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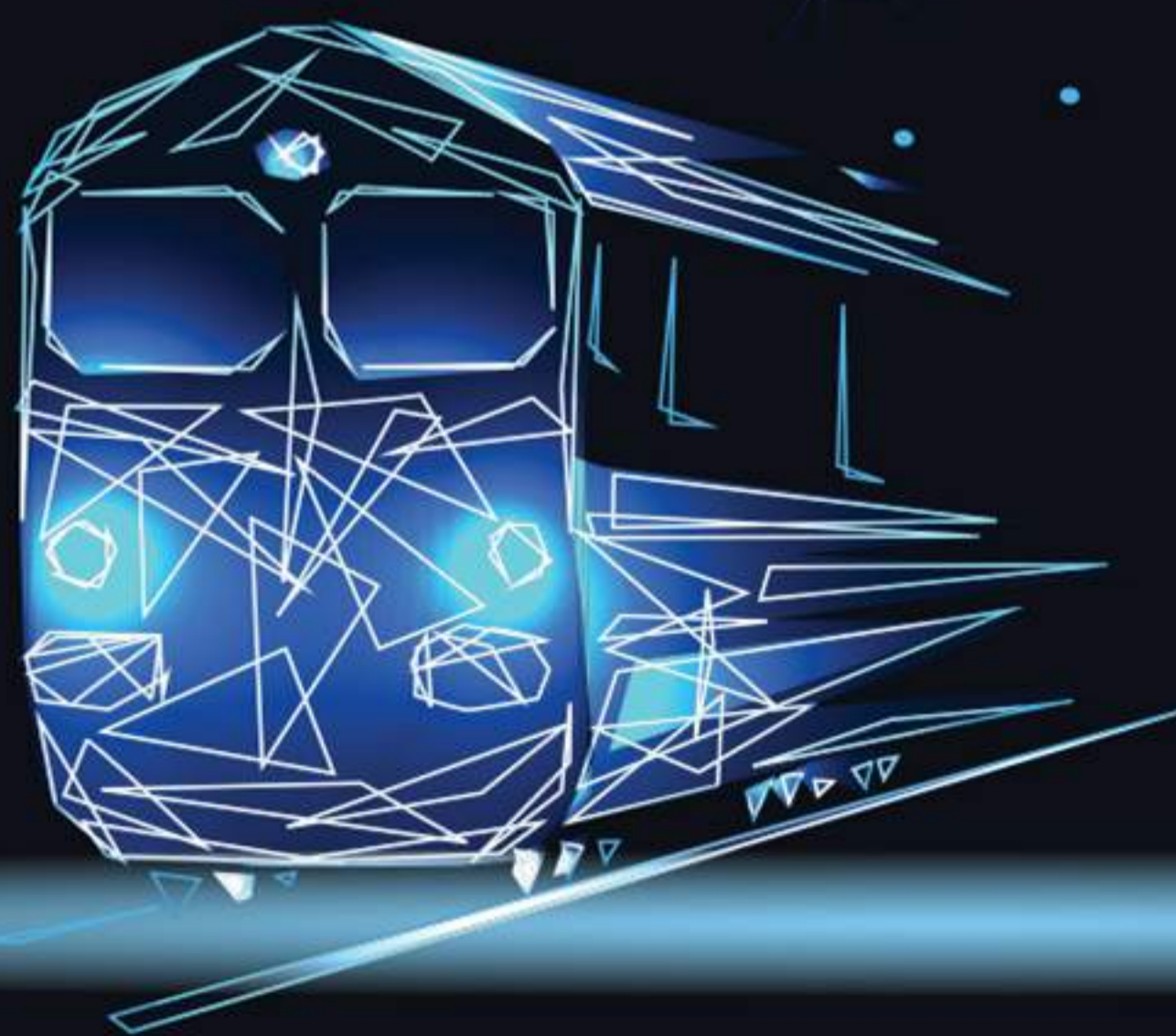
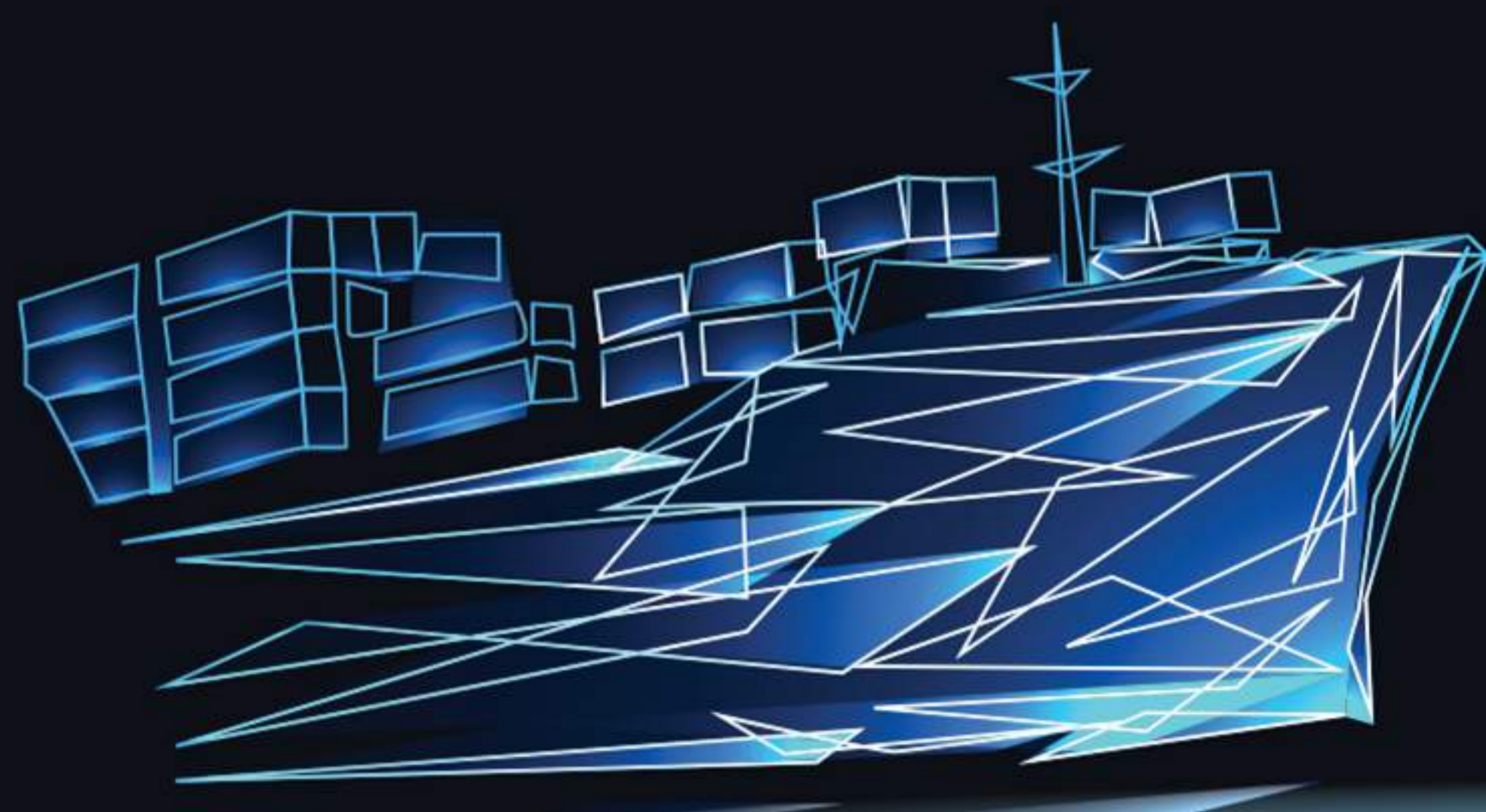
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JIMMY DEAN

First team manager Jimmy Dean writes his latest set of notes...



Good afternoon, and welcome back to the Attis Arena for this afternoon's game against Chester.

Today is Community Day, and we welcome everyone to the game. Whether you're a supporter that comes week-in, week-out, one of our serving Armed Forces, part of one of the Grassroots bookings, or you've decided to come along this afternoon, I would like to thank you on behalf of the club for getting behind our attempt to break the attendance record for the league. The staff at the club have done a brilliant job to put this on, and hopefully their hard work will pay off.

With a nearly doubled crowd, comes a responsibility to put on a performance this afternoon. It's something we strive to do every single week, whether we are in front of 600 or 6,000. I cannot underestimate the part you all have to play this afternoon. Chester will have 1,000 spectators as part of the attendance, but we will have five times that amount, and need to ensure that's the case in terms of noise, and maximise our home advantage.

I spoke about a similar message last week in my pre-match interview, and it worked brilliantly. When we gave you a little something in the second half, you gave us a little bit more. We then raised our game more, and you raised the noise even more. You definitely helped us get the win, which was vital, deep into stoppage time, with a fantastic Will Evans header from Jacob Butterfield's corner. It was far from a vintage performance, but we were coming up against an Alfreton side that had won the last three and were in fifth and

closing the gap towards up. It was a vital win, and the atmosphere here at the Attis Arena when that ball hit the net was phenomenal. We will need that again!

On Tuesday, we were at Cleethorpes Town for the semi-final of the Lincolnshire Senior Cup, and it represented an opportunity for the other players in the squad to get minutes and stake a claim for a shirt and show us what we are missing, and why they should be playing in the league. It was great to progress to the final of the competition, and we saw flashes of good things in the game. Alfie Beestin got both goals with good strikes with his weaker left foot, and we got minutes into our two new loanees Flynn Clarke and Dylan Youmbi and more minutes into goalkeeper Maison Campbell who has been a fine understudy to Ross Fitzsimons since coming in. We will look forward to that final in April against Spalding, but we first focus on our bread and butter, with our remaining 11 league games of the season.

