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TODAY'S MASCOTS

William (9) & Tommy (4) Cornfoot



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Isaac Taylor, 10
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David Cox, 70
 Celebrating at the game today with wife, Linda, children and grandchildren, David turned 70 on Thursday.

THE GAFFER

SIMON WEAVER



Welcome back to The EnviroVent Stadium for our first home fixture of 2023. On behalf of everyone at Harrogate Town, I'd like to wish all our supporters a very Happy New Year.

We're all excited for the challenge of Colchester United today - we've shown in recent weeks we can be a really exciting team to watch and we want to go out and prove that again today. They will be a tough test for us this afternoon and arrive here on the back of two really solid wins in their past three matches, including the 1-0 New Year's Day victory over a strong Swindon side.

At Hartlepool on Sunday, we defended solidly all over the park for 43 minutes, but we conceded goals too softly and that's why we've drawn the game. At 3-2 down we'd have taken a point of course, but at 3-3, I thought we could have gone on and won the game. We created more chances than they did and could have put the game to bed.

The team are proving they are full of goals and we're doing all we can to get the best out of the forward players because they are full of pace, strength and goals. We want to go out there and get after teams and not to sit back and invite pressure and that will be the message to the lads once again this afternoon.

Looking back at our last home fixture here at The EnviroVent Stadium against Grimsby on

Boxing Day, the atmosphere was brilliant. Right from the warm up, the fans were out in force and really got behind the lads. They didn't show their disappointment when we conceded a goal and that gave us all the more belief to get back on the front foot. We were pleased with our attitude and the ability shown by the players who kept on going throughout and showed real belief. Again, we want to see that this afternoon. We had a little bit of fortune with Kayne Ramsay's stoppage time winner, but it's about time we had that little bit of luck - I felt we earned it.

To have five full days to prepare for today's game has been crucial coming off the back of three fixtures within the space of seven days. An already difficult festive period has been made even more so with illness throughout the camp - it has taken every ounce of effort to get us over the line but we're feeling as good as we have been in recent weeks going into today's game and we will be doing all we can to pick up a third straight win on home soil.

Enjoy the game,

Simon

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JOSH FALKINGHAM



Happy New Year everyone, it's great to be here at The EnviroVent for our first home match of 2023 and it's one that myself and the lads are really looking forward to.

We have come up against Colchester already this season, however, that was a poor performance from us collectively as a group. We never really got going and as a result we lost out on all three points. After that match we were all disappointed because we know we are capable of better and now we have a chance to prove just that. Being at home as well gives us a fantastic opportunity because this place is getting harder and harder for teams to come.

Our last home match was against Grimsby, and I was really proud of all the boys for their efforts. We conceded the early goal just after half time but didn't let that define the game. We regrouped well and Luke showed the confidence he has to get us back level.

Going into injury time, it looked like there was only going to be one winner. As a team we found another gear and started to crank up the pressure on their backline. We get the goal; Kayne is adamant that it's his goal but you can debate it as you like. The most important thing was getting the three points.

That set us up perfectly to go to Bradford in good spirits. However, we were unable to get the goal to keep our unbeaten run going. Obviously,

it's disappointing to lose a derby match, when you concede the early goal it's very easy for the occasion and the environment to get the better of you.

However, to our credit we didn't do that. We got the ball down and played when we could. On reflection, we didn't create anywhere near enough opportunities in the game but that is football sometimes.

We have watched the game back and you can see a clear identity and plan for how we want to play. We stuck to that well during the 90 minutes but it wasn't to be.

Personally the 48 hours around that game was a bit of a whirlwind for me. Myself and my partner welcomed our baby Kit Falkingham into the world at 5:30PM on the 27th of December. It's an honour to be a father once again and I would like to say a special thank you to every supporter who has been in touch to wish myself and my family well in recent weeks.

This New Year I would like to say another thank you to you our supporters for your incredible backing over the last 12 months. As captain I would like to ask that you again continue to back us as we aim to make it another special year in the club's history.

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GEORGE HORBURY



It's a short career for those lucky enough to play at a professional standard. While many may be fixated with the lure of that almost impossible dream, others choose to equip themselves with the tools to build a career for when they eventually hang up their boots.

George Horbury made history when he became the first academy player to sign professional terms with the club. However, weeks before signing the contract, Horbury was studying hard for his A-level examinations. As a result, the midfielder left school with several A-level qualifications to his name.

Words: Nickolas McInally

"It was difficult balancing my A-Levels and football at the same time but the club did everything they could to help me and I really appreciate it. Obviously you are trying to earn a contract with the club but Paul Stansfield and Josh Law showed a lot of patience with me.

