly foul away and the pressure is gone. Rovers have another long throw which we allow to bounce again, and a shot goes just over.

Rovers win a corner which we clear and there's another cynical foul to prevent a break, about the sixth of the game, and still no hint of a yellow for them. We win another free kick further up the pitch, it's taken short to McKirdy, and his shot is charged down. We play it back to Watson in the box and from a tight angle he puts it through the keeper and into the net and we have one back 1-2. Game on!

Malone comes storming out from the back with the ball and plays it to Lolos, he gets into the box but is tackled and it is somehow a Rovers throw. We have it on the edge of the Rovers box and there are six quick, slick one touch passes before Russell's cross goes straight to the keeper. We put it back into the box and Lolos has a shot blocked, the clearance hits the ref which prevents

Watson getting to it, and when the drop ball is done it's given to Rovers! (Very questionable.) Rovers have three players go down in the penalty area in quick succession, two look blatant dives, the other we might have got lucky with, but the Rovers fans behind that goal are not impressed with the ref. A Rovers shot from the edge of the area goes over the bar and clears the quite tall stand behind the goal.

On 88 minutes a long ball by Chapman is flicked on by Lolos and McKirdy is in on goal. He's dragged down right on the eighteen-yard line. The ref gives a free kick and a red card to the Rovers defender Tom Lockyer. The free kick hits the wall, as does the second attempt, it comes out left for Watson and he plays it to Lolos in the box, but his shot goes over the bar. Somehow there are only five added minutes at the end of the second half. A throw gets to Pereira, and his shot is blocked by a head on the penalty spot and cleared. Rovers break and win a corner and there are again shouts for a penalty. The corner goes straight to Chapman.

A Russell cross finds Lolos in the box and his shot is well saved by the keeper, it bounces straight out at McKirdy six yards out, but he can't control it and it just hits him and goes back to the keeper. (We come so close to the elusive equaliser.) We get a free kick on half way, it's played into the box, and there is a bit of head tennis in and out of the box, only for the last one to elude Copley and the Rovers striker is away with a one on one break, he makes no mistake chipping it over the oncoming Chapman and it is 1-3.

The full-time whistle goes straight after we kick off and it is another defeat on the road. It all kicks off after the final whistle, started by a shove from a Rovers player in the back of Lolos. Players and benches from both sides pile in and there's a lot of handbags. The ref just watches it all until it starts to calm down. Lolos gets a yellow for reacting, and there is at least one more waving of the card by the ref to a Rovers man but there's no way of telling who it was at.

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CLIFF CANT, CARDS AND MODERN FOOTBALL

A more topical subject this week, in light of the Easter Monday game and the draconian punishment handed out to Jay for kicking the ball at the shoulder of the Grimsby player. Unwise as his action may have been, my own view (& thankfully it seems the FA Review panel this week) is that the red card – which then punished the thousands of fans who had paid to watch an even contest - was a drastic over-reaction by the referee in the spur of the moment.

Believe it or not, I do sympathise with referees trying to handle games at a time when “clever play”, “game management” and whatever other terms you want to come up with for trying to gain an advantage, are all too prevalent in today’s football. However, I do think way too many fouls are awarded for a contact sport, and cards dished out for minor offences, often resulting in games being ruined for the paying public. As far as I can see, nothing to the benefit of the game is served by five to ten cards per match. Maybe if the lawmakers would come up with a way to stop WWE wrestling at corners and free kicks – and generally make players play the ball instead – that would improve the spectacle for us fans.

In my research I found an article also bemoaning the increase in “foul play” and “mobbing the referee” amongst other ills affecting “modern football”. And no, this wasn’t a recent article: it was published in *The Field* magazine in 1892. Now I don’t think foul play is particularly on the increase, but at the time it seemed to be

a major concern, with “ruffianism” also apparently on the rise. The author of the article seemed to lay some of the blame on the shoulders of “professionalism” in the game.

The section on mobbing referees, something which is still too prevalent, particularly at the very top level, comes up with an interesting, if rather excessive, solution. This involves apprehending the culprit(s) and leaving them to stew in prison for a couple of weeks before hauling them up in front of a magistrate! Maybe the Premier League will trial this for a season . . .

The article is written in very much the style of the time, but some of the sentiments in wanting a better, more honest spectacle hold some relevance today, in my opinion.

Having been handed a pile of old photos by club historian Tony Pope, I have been trawling through them and found a few which celebrate one of the star players of our non-league days - Cliff Cant - but also his combative nature, which didn’t always sit well with referees at the time (although cards or “bookings” were much less frequent in those days).

For those who don’t know, Cliff was a hugely talented midfielder player who started his career at Arsenal and was brought to Crawley from Carshalton by then manager John Maggs in 1983. Cliff would go on to play over 450 games for the Red Devils in two spells, scoring and creating many crucial goals over that time; he even had a short stint as manager in the 1990s, when the club were on the brink of liquidation.

Hopefully Cliff won’t be offended by my saying he could also be argumentative, combative, and at times, a wind-up

merchant! One of my all-time favourite photos (possibly from Jim Green or the *Observer*) was taken at King’s Lynn in September 1985 for a Southern League Premier Division game, which we would lose 2-0.