This afternoon's encounter will be another tough game like last week. We had a difficult afternoon when we went across to their ground earlier in the season, and we know that we will have to be at our best to get anything from the game. We do feel as though we have that winning mentality back in the squad after two wins this week, involving 22 players. It doesn't matter what competition, or how the wins come about, winning breeds confidence, and we really want to hit a run of momentum again.

A big thank you for your backing once again, we hope you really get behind our Community Day and enjoy a celebration of what we have here at the club, in the town, and cap it off with three points.

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

A look at the news since the last time we met...

IRON BEAT CLEETHORPES TOWN TO SET UP SPALDING UNITED CLASH IN LINGS CUP FINAL

The Iron will travel to the LNER Stadium to face Spalding United in the final of the Lincolnshire FA County Senior Cup after seeing off Cleethorpes Town in the semi-final.

Lincoln City will host the encounter, which sees Scunthorpe vying to win the competition for the second time in three years.

United have had to overcome Gainsborough Trinity and the Owls to get to this stage, while Spalding saw off Grantham Town and Boston United in their previous matches in the competition this season.

According to the Lincolnshire FA, tickets for County Cup Finals held at Lincoln City will be sold through the club's official channels, with any other County Cup Final being sold through Lincolnshire FA's ticketing service.

Following feedback from the 2023 Lincolnshire FA County Cup Finals, ticket prices have been reduced from last season's prices for all Open Age competitions when purchased online prior to the respective fixture. Tickets can be purchased on the gate via credit/debit card only at each venue, but will be sold at a higher rate and so it is advised that tickets are purchased online to make the most of the advanced ticket rate.

Adults are £11 in advance, and £13 on the day, while concessions (65+) and under-18s are £6 in advance and £8 on the night.

United reached the final on Tuesday night following two Alfie Beestin goals.

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Scunthorpe United is actively looking for a matchday social media partner, as we continue to grow our commercial offering.

With access to around 300,000 people across our social media platforms, the reach the football club gathers - particularly on a matchday - is very large, with the opportunity to increase your brand awareness while supporting the club.

With 92,000 followers on Facebook, approaching 80,000 followers on X (formerly Twitter), nearly 50,000 followers on Instagram, and an ever-growing presence on TikTok of nearly 70,000 followers and over 6,000 subscribers on YouTube the Iron's presence online continues to be a really valuable source.

As our matchday social media partner, all of our posts will have a link to your company, with over 100 posts made over the course of the day and the game.

For more information, please email glyn.sparks@scunthorpe-united.co.uk or call 07921 809409.



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CLUB HONOURS

Best season: Division Two, Fourth - 1961-62

League One Champions: 2006-07

League One play-off winners: 2008-09

Division Three North champion: 1957-58

League Two runners-up: 2004-05, 2013-14

Promotion from Division Four: 1971-72, 1982-83

Division Three play-off winners: 1998-99

Lincolnshire Senior Cup winners: 1939, 1940,

1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1964,

1966, 1978, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2009,

2010, 2011, 2022

San An Cup winners: 2006

CLUB RECORDS

League win: 8-1 v Luton Town (Division Three - April 24, 1965), v Torquay United (Division Three - October 28, 1995)

League points: 91 - League One - 2006/07

League goals: 88 - Division Three North - 1957/58

Shareholders with over 10% of the issued shares: Michelle Harness - 90.12%

The Club is a member of the Vanarama National League and is therefore subject to the League's rules and regulations.



FOCUS ON... COMMUNITY DAY

We take an in-depth look at our Community Day this afternoon, with a number of people taking advantage of our ticket offers...



By kick-off this afternoon, the Iron could be record breakers. The Vanarama National League North record for a regular league game sits at 6,311, set in 2019 by Stockport County in their game against Spennymoor Town.

There is a real and very probably possibility that record will be taken by the Iron, with over 6,500 tickets sold by lunchtime on Friday afternoon. Add on another 24 hours worth of sales, and United should be home and dry.

We thank the fantastic support of Chester for getting behind this. Right from the get-go when we contacted the Seals about the offer, they were quick to lend their support and have pushed this offer to their own fans throughout, leading to around 1,000 Chester fans making the journey across to North Lincolnshire.

As supporters can imagine, to put on an event like this takes time, effort, blood, sweat and tears. It's the same for a normal matchday, but on a doubled scale.

Today we celebrate our community, the fact we have a football club in the community, and everything that's associated with it. We welcome our usual Grasroots bookings, with a large number of teams joining us this afternoon. We also welcome a number of our Armed Forces, and their

families to enjoy the game, along with tickets to a number of schools and our partner colleges, and we welcome a number of charities and stallholders this afternoon.

It should be a fantastic afternoon, with a number of things going on before the game, including our marquee up with the fantastic.

To take a look at what to expect at the stadium, see our double page spread including our map.

This afternoon, the Iron are looking to break the league's attendance record of 6,311 for a regular league game, set in 2019 by Stockport County against Spennymoor Town.



WHAT'S ON GUIDE: COMMUNITY DAY

Don't miss what's going on this afternoon, with our What's On Guide, including where to find everything at the Attis Arena...

With a large crowd expected, and a lot of activity in the build-up to the game, we're presenting you a what's on guide ahead of our Community Day against Chester on Saturday (3pm kick-off).

The Community Day was devised to increase the Attis Arena attendance, in an attempt to break the Vanarama National League North attendance record of 6,311 in a regular league season - currently held by Stockport County for their game against Spennymoor Town in March 2019.

With much more than a football match on offer, there's every reason to head down to the Attis Arena early and soak up the pre-match atmosphere.

11am - Ticket office and club shop opens

Not got your tickets yet, or want some merchandise or a shirt to wear for the game. Now's your best chance to beat the matchday queues!

12noon - The Iron Bar opens

Get that first drink in! With three mobile bars, our bottle bar, and our marquee up, there's certainly going to be a good pre-match atmosphere in this area. There will also be catering options outside the stadium, with the Smoking Goat bringing their products outside for you to enjoy even before setting foot inside the Attis Arena.

12.30pm - Stallholders open and events commence

See page seven for more details.

1pm - DJ Taylor Shipley

Scunthorpe United is delighted to welcome DJ Taylor Shipley back to the marquee to get the music bouncing on the outside of the ground for one hour and 15 minutes ahead of kick-off.

1.30pm - Turnstiles open

All turnstiles in the ground open, with an urge for all supporters to not leave it until the last minute to enter the stadium.

2pm - Team line-ups announced

Both teams deal their cards, with line-ups announced on social media

2.55pm - The teams walk-out

Shout loud and shout proud as the players emerge from the tunnel for the pre-match walk-out ahead of kick-off.

3.00pm - Kick-off!

And then the fun and games gets started! Can the Iron get the goals they need? It's time to find out! Don't forget to get involved with Hi Ho Scun United before kick-off!

3.45pm - Half-time

Our catering kiosks will be open, while the Half Time Draw sponsored by Systemise Fulfilment will be made on the side of the pitch, and announced to all over the tannoy and via our social media channels.

4.00pm - Second-half gets underway!

Get behind the Iron for another 45 minutes of football as we look to earn a valuable win!

At full-time, hospitality area bars remain open, as well as the Iron Bar for all supporters.

The club shop and ticket office will also be open for a short period of time after the game.