"They created an environment where I was comfortable and felt confident and I think that helped me to develop as a player and as a person. I am proud that I managed to get my A-Levels and earn a pro-contract that was a big achievement for me."

"The club knew I was about to sit my A-Levels so I had a meeting with the gaffer and he told me in April that I had a contract there for me. That was a massive relief. I could then focus on my exams and know that I had my future secured."

Since hearing the news, Horbury admits his first six months as a professional footballer have been vital as he strives to improve as a footballer.

"I have spent a lot of time trying to take little things from the lads here to make me a better player. That is not necessarily in a football sense but even in something that is off the park, I always want to improve.

"I am loving every minute of it, There is a lot of experienced players in the group and especially in my position so I am always looking to learn from them. The way we play and the way we train, it's great to be around it."

In being the first academy player to sign professional terms with the club, Horbury has set his sights on doing all he can to help others follow in his footsteps.

"It's sunk in now, it feels very real. It took a while to get used to the lifestyle that you have as a footballer but I am really privileged to be a footballer and I am hoping to maximise the potential it brings.

"To do that it is about working hard every day in training and away from the

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pitch to make sure that I earn that opportunity. Hopefully there is more to come, I am the first but hopefully it's the beginning of a pathway for others and one which helps others to be given an opportunity like I have been given."

Having trained with the club's first-team last season, Town's number 25 believes this experience is one which helped him prepare for his return for pre-season this year.

"I trained a couple of times with the first-team last year, I found there was a big step up in quality, physicality and intensity. I think the experience of that has helped me over the last six months. I knew what the standards were like and knew what I had to do to prepare for pre-season. It was an eye opener but it was one which motivates you. You know you have a lot to prove and to do that you know that you have to be in a good physical condition."

While doing so, the 18-year-old is ready to take on somewhat of a leadership role in helping the club's current academy squad.

"I know the lads, I was with them last year and I am trying to set a good example for them. When I train with them I try to bring maintain the standards at the level the first team have. Sometimes I will talk to them about the experiences I have had. Maybe there is a bit of pressure but I try to be myself and do the right things and help them where I can."

"When the young lads train with the first team they are still learning the environment. With my experience in the academy I always try to talk to them and help them get involved at training but they are all good players and good characters."

However, despite registering several appearances in the club's first-team. Town's number 25 is clear in his aims for the year ahead.

"It's been great to get on to the pitch for a couple of appearances, but if I want to keep getting opportunities, I need to get my head down and keep working hard and we'll see what the second half of the season brings. I have never been full-time and I think I have a lot of improving to do. It excites me because I still have room for improvement in my skillset but I have had experience in men's football so I have to keep pushing myself every day to improve and achieve those goals."

The midfielder was also delighted to see fellow academy prospect Finn O'Boyle make history by becoming the first academy player to score for the club's first team.

"He is a really good player and someone who works hard every day so I was buzzing for him. I couldn't believe it when he scored and I know how much it meant to him so it was great to see."

Horbury also paid tribute to the club's staff for the impact they have had on him during his career.



“All the staff at the club have been great with me, I speak to Stanners and Josh regularly. Obviously Josh has played professionally and he is great to talk to. Stanners is a great mentor for myself and the other academy lads. He is a good character and will always be available for advice.

“Coming up to the first team, I have great discussions with the gaffer. He is always communicating with me and reaching out so we have good discussions. Thirs and Phil are always on the pitch and always trying to help you improve which I appreciate.”

Reflecting on the achievement of becoming a professional footballer, the local lad highlighted a period of his career as instrumental in allowing him to achieve his long-standing dream.

“I was in the U17 side for the club but I was asked to play a couple of friendlies with Harrogate Railway just after the covid lockdown and I loved it. We had a pre-season with them and there was a lot of running. I really enjoyed my experience there.

“I came in to the pre-season with the academy on the back of a pre-season and a couple of games so I felt my fitness levels were good and I started the season well. Looking back I think that was hugely beneficial for me. I was given experience of playing men’s football which is a huge step up in physicality. I came back to academy football and felt in great shape and my confidence was high.”

Having lived in the local area, the privilege to play for his local club is not one which is lost for Horbury.

“Being a professional footballer and playing for my local team is an ideal scenario for me. My family are able to make it to most of the games and it great to be able to play in front of them and it is an experience which fills me with pride.”

“Everyone knows the club’s story and they are always keeping an eye on results. It’s not something I realised but so many of my friends and family have connections to the club so you see what it means to them every week.”

As the midfielder enters the second half of his first full season as a professional footballer, there are several highlights which stand out for him.

