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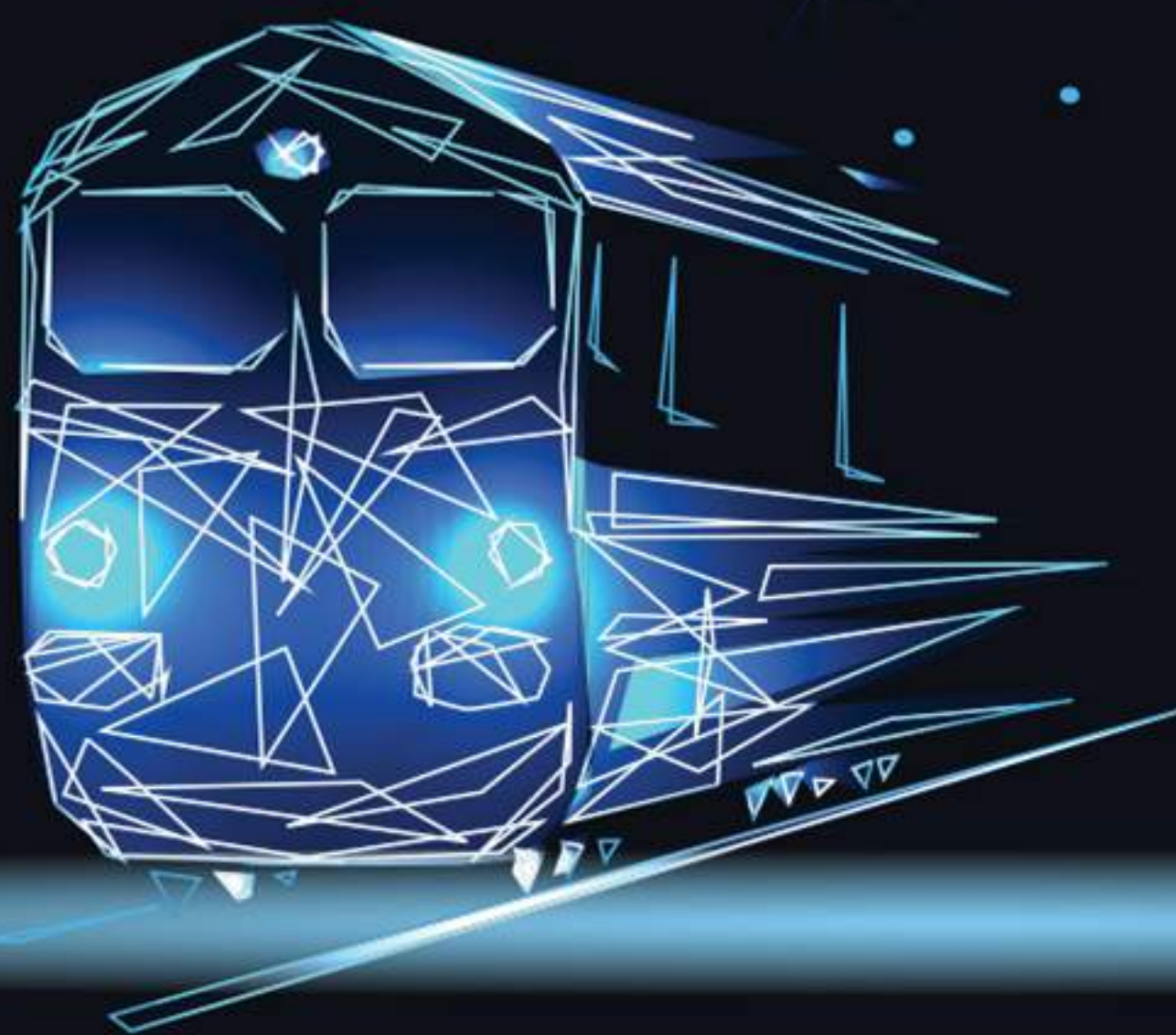
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JIMMY DEAN

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



Good afternoon, Happy New Year, and welcome back to Glanford Park for our first game of 2024.

What better way to start the new calendar year than with a Lincolnshire derby. It's one of the fixtures I'm sure a number of supporters were looking for when the fixtures were released before the season started, and it marks the start of a very difficult month for us, with a top of the table clash to come for us in a couple of weeks time, and a visit to my former club Peterborough Sports amongst other really difficult challenges.

We ended 2023 in the best possible way, taking maximum points over Farsley Celtic on Boxing Day and then again at their place four days later. To add another two clean sheets, score four goals, and remain top of the league was fantastic, and it was the challenge going into the festive period. The two games were quite different, but I was incredibly proud of the players, particularly at the Citadel, to adapt to the difference in gameplan and to answer the questions that were asked of them.

The only disappointment in there was the sending off of Danny Whitehall. Both he and Isaac Assenso gave the referee a decision to make, but having seen the footage, we felt we had grounds for appeal for wrongful dismissal. Unfortunately, that was unsuccessful, so we will miss Danny for the next three games, which will be a massive loss to us. Him now being available now represents a big opportunity for someone else to stake a claim for his shirt. We have a near-fully fit squad at the moment, so I'm sure the players

will be pushing each other really hard to drive the high levels of performances we have come to expect, and those who have not been in the squad recently will want it to be them. It's been great to welcome back the likes of Alfie Beetin, Callum Roberts and Reagan Ogle in recent weeks, and we have Ross Barrows nearly ready for contention too.

We last met Boston on Halloween, and played out a 1-1 draw. It did look as though we'd snuck the win late on, but they equalised quite quickly, and it was probably a fair result on reflection. They are in-form at the minute, winning their last three games, and performing really well. The benefit of moving our game to Saturday last week meant I was able to go to their home game against King's Lynn on Monday, and see them again in person, which hopefully will prove to have been beneficial.

2023 was a year of highs and real lows, and it's a year that will live with me for the rest of my life. I'm sure that no

Scunthorpe fan will ever forget the year, and remember it as a massively significant one in our history. Now, as players and staff, we want to make 2024 as another significant one in the club's history, but for reasons based solely on the football pitch. We are more than halfway through the season, and have put ourselves in the position we are in, and it's up to us to continue that.

The support you've given us has been brilliant. At Farsley, we had around 1,800 fans there, which is unbelievable away support in the sixth tier.

We're going to need that backing each week, as we continue to strive towards our goals.

United we Stand!

Up the Iron!

Jimmy





CLUB NEWS

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we leave 2023 behind with many memories, both good and bad, we must now solely focus forward on 2024, and our future.

There's no point, or need, to dwell on the past, although admittedly there will be many things never forgotten from the year we've just experienced. Nevertheless, we come out of the year stronger as a unit, stronger as a community, and stronger as a football club.

We strive daily to work towards a sustainable future for Scunthorpe United, but this is easier said than done. With a considerable amount of the debt now cleared, we are always working to eradicate what we inherited. The outstanding HMRC bills we inherited will be cleared and back up to date in mid-January, something that has taken huge chunks out of our revenue in the last three months. The hard work continues, but we do massively need your continued support.

That backing so far has been unwavering. We asked you to attend games; you've done it. We asked you to buy merchandise; you've done it. We've asked local businesses, companies and groups of people to sponsor games, players, training kit, advertising boards and more; and you've answered our calls every single time.

We need this and more to get through until the end of the season. We've managed to get our club back, we've managed to get our ground back, and now we strive every day to bring this great football club out of a long-standing transfer embargo due to the sheer number of football creditors that were left

for us to take on. This isn't an easy fix, and is costing hundreds of thousands of pounds, and it is only through the help that you, the football community, the business community and many others have given, that we have been able to tackle what we've achieved so far. That journey is still ongoing. Our aim is to have cleared all outstanding debts by the end of the season, so we can go into the summer with a fresh start on the business front. This will take the continued support we've received, inevitably more donations and goodwill that we've been incredibly humbled with.