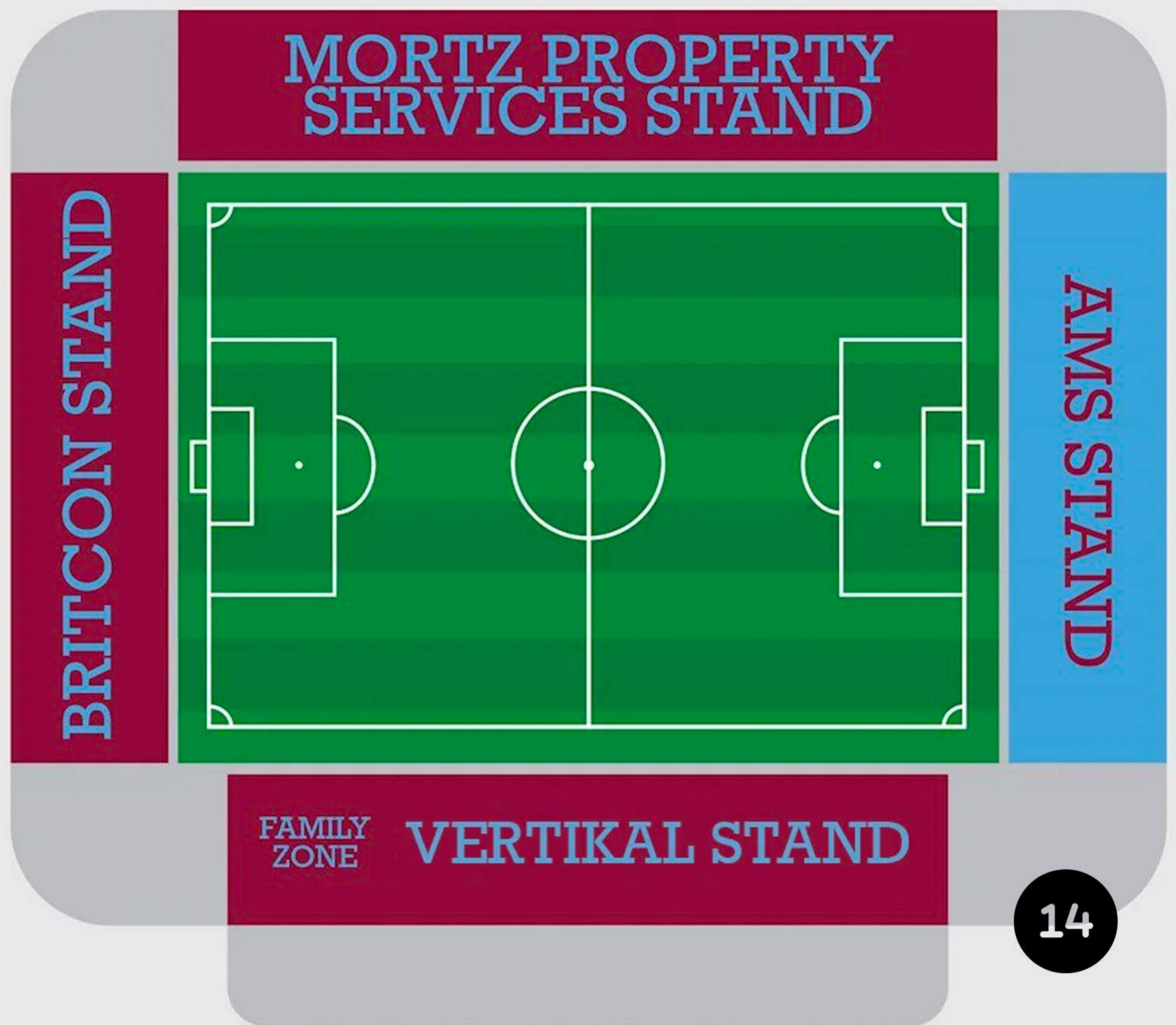
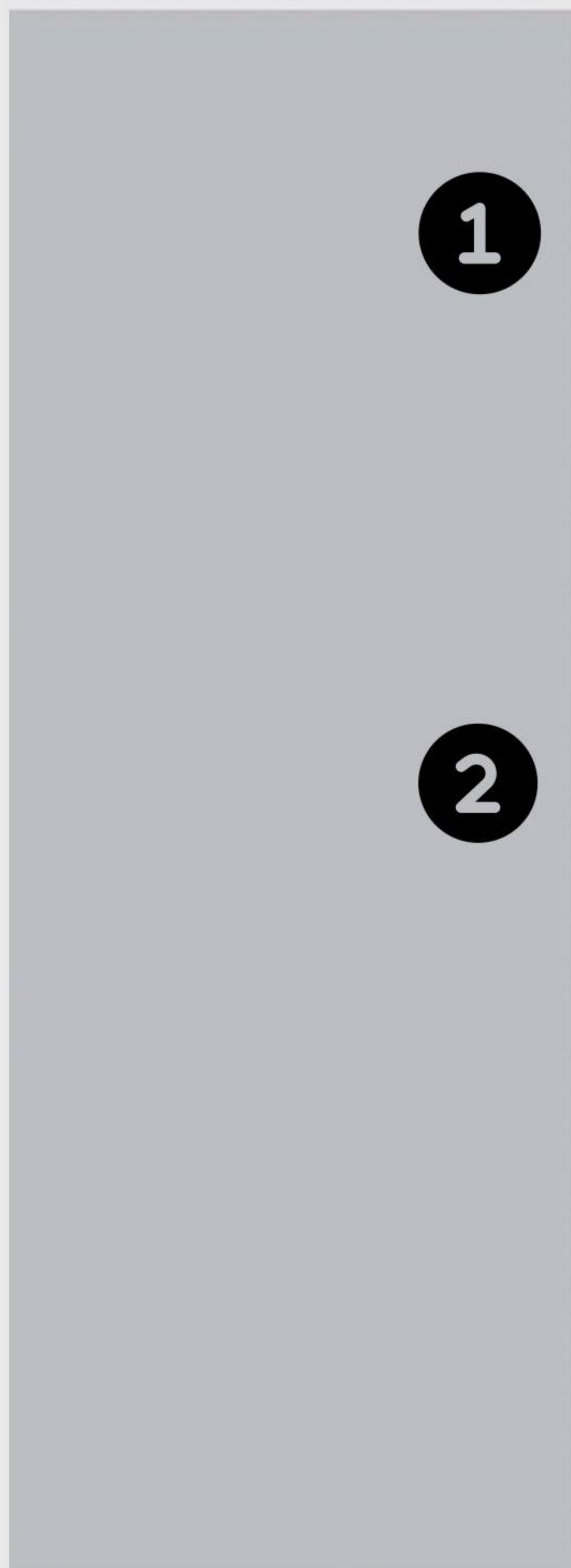
We hope you have a brilliant time at Scunthorpe United!

WHATS ON?

IRON V CHESTER COMMUNITY DAY



EAST CAR PARK



WEST CAR PARK

- 1) **Humberside Fire**
- 2) **Music Marquee**
- 3) **Iron Trust**
- 4) **20-21 Visual Arts**
- 5) **Andy's Man Club**

- 6) **Lindsey Lodge**
- 7) **NL Fostering**
- 8) **One 4 The Lads**
- 9) **One 4 The Lasses**
- 10) **Mind Charity**

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TODAY'S MASCOTS

With a large number of mascots this afternoon, we dedicate a full page to those who will be walking out with the players today...

We are very busy on the mascot front this afternoon, with 10 mascots in total leading the players out this afternoon.

Firstly, a massive SURPRISE and welcome to our adult mascot this afternoon, who has no idea what we've got in store for him.



Harry is on his stag-do, and will be commencing it by holding hands with one of our players this afternoon as they walk out of the tunnel. Harry is 20-years-old, attended Wheeler Primary School, enjoys ant farming, stone skipping and parkour, and his favourite player is Gary Hooper. While Gary won't be here to lead the six-foot-plus stag out this afternoon, he could potentially walk out with five-foot-nine Kian Scales, or maybe Danny Whitehall wants to play some practical jokes with him on the way out of the tunnel. In either case, we hope he enjoys his experience, and many congratulations on your engagement and wedding.

Secondly, we welcome Hayden Deacon, who is eleven. He attends Burford School in Oxfordshire, and enjoys football, football and more football. We hope he enjoys his day with us, with Hayden pictured right.

Next up, we welcome Jack Bone (pictured right). Jack is also eleven, attends Pollyplatt Primary School, enjoys football, gaming and playing out with his friends. Jack's favourite player is Michael Clunan.

Next up is brother and sister duo Charlie and Daisy Hainsworth. Charlie is five-years-old, attends Waddingham Primary School, enjoys watching Scunthorpe United and playing football. His favourite player is Danny Elliott.

Meanwhile, Daisy is 10-years-old, also attends Waddingham Primary School. She enjoys watching the Iron, gymnastics and swimming. Her favourite player is Reagan Ogle.



Next we welcome another two in the same family, with Milo and Jax Pendrey also mascots this afternoon.

Milo is 11-years-old, attends Epworth Primary School, enjoys football, football and more football. His favourite player is Jacob Butterfield.



Meanwhile, Jax also attends Epworth Primary School. He is nine-years-old. He enjoys football and



dancing, and his favourite players are Reagan Ogle and Jacob Butterfield.

We also welcome Kobi Highton as mascot this afternoon. Kobi is nine-years-old. He attends Althorpe and Keadby Primary School, enjoys playing football and being outdoors. His favourite players are Ross Fitzsimons and Reagan Ogle (pictured with at the bottom of this page).

As well as these mascots, we have three who are bronze package holders, who will enjoy walking out with the players.

We welcome six-year-old Max Beacock, 10-year-old Sol Beacock and six-year-old Frankie Oates, and hope all have a wonderful day with us!



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STUDY UNITED

Steve Parsons rounds-up the latest news from the Study Support Centre at the stadium...



Good afternoon and welcome to the Attis Arena for this Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Blues.

We hope that it will be an entertaining game and that the Iron are celebrating a victory at the final whistle!

Scunthorpe United Reading Stars

Our 2024 Scunthorpe United Reading Stars programme has officially started! Earlier this week author Tom Palmer visited the Attis Arena to host two days of literary activities with eleven local schools. On Thursday, pupils from Berkeley Primary, Willoughby Road Primary Academy, Leys Farm Primary, Outwood Academy Brumby and Frederick Gough School joined in the fun.