“The victory away to Bradford in the FA Cup was a great day, we played very well and got the result in what was a difficult place to go. You could see how much that win meant to the fans and there was a real buzz around the place after that game. A personal one for me was the match against Hartlepool in the Papa Johns trophy, we didn’t get the result we were looking for that day but the experience of playing away from home against a group of good midfielders was one which I enjoyed.”



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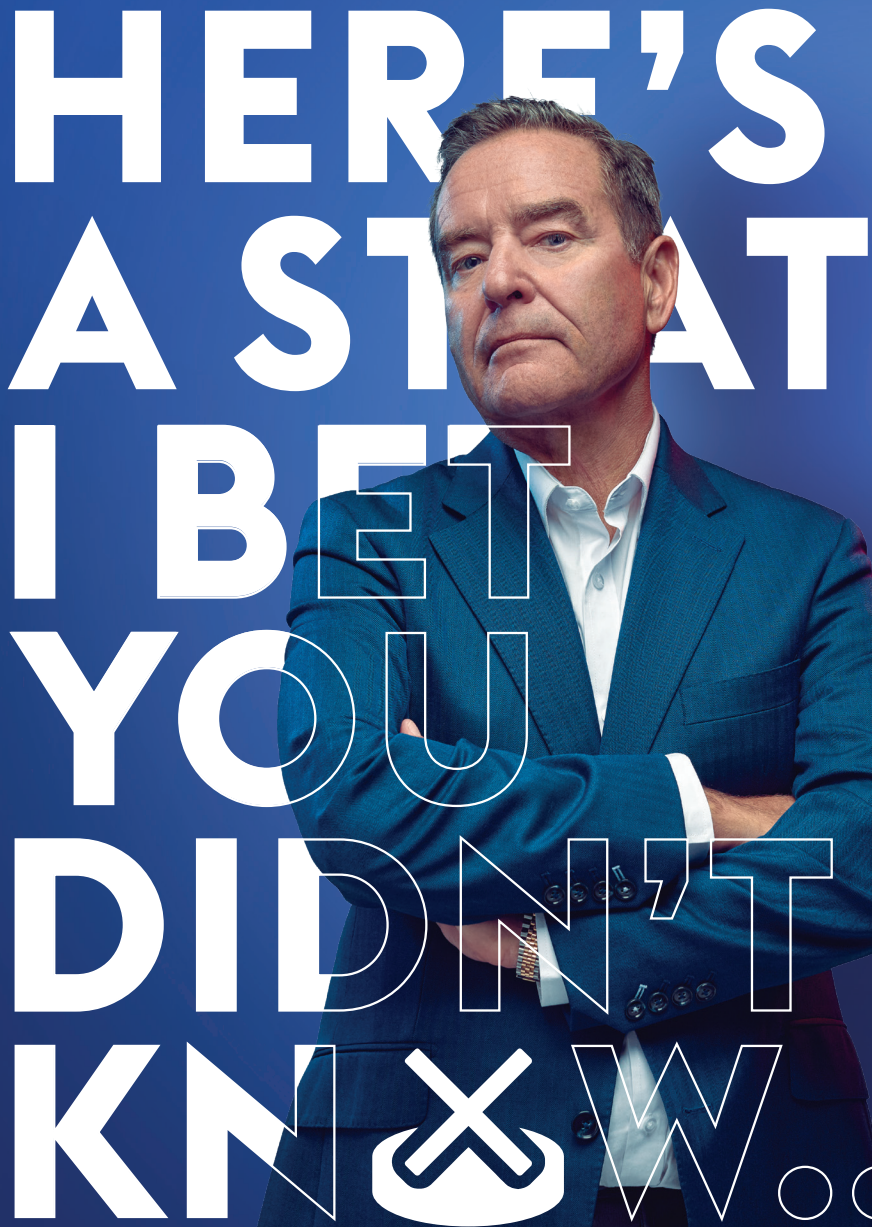
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THE MEN IN CHARGE

Frank Gray

1993/94

For 1993/94 General Manager Alan Smith stood down from 'team selection' to allow Mick Doig (coach) and John Deacey (player/coach) to form a new management team. They started well by beating Harrogate Railway Athletic in the F.A. Cup but lost 6-1 to Barrow in the second qualifying round and by October 1993 Town found themselves third from bottom in the table with only one victory in eight league outings.