Over the Christmas period, it was heartwarming to receive a message from our Spanish friend and club legend, Alex Calvo-Garcia. As part of my New Year message, I wanted to share part of this message with you: "I think this is the right time to text you, just a few lines to express my most sincere gratitude for all the effort, work and dedication you have put into saving our beloved club. I truly believe all those who take the club in our hearts owe you the upmost respect, and I also believe you will pass to the club history. I would totally understand you are under a tough and exhausting period but I want you to realise, as I'm sure you already know, you are doing something really big, not only for the club, but also for the whole community in and around Scunthorpe. Only time will put it all under the right perspective. I hope you, the family and all Scunthorpe supporters have a wonderful and happy Christmas. There is no doubt that you, your team and all at Scunthorpe United staff have made ours a better time."

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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

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FOCUS ON... REAGAN OGLE

We continue our interviews with the Iron squad this season by talking to Reagan Ogle, as he reflects on life at the club and his future aspirations...



It was heard recently on the Project Footballer podcast which featured Ogle along with Ross Barrows and Connor Smith, with the Aussie planning a return to his homeland in the future.

Iron fans need not worry though, with those plans seemingly in the distant future, as the right-back sees his future with the football club as he looks to return the side back up to the National League, having been part of the team that got relegated last season.

“The move at a young age was for football. I do love it here. I get people asking me “why would you come here?”, but I do enjoy living here. It’s been a great experience. It all depends on how I’m doing here in England, and by no means am I saying I want to go back in the next couple of years - maybe I’ll finish my career there. It’s something that’s in the back of

my mind.

“It’s a big one for me in terms of my direct family being the only ones to see me play. I’ve got a lot of cousins that see it on social media, but it’s just Twitter or clips, it’s never a live game. That’s a big thing for me - to go back there and play in front of that side of the family. I’m sure it’ll happen, whether it’s in four or five years, or more. I’m in no rush.

The lifestyle is very different out there. I’m lucky enough to go back at the end of most

seasons. There will always be home.”

Ogle will forever be indebted to his family, who uprooted the family to move halfway across the world to allow their son to pursue a footballing dream at just 11-years-old.

“At the time, I probably didn’t realise. It was football focused. I think if you asked me to make that decision at the age I am now, I think I’d find it 100 times harder, and I still don’t understand how I made that decision at the age of 11.

“I owe my parents everything for the sacrifice they made for me...they uplifted the family for one of their kits, not knowing whether it was going to work out...”

Reagan Ogle

“I owe my parents everything for the sacrifice they made for me. They might not say it’s a sacrifice but at the end of the day, they uplifted the family for one of their kids, not knowing whether it was going to work out. I definitely owe them the world; my sister and my parents.”

“Dad used to go back and forth. Mum found a similar job over here. For my sister, it was probably the hardest, coming out of High School with her mates. They found it good, it was an adventure for them. It was tough at the start. When my parents left here to go back, it was probably tougher.”

18 months into life in claret and blue, the 24-year-old has experienced polar opposite campaigns on the pitch, and turbulence off it. He continued by explaining his viewpoint of his time at the club so far.

“A lot has gone on since I signed here a year-and-a-half ago. The club is definitely in the right direction now. Everyone can see that. It’s had a massive effect on the players, and you can see that as a group, and how the results have gone.”

“As a team, we were having conversations. We talked about certain situations and what we would do. Everything we would have done, was as a team. There were no individuals stepping out. We stuck together, and that’s probably what helped us a lot. It probably helped us get the results during that time, and has helped us be top of the league now.”

During the turbulence, Ogle was subject of interest from clubs, including Oldham Athletic, who were keen to acquire his services. The right-back opted to stay with the Iron, a bold decision considering the state of the club’s future at the time.

“It was a tough one to think about. It would have been back to where I grew up, so I will admit that it was intriguing. The gaffer and I chatted most days. There’s no hiding that he wanted me to



stay, and it means a lot to me to have a gaffer like that, who really wants you here. It was a difficult decision, but I feel I’ve definitely made the right choice in staying here, and I wouldn’t change it.

“The circumstances played a part. We were wondering whether there’d be a club the following week. That’s why it was something that was quite intriguing. It’s in the past now, we’re halfway through the season, and it was the right decision to try and help the club get back to where it deserves to be.”

“...it means a lot to have a gaffer like that, who really wants you here... I definitely made the right choice in staying... and I wouldn’t change it...”

Reagan Ogle

During the difficult times of the current season, the massive togetherness of the squad is what saw the success continue on the pitch. Should the Iron achieve their ultimate goal at the end of the season, Ogle states it's one that should be deemed a massive success.

"It would be massive. People can't tell us at the end of the season that we've had an easy run and we've had everything given to us, because we haven't. At one point, we nearly didn't have a club. To come through that, and during that time to still get results.

Hopefully, if we do what we've set out to do, it would be a massive achievement.

"I felt for the lads who had their families to look after. I'm sure it was a very stressful time for those with a wife and kids. I'm fortunate enough that I've just got myself to look after. It was still stressful, because you just didn't know."

And with one eye on returning Down Under in years to come, he continued by outlining his goals that remain in the English game.

"Short term, it's to get Scunny promoted. It's one of the big reasons I wanted to stay here. I wanted to correct what we did last year. That's a big thing for me. From there, it's to play as high as possible. If I'm doing well here, then I'll stay in England. With football, you never know what's going to happen. We've got such a great squad here. If we do get promoted, I feel like we've got a well-versed team to deal with the National League."

Having had injuries to contend with this season, he continued by outlining his recovery from the back and shoulder troubles

he's had.

"Based on my past experiences with injuries, it's been a big knock in my performances and taken me a while to come back. But I feel like this season, when I have come back, it hasn't taken me long to get back to the levels before. I'm happy to say that the injuries aren't affecting me now. I'm not feeling any of them, especially the shoulder. I'm happy that, in the last four or five games, we've kept a clean sheet and got the wins.

It was a weird one. With my back injury, I couldn't do anything, but with the shoulder, I could still jump on the bike and keep some level of cardio going, which helped me massively when I came back. Surprisingly, I was able to run quite quickly after it, which helped. A big part of my game is throw-ins and that type of thing, and I'd say I'm quite a physical player, so that was the scary side for me."

Finishing on the Pilgrims, he added: "When we played Boston at their place, they executed their game plan pretty well. We went 1-0 up and conceded a scruffy goal. It could be a different game coming here with our fans, and the reputation we have at Glanford Park. It will be down to us to make sure we play our game.

"It's crazy to see the numbers we get here at this level. It definitely helps us on the pitch. It's what we thrive on. Hopefully we can give them something to scream and shout about. We're not going to get ahead of ourselves, because every game is a different game, and it's going to be tough."



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CLUB NEWS

Continued from page four, a look at more club news since the last time we were here at Glanford Park on Boxing Day...

It has been messages like this, from people far and wide, which consolidate the reason why we stood up in the first place, knowing just how much this football club means to people, and that safeguarding it's future for generations to come was the main purpose of this venture.

On the pitch, as I've said previously, Jimmy Dean, his staff, and the players are enjoying their new-found freedom to go out and do what they do best. We ended 2023 with an unbeaten month, scoring goals, keeping clean sheets, winning games, breaking records, and ultimately top of the league. They know, like we know there is off the pitch, there is still a tremendous amount of work yet to be done on the pitch before we've achieved anything this season. Our aim, while tackling all the issues we've faced, has been to try and leave the footballing side of the business relatively untouched, and that stance has not changed. Backed by incredible numbers, we only have to look at the home and away attendances against Farsley Celtic over the festive period to see just how many of you are behind us all. With a Lincolnshire derby and first versus second to come at Glanford Park in January, those numbers will be vital for the players, as we continue to strive towards promotion back to the National League.

Early-2024 will also see the return of three well-respected members of staff to the football club. As we move forward, we must install the professional structure back behind the scenes that we've always been renown for. Their return will also help ease the burden on the existing staff at the club, who have worked tirelessly to keep Scunthorpe United moving forward during the darkest and most difficult of times. For what they've done for me since coming in, they will always have my full respect and thanks, assisting us to bring



the club through that spell to a more enjoyable, and hopefully, rewarding future. Having these individuals return will only be a benefit for the club, and I have no doubt you will all welcome their return.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and everyone at Scunthorpe United Football Club, I would like to wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let's make 2024 one to remember for all the right reasons, and look forward to celebrating our 125th year.