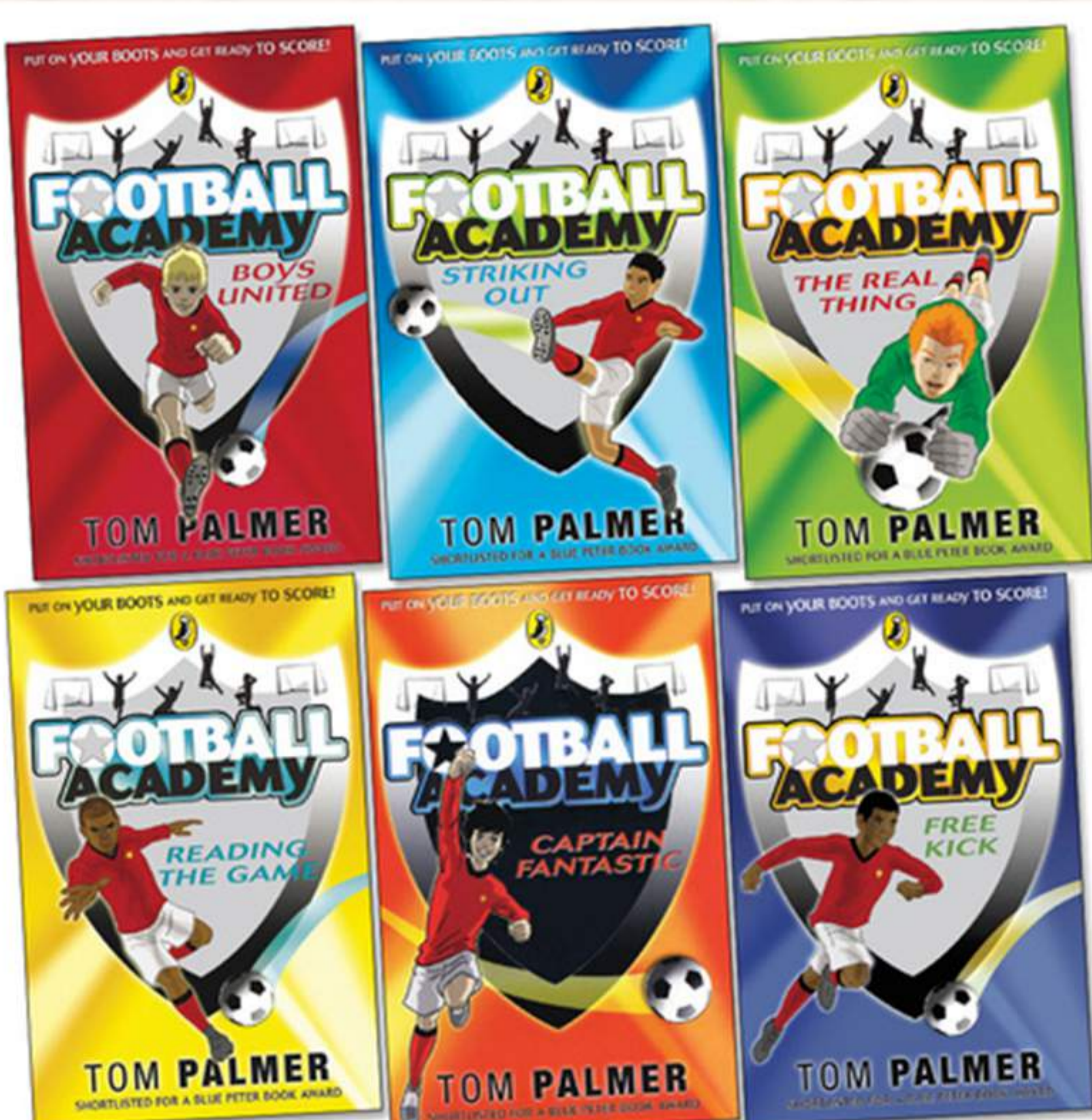
On Friday we were joined by St Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Melior Community Academy, Baysgarth School, Huntcliff Comprehensive School, The Vale Academy and Winterton Community Academy. Over 180



pupils took part in spooky readings of Tom's book Ghost Stadium at locations around the stadium. They also completed a football reading game with Tom. The finalists of which competed in a penalty shootout, with guest Iron players, to win a prize. The day rounded off with a Q&A session with Tom and the players, followed by book signings.

The schools will soon return to the study centre for more exciting activities including a ground tour and filming in our green screen studio.

A big thank you to Michael Clunan and Ross Barrows for attending on Thursday, and two more players for attending on Friday (prior to our notes deadline).



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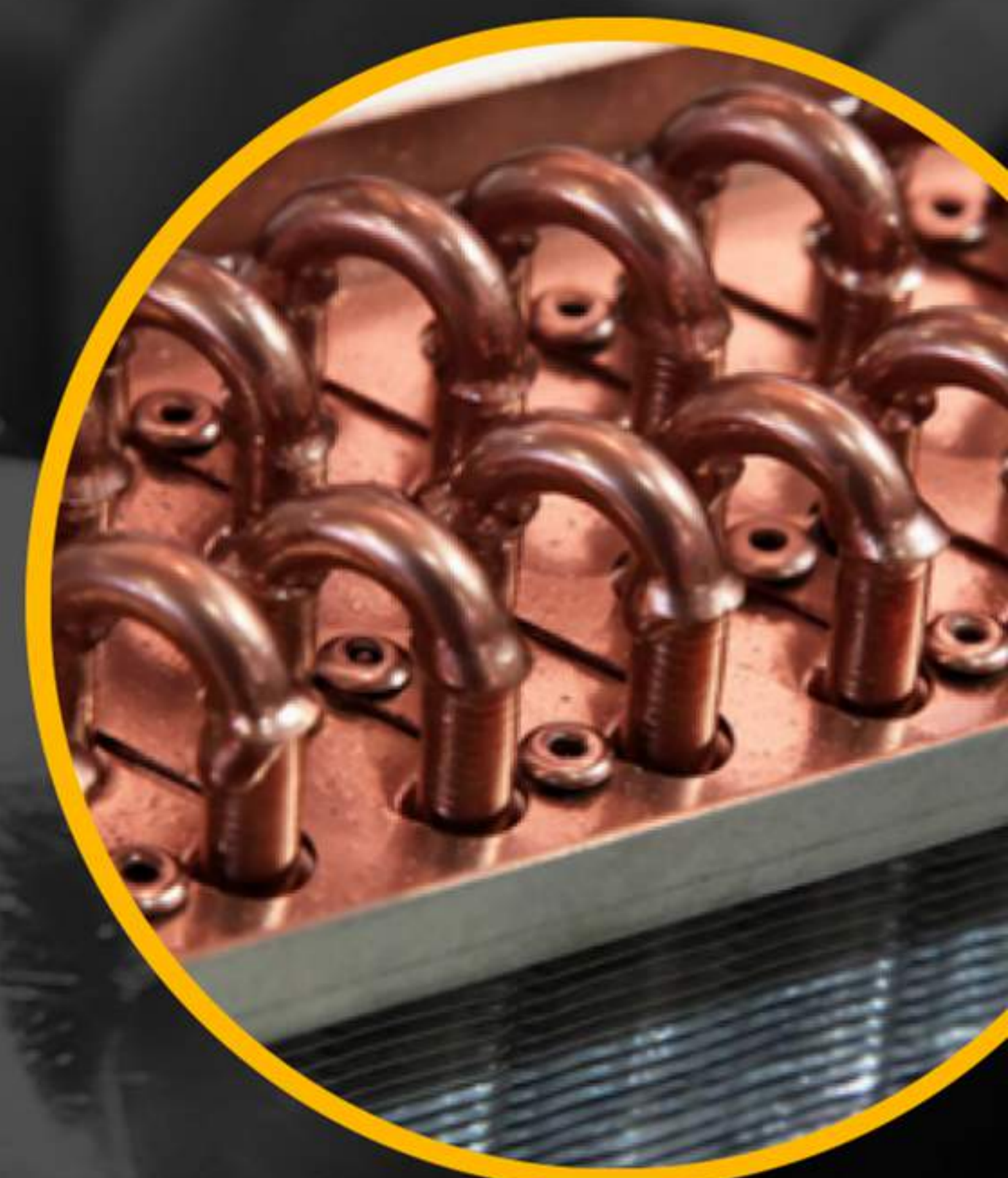
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

A commercial update ahead of today's game...

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Attis Arena for today's game, which is a massive game for both teams, and will see the club break the attendance record for the Vanarama National League North.

It's been a monumental effort to get the game to the stage it's at. To crack the 7,000 tickets sold barrier on Friday afternoon is incredible, and a testament to the supporters of both teams to get behind what we were trying to achieve.

The added crowd provides a massive boost for our sponsors' exposure, as they have a doubled crowd in attendance.

We welcome Lee and Charlotte Collinson as today's match sponsors. Both are fantastic supporters of the Iron, and attend virtually every match here at the Attis Arena. Both regularly sponsor either games, player kit, and more, and can often be found dining in the Jackson Stapleton Accountants Restaurant prior to a game.

Formerly an Associate Director at the club, Lee resigned in 2013, but has been seen as an avid fan at the club, along with daughter Charlotte, ever since.

More tremendous supporters of the club - Charles and Liz Bratton - are today's matchball sponsors.

Long time supporters, shareholders, season ticket holders and sponsors of matchballs and players kits, Charles has been watching the Iron for 68 years, while Liz has been in attendance for 40 years.

Having lived and worked in Bradford for 37 years, this has not detracted from the duo attending United games,

LEE AND CHARLOTTE COLLINSON



CHARLES AND LIZ BRATTON

supporting the club and having season tickets throughout their working life.

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Finally, we welcome Jack Tighe as our digital programme sponsors this afternoon. Jack Tighe established the company

1954, following a successful cycling career in which he represented his country on the track and was selected for the Olympic Games. The business began with Jack and an apprentice; they have since grown into one of the largest painting contractors in the UK.

Their Head Office is located on Foxhills Industrial Estate in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

As always, we're always looking for new commercial partners and sponsors. Email glyn.sparks@scunthorpe-united.co.uk for more details.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

A look at today's birthday messages!

- Happy 40th birthday to Chris. Love from Fiona, Kieran, Callum and Louie.
- Happy 80th birthday to Geoff Gadie, one of the Directors here. From all at Scunthorpe United.
- Happy 60th birthday to Hamish Laird! From Paddy, Suddy and Tom!
- Wayne Barley; happy birthday pal! From all your family and friends!
- Happy 75th birthday Kieth Willis! Love from all your family!