By late November, 39-year-old, former Leeds United and Scotland defender Frank Gray (brother of Eddie) joined as manager taking over the reigns for his first match on Saturday 18 December - a 1-1 draw at Gretna. Gray had helped Darlington win the GM Vauxhall Conference and then the Fourth Division title in successive seasons (with financial backing for quality players) but Town were a club with no money like that. Although Town had been bottom and were inconsistent in the league, Gray's arrival didn't really change things and Town never really left the



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Historian Phil Harrison reviews the successes and failures of Harrogate Town's managers over the years...



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relegation zone. In fairness to him, he was working with players he inherited, although he did later sign Mick Gosling, a former York City YTS and Gary Lynam on loan from Leeds.

However, things on the pitch didn't change and after six successive defeats without scoring, Gray decided to help out by playing, making his debut in a 3-0 home defeat to Curzon Ashton. Under Frank Gray, Town lost 16 out of 22 league games and after another loss at Caernarfon in the last game of season, were relegated back to the NCE League.

Gray said the new 1990 stand had still been hanging over the club and in recent years ground improvements had taken precedent over team affairs. However, clouds lifted as Town won a lucky reprieve from relegation with Bridlington Town resigning. Gray was insistent he would help Town the following season but then announced his shock departure on Tuesday 31 May as he was heading off to take over Bahrain cup holders Al-Wehda owned by wealthy Sheikh and long time Leeds fan Abdul Khalifa.

Whilst at Town, Gray managed 24 league and cup games, winning three, drawing three and losing 18 and played two games for Town.



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SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS CHEER

We were joined by Max Wright and Jack Muldoon to hand deliver presents to older members of the community. Working in conjunction with Supporting Older People Harrogate the presents and the conversation gave a much needed boost. Players were joined by our young volunteers and community members of staff.

First team players including Josh Falkingham and Kayne Ramsay plus 1st Team Manager Simon Weaver took time out to provide goodie bags to the Harrogate Hospital Woodlands Childrens Ward. In conjunction with Harrogate Hospital & Community Charity players had a chance to say thank you to NHS Staff and wish the patients well.

We would like to say a big thank you to all those working in health and social care over the festive period.



GET ACTIVE IN 2023

We love to help people achieve their activity goals. Whether that is taking part in one of our sessions or joining a group socially.

Why not make 2023 the year you make that lifestyle change or take on a new challenge. Research has shown that physical activity can boost self esteem, sleep and energy levels. Exercise has also been shown to reduce stress and depression, as well as a way to meet new people in a fun, engaging social environment. Our health and wellbeing programmes offer a number of opportunities;

MONDAY

Man v Fat

King James School, Knaresborough 7-9pm

A weight loss program where you can score goals on and off the pitch

Walking Football

King James School, Knaresborough 8-9pm

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TUESDAY

Sporting Memories

10-11:30am (alternate starting 17th January)

An opportunity for older people to socialise and make new friends with a range of fun activities.

Town Runners

Beginners and social 5k group meet 6pm at Up and Running

Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre 8-9pm

THURSDAY

Town Runners

Social 5k group meet 6pm at Harrogate Library

Walking Football

Rossett Sports Centre 7-9pm

FRIDAY

Sporting Memories

St. Marks Church, Leeds Road, Harrogate
1:30-3pm (alternate starting 13th January)

If you have any questions or would like to learn more please contact: stevepattison@harrogatetownafc.com

PE AND SCHOOL SPORT UPDATE – TERM 1

Our team of coaches and teachers have worked across a number of local primary schools in the Harrogate and District.

We have upskilled 10 local primary school teachers to feel more knowledgeable and confident to deliver high quality PE, engaged and inspired a total of 7,254 pupils, split into 3854 males and 3380 females. We have delivered 10 targeted intervention programmes, 4 Reading Stars (English), 2 Town's Trailblazers (Girls-only/PSHE), 2 Sports Leaders (Leadership/PSHE) and 2 Active Maths (Maths). Two of our partner classes have completed Social Action Projects. Looking to design and build habitat homes for animals in their school grounds to use through winter. Finally, we delivered after school clubs ranging from football to indoor hockey.

It is safe to say it has been a fun-packed and rewarding first term of the academic year. We wouldn't have it any other way!!