Up the Iron!
Michelle

AWAY TRAVEL DETAILS FOR OUR UPCOMING GAMES ON THE ROAD

We travel to Brackley, Darlington and Peterborough Sports in January, with coach travel details now available.

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Saturday, January 13th, 2024
£23 members, £25 non-members

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Ashby Broadway - 10am
Baths Hall / Museum - 10.10am

Glanford Park - 10.30am

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Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
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Baths Hall / Museum - 4.10pm
Glanford Park - 4.30pm

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Saturday, January 30th, 2024
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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 Glanford Park for this Vanarama National League North match, where we welcome supporters, players, directors and personnel of the Pilgrims.

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

Family Football Funday

As part of the Study United Multiply programme, on Saturday, January 27th we will be holding a Family Football Funday here at our study centre at Glanford Park. There'll be lots of fun activities for you and your children, many with a maths theme. The event is open to all parents, carers and their children. If you don't have a Level Two qualification in maths and would like to improve your confidence when helping your children with their own school work, then we can help. We'll be using our Sphero robots along with a range of football craft games and activities. We'll also have some exciting activities outside with firefighters from North Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service with their Fire FitKidz programme.

We'll be offering free refreshments and providing more information about Maths qualifications to suit you in the local area. Drop in between 10:30 and 12:30!



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10:30 – 12:30



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Good luck to the team in their twenty second game of the season. Enjoy the game and as always...

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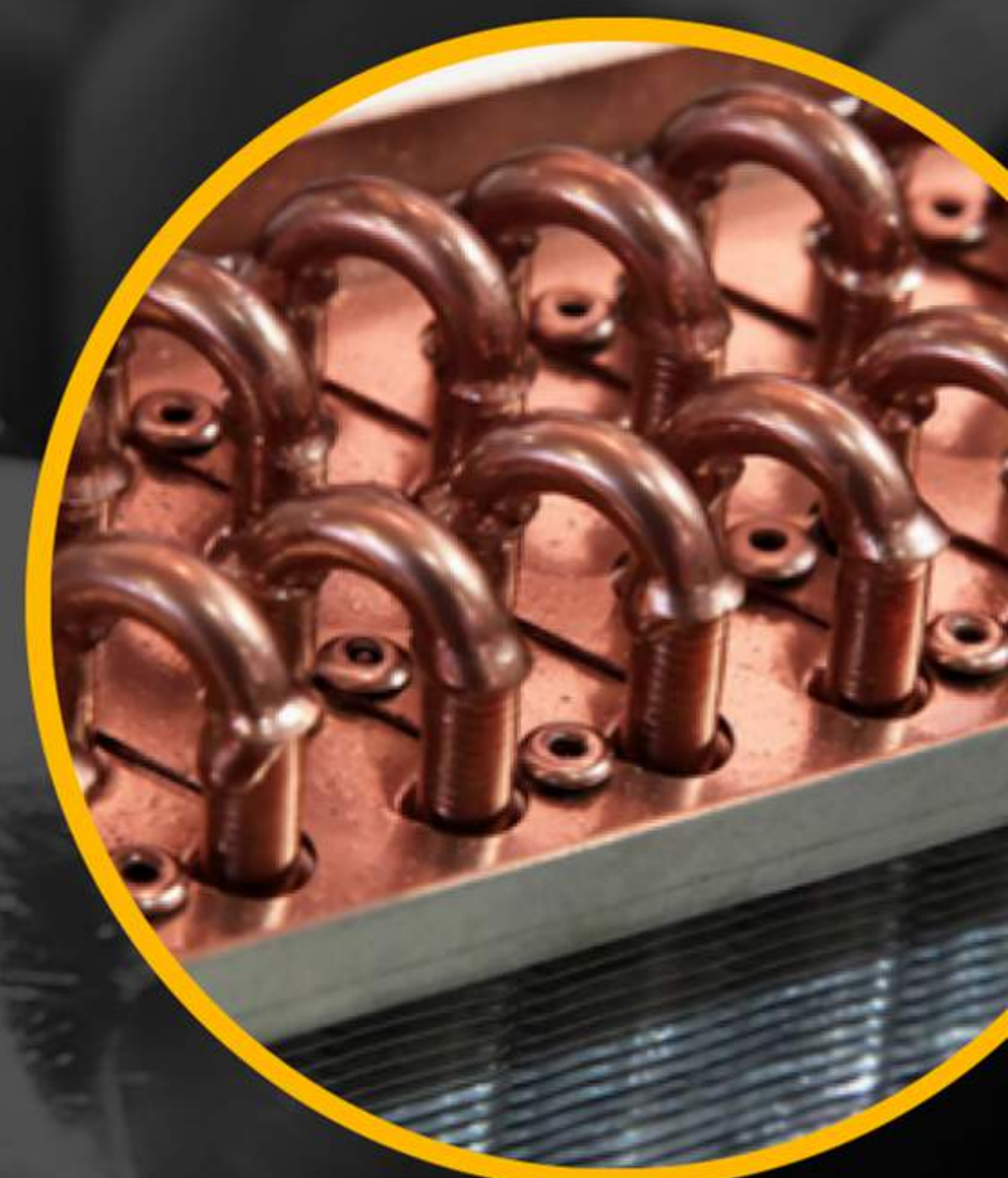
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COMMERCIAL NEWS

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

Happy New Year Iron fans!

We start 2024 with some fantastic news on the commercial front, as we welcome back Glyn Sparks to the football club.

He returns to the Head of Partnerships role he departed in April 2023.

With a wealth of experience in the industry, and a number of contacts in the field, Glyn returns to the role after nine months away.

After leaving Glanford Park, he spent a brief time working as Executive Sales Manager at back of shirt sponsors Fabricast Group Limited, before landing a job back in football, as Commercial Manager at York City.

With a long association at Scunthorpe United, Glyn was also widely known as assuming the role as the club's mascot, Scunny Bunny, for a number of years.

Following his return, owner Michelle Harness said: "As a football club, we are delighted to be welcoming Glyn back. As I said in my New Year's statement, we must look to put a professional structure back in place at Glanford Park as we move forward into 2024, and Glyn's return is the first piece of this.

"Well-respected by his colleagues, and I'm sure by the fans as well, I've no doubt that Glyn's return will be a welcome one for all concerned. I have full confidence that he will slot in as though he's never been away, and will help drive the commercial and partnerships side of the business forward immediately."



For any individual, supporter or business that wishes to get in touch with Glyn to discuss potential opportunities at the football club, including sponsorship availability, and more, please email glyn.sparks@scunthorpe-united.co.uk.

Today we welcome Moelven as match sponsors, Right Action as matchball sponsors, Love Maths Tutoring as captain sponsors, and Attis Insurance as digital

sponsors, and we hope all have a fantastic day with us!

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

Happy 10th birthday to Ethan, lots of love from Mum, Dad, Scarlett, Sam, Jade, Callum, Nanna and Pop Pop.

* * *

Happy birthday Nanna, Barbara Billinger.

MASCOTS

It's a busy afternoon for us on the mascot front, with four today!



George (left) is seven-years-old, attends Green Top School in Thorne, enjoys football, swimming and reading, and his favourite player is Jacob Butterfield.

Secondly, we welcome Rogan this afternoon (right). His hobbies include playing football, and his favourite player is Andrew Boyce.



Jaxon is our third mascot this afternoon (bottom left). His hobbies include playing football and playing computer games, and his favourite player is Andrew Boyce.



Lastly, we welcome 10-year-old Louis McLaren. He enjoys playing football, swimming, boxing and playing FIFA. His favourite player is Reagan Ogle.

We hope all our mascots have a great day!



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LOAN WATCH

Jake Pullan takes us through an update of the players on loan away from Glanford Park, and how they got on in December...