Kings Lynn September 1985 Cliff Cant creates a scene!

It shows the aftermath of something I assume that Cliff was closely involved in, judging by the fact he is on the ground and two angry King’s Lynn players are on top of him! Also, in the far right of the picture, Gary Richards and Gary Julians seem to be in the midst of an animated conversation with another home player, while Steve Breach, further left, is seemingly attempting to placate the home goalkeeper. A great photo, with the funniest thing about it being Bob Glozier standing next to the two guys “murdering” Cliff and just laughing his head off, probably because he is used to these occasional volatile situations with Cliff in the side.

I can just see Terry Robbins in the background (over Steve Breach’s shoulder) taking no interest at all in what is going on, while far left, Dave Myers and Barry Morgan are in conversation with a few more home players. That team of ours was full of big characters and (mostly) hugely entertaining to watch, albeit a bit inconsistent, as we finished

the season in sixth place, with Robbins scoring 33 league goals, which sadly attracted the attention of Welling United (SL Champions that season), whom he would join in the close season.



April 1990 Cliff Cant being lectured by Glyn Riley

My next photo of Cliff Cant is from 28th April 1990 during his second spell at the club, after a short stay at Conference side Welling with Terry Robbins. Our opponents that April afternoon were Bath City; the result was a 1-0 defeat, as Bath battled with Dover for the league title (they came second on 98 points). Cliff has obviously been a “naughty boy” again, as he is pictured being lectured by former Bristol City striker Glyn Riley, with an amused Damian Webber looking on behind Cliff.

Fast forward to 1991, when we had fought our way past Horsham in a replayed local derby, in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup, to set up a home first-round tie with struggling Fourth Division (League Two now) Northampton Town.

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November 1991 FA Cup 1st Round Cant and Ref David Elleray

This next picture is from that match (in colour now!), looking towards the Northampton fans at the Fire Station End,

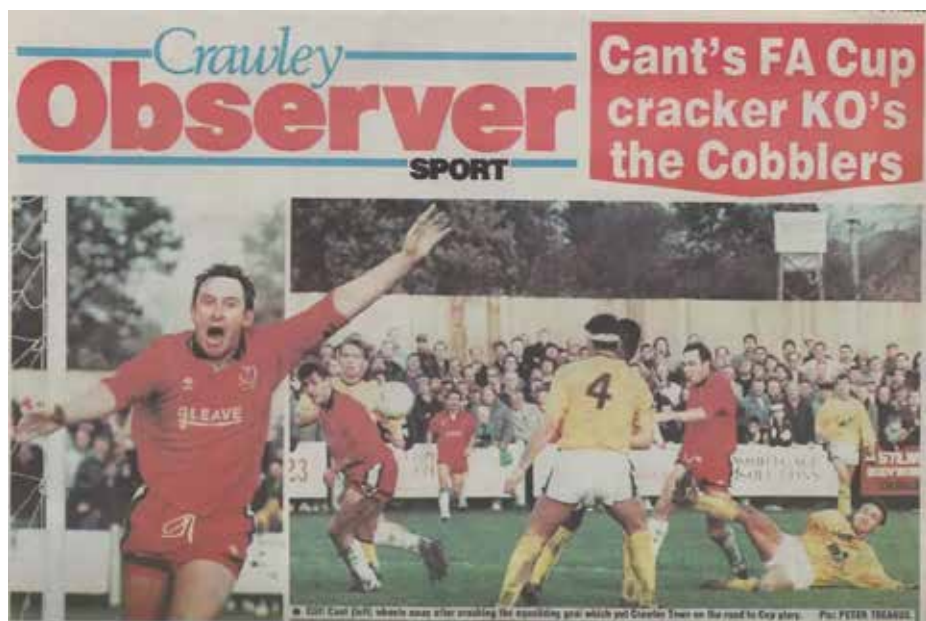
and shows a seemingly contrite Cant being lectured by famous future FIFA and Premier League referee David Elleray. Damian Webber again waiting patiently in the background.

We would go behind in that game but goals from Tim Hulme, Craig Whittington (2) and Cant gave us a well-deserved and famous 4-2 FA Cup victory.

To finish I will include a happier, more positive, Cliff Cant moment from the Observer of the time showing Cliff as he wheels away in his customary celebration having just equalised to make the score 1-1, with Tim Hulme scoring just after to give us a 2-1 half-time lead.

Let's hope our current leader Jay can inspire our current squad to a bit of glory and keep our EFL story going.

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Obby Report Cliff Cant equalises against Northampton November 1991



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We are now down to our last away match of the season on Saturday week – a long trip up north for our visit to Accrington Stanley - We are pleased to say that our Coach to this game is virtually full (at the time of writing this for the Shrewsbury programme.) It is extremely unlikely that we will be able to run a second coach to this game due to costs – we would need to fill the second just to break even financially. Once the coach is full we will start a standby list, should anyone cancel their booking.

I would like to thank everyone who travelled to Newport County and Bristol Rovers, both trips were a complete success – and the 4 coaches which travelled to Newport was the highest number that we have taken to a League match ever. Again thanks to the Players, Owner and Staff for contributing to the cost of the coaches. We were able to offer subsidised travel to both matches.