TODAY'S FLAGBEARERS

Whitkirk Wanderers Under 9s



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2022/23

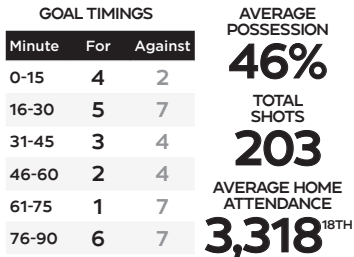
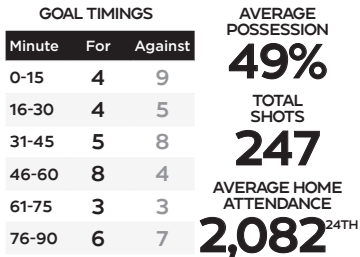
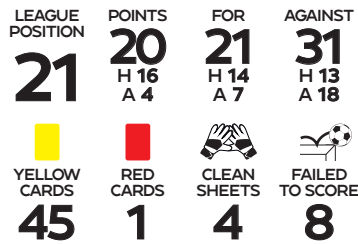
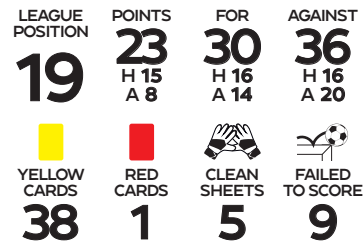
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JULY					
Sat 30	Swindon Town	H	3-0	1,948	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
AUGUST					
Sat 6	Crewe Alexandra	A	0-3	3,881	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 9	Stockport County	H	0-1	1,534	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Richards Austerfield
Sat 13	Crawley Town	H	0-0	1,304	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 16	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,931	Oxley Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Austerfield
Sat 20	Barrow AFC	A	0-1	3,068	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Austerfield
Sat 27	Newport County	H	0-4	1,757	Jameson Welch-Hayes Headley Ferguson Mattock Falkingham
Tue 30	Hartlepool United	A	0-2	1,500	Jameson Burrell Headley Ferguson Richards Falkingham
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 3	Sutton United	A	1-2	2,402	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Austerfield
Tue 13	Salford City	H	0-1	1,350	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Dooley
Sat 17	Stockport County	A	0-0	7,863	Jameson Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Mattock Dooley
Sat 24	Stevenage	A	0-1	2,547	Jameson Ramsay Richards McArdle Mattock Burrell
OCTOBER					
Sat 1	Bradford City	H	1-2	2,505	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Austerfield
Tue 4	Everton U21s	H	1-2	832	Oxley Welch-Hayes Richards Burrell Ferguson Falkingham
Sat 8	Colchester United	A	2-2	2,750	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Austerfield
Sat 15	Hartlepool United	H	2-1	2,075	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Tue 18	Morecambe	H	2-1	717	Oxley Welch-Hayes Thomson Ferguson Richards Austerfield
Sat 22	Tranmere Rovers	H	1-1	2,316	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Tue 25	Walsall	A	1-3	4,347	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Welch-Hayes Falkingham
Sat 29	AFC Wimbledon	A	2-3	7,620	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Burrell Falkingham
NOVEMBER					
Sat 5	Bradford City	A	1-0	6,387	Jameson Ramsay Headley Burrell Mattock Falkingham
Tue 8	Carlisle United	H	3-3	2,147	Jameson Ramsay Headley McArdle Mattock Falkingham
Sat 12	Leyton Orient	A	0-2	2,330	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Sat 19	Mansfield Town	H	3-0	2,421	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Sat 26	Hartlepool United	A	1-3	2,772	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
DECEMBER					
Sat 3	Rochdale	A	4-1	2,254	Jameson Ramsay Headley Ferguson Burrell Falkingham
Mon 26	Grimsby Town	H	3-2	2,744	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
Thu 29	Bradford City	A	0-1	2,772	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Falkingham
JANUARY					
Sun 1	Hartlepool United	A	3-3	4,566	Jameson Ramsay Headley Mattock Burrell Austerfield
Sat 7	Colchester United	H		15:00	
Sat 14	Stevenage	H		15:00	
Sat 21	Grimsby Town	A		15:00	
Sat 28	Sutton United	H		15:00	
FEBRUARY					
Sat 4	Carlisle United	A		15:00	
Sat 11	Stockport County	H		15:00	
Tue 14	Salford City	A		19:45	
Sat 18	Crewe Alexandra	H		15:00	
Sat 25	Swindon Town	A		15:00	
Tue 28	Northampton Town	H		19:45	
MARCH					
Sat 4	Gillingham	H		15:00	
Sat 11	Crawley Town	A		15:00	
Sat 18	Barrow AFC	H		15:00	
Sat 25	Newport County	A		15:00	
Fri 31	Tranmere Rovers	A		19:45	
APRIL					
Fri 7	AFC Wimbledon	H		15:00	
Mon 10	Leyton Orient	A		15:00	
Sat 15	Doncaster Rovers	H		15:00	
Tue 18	Walsall	H		19:45	
Sat 22	Northampton Town	A		15:00	
Sat 29	Mansfield Town	A		15:00	
MAY					
Sat 6	Rochdale	H		15:00	