MARCUS CARVER

After joining the Iron ahead of the 2022-23 season, striker Carver made 20 appearances in claret and blue last campaign and up until recently he'd been enjoying his football at fellow National League North outfit and initial strugglers Southport.

Under boss Jim Bentley, Carver originally found himself as the star man leading the line. His impressive form earned himself five goals in three games back in September, which aided in the Sandgrounders' rejuvenation. Since this, however, the goals have dried up for the 33-year-old frontman as he has been on an extended goal drought since early November when he slotted home against Rushall Olympic.

Over the course of December, Carver has fallen out of favour within the Southport ranks as fellow Iron loanee striker Richie Bennett has overshadowed him with his traditional target forward displays. As the Sandgrounders went winless over the course of the month, conceding a staggering 17 goals and only scoring three, Carver only saw himself accumulate a handful of minutes including three substitute appearances against Chesterfield, Kings Lynn and Curzon Ashton in which he joined the fray in the 70th minute of each encounter. Despite this, he was selected to start in his sides 4-0 defeat against promotion hopefuls Tamworth.

RICHE BENNETT

Since re-joining the Iron earlier in the season, Bennett struggled to find himself consistent game time amongst Jimmy Dean's depthful squad due to the impressive form of league top scorer Danny Whitehall.

The experienced forward has featured massively since his arrival at Southport in early November with his previously mentioned target forward performances becoming integral in the Sandgrounders style of play.

Despite finding goals hard to come by throughout his time in Amber and Black, manager Jim Bentley is a massive supporter of the striker as he's rewarded him with four starts straight across the month of December against Chesterfield, Tamworth, Kings Lynn and Curzon Ashton respectively playing in a system where he operates with another smaller forward alongside him.

TOM PUGH

The workhorse midfielder Pugh has been integral in the Bulls' recent surge up the Vanarama National League North table that sees them well in the hunt for the play-offs.

Pugh has claimed himself a goal and an assist so far in all competitions for Hereford, along with this he's collected two man of the match accolades for his strong-willed performances that have been on display. Across the month of December Pugh has been a valuable rotation option for Nick Caddis' Bulls as they have stridden to a five-game unbeaten streak across all competitions. These results included wins against Warrington, Bishop's Stortford, Spennymoor, Gloucester and South Park in the FA Trophy. Throughout, Pugh featured in all games across the month, other than being ineligible for Hereford's 5-1 thumping against the Iron at Edgar Street.

DION SEMBIE-FERRIS

Technically gifted, he has been incredible since his return to Peterborough Sports.

His creative spark and five goals that he's acquired to date have helped his side to pull away from the relegation zone, and pull themselves gradually up to a record 14th spot. During the month of December, DSF has been enthralling once again and his immaculate form helped him be selected for the Vanarama National League North team of the half season. Sports' fortunes have turned around throughout the Christmas period as they have won four out of their six encounters in all competitions. Sembie-Ferris has been gaining consistent game-time as he appeared and started in all six fixtures against Gloucester, South Shields, Tamworth, Bishops Stortford and Dagenham in the FA Trophy.

JOSH ROBERTSON

Creative midfielder Robertson has accumulated over 90 minutes of action over the course of December for initial Northern Premier League strugglers Marske United, in a month where the Seasiders have turned been struggling financially and are in desperate need of donation to save their club.

On the pitch however they have turned round their form with Robertson's agile style of play being bright light for his side when featuring primarily off the bench. Over the course of the month, Marske won two out of their four fixtures accumulating a 1-0 victory over Ashton United and a scrappy 3-2 victory over Guiseley. Despite these impressive triumphs the Seasiders had failed to avoid defeat against Ilkeston Town and Morpeth Town which was their record-breaking attendance in a bid to help save their club.

HARRISON POULTER

Didn't make an appearance at Sheffield FC, with three games cancelled due to weather.

MIDLAND LEAGUE DUTIES INTO THE NEW YEAR

THE BORO VISIT AND A LAST TANGO IN ROTHERHAM

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

A century ago, the winter was in full swing, and icicles on the end of steelworker's noses were a common sight, as they came out of every rook and granny, and formed long queues of cyclists, making for the steelworks, at half past five in the morning.

Winters of this decade were long, dark, and apparently colder. A century ago, events on the Scunthorpe United calendar had passed into the New Year of 1924.

There is a frequent cry in this day and age that the Premiership footballers play too many fixtures, and need a well-earned rest by the warm shores of a Caribbean Island for a week or two. Not so for the footballers of the era, one hundred years in history. Scunthorpe United entered their Christmas period on December 22nd 1923, and could not draw breath to rest until January 1st 1924. During those fourteen eventful days, the Nuts had performed away from home at Wombwell, Mexborough, Lincoln and Barnsley. In addition there was a home encounter with Lincoln City Reserves, which was played on Christmas Day, making for a late festive lunch.

So how had Dame Fortune treated Scunthorpe United in those five arduous contests? The answer was that the hard working Nuts had generally excelled, and although the football was not of champagne quality at times, they had stacked up a reasonable tally of points, and a gradual climb up the Midland League table was in evidence. The only defeat was in a lack lustre display at Mexborough, who caught a tired looking Nuts on the hop, with a decisive 3-0 defeat. At Wombwell, a gale force wind spoilt any chance of a chicken dinner display by

either side, and a dour 0-0 draw at least yielded a point, which was not to be coughed at.

Greater successes were enjoyed at Barnsley, and also in the pair of tussles with Lincoln. The Barnsley result was rewarding, because they were equally as strong as the visiting Scunthorpe team, but the lads put in a dogged performance, and sheer hard work won the day, with Raby scoring the only goal of this close ninety minutes.

However, the cream at the top of the bottle was the two victories over the Junior Imps, on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. A 1-0 result at home does not reflect the superiority of the Scunthorpe XI, but those in attendance confirmed their satisfaction that the home team had excelled over the opponents. At Lincoln, twenty four hours later, a similar margin existed between these gladiators, and the 3-1 result in Scunthorpe United's favour was far more a true view of the activities on the hard, and baron Sincil Bank pitch.



Raby - a hat-trick man



Norman Reynolds, who was unbeaten

This brought the story of the last year up to date, and with four days without a rest from New Year's Day, United had the prospect of the return fixture, at the Old Show Ground, with Mexborough, on Saturday, January 5th, 1924. Hargreaves was still under suspension, after his controversial dismissal time, but Franklin had played with distinction and was to become regular. There was better news of Ernie Millson, who had recovered from a knock, and was summoned for duty. Thus, the directors agreed upon the following eleven to represent the Club: Reynolds, goalkeeper; Bradbury and Franklin, fullbacks; Skull, Ashmore and Millson, halfbacks; Lawton, Bradbury, Raby, Kitchen and Foster, forwards.

The match that unfolded, at the Old Show Ground against Mexborough, had similar pattern as that of the away match, three weeks ago. A poor attendance, on a bitterly cold day, saw the Nuts underperform, and never get to grips with an opposition that made opportunities, and converted them. Injury to Burkinshaw was a contributing factor, but Scunthorpe United were definitely second best.



The Knut contemplates the tough Mexborough clash

This was to be the last visit the Scunthorpe side would take to this venue, because Rotherham Town were scheduled to amalgamate with Rotherham County, to become Rotherham United. News from the dressing room was that Burkinshaw

could not make the team, and Edwin Charlesworth was given a rare opportunity for the first time since 1920, while Lawton on the wing was rested to give Clark from the reserves a first team trial, otherwise, it was as you were.

In past years, Rotherham Town had been a stiff opponent, especially at Clifton Lane. However, Scunthorpe had beaten them in the FA Cup,

earlier in the season, and in this campaign they were struggling at the foot of the table, and just like a postman, the Natty Nuts were soon to deliver. The nuts and bolts of this clash were that a sparse crowd watched United take a first half lead, on a heavy pitch, that a farmer would be pleased to have ploughed. After the interval, it was the visitors from North Lincolnshire who dominated the play, and extended the lead to 3-0 on 90 minutes.