For the last Red Devils Diary of the season, against Salford City, I will write a review of the season from the travelling perspective – it's been a difficult one – and I think we all know the reasons why.

Anyway our last trip of the season awaits - if you are going to the game – have a safe trip and see you at the stadium.

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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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



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	28/03/2026 - Gillingham	4,338	31/08/2024 - Barnsley	4,704
16/10/2010 - Newport	2,566	19/08/2023 - Gillingham	4,310	28/09/2024 - Bolton	4,696
21/02/2005 - Morecambe	2,516	06/04/2026 - Grimsby	4,273	22/12/2012 - Sheffield U	4,604
21/08/2004 - Aldershot	2,508	14/01/2017 - Hartlepool	4,266	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 11/4/26

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	14	2	1	4		19	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	40	4	1	11		88	3
6 MF Max Anderson Dundee	06/26	13	9	2	7		69	5
7 MF Harry Forster Bromley	06/26	21	17	3	5		101	10
10 MF Reece Brown Forest Green Rovers	06/26	18	6	2	3		24	2
12 DF Lewis Richards Bradford City	06/27	9	3		2		12	
13 FW Harry McKirdy Bromley	06/26	25	7	8	7	1	32	8
14 FW Louis Flower On loan to Woking	06/26	6	10	3	3		16	3
15 DF Ben Radcliffe Derby County	06/27	4		2	1		23	2
16 DF Jonny Russell Glentoran	*	11	3		1		14	
18 FW Danny Cashman On loan to Sutton	06/27	3	2		1		5	
19 MF Dion Pereira Luton Town	06/26	16	13		1		29	
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	22	6	1	4		92	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	33	1	3	11		90	6
27 MF Louie Watson Luton Town	06/26	11	11	1	3		30	1
28 DF Josh Flint FC Vullendam	06/26	35	1	1	4		56	1
30 MF Louie Copley On loan from Arsenal	~	6	1				7	
31 DF Akin Odimayo Newport County	06/27	4	6				10	
32 MF Taylor Richards QPR	06/26	9	5	2	2		14	2
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	~	17			1		17	
38 FW Tobi Adeyemo On loan from Watford	~	6	2	1	1		8	1
41 DF Kellan Gordon Notts County	06/27	13	1	1	4		14	1
42 DF Theo Vassell Barrow	06/26	7			1		7	
44 MF Klaidi Lolos On loan from Peterborough	~	11	1	1	1	1	68	16
49 MF Ronan Darcy On loan from Wigan	~	10	2		3		91	8
56 MF Jude Robertson On loan to Whitehawk	*		3		1		3	
99 FW Daniilo Orsi AFC Wimbledon	06/28	15		1			65	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



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.



Fans coming home from Hartlepool



SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLES & UPCOMING FIXTURES AS AT 14/4/26

Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Bromley	43	23	14	6	68	43	+25	83
2 Milton Keynes Dons	43	22	13	8	79	43	+36	79
3 Cambridge United	42	21	14	7	62	31	+31	77
4 Notts County	43	23	7	13	71	49	+22	76
5 Swindon Town	43	22	8	13	67	51	+16	74
6 Salford City	43	23	5	15	57	50	+7	74
7 Chesterfield	43	19	15	9	66	54	+12	72
8 Grimsby Town	42	19	11	12	63	47	+16	68
9 Barnet	43	18	13	12	60	49	+11	67
10 Crewe Alexandra	43	19	9	15	63	53	+10	66
11 Oldham Athletic	43	17	14	12	54	39	+15	65
12 Colchester United	43	17	12	14	58	46	+12	63
13 Walsall	43	17	11	15	52	50	+2	62
14 Fleetwood Town	43	15	13	15	53	54	-1	58
15 Bristol Rovers	43	17	4	22	49	63	-14	55
16 Accrington Stanley	43	14	9	20	42	50	-8	51
17 Gillingham	43	12	14	17	49	62	-13	50
18 CHELTHENHAM TOWN	42	13	10	19	50	68	-18	49
19 Shrewsbury Town	43	13	8	22	40	66	-26	47
20 Tranmere Rovers	42	9	10	23	49	72	-23	37
21 CRAWLEY TOWN	43	8	13	22	41	65	-24	37
22 Newport County	43	10	7	26	43	73	-30	37
23 Barrow	43	9	9	25	43	70	-27	36
24 Harrogate Town	43	8	9	26	35	66	-31	33

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2026

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

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL 2026

Cambridge United v Grimsby Town
Cheltenham Tn v Tranmere Rovers

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL 2026

Salford City v Bromley

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

Accrington Stanley v Crawley Town
Barnet v Gillingham

Bristol Rovers v Cheltenham Town
Cambridge United v Barrow
Chesterfield v Crewe Alexandra
Colchester United v Notts County
Grimsby Town v Swindon Town
MK Dons v Tranmere Rovers
Newport County v Oldham Athletic
Shrewsbury Town v Fleetwood Town
Walsall v Harrogate Town

SATURDAY 2ND MAY 2026

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





			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	☐	☐
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