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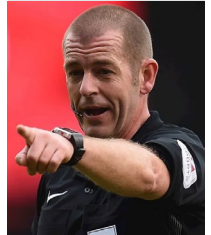
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					APPS	MIN	GLS	Y	R	F	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
1	Mark Oxley	32	Southend United	07/21	1(0)	90	0	-	-	-	3(0)	0	4(0)	0	51	0
2	Miles Welch-Hayes	25	Colchester United	06/22	10(0)	768	0	-	-	-	3(1)	1	13(1)	1	14	1
3	Joe Mattock	32	Colchester United	06/22	20(0)	1667	0	5	-	-	2(0)	0	22(0)	0	22	0
4	Josh Falkingham	32	Darlington	07/17	11(1)	976	0	3	-	-	4(0)	0	15(1)	0	243	8
5	Will Smith	23	Barnsley	06/19	0(0)	0	0	-	-	-	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	102	6
6	Warren Burrell	32	Buxton	01/16	18(2)	1710	1	3	-	-	4(1)	0	21(3)	1	348	15
7	George Thomson	30	FC United of Manchester	05/17	7(4)	689	2	2	-	-	2(1)	0	9(5)	2	251	37
8	Dior Angus	28	Wrexham	08/22	1(2)	104	0	-	-	-	0(0)	0	1(2)	0	3	0
9	Danny Grant	22	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	08/22	9(2)	736	0	-	-	-	3(0)	1	12(2)	0	14	1
10	Josh Coley	24	Exeter City (Loan)	08/22	6(5)	610	0	1	-	-	0(2)	1	6(7)	1	13	1
11	Max Wright	24	Grimsby Town	07/22	0(2)	27	0	-	-	-	0(0)	0	0(2)	0	2	0
12	Sam Folarin	22	Middlesbrough	08/22	7(4)	604	2	2	-	-	2(1)	0	9(5)	2	14	2
15	Jaheim Headley	21	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	19(0)	1606	2	3	-	-	4(1)	0	23(1)	2	24	2
16	Alex Pattison	25	Wycombe Wanderers	05/21	17(1)	1555	7	1	-	-	2(1)	0	19(2)	7	68	17
17	Josh Austerfield	20	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	12(5)	1104	0	5	-	-	4(2)	0	16(7)	0	34	0
18	Jack Muldoon	33	AFC Fylde	06/18	11(9)	1152	2	-	-	-	4(1)	0	15(10)	2	220	63
19	Tyler Frost	23	Crawley Town	07/22	1(7)	167	0	-	-	-	3(1)	0	4(8)	0	13	0
20	Kayne Ramsay	22	Southampton	08/22	21(0)	1890	0	5	-	-	3(2)	0	24(2)	0	26	0
21	Pete Jameson	29	York City	05/22	22(0)	1980	0	-	-	-	4(0)	0	26(0)	0	26	0
22	Stephen Dooley	31	Rochdale	06/22	6(1)	412	0	1	-	-	1(0)	0	7(1)	0	8	0
23	Rory McArdle	35	Exeter City	06/21	7(2)	685	0	4	-	-	0(1)	0	7(3)	0	36	1
24	Kyle Ferguson	23	Altrincham	06/22	4(0)	316	0	1	-	-	4(0)	0	8(0)	0	8	0
25	George Horbury	18	Harrogate Town Academy	06/22	0(2)	24	0	-	-	-	2(1)	0	2(3)	0	5	0
26	Emmanuel Ilesanmi	17	Harrogate Town Academy	06/22	0(2)	3	0	-	-	-	1(1)	0	1(3)	0	6	0
27	Brad Williams	17	Harrogate Town Academy	-	0(1)	1	0	-	-	-	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	1	0
28	Matt Daly	21	Huddersfield Town (Loan)	06/22	16(3)	1409	5	-	-	-	4(0)	1	20(3)	6	23	6
29	Luke Armstrong	26	Salford City	06/21	23(0)	2070	8	-	-	-	3(2)	0	26(2)	8	78	22
32	Finn O'Boyle	17	Harrogate Town Academy	-	0(0)	0	0	-	-	-	1(0)	1	1(0)	1	1	1
	Lewis Richards*	20	Wolves (Loan)	07/22	4(5)	411	0	2	-	-	4(0)	0	8(5)	0	21	0

* Returned to Wolves after expiry of loan (January)