The newspaper headlines gave great credit to strength in depth at the back, where Bradbury, Franklin, Skull and Ashmore gave Reynolds, in between the Nuts' posts, a trouble free afternoon. However, the forward line were unquestionably heroes, especially Raby whose hat-trick made him stand out from the rest. Added to this superb result was the prospects of a second match against Rotherham Town, in seven days hence, at the Old Show Ground.

Mexborough scored twice, and it could have been worse, if not for the agility of Reynolds, in goal, and Ashmore in the heart of the defence.

A 2-0 reverse could have been worse, but at least there were seven full days before Scunthorpe needed to take the trek to Rotherham, to face the Town club at the old Clifton Lane ground.

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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

Although it was 1933 before the name Boston United first appeared, football had been played in the town since the late 1800s and, indeed, always on the same site as the York Street stadium.

The first time that a team from Boston entered the FA Cup was in 1887. In the first round they were drawn against Gainsborough Trinity and were soundly thrashed 7-0. Those early years saw some spectacular defeats in the FA Cup, including a 9-0 defeat at Lincoln City in 1890 and in the following season Grimsby Town went one better to notch up a 10-0 win.

By the start of the First World War there were two clubs in Boston, Boston Town, whose headquarters were "The Coach and Horses" and Boston Swifts, who used "The Indian Queen" as their HQ. In fact, as both the public houses were situated on "Main Ridge" and the pitch was virtually just opposite, it wasn't surprising that for the first 40 years or so that was what the ground was called. A small stand was erected in the early 1900s but other than that there were no other facilities, and the teams changed

at the back of the appropriate pub! Both teams were members of the Lincoln and District League.

After the First World War only one club, called simply Boston, emerged. After winning the Lincoln and District League in successive seasons, in 1921 the club joined the Midland League as a semi-professional side. In 1925 it went on to achieve the first Boston giant-killing in the FA Cup by beating the then-powerful Football League club Bradford Park Avenue 1-0 in the second round. The club was also achieving respectable positions in the Midland League, being runners up in 1924-25, behind Mansfield Town and again in 1926-27 behind Scunthorpe United.

The club would find major success elusive until 1954 when they appointed former Derby County goalkeeper Ray Middleton as their new player-manager. Middleton put together a squad that would challenge for honours over the next few seasons.

Season 1965-66 saw the start of the climb back to senior non-league football with a United Counties League and cup "double."

Only twice were they not involved in the championship race, winning it a record four times. Boston were the first club ever to win a NPL "treble" of league, cup and shield. United also created a record of conceding only three goals at home in league games in a whole season, 51 consecutive home and away league games without a defeat, and 64 home league games (over three years) without a defeat.

For the 2001-2002 season, the club made the decision to go fully professional. This paid dividends when they went on to clinch the Conference title and promotion to the Football League.

Their fairytale farewell to York Street did not materialise in 2019-20 as Altrincham secured a 1-0 win in Lincolnshire as the curtain fell on the Pilgrims' famous old stadium before moving to their current home.

FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1933

NICKNAME: The Pilgrims

GROUND: Jakemans Community Stadium

CAPACITY: 5,061

CHAIRMAN: David Newton

MANAGER: Ian Culverhouse

ASSISTANT MANAGER: Paul Bastock



INTRODUCING...

BOSTON UNITED



MANAGER

Ian Culverhouse

Culverhouse began his career with Tottenham Hotspur. He found first team opportunities limited there and made just two league appearances for the club, though he did get a winner's medal in the UEFA Cup as he was an unused substitute for Spurs in the 1984 final against Anderlecht.

In management, he began as an assistant at Colchester, Norwich and Aston Villa before managing King's Lynn, Grantham and Kettering before Boston.

GOALKEEPER

1. Cameron Gregory

Gregory linked up with the Pilgrims in January 2023 - but had to wait nearly a month to make his debut after arriving with a three-match suspension to serve, amid a flurry of weather-related postponements. The former Shrewsbury Town youngster was a key reason United climbing away from danger at the foot of the National League North table - signing a new deal in the summer of 2023.

DEFENDERS

2. Jai Rowe

A familiar face to Iron supporters having left the club last season by mutual consent. Rowe ended up at Aldershot Town for the final stages of last season before penning a deal with the Pilgrims.

3. Ethan Sephton

The left-back joined Boston United from Alvechurch for an undisclosed fee in January 2023. He had sprung to prominence during the Church's run to the second round of the Emirates FA Cup. He signed a contract until the end of the 2023-2024 campaign.

ONE TO WATCH...

9. Kelsey Mooney

Age: 24

Nationality: English

Position: Forward

Former Aston Villa youngster Mooney, son of Watford legend Tommy, joined the Pilgrims in May 2023 as the club's first summer signing.

Mooney was an established National League North striker with Leamington when he sustained a serious ACL injury - returning for the latter part of the 2022-2023 campaign as the Brakes failed to stave off relegation. Throughout his career Mooney has appeared for various clubs at the sixth tier of English Football, however the forward is a familiar face at Glanford Park as he enjoyed a stint with the Iron after arriving from Hereford ahead of the 2020-21 season.

Following his departure, a year later Mooney went on to find his form in front of goal including this current campaign as he's amassed five goals in 20 league appearances under the guidance of Ian Culverhouse.

5. Michael Bostwick

Having made his name locally with the likes of Peterborough United and Lincoln City, enjoying legendary status at both clubs, Bostwick won promotion from League Two with Stevenage in 2022-2023. He also helped Boro beat Premier League side Aston Villa in the Emirates FA Cup in January 2023.

6. Tom Leak

Joining in June 2023 from promotion final winners Kidderminster Harriers. Having begun his career with Walsall, the centre-half moved on to Aggborough, from where he also spent a brief spell on loan at Alfreton Town.

23. Zak Mills

Mills made a sensational homecoming in August 2022 - six years after leaving the Pilgrims to embark on a career in the EFL. He spent two seasons with Grimsby Town, before single campaigns with Morecambe, Port Vale, Oldham Athletic and Walsall. He was twice part of the United squad beaten in the play-offs during his first spell with the club.

4. Brad Nicholson

He re-joined Boston United in the summer - having recovered from a serious ACL injury. Having arrived from Guiseley in March 2022, impressing on his debut against his previous club, Nicholson missed out on involvement in the play-offs after sustaining a serious injury against Gloucester City.

MIDFIELDERS

10. Keziah Martin

Another to join from Kidderminster Harriers in the summer. Despite not featuring regularly in the Harriers' run to promotion, he had been a mainstay of their side the previous season which included a brilliant Emirates FA Cup run, including fixtures against Reading and West Ham United.

19. Jordan Richards

Originally joining on loan from Notts County in September 2015. The son of former United defender Pedro, Richards linked up with the Pilgrims alongside team-mate Larley Sarpong. Richards made his debut against Chorley at right-back before moving into a more natural role in front of United's back four. He was subsequently loaned to Sligo Rovers in Ireland - before successful permanent spells with King's Lynn Town (under Ian Culverhouse) and Brackley Town. He re-united with Culverhouse at United in June 2023.

8. Martin Woods

Vastly-experienced, joining in the summer. The former Leeds United youngster enjoyed a long and distinguished career within the pro ranks - including spells north and south of the border. His most prolific spell in terms of appearances arrived between 2007 and 2013 with Doncaster Rovers.

7. Keaton Ward

Signing from Kettering Town for an undisclosed fee, he started his career at Mansfield Town, before a brief spell with Barnsley and a loan

stint at AFC Telford United.

FORWARDS

12. Michael Gyasi

Exciting striker Gyasi linked up with Boston United in July 2023 - having previously played under Ian Culverhouse's management at King's Lynn Town. The Hamburg-born striker arrived from Chesterfield, where he had agreed a mutual termination of his contract, having also previously played for Dover Athletic.

11. Jimmy Knowles

Striker Knowles joined Boston United following his departure from Mansfield Town. The young forward enjoyed loan spells with Notts County and Kettering Town during his time at Field Mill - and made a new start with the Pilgrims in July 2023.