Want a birthday message in our digital programme? From just £20, you can get a message read out on the PA, a message on the digital scoreboard and programme.



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ONLINE SHOP

An update from the retail section of our club, as we look ahead to 2024 as the shop goes from strength-to-strength...

The shop, both in-store and online continues to thrive, with thanks to the Merch Labs and Debug Labs, who offer a prominent and effective service.

March is now upon us, and so is Community Day, behind the scenes the team have been working hard to ensure that the club shop stocked to cope with the hopeful record breaking attendance.

Post-Chester we are looking forward to introducing a few items (by popular demand) as well as providing a some old favourites with a new twist.

We are delighted that the Danny Boy vodka has been selling well in the club shop and we thank The Potions Cauldron for design, producing and fullfilling this fantastic item.

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Good luck to the Iron as they look for three points in what will be a fantastic occasion in front of a new record crowd for the division!

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH COUNTY AND WOMBWELL

Historian John Staff continues his 100-year rewind, looking back at 1923-24

A century ago, the merry month of March had arrived, and with it, the gusting winds of the lion that roars in at this time of the year, as winter is thankfully thinking of retreating back to the frozen North.

The first week of March 1924 was particularly windy, and had a cold edge to it. Chimney pots around the expanding steelworks town had smoke being blown away at right angles by the strength of the wind. Grit from the works was always in the air, and many a red eye was caused by some flying grit from this direction.

At his office, within the bowls of the Old Show Ground, Harry Allcock, United diligent secretary, would have peered through the top of his horn rimmed glasses and looked at a piles of money, bagged in copper, three-penny bits, and silver, that was in denominations of sixpences, shillings, two shillings, and half crowns. It was the takings from last Saturday's gate, against Gainsborough Trinity. Harry was a devout Methodist, and a curse never left his lips, but his mutterings said that there was not the usual mountain of cash, following a Gainsborough derby encounter. The truth was that many folks kept away from the Old Show Ground because of that howling gale.

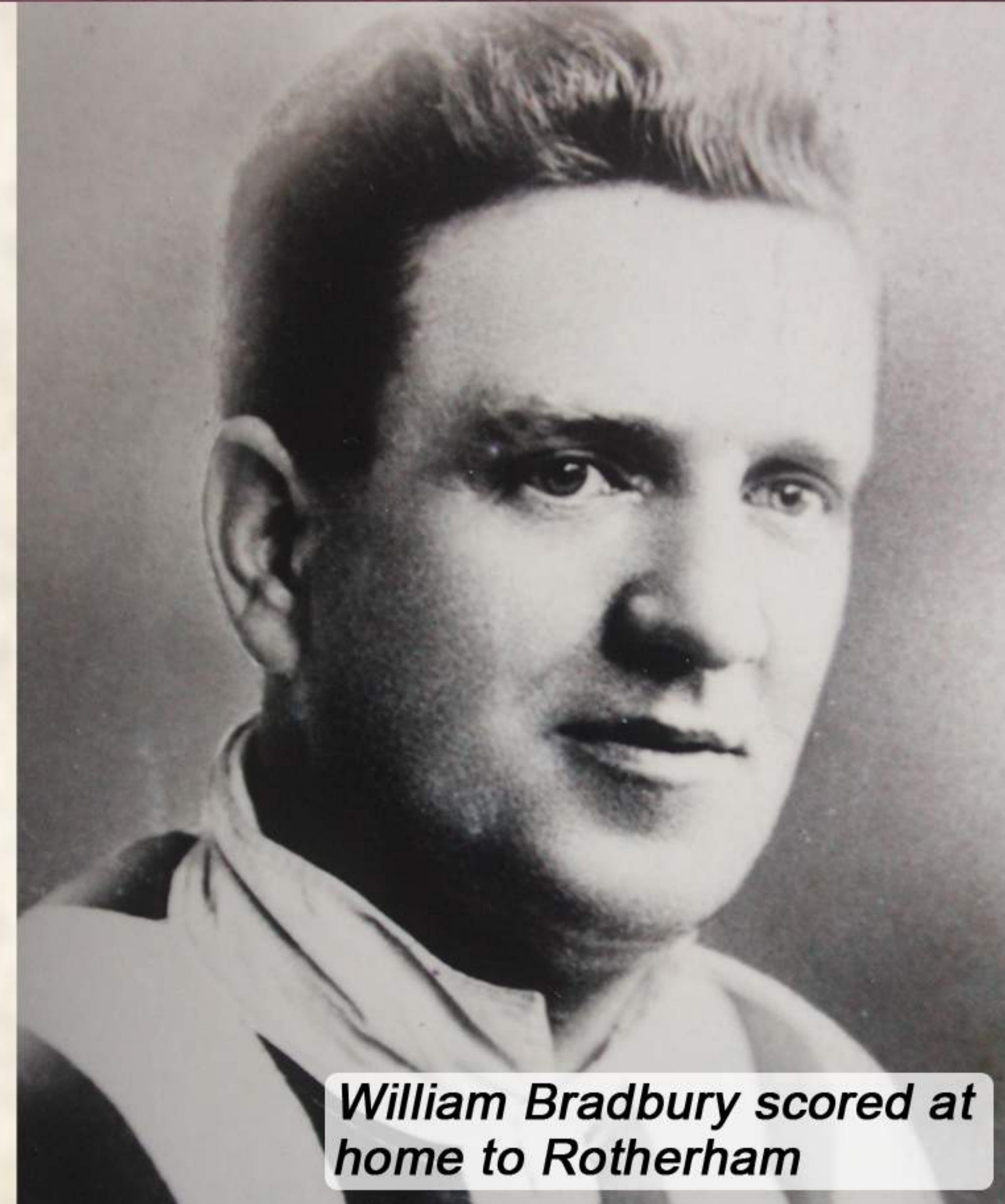
The last seven days had been a busy time for Scunthorpe United, as two Saturday games were a sandwich to an away visit on the Monday. The first match was against a plucky Wath Athletic, whose defence doggedly fought to reduce the Nuts to a single goal, without reply. On the following Monday, the Nuts lined up at Denaby, and became the Yorkshire club's twelfth victim. The 5-1 reverse amounted to a thick

ear for the steelworker's team, and the Nuts could have no complaints. Then, on the first day of the month was the much anticipated visit of the Gainsborough Blue Boy to the Old Show Ground. Despite the racy conditions and disappointing attendance, United had a brilliant first half and stole the precious points. A 3-0 score line was all due to the smart thinking of centre forward Raby, who was having a brilliant season in punting the ball into the opponents net.

During the next five days, Scunthorpe United had a pair of fixtures with Rotherham County Reserves. The first of these was at the Millmoor Ground, which, although abandoned by the present Rotherham United, still languishes at the side of the Doncaster to Sheffield railway line today, as a monument to memories of great football times. United assembled, on March 8th 1924, represented by the following team: Reynolds, goalkeeper, Bradbury and Franklin, fullbacks;



Burkinshaw on the mark at County



William Bradbury scored at home to Rotherham

Skull, Ashmore and Millson, halfbacks, Broskom, Burkinshaw, Raby, Green and Foster, forwards. The notable absence being Kitchen for the first time, through having influenza.

The weather at Rotherham over the past week had been pretty wet and miserable, and had taken its toll on the Millmoor pitch, which resembled a ploughed field. It was to make neat soccer impossible, and during the first forty five minutes it was the defenders of both teams that had their say first. At the interval no side had registered. In the second half it was Wild who gave County the lead, but knew little about it, as the ball entered the net via his back! It was not until the dying moments of the match that a deserved equaliser came for the Nuts, from an accurate shot from Burkinshaw, but Raby, with several smart efforts close to scoring, was the pick of forwards. 1-1 was the final score.

On the following Thursday, Rotherham County Reserves knocked on the gate at the Show Ground, and asked if they



Johnnnny Wogin made a welcome return, in goal

Scunny, and this was to play a part, on thirty minutes, for the only goal of another tight encounter. This arrived with the referee's silver pocket watch showing thirty minutes, and came from an unlikely source. Bradbury, United's right fullback must have felt like he was having a nose bleed after venturing so far up the field. Nonetheless, he just gave the ball a punt, and blinded by the bright sun in his eyes, the County Reserves keeper made a complete mess of catching the ball, and it drop behind him, into the gaping net. Thus it was three out of four points from the two close ties.

Thankfully, Harry Allcock did not need to get the maps out for the next match, two days later, on Saturday March 15th 1924, because the Natty Nuts were at home again, on this occasion Wombwell were the Midland League visitors. However, Reynolds was indisposed, and replaced by the popular, and experienced John Wogin in the goalkeeper's green jersey, while Kitchen was again fit, and took over from Burkinshaw. Retford and Talbot were two former Nuts in the opposition team.

Unfortunately, money was a little bit tight in the pockets of the Scunthorpe public, and only a small attendance was scattered around the Show Ground perimeter fences, at kick-off time. It cannot be said if Wombwell had played in mid-week, but there certainly appeared to be some heavy legs in the home team.

As a spectacle, the climax of the first forty five minutes was the thought of a hot Bovril, not the entertainment. The stars of the Scunthorpe eleven were in the first six numbered shirts, where John Wogin was a safe pair of hands in goal. The forwards were very much off colour, and off target.