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POS	TEAM	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	LAST 5	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				A
1	Leyton Orient	24	9	2	1	19	4	7	3	2	16	9	22	53	●●●●●
2	Stevenage	24	11	1	1	24	6	4	5	2	11	11	18	51	●●●●●
3	Northampton Town	24	7	3	3	20	13	6	4	1	19	11	15	46	●●●●●
4	Carlisle United	24	5	5	1	15	9	5	4	4	22	16	12	39	●●●●●
5	Bradford City	23	5	5	2	16	11	6	1	4	14	12	7	39	●●●●●
6	Swindon Town	25	5	4	3	14	10	5	4	4	14	15	3	38	●●●●●
7	Mansfield Town	24	5	4	2	18	15	6	1	6	15	16	2	38	●●●●●
8	Doncaster Rovers	24	7	1	4	19	16	4	3	5	11	18	-4	37	●●●●●
9	Walsall	23	7	2	3	19	11	3	4	4	10	10	8	36	●●●●●
10	Barrow	24	8	1	4	19	11	3	2	6	10	17	1	36	●●●●●
11	Salford City	23	3	4	4	11	12	7	1	4	19	11	7	35	●●●●●
12	Sutton United	25	8	2	3	16	12	2	3	7	9	19	-6	35	●●●●●
13	Stockport County	23	5	3	3	15	10	5	1	6	18	13	10	34	●●●●●
14	AFC Wimbledon	24	5	3	3	14	11	4	4	5	15	17	1	34	●●●●●
15	Tranmere Rovers	24	5	2	4	15	9	4	4	5	10	11	5	33	●●●●●
16	Grimsby Town	23	3	5	4	13	15	5	1	5	13	12	-1	30	●●●●●
17	Crewe Alexandra	22	5	3	4	14	13	2	4	4	5	14	-8	28	●●●●●
18	Newport County	24	3	3	7	11	16	3	4	4	12	11	-4	25	●●●●●
19	Harrogate Town	23	4	3	4	16	16	2	2	8	14	20	-6	23	●●●●●
20	Crawley Town	24	5	1	6	15	17	0	6	6	11	22	-13	22	●●●●●
21	Colchester United	24	4	4	4	14	13	1	1	10	7	18	-10	20	●●●●●
22	Hartlepool United	24	2	5	5	11	21	2	2	8	13	24	-21	19	●●●●●
23	Rochdale	23	2	1	8	9	17	2	3	7	9	18	-17	16	●●●●●
24	Gillingham	23	2	4	5	4	12	0	4	8	3	16	-21	14	●●●●●

● Won ● Drawn ● Lost - Updated 4th January 2023

TOP 3'S 2022/23

GOALS		
15	Sam Hoskins	Northampton Town
13	Andy Cook	Bradford City
13	Kristian Dennis	Carlisle United
ASSISTS		
10	Ben Whitfield	Barrow AFC
8	Elliot Watt	Salford City
7	Owen Moxon	Carlisle United
CHANCES CREATED		
57	Elliot Watt	Salford City
55	Ben Whitfield	Barrow AFC
55	Mitch Pinnock	Northampton Town
DRIBBLES		
77	Jordan Gibson	Carlisle United
75	Josh Neufville	Sutton United
75	Luke Bolton	Salford City

SHOTS		
72	Omar Bogle	Newport County
70	Sam Hoskins	Salford City
59	Alex Pattison	Harrogate Town
TACKLES		
76	Owen Moxon	Carlisle United
69	Jack Currie	AFC Wimbledon
66	Liam Kinsella	Walsall
SAVES		
84	Solomon Brynyn	Hwindon Town
80	Ben Killip	Hartlepool United
77	Arthur Okonkwo	Crewe Alexandra
CLEAN SHEETS		
15	Lawrence Vigouroux	Leyton Orient
11	Ross Doohan	Tranmere Rovers
11	Taye Ashby-Hammond	Stevenage



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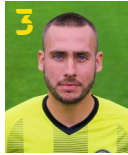


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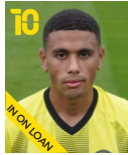
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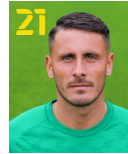


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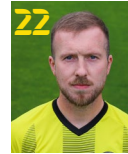


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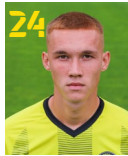


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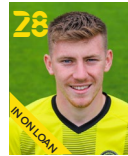
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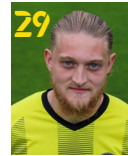
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1 Lincoln City	10	6	2	2	35	25	10	20
2 Bradford City	10	6	1	3	31	15	16	19
3 Grimsby Town	11	6	1	4	25	22	3	19
4 Huddersfield Town	12	6	0	6	22	21	1	18
5 Doncaster Rovers	10	5	1	4	21	21	0	16
6 Burton Albion	10	5	0	5	22	18	4	15
7 Scunthorpe United	9	4	2	3	16	14	2	14
8 Mansfield Town	11	4	2	5	22	26	-4	14
9 Harrogate Town	7	4	1	2	13	8	5	13
10 Hartlepool United	9	2	2	5	5	23	-18	8
11 Rotherham United	11	0	2	9	13	32	-19	2