OTHERS

Other players in their squad also include recently departed goalkeeper from the Iron, Aaron Chapman, as well as players Tom Edge and Deji Sotona.

BOSTON'S LAST 10 GAMES...

MD16 - Farsley Celtic 2-0 Boston United
 MD17 - Boston United 1-0 Hereford
 MD18 - Peterborough Sports 0-2 Boston United
 MD19 - Boston United 0-1 Rushall Olympic
 MD20 - Boston United 2-2 Chorley
 MD21 - Brackley Town 2-1 Boston United
 MD22 - Chester 0-0 Boston United
 MD23 - Boston United 3-1 Alfreton Town
 MD24 - King's Lynn Town 1-2 Boston United
 MD25 - Boston United 2-0 King's Lynn Town

Boston arrive at Glanford Park in ninth position in the league table after taking 39 points from their 25 games so far.

Their festive period has been a good one, taking maximum points of nine from their three games, while they also recorded a more than respectable draw at Chester just prior.

Their recent form in the league has been good, losing just three of their last 14 games in all competitions. They also started the season relatively strongly, taking four points from Buxton and South Shields before being edged out by Tamworth. Their next defeat would be a heavy 4-0 reverse at Alfreton Town, but they avenged for that defeat just before Christmas. The Pilgrims arrive at Glanford Park full of confidence and in-form.

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We get the latest from the Iron Trust...

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Lincolnshire may provoke an emotive response especially for those with Humberside birth certificates, or those with the county of North Lindsey on theirs which ties them nicely into our club's original and historical name of Scunthorpe and Lindsey United.

A polite reminder to all Trust members about taking the opportunity to vote in the December Player of the Month award: the closing date is next Friday, and members should have received the usual email from Secretary Needers.

Good news on merchandising available from the Trust. We are looking to update and refresh our range of goodies for sale. We have been supported for many years by Scunthorpe Iron Art, better known as Will Wharton, son of former chairman Steve, whose original designs we have used on our range of coasters, mugs etc. Will is stepping back from his artwork for the time being, although he is letting us use his previous designs. We are reviewing what we can offer to fans in the future. Any ideas from our members will be greatly appreciated.

The Iron Trust is also looking to the membership for offers of help in taking us forward with any relevant skills or expertise in IT, web design or merchandising all very much needed and welcomed. Volunteers please shout loudly.

The next meeting of the Iron Trust board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th while the AGM is planned for Wednesday, January 7th: both to be held at the Berkeley Hotel with the AGM open to members. We hope for a good attendance; it's your opportunity to question the board or put ideas forward for consideration. The AGM is also required to note the results of the board election.

Irish Iron are due a visit this month when Bernard Griffin and co will make a pilgrimage to their adopted English club. The trip will be made all the sweeter for Bernard, as he took the top prize of £500 in the Iron Trust hat-trick draw for December.

Please enjoy the game today and keep supporting the Iron Trust and Scunthorpe United as we stand together.

Up the mighty Iron!



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The Irish Iron supporter's club has a number of items available for sale with clearance prices, now available in our club shop.

Much of this has gone down well, and made for great stocking fillers over Christmas, and we welcome Bernard to Glanford Park for our next home game against Tamworth as one of the day's sponsors.

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. We have a handful of bags, and other merchandise remaining.

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

Danny Whitehall, (pen)
25', 63'
Connor Smith, 52'

3-0

ATTENDANCE: 3,281 (101 away)



IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 10 Roberts
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 21 Smith
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

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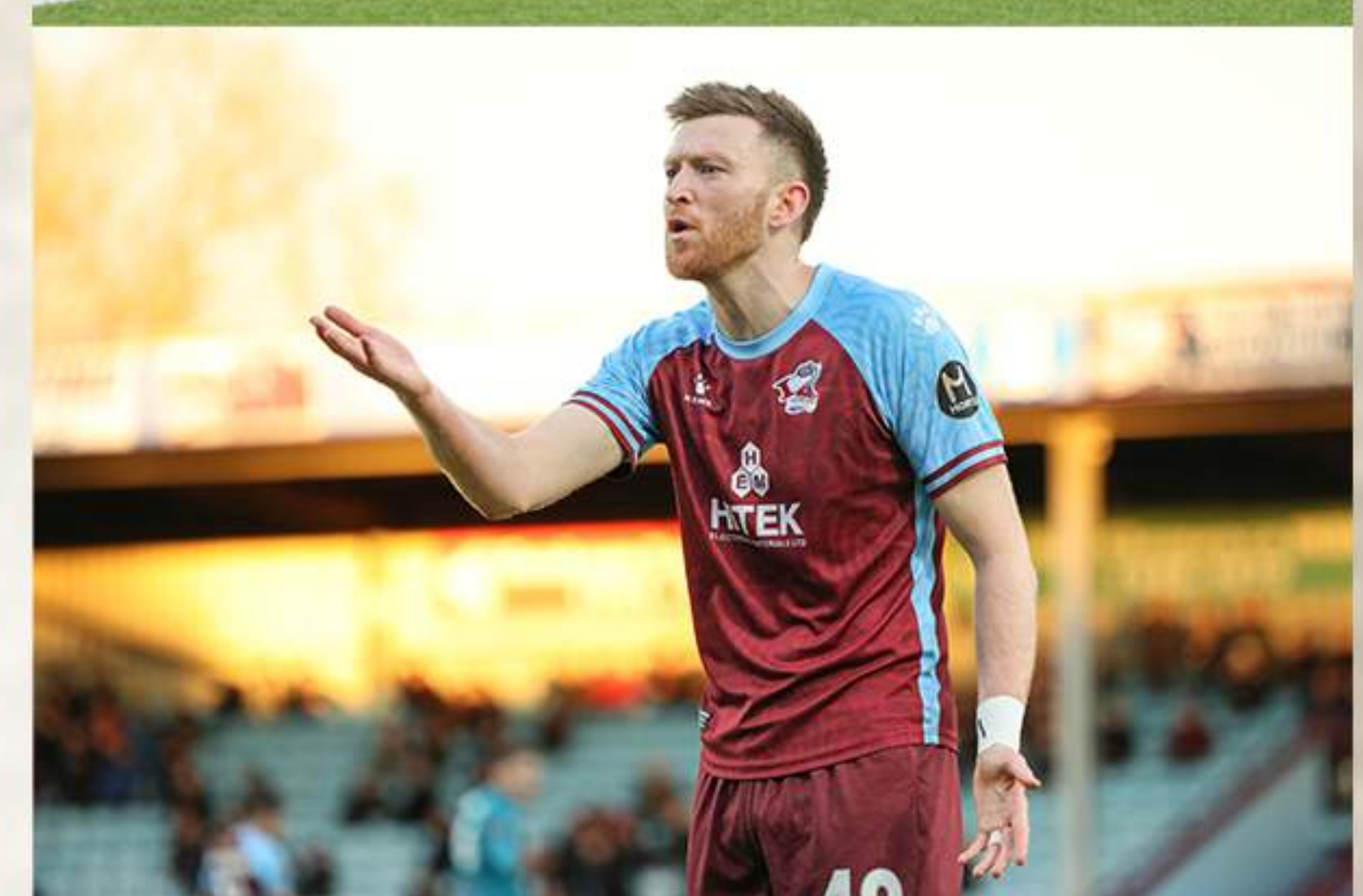
- 3 Kelly (for Scales, 80)
- 4 Kouogun
- 9 Elliott (for Whitehall, 74)
- 22 Shrimpton
- 26 Law (for Smith, 74)

CHORLEY

- 1 Urwin
- 2 Henley
- 3 Ellis
- 5 Smith
- 6 Nolan
- 7 Whitehouse
- 8 Calveley
- 10 Rus
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- 14 Ubaezuonu
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- 2 Brown
- 4 McCourt
- 5 Granite
- 7 Wright
- 12 Minihan
- 14 Mottley-Henry
- 18 Walker
- 19 Brogan
- 23 Weston
- 32 Hunt