Nil to nil at the break, but then came the solitary moment of joy for home fanatics. A shuffled forward line found Broskom hitting the cross bar, but Raby pounced on the rebound to score. 1-0 was a good result after a disappointing match.

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OUR VISITORS TODAY

We take a look at this afternoon's opponents, first starting with their brief history of how they got to where they are today...



A BRIEF HISTORY

2010 will undoubtedly go down in the record books as one of the most momentous years in the history of football in Chester for both the wrong and the right reasons, thankfully with the latter being the most significant.

Senior football had been played in the City for 125 years, a feat that was celebrated by fans at a packed event in June, but the year had started with the former club failing to fulfil a fixture and ultimately being expelled from the Football Conference. The final nail in the coffin arrived in March with the company being wound up in the High Courts following an action brought by HM Revenues and Customs. In many ways this was a relief, something akin to a wounded animal finally being put down.

Football in the City it seemed was dead but several months earlier fans had been making preparations for such an eventuality, coming together under the banner of City Fans United and their efforts were rewarded when, on May 21st Chester Football Club was officially reborn.

The local Council granted the lease of the former club's ground, the Deva Stadium, to the new club and the management team of Neil Young and Gary Jones was appointed. Seven days later the first five players were signed.

The side would achieve back-to-back promotions and, having given the fans near heart failure in that first season the management and players decided to make things a little easier second time around with not only another promotion but a title secured in front of a crowd of 5,000 plus on Easter Monday with three games to spare! With 100 points gained 102 goals scored and only 29 conceded over another incredible season the journey continued.

Life in the Conference North would be a much tougher proposition but again the management team and players worked wonders. Victory against Boston United on April 6th confirmed the club as Champions with four games still to play and with it the honour of being the first club in English football history to achieve three successive promotions. The statistics were again phenomenal as the league record books were

were rewritten – most wins (33), fewest defeats (3), most points (107), most goals scored (103), best goal difference (+71) and also the longest unbeaten run (30 games).

It was a different story in the following season, with the side relegated out of the league at the death, only to be reinstated weeks later due to an expulsion.

The side staved off relegation until 2017-18 when they were sent down to the National League North, with COVID-19 curtailing a decent start three years later as they looked to mount a return.

Calum McIntyre took charge after an extremely impressive spell in charge of Runcorn Linnets. His first season in charge saw the Blues finish in third place in the table, before being beaten in the play-off semi-finals by Brackley Town.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 2010

NICKNAME: The Seals

GROUND: The Deva Stadium

CAPACITY: 5,400

CHAIRMAN: Wayne Bradley

MANAGER: Kieran Shiel

2022-23 STANDING: 3rd in NLN



MANAGER

Calum McIntyre

Calum was appointed as Chester FC Manager in May 2022, their seventh permanent managerial appointment since reformation. McIntyre was the club's full-time Academy Head Coach since 2016 until his appointment, and has also performed a variety of roles across the first team coaching staff – being involved in over 140 first team fixtures under three different management teams. It was in June 2020, when he took his first step into permanent senior management with Northern Premier Division One (West) side Runcorn Linnets.

GOALKEEPER

1. Wyll Stanway

Wyll joined the Blues in January 2022. The stopper arrived at the Deva Stadium from Lancaster City. Stanway started that season at Holker Old Boys, keeping six clean sheets in 12 appearances, before making the step up to the Northern Premier League side. He made 11 appearances Chester FC during 2021-22. Stanway started each of the final five games of the campaign and kept four clean sheets in the process. Wyll spent the 2022-23 campaign out on loan at three different clubs, the latter of which seeing him win Championship gold with Macclesfield.

DEFENDERS

3. Joel Taylor

He made his return to Chester FC in May 2023. The left-back was a hugely popular figure at the Deva in his first spell. Taylor initially arrived down CH1 in the summer of 2019 and had a crucial impact in his only full campaign with the club – being named CFU Player of the Season for 2019-20 and was also selected in the Vanarama National League North Team of the Season. Joel made 48 appearances before moving up a division to sign for Chesterfield.

ONE TO WATCH!!!

10. Elliott Whitehouse

Age: 30

Nationality: English

Position: Midfielder

Elliott Whitehouse made his stay at Chester FC a permanent one in June 2023. The midfielder's loan spell from Scunthorpe United at the back end of the 2022-23 campaign was short – making just seven appearances – but his impact was a hugely successful one.

Whitehouse scored three times as the Blues finished third in the National League North and his presence was a positive one both on and off the field. Following his departure from the Iron, Calum McIntyre was quick to approach Elliott and sign him up for the 2023-24 season.

Previously in his career, he's played for the likes of Sheffield United, York City, Alfreton Town, Lincoln City and Grimsby Town, also representing England "C" on two occasions, scoring once. While with the Imps, he helped them to promotion and scored the only goal, winning the EFL Trophy in 2018.

4. Declan Weeks

Joined in September 2020 following three seasons at Kidderminster. He made 93 appearances while at Aggborough, scoring six goals and contributing an impressive haul of 18 assists from the centre of the park. The former Welsh Under-21 international began his career at Wolves.

5. Harrison Burke

Highly-rated centre back Harrison signed his first senior contract with Chester FC in October 2020. Burke's rise was meteoric in 2021-22, impressing in the first half of the campaign on loan at Clitheroe, before returning to the Blues to make 19 appearances – with his first goal for the club being named Goal of the Season.

6. Matty Williams

A central defender that is comfortable on the ball, Williams signed a professional deal with Accrington Stanley back in 2019 and had separate loan spells with Lancaster City. Following a successful time at the Blues during a Trial Event, he signed for the club in June 2021.

23. Kieran Coates

Right sided defender Kieran first put pen to paper at the Deva in August 2022, having left Championship side Stoke City in the summer. Coates had also spent time on loan at SSE Airtricity League First Division side Cork City.

33. Liam Edwards

Edwards arrived from EFL League One side Bolton Wanderers, having impressed on loan during 2021-22 in the National League North with Southport – his second spell on a temporary basis with the Sandgrounders.

MIDFIELDERS

8. George Glendon

George arrived at the Deva Stadium initially on a short-term basis in August 2019. He made his debut

in the loss at Spennymoor but impressed in his first four games. It was then announced Glendon had signed up for the immediate future with the club, despite interest higher up the pyramid. Glendon started his career at Manchester City and Captained their Elite Development Squad – as well as playing for England at Under 16 and Under 17's level. The talented central midfielder is now into his fourth season as the Club Captain.

19. Reece Daly

Exciting young midfielder Reece signed his first senior deal with Chester on his 18th Birthday in January 2023. Daly joined the club at the age of 16 and caught the eye throughout the U18's FA Youth Cup run in 2022-23 from Extra Preliminary Round to Second Round Proper – scoring five goals in seven matches.

FORWARDS

9. Charlie Caton

Charlie put pen to paper on a two-year deal with the Blues in May 2023. Caton first arrived at Chester on loan from Shrewsbury Town in November 2022. He would

go on to spend the remainder of the campaign with the club, impressively contributing seven goals and seven assists in 26 league appearances.

11. Adam Thomas

Adam joined the Blues in May 2022 and was Manager Calum McIntyre's first new signing. The Liverpool-based wide man is a National League North winner with Stockport County back in 2018-19, before moving on to Curzon last summer from the Hatters. Thomas made 28 league appearances in 2021-22, scoring six goals, including a brace in the Nash's 3-0 win over the Blues back in August 2021 at the Deva. Thomas scored seven goals in 13 league starts for the Blues last term, making a total of 35 appearances across the season.

20. Iwan Murray

Welshman Iwan returned to Chester in the summer of 2022, having graduated from the Blues Youth Academy back in 2018. Iwan made ten starts at the Deva in his two seasons, scoring three goals.

CHESTER'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD24 - Chester 0-1 Buxton
 MD25 - Chester 2-0 Bishop's Stortford
 MD26 - Chorley 0-2 Chester
 MD27 - King's Lynn Town 0-0 Chester
 MD28 - Chester 1-1 Banbury United
 MD29 - Peterborough Sports 1-1 Chester
 MD30 - Chester 3-0 Scarborough Athletic
 MD31 - Farsley Celtic 1-2 Chester
 MD32 - Hereford 1-1 Chester
 MD33 - Chester 1-1 Spennymoor Town

The Seals come into the encounter as one of the in-form sides in the league, having not lost in their last nine games.

That was a 1-0 home defeat against Buxton, with the side registering four wins and five draws in their last nine, convincingly beating third-placed Chorley away from home, seeing off other play-off hopefuls Scarborough Athletic 3-0 on home soil.

Amongst the draws, they've been held by Peterborough Sports and Hereford, current occupying fourth place on 59 points, just six behind the Iron, although having played a game more.

Consistent all season, particularly at home, their only blip this campaign came during six away games in a row in all competitions.

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We get the latest from the Iron Trust and Irish Iron...

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Many of us more mature supporters still fondly remember winning promotion from the old Fourth Division in 1982-83 at the old Sealand Road ground.

The new look Iron Trust board meet this coming Wednesday 6th at the Berkeley Hotel, with another full agenda promised including electing a secretary in waiting to take over from 'Mr Iron Trust' himself John Needham. We are planning a transition period for a thorough handover.

We will also be discussing the position of co-opted board members with one firm expression of interest currently. Should any other member be interested please get in touch as we can co-opt up to five people.

Membership continues to rise and at the 1000 mark, one member and their guest will be wined and dined at our expense at a home game of their choosing. Selection via random draw with odds of 999 -1; it's a bargain!