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DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	RES
December			
Sun 11	Sunderland WE	H	NEP 2-6
January			
Sun 8	Altofts	H	CC
Sun 15	Alnwick Town	H	NEP
Sun 22	Blyth Town	A	NEP
Sun 29	Chester le Street	A	NEP
February			
Sun 12	Hull United	H	NEP
Sun 19	Wallsend B.C.	H	NEP

NORTH EAST REGIONAL WFL PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Chester le Street	8	8	0	0	32	24
2 Wallsend B.C.	7	6	0	1	10	18
3 South Shields	7	6	0	1	8	18
4 Wakefield AFC	7	4	1	2	9	13
5 Sunderland WE	9	4	0	5	-1	12
6 Redcar Town	6	2	1	3	-1	7
7 Alnwick Town	5	2	0	3	-4	6
8 Hull United	8	1	1	6	-15	4
9 Blyth Town	10	2	1	7	-16	4*
10 Harrogate Town	7	0	0	7	-22	-6*

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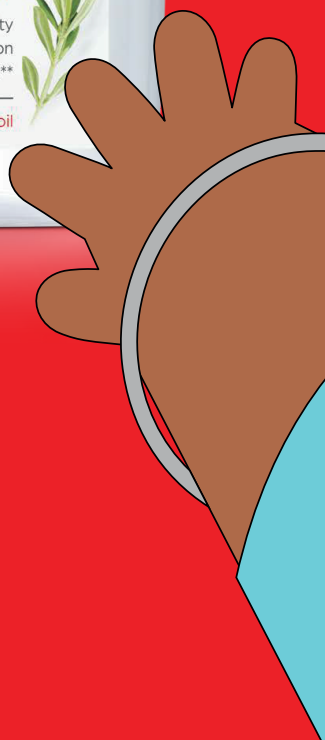
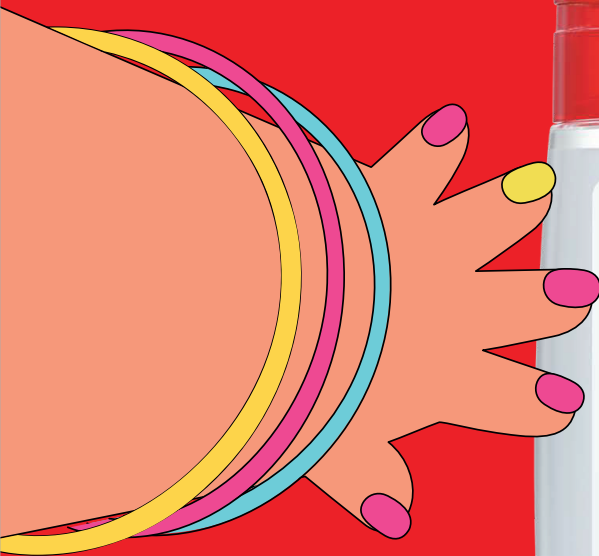
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MATT BLOOMFIELD

Matt Bloomfield joined the U's as Head Coach at the end of September 2022 from Wycombe Wanderers, where he played and coached for the majority of his career. The 38-year-old played over 550 games for the Chairboys and captained the side for almost a decade, earning four promotions, three from League Two and one from League One. Bloomfield was a player-coach for Wanderers for two years before fully retiring from playing in February 2022.

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RECENT LINE UP



KEY MEN FOR THE U'S



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LUKE CHAMBERS

Experienced defender Luke Chambers joined Colchester United in June 2021 after leaving Ipswich Town. Having played just shy of 800 games when he joined the U's, Chambers brings valuable experience to the defence of Colchester United, and links up with his former Town teammate, Tommy Smith. His professional career began in 2003 with Northampton, where he went on to make almost 150 appearances for the Cobblers before joining Nottingham Forest in 2007. A five-year stint at the City Ground preceded his time at Ipswich Town where he made almost 400 appearances for the Tractor Boys and became the ninth-highest appearance maker for the club. His nine-year association with Ipswich Town ended in 2021, when he signed a two-year deal with the U's.



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COLE SKUSE

The versatile and experience midfielder became the first summer signing of 2021 moving to Colchester United after his release from League One Ipswich