SUBSTITUTES

- 6 Shiels
- 9 De Girolamo
- 10 Elliott
(for McCourt, 69)
- 11 Osborne
(for Walker, 59)
- 24 Horbury
(for Wright, 69)

IRON

- 1 Fitzsimons
- 2 Ogle
- 5 Evans
- 6 Boyce
- 7 Clunan
- 19 Butterfield
- 20 Scales
- 21 Smith
- 26 Law
- 33 Denton
- 49 Whitehall

SUBSTITUTES

- 3 Kelly
- 4 Kouogun
- 9 Elliott
(for Whitehall, 80)
- 11 Wilson
(for Law, 80)
- 22 Shrimpton

FULL TIME STATS



47%	POSSESSION	53%
7	TOTAL ATTEMPTS	16
2	ATTEMPTS ON TARGET	3
1	CORNERS	4
2	PEN BOX ENTRIES	3
10	CROSSES	19
1	FINAL 1/3 TURNOVERS	0
6	YELLOWS	0
9	FOULS	8

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MATCH-BY-MATCH

DATE	KO / RES	OPPOSITION	POS	REFEREE	ATT	IRON SCORERS	STARTING
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	3.00	Farsley Celtic	1	Declan Brown	4468 (58 away)	Law (52'), Whitehall (62')	Fitzsimons
Sat 30	3.00	Farsley Celtic	1	George Warren	2333 (1800 away)	Evans (19'), Shrimpton (84')	Fitzsimons
JANUARY							
Sat 6	3.00	Boston United					
Sat 13	3.00	Brackley Town					
Sat 20	3.00	Tamworth					
Tue 23	7.45	Darlington					
Sat 27	3.00	Peterborough Sports					
FEBRUARY							
Sat 3	3.00	Rushall Olympic					
Tue 6	7.45	Blyth Spartans					
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Sat 17	3.00	Scarborough Athletic					
Tue 20	7.45	South Shields					
Sat 24	3.00	Alfreton Town					
MARCH							
Sat 2	3.00	Chester					
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					

ON THIS DAY

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ON THIS DAY: JANUARY 6TH

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	9	2	5	2	11	11
<i>home only</i>	4	0	4	0	5	5

IRON 2023 RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
<i>all competitions</i>	51	22	9	20	77	62
<i>home only</i>	27	16	3	8	51	25

XI AND SUBSTITUTES	UNUSED SUBSTITUTES
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Elliott (Whitehall, 57' ⚽), Wilson (Shrimpton, 73'), Scales, Law (Butterfield, 57'), Denton.	Kelly, Boyce.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Wilson (Law, 78'), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 64', Scales, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 64').	Kelly, Boyce.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Beestin, Wilson (Kelly, 83'), Butterfield (Sembie-Ferris, 74'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 74').	Boyce, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan (Shrimpton, 27'), Beestin, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 67'), Butterfield (Kelly, 73'), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Elliott.
s, Ogle, Kelly (Elliott, 57), Kouogun, Evans, Butterfield, Scales, Shrimpton (Pugh, 77'), Sembie-Ferris (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall.	Chapman, Boyce.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Boyce, 83'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton (Kelly, 68'), Whitehall (Sembie-Ferris, 68').	Chapman, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 61'), Butterfield (Kelly, 61'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 74').	Boyce, Sembie-Ferris.
s, Ogle, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott (Sembie-Ferris, 82'), Wilson (Smith, 66'), Butterfield (Kelly, 75'), Scales, Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall.	Boyce, Bennett.
s, Ogle (Sembie-Ferris, 80'), Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield, Smith (Jenkins, 58'), Shrimpton (Bennett, 63'), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Boyce.
s, Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 74'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton, Whitehall (Bennett, 78').	Chapman, Boyce, Sembie-Ferris, Barrows.
s, Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 75'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson (Sembie-Ferris, 45'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield, Shrimpton, Jenkins, Denton.	Chapman, Smith, Barrows.
s, Kelly, Kouogun (Boyce, 52'), Evans, Elliott, Wilson, Butterfield (Barrows, 72'), Shrimpton, Denton, Whitehall (Pugh, 87').	Smith, Bennett.
s, Kelly, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Smith, 65'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins (Bennett, 73'), Denton (Pugh, 72'), Barrows, Whitehall.	Shrimpton, Butler.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott, Wilson (Kelly, 88'), Bennett (Whitehall, 73'), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 84'), Scales, Jenkins, Denton.	Smith, Barrows.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Elliott (Whitehall, 10'), Bennett (Wilson, 61'), Butterfield, Scales, Jenkins, Denton, Barrows (Law, 84').	Kelly, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 63'), Boyce, Clunan (Jenkins, 63'), Butterfield (Kelly, 67'), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Bennett.
s, Ogle, Evans (Barrows, 75'), Boyce, Butterfield (Kelly, 62'), Scales, Smith, Jenkins, Law (Wilson, 62'), Denton, Whitehall.	Bennett, Pugh.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 70'), Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 57'), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 77').	Kelly, Barrows.
s, Ogle (Barrows, 14'), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Jenkins, 71), Scales, Smith, Law (Roberts, 71), Denton, Whitehall.	Kelly, Wilson.
s, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Wilson, 53'), Scales, Smith (Kelly, 74'), Law (Roberts, 71'), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Jenkins.
s, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales, (Jenkins, 73), Smith, Law (Roberts, 58), Denton, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 73).	Kelly, Kouogun.
s, Kelly (Denton, 45), Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Roberts (Wilson, 74), Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Barrows, Whitehall (Elliott, 58).	Chapman, Boyce, Shrimpton, Law.
s, Kouogun, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Shrimpton, 78), Scales, Smith, Law, Denton, Barrows (Roberts, 45), Whitehall (Elliott, 67).	Wilson, Jenkins.
s, Kouogun (Roberts, 45), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield (Elliott, 83), Scales, Smith (Shrimpton, 74), Law, Denton, Whitehall.	Wilson, Jenkins.
s, Kelly, Kouogun, Evans, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield (Shrimpton, 73), Scales, Smith (Wilson, 85), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 55).	Boyce, Law.
s, Kelly (Law, 59), Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales, Smith (Elliott, 59), Denton, Whitehall.	Campbell, Kouogun, Wilson, Shrimpton, Jenkins.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales (Kelly, 80), Smith (Law, 74), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 74).	Kouogun, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Butterfield, Scales, Smith, Law (Wilson, 80), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 80).	Kelly, Kouogun, Shrimpton.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Wilson, 79), Butterfield (Shrimpton, 79), Scales, Law, Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 68).	Kelly, Kouogun.
s, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Beestin (Shrimpton, 65), Elliott (Kelly, 89), Roberts (Smith, 76), Scales, Denton, Whitehall.	Kouogun, Butterfield.

STATS PRE-BOSTON UNITED

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- The Iron are aiming to keep five consecutive clean sheets for the first time since March - April 2014.
- December was the first calendar month in which the Iron have gone unbeaten in the league since December 2021.
- The Iron are unbeaten in seven league games for the first time since October - December 2019.
- The Iron won 22 games in 2023, the most in a calendar year since 2017, when the Iron won 26 games in the calendar year, also keeping 18 clean sheets, the most since 2016, when United kept 25.