Shares in the club, which can be purchased on a pay now, receive later basis has attracted nearly many enquiries as fans want to buy into their club. Each share is worth £20 with a minimum purchase of five shares.

Fans need not worry if the £100 is a little steep at the moment as the Iron Trust has pledged all new lifetime membership fees will go directly to purchasing shares and increasing the Trusts current £9000 investment. Fans can also donate money to the Trust which will also go towards shares.

Last Sunday at Broughton saw good gathering of Trust members both playing in and watching a charity football match to raise funds for the Maw family whose 6 year old daughter Evie has a brain tumour. The match featuring Iron Hour Podcast v Kirton over 30's ended in a 6-2 win for the Podcast team with Trust board member Bryn Gosling picking up the man of the match award. Well done to all.

Don't forget to read the Iron Trust newsletter which goes out on the eve of home games, written by secretary Needers. It is an informative read with plenty of news on other clubs and their own trials and tribulations on the financial rollercoaster of football finance.

Up the mighty Iron!



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As always, every penny raised by Irish Iron as proceeds is returned to the football club as sponsorship, including player kit sponsorship, with the kit then raffled off to one of the members in the given season.

Head to the Iron's club shop to see the full range, with clothing available, along with limited edition items of which there are only a handful of quantities left. A number have the unity crest badge, which is desirable among a number of supporters.

Membership for the 2023-24 season is also available at £10 per person, plus postage and packing, if required. Members will receive an enamel badge, phone popper, membership card, plus entry into the raffles.

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MATCH REVIEW

Dylan Stephenson, 46', 80'

2-1

Dion Sembie-Ferris, 66'



ATTENDANCE: 2,101 (134 away)



SOUTH SHIELDS

- 1 Boney
- 5 Morse
- 6 Smith
- 7 Heaney
- 8 Briggs
- 9 Blackett
- 10 Woods
- 16 Hunter
- 17 Jenkins
- 33 Broadbent
- 35 Stephenson

SUBSTITUTES

- 18 Gomes
- 23 Martin
- 25 Abbey (for Smith, 45)
- 27 Clarke (for Woods, 85)
- 34 Sloan

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 9 Elliott
- 12 McAlinden
- 15 Pugh
- 20 Scales
- 27 Sembie-Ferris
- 33 Denton

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
- 4 Kouogun
- 19 Butterfield (for Pugh, 72)
- 21 Clarke (for Clunan, 84)
- 49 Whitehall (for McAlinden, 84)



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MATCH REVIEW

1-0

Will Evans, 90+5'

ATTENDANCE: 3,419 (115 away)



IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 9 Elliott
- 12 McAlinden
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 27 Sembie-Ferris
- 33 Denton

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
- 8 Beestin
(for Clunan, 66)
- 15 Pugh
- (for Ogle, 80)
- 44 Barrows
- 49 Whitehall
(for Elliott, 45)

ALFRETON

- 1 Willis
- 4 Lund
- 5 Digie
- 6 Wiley
- 7 Thewlis
- 8 Cantrill
- 10 Waldock
- 12 Perritt
- 22 Fewster
- 23 Newall
- 24 McDonagh

SUBSTITUTES

- 13 Askew
- 2 Clackstone
- 9 Day
(for Lund, 90+6)
- 11 Salmon
(for Thewlis, 84)
- 14 Brisley



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AUGUST							
Sat 5	W2-1	Tamworth	8	Matthew McQuillan	2063 (750 away)	Curley (og - 45+5'), Whitehall (71')	Fitzsimons
Sat 12	D1-1	Peterborough Sports	8	Declan Brown	3380 (52 away)	Butterfield (50')	Fitzsimons
Tue 15	W4-0	Darlington	1	Richard Eley	3392 (339 away)	Whitehall (26', 41), Beestin (78'), Sembie-Ferris (90+3')	Fitzsimons,
Sat 19	W3-0	Rushall Olympic	1	Lee Hible	937 (559 away)	Beestin (11'), Whitehall (85'), Denton (88')	Fitzsimons
Sat 26	L0-1	Curzon Ashton	2	Niall Smith	868 (635 away)		Fitzsimons
Mon 28	W4-1	Scarborough Athletic	1	Liam Corbett	4860 (640 away)	Shrimpton (18'), Wilson (31'), Elliott (pen, 60'), Mulhern (og, 71')	Fitzsimons
SEPTEMBER							
Sat 2	D2-2	Alfreton Town	2	Oliver Mackey	1324 (855 away)	Whitehall (31'), Elliott (41')	Fitzsimons
Tue 5	W3-1	South Shields	1	Jack Hall	3477 (166 away)	Scales (7'), Elliott (17'), Whitehall (pen, 85')	Fitzsimons
Sat 9	A-A	Buxton	2	James Bancroft	3661 (170 away)	Bennett (82')	Fitzsimons
Sat 16	D0-0	Brackley Town	FAC	Alex Sawden	1909 (26 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 19	L1-3	Brackley Town	FAC	Dean Skipper	471 (100 away)	Elliott (25')	Fitzsimons
Sat 23	D1-1	Chorley	4	George Laflin	1711 (403 away)	Elliott (44')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	L0-3	Buxton	4	Ben Robinson	3077 (78 away)		Fitzsimons
OCTOBER							
Sat 7	W1-0	Brackley Town	4	Oliver Mackey	5063 (46 away)	Butterfield (60')	Fitzsimons
Sat 21	L0-2	Chester	5	William Davis	2676 (363 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 24	W6-0	Spennymoor Town	3	Harry Jones	3135 (114 away)	Smith (5', 7'), Denton (40'), Law (54'), Butterfield (62'), Whitehall (81')	Fitzsimons
Sat 28	W6-1	Bishop's Stortford	2	Oliver Noonan	3610 (33 away)	Smith (8'), Ogle (30'), Evans (39'), Denton (64'), Whitehall (75', pen, 90+7')	Fitzsimons
Tue 31	D1-1	Boston United	3	Michael Robertson-Tant	2178 (570 away)	Smith (75')	Fitzsimons
NOVEMBER							
Tue 7	W2-0	Banbury United	3	Liam Corbett	913 (215 away)	Butterfield (7'), Smith (39')	Fitzsimons
Sat 11	W2-0	Gloucester City	1	Helen Conley	4195 (35 away)	Butterfield (18'), Whitehall (pen, 51')	Fitzsimons
Tue 14	L1-3	King's Lynn Town	3	Josh Crofts	1140 (223 away)	Boyce (15')	Fitzsimons
Sat 18	W2-0	Darlington	FAT	Nicholas Dunn	1977 (148 away)	Smith (8'), Butterfield (27')	Fitzsimons
Tue 21	W1-0	Southport	2	Luis Griffiths	3035 (72 away)	Kouogun (72')	Fitzsimons
Sat 25	W1-0	Warrington Town	2	Alex Sawden	3527 (160 away)	Roberts (53')	Fitzsimons
DECEMBER							
Sat 2	W5-1	Hereford	1	Isaac Searle	2870 (217 away)	Whitehall (12'), Kelly (17'), Butterfield (43, 45+3'), Roberts (88')	Fitzsimons
Fri 8	L0-2	Solihull Moors	FAT	Dean Watson	1899 (29 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 16	W3-0	Chorley	1	Dane McCarrick	3281 (101 away)	Whitehall (pen, 25', 63), Smith (52')	Fitzsimons
Sat 23	D0-0	Buxton	1	Shaun Taylor	1245 (529 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 26	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	Declan Brown	4468 (58 away)	Law (52'), Whitehall (62')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	W2-0	Farsley Celtic	1	George Warren	2333 (1800 away)	Evans (19'), Shrimpton (84')	Fitzsimons
JANUARY							
Sat 6	D2-2	Boston United	2	Thomas Wilson	4672 (563 away)	Elliott (pen, 10', 42')	Fitzsimons
Sat 13	L0-2	Brackley Town	2	Jonathan Maskrey	1008 (256 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 27	W1-0	Peterborough Sports	2	Neil Pratt	880 (600 away)	Roberts (17')	Fitzsimons
Tue 30	L0-1	Tamworth	2	Gareth Thomas	5277 (249 away)		Fitzsimons
FEBRUARY							
Sat 3	W2-0	Rushall Olympic	2	Harry Jones	3285 (27 away)	Elliott (90'), Sembie-Ferris (90+7')	Fitzsimons
Tue 6	D1-1	Blyth Spartans	2	Thomas Wilson	810 (190 away)	Elliott (79')	Fitzsimons
Sat 10	L0-1	Curzon Ashton	2	Elliot Bell	3519 (87 away)		Fitzsimons
Sat 17	D0-0	Scarborough Athletic	2	Oliver Mackey	2608 (600 away)		Fitzsimons
Tue 20	L1-2	South Shields	2	Lee Hible	2101 (134 away)	Sembie-Ferris (66')	Fitzsimons
Sat 24	W1-0	Alfreton Town	2	Liam Corbett	3419 (115 away)	Evans (90+5')	Fitzsimons
MARCH							
Sat 2	3.00	Chester					
Tue 5	7.45	Darlington					
Sat 9	3.00	Bishop's Stortford					
Tue 12	7.45	Spennymoor Town					
Sat 16	3.00	Banbury United					
Sat 23	3.00	Warrington Town					
Fri 29	3.00	King's Lynn Town					
APRIL							
Mon 1	3.00	Southport					
Sat 6	3.00	Hereford					
Sat 13	3.00	Blyth Spartans					
Sat 20	3.00	Gloucester City					

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ON THIS DAY: MARCH 2ND

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	11	4	2	5	15	15
<i>home only</i>	5	3	2	0	12	6

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- The Iron scored a 90th minute winner for the second time in three weeks. Their previous two occasions were back in December 2020 and November 2017.
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#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Tamworth	36	13	2	3	10	4	4	23	6	7	57	20	37	75
2	Scunthorpe United	35	13	2	3	6	6	5	19	8	8	61	28	33	65
3	Chorley	34	12	3	3	5	5	6	17	8	9	58	38	20	59
4	Chester	36	11	4	3	5	7	6	16	11	9	45	26	19	59
5	Brackley Town	36	11	3	4	6	5	7	17	8	11	45	33	12	59
6	Alfreton Town	35	10	5	3	6	4	7	16	9	10	57	41	16	57
7	Boston United	36	11	3	4	4	8	6	15	11	10	48	37	11	56
8	Hereford	35	10	4	4	6	3	8	16	7	12	44	47	-3	55
9	Curzon Ashton	36	7	3	8	8	6	4	15	9	12	46	42	4	54
10	Scarborough Athletic	36	11	5	2	5	1	12	16	6	14	44	42	2	54
11	South Shields	35	10	3	5	5	5	7	15	8	12	56	43	13	53
12	Warrington Town	35	7	6	4	7	4	7	14	10	11	51	43	8	52
13	Buxton	35	6	7	5	7	1	9	13	8	14	52	46	6	47
14	Peterborough Sports	34	6	4	6	7	4	7	13	8	13	45	46	-1	47
15	Spennymoor Town	34	6	4	6	7	3	8	13	7	14	48	51	-3	46
16	Farsley Celtic	35	6	6	6	5	6	6	11	12	12	32	40	-8	45
17	Blyth Spartans	35	6	6	5	5	4	9	11	10	14	51	53	-2	43
18	Rushall Olympic	34	5	5	7	5	3	9	10	8	16	47	56	-9	38
19	Southport	34	5	2	10	6	3	8	11	5	18	38	63	-25	38
20	King's Lynn Town	35	3	7	7	5	6	7	8	13	14	40	54	-14	37
21	Banbury United	33	4	4	8	6	3	8	10	7	16	30	53	-23	37
22	Darlington	35	3	7	7	6	0	12	9	7	19	31	60	-29	34
23	Gloucester City	36	6	3	9	2	5	11	8	8	20	39	59	-20	32
24	Bishop's Stortford	33	4	0	13	1	2	13	5	2	26	29	73	-44	17



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as March 1st, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Paul Blackett	South Shields	21	6	Justin Johnson	Chorley	12
2	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	16	7	Kyle Finn	Tamworth	12
3	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	14	8	Harry Green	Scarborough Ath	11
4	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	14	9	Jason Cowley	Hereford	11
5	Isaac Buckley-Ricketts	Warrington Town	14	10	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	11


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ROLL CALL

Iron players' competitive appearances...

		LEAGUE ONLY			ALL COMPETITIONS	
		2023-24 IRON APPS	2023-24 IRON GOALS	2023-24 IRON MINS	IRON APPS	IRON GOALS
1	Ross FITZSIMONS	35 (0)	16	3150	39 (0)	14
2	Reagan OGLE	28 (0)	1	3515	66 (0)	1
3	Michael KELLY	6 (14)	1	697	10 (14)	1
4	Max KOUOGUN	17 (0)	1	1447	20 (0)	1
5	Will EVANS	33 (0)	2	2907	37 (0)	2
6	Andrew BOYCE	20 (3)	1	1847	90 (11)	4
7	Michael CLUNAN	26 (0)	0	2220	28 (0)	0
8	Alfie BEESTIN	8 (5)	2	818	102 (33)	9
9	Danny ELLIOTT	18 (12)	8	1620	29 (19)	11
10	Callum ROBERTS	6 (5)	3	619	7 (5)	3
11	Cameron WILSON	12 (12)	1	1202	39 (34)	7
12	Liam McALINDEN	3 (0)	0	264	3 (0)	0
13	Maison CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
15	Tom PUGH	3 (7)	0	278	45 (29)	0
19	Jacob BUTTERFIELD	29 (3)	7	2418	73 (5)	12
20	Kian SCALES	34 (0)	1	2912	36 (0)	1
21	Flynn CLARKE	0 (1)	0	6	0 (1)	0
24	Dylan YOUMBI	0 (1)	0	23	0 (1)	0
26	Jason LAW	12 (3)	2	913	12 (4)	2
27	Dion SEMBIE-FERRIS	7 (5)	2	683	12 (9)	2
33	Tyler DENTON	33 (1)	3	2897	36 (2)	3
44	Ross BARROWS	5 (5)	0	539	6 (5)	0
49	Danny WHITEHALL	26 (6)	14	2238	29 (6)	14
	OWN GOALS		2			

Players out on loan

Marcus	CARVER	0 (0)	0	0	9 (11)	0
14	Richie BENNETT	2 (1)	0	151	11 (3)	1
17	Harrison POULTER	0 (0)	0	0	0 (8)	0
18	Josh ROBERTSON	0 (0)	0	0	0 (2)	0
22	Fin SHRIMPTON	5 (11)	2	664	25 (13)	2

Players no longer at the club

21	Connor SMITH	12 (4)	6	1093	14 (5)	7
23	Jack JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0

*Note that for goalkeepers in green, their clean sheet figures are denoted instead of goals.

^ Abandoned game v Buxton - stats not included as result expunged

IT'S AN IRON STAT!

The Iron have kept nine clean sheets in their last 13 home games in the league, conceding only five goals during this time.

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ON THE ROAD SPENNYMOOR TOWN

TUESDAY. MARCH 12TH - 7.45PM

The Iron are set to travel to face National League North survival hopefuls Spennymoor Town, with Scunthorpe travelling for their third consecutive Tuesday night encounter in the north-east with prior fixtures coming against South Shields and Darlington

The encounter against the Moors will be the second ever encounter between the two sides with the only previous fixture being the reverse back in late October when United ran out rampant 6-0 victors' courtesy of a fantastic team display. Since that tie Spennymoor have been on a constant downward trajectory despite a recent upturn in form since the appointment of former Marske United boss Graeme Lee.

THE STADIUM

Spennymoor play their football at the Brewery Field stadium that holds a capacity of 3000 supporters (of which 742 are seated), the Moors have a small but dedicated fanbase that have seen their club win the FA Vase in recent years throughout their recent surge up the pyramid.

Following the original formation of Spennymoor United AFC in 1904 the club found itself abolished after the demise of both themselves and Evenwood Town FC, this resulted in a partnership between the sides from which Spennymoor Town was created in 2005. Throughout this time the Moors negotiated the use of former home of Tudhoe Rugby Club, Brewery Field as the club's new stadium where they have remained ever since.

BY CAR

A 115-mile drive from Glanford Park, Brewery field is an estimated 1 hour and 55 minutes away when travelling by car.

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> Take M180, M62 and A1(M) to A689 in County Durham. Take exit 60 from A1(M).

> Continue on A689, take A167, B6288 and Durham Rd to Wood Vue in Spennymoor.

CAR PARKING

There is no parking available for visiting supporters at the ground, however there is large amount of

street parking around the ground along with the nearby Town centre parks where parking is available throughout the day.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL

Away fans are heavily advised to take means of alternative travel or to car share with any fellow fans that are attending as a result of the parking situation mentioned above.

There is no train station in Spennymoor with the nearest station being the Durham railway station which is located just over 6 miles away. You can take either a taxi or a bus from the station from the Durham bus station along Durham Road, past the Spennymoor ground.

FACILITIES

For fans there is a clubhouse at The Neil Adams Sports Bar located In the Durham Road End of the ground welcomes visiting supporters, as well as being family friendly.

A few minutes away from the ground along Durham Road there is the Moors Tavern which is a community pub that shares an affiliation with the football club.



COMING SOON

A look at the Iron's next home game...

BANBURY UNITED

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron will be back at the Attis Arena in two weeks time, hosting Banbury United in what will be another side visiting North Lincolnshire for the very first time.

As both teams head onto the home stretch for the season, the Iron will be looking to gain some real momentum for the final month of the season to put pressure on league leaders Tamworth and fend off the competition from behind.

Scunthorpe put on one of their performances of the season in the reverse fixture, coming away with a more than convincing 2-0 win on the night.

Banbury are currently occupying the final relegation spot in 21st following a heavy defeat against Peterborough Sports in midweek as they went down to 10 players early on. It signified their third loss on the bounce, as they plummet down the division due to the tightness between teams in terms of points.

To put that into context, they are 21st with 37 points from 33 games played. There are four teams within a point, meaning they could climb as high as 18th if results went their way.

The side have had positive spells in the season, and beat today's opponents on home soil back in August. They've also turned over Boston United and league leaders Tamworth on their travels, and have picked up points in games where the Iron haven't this season, including taking all three points at King's Lynn Town.

TICKET NEWS

PAY ON THE DAY: Supporters can pay on the day by purchasing online, by visiting the ticket office with payment by card or by contactless (in the Vertical Stand) or matchday ticket booth (in the corner between the Britcon and Mortz Stands).

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NEXT UP ON THE ROAD
DARLINGTON TUE 5 MAR KO 7.45PM

NEXT UP AT HOME
BANBURY UNITED SAT 16 MAR KO 3.00PM

YOUR MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: LUIS GRIFFITHS

ASSISTANTS: MARTIN CHESTER

IAN RUDDOCK