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LEAGUE TABLE

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#	Team	PI	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Scunthorpe United	25	11	1	1	5	4	3	16	5	4	53	19	34	53
2	Tamworth	25	10	0	3	7	2	3	17	2	6	47	19	28	53
3	Chorley	24	7	2	2	5	5	3	12	7	5	44	26	18	43
4	Hereford	26	9	1	3	4	3	6	13	4	9	33	33	0	43
5	Curzon Ashton	25	6	2	4	6	3	4	12	5	8	34	27	7	41
6	Scarborough Athletic	24	9	2	1	4	0	8	13	2	9	34	29	5	41
7	Chester	24	8	2	1	3	4	6	11	6	7	29	19	10	39
8	Brackley Town	26	7	3	3	4	3	6	11	6	9	31	23	8	39
9	Boston United	25	8	2	3	3	4	5	11	6	8	29	25	4	39
10	Alfreton Town	23	7	3	3	4	2	4	11	5	7	40	29	11	38
11	South Shields	25	8	2	3	2	4	6	10	6	9	38	30	8	36
12	Warrington Town	25	6	3	3	4	3	6	10	6	9	33	31	2	36
13	Blyth Spartans	25	6	3	3	3	4	6	9	7	9	39	36	3	34
14	Peterborough Sports	25	5	2	5	5	2	6	10	4	11	32	38	-6	34
15	Farsley Celtic	25	3	6	4	5	3	4	8	9	8	22	29	-7	33
16	Spennymoor Town	23	4	2	5	5	2	5	9	4	10	35	39	-4	31
17	Buxton	25	4	5	4	4	1	7	8	6	11	37	31	6	30
18	Banbury United	25	2	4	6	6	1	6	8	5	12	22	39	-17	29
19	Southport	25	3	2	7	5	2	6	8	4	13	26	47	-21	28
20	Rushall Olympic	26	4	3	6	3	3	7	7	6	13	33	40	-7	27
21	King's Lynn Town	26	3	5	5	3	3	7	6	8	12	30	42	-12	26
22	Gloucester City	25	5	2	6	0	4	8	5	6	14	25	36	-11	21
23	Darlington	24	1	7	5	3	0	8	4	7	13	18	48	-30	19
24	Bishop's Stortford	25	4	0	8	1	2	10	5	2	18	23	52	-29	17



TOP GOALSCORERS

correct as January 5th, 2023 at 5pm

#	Name	Team	Gls	#	Name	Team	Gls
1	Danny Whitehall	Scunthorpe United	14	6	Jordan Thewlis	Alfreton Town	10
2	Danny Waldron	Rushall Olympic	14	7	Kyle Finn	Tamworth	10
3	Paul Blackett	South Shields	14	8	William Harris	Spennymoor Town	9
4	Danny Newton	Brackley Town	11	9	Glen Taylor	Spennymoor Town	9
5	Justin Johnson	Chorley	10	10	Diego De Girolamo	Buxton	9

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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	25 (0)	12	2250	29 (0)	13
2	Reagan OGLE	18 (0)	1	1544	56 (0)	1
3	Michael KELLY	4 (11)	1	497	8 (11)	1
4	Max KOUOGUN	12 (0)	1	997	15 (0)	1
5	Will EVANS	23 (0)	2	2007	27 (0)	2
6	Andrew BOYCE	15 (2)	1	1395	85 (10)	4
7	Michael CLUNAN	16 (0)	0	1350	18 (0)	0
8	Alfie BEESTIN	6 (0)	2	504	100 (29)	9
9	Danny ELLIOTT	9 (11)	4	896	19 (19)	7
10	Callum ROBERTS	3 (5)	2	406	4 (5)	2
11	Cameron WILSON	10 (8)	1	947	37 (30)	7
13	Maison CAMPBELL	0 (0)	0	0	0 (0)	0
19	Jacob BUTTERFIELD	23 (1)	7	1895	67 (3)	12
20	Kian SCALES	24 (0)	1	2049	26 (0)	1
21	Connor SMITH	11 (4)	6	1029	13 (5)	7
22	Fin SHRIMPTON	5 (9)	2	631	25 (11)	2
23	Jack JENKINS	4 (4)	0	426	5 (4)	0
26	Jason LAW	11 (3)	2	852	11 (4)	2
33	Tyler DENTON	25 (0)	3	2210	28 (1)	3
44	Ross BARROWS	5 (4)	0	535	6 (4)	0
49	Danny WHITEHALL	22 (3)	14	1852	25 (4)	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
15	Tom PUGH	0 (4)	0	50	42 (26)	0
17	Harrison POULTER	0 (0)	0	0	0 (8)	0
18	Josh ROBERTSON	0 (0)	0	0	0 (2)	0
27	Dion SEMBIE-FERRIS	1 (4)	1	126	6 (8)	1

*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 victory over Farsley Celtic a week ago saw the Iron complete a league double over a team for the first time since the 2020-21 season when they managed to get six points from Port Vale and Harrogate Town.

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ON THE ROAD BRACKLEY TOWN



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH -
3PM**

The Iron are set to venture down to Northamptonshire for the second time this term, as Jimmy Dean's men are awaited by play-off hopefuls Brackley Town for a highly anticipated reverse fixture at the St James Park.

The fixture comes after three previous encounters so far this season between the two clubs with both United and the Saints sporting one win a piece. Firstly a 0-0 draw at Glanford Park in mid-September set up an enticing replay on the road where Scunthorpe were defeated 3-1 following three late Brackley goals, including two in additional time. The Iron faced Gavin Cowan's side once more in early October when the Iron prevailed 1-0 courtesy of a superb Jacob Butterfield free-kick.

THE STADIUM

St James Park opened in 1974, six years prior to the closure of the formerly Manor Park establishment where the Saints played since their formation in 1890.

In between the clubs change of home's they played their football at Buckingham Road, where the players would change in a nearby pub called the Plough.

The ground has a capacity of 3,500 seats of which 500 are seated and 1500 are covered. The highest ever attendance in the stadium is 3,015 which took place during last terms their National League North play-off Final encounter with eventual winners Kidderminster Harriers.

BY CAR

One of the furthest away trips for Iron fans this season, the stadium sits 144 miles away from Glanford Park with an estimated 2 hours and 20 minutes car journey.

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> Take M18 and M1 to A43 in Northamptonshire. Then take exit 15A from the A1

> Follow the A43 until the Northampton Road roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Northampton Road and follow it until arriving at Brackley Town Football Club.

CAR PARKING

There is a medium sized car park at the ground (around 80-100 cars), which costs £2 to park. Otherwise, there is plenty of street parking along Churchill Way and roads to either side.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL

There isn't a railway station in Brackley itself. The closest is the nearby Banbury which is ten miles away. From the railway you can get the Stagecoach Bus No 500 from Banbury to Brackley.

FACILITIES

There is a large social club at the ground, which welcomes away supporters and is accessed from inside the ground. The nearest pub is the Locomotive Inn, which is a five-minute walk away. This pub offers pies on matchdays and has real ale from the nearby Silverstone Brewery. Further up in the town (about a 10 minute walk from the ground) is the Crown Hotel which has a bar. There is also a handy fish and chip shop on this side of the road called Ann's'.



COMING SOON

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

TAMWORTH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2024 - 3PM KICK-OFF

The Iron's second home game of 2024 is a crucial clash against promotion challengers Tamworth.

The much-anticipated encounter could play a massive part in both side's quest to reach the National league.

The reverse fixture that took place on the first game of the campaign, ended in a 2-1 victory for United at the Lamb Ground after a bizarre own goal on the stroke of half time and a Danny Whitehall second half strike cancelled out Ben Acquaye's first half opener.

Despite falling behind early on in a number of recent tie's Andy Leake's side have proved themselves to be the kings of a comeback as they have seemingly always managed to battle back and match Scunthorpe's stride.

The Lambs' last setback came against a recently impressive Chester side that have climbed themselves up the league standings with the help of their sensational home form. Since then, the side have won four games on the bounce, going toe-to-toe with the Iron each step of the way.

Tamworth have had a superb season thus far and have continued in the same vein from their campaign last season, which saw them promoted to the Vanarama National League North having finished first in the Southern League Premier Division Central in 2022-23. The team face Buxton this afternoon, which represents a tough encounter for the side.

TICKET NEWS

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Dene Field

GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**

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Mya Graham,

UCFB graduate, Assistant Producer at **talkSPORT**



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NEXT UP ON THE ROAD

BRACKLEY TOWN SAT 13 JAN KO 3.00

YOUR MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: THOMAS WILSON

ASSISTANTS: STEPHEN BIRKETT

SAM BAYLEY



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NEXT UP AT HOME

TAMWORTH SAT 20 JAN KO 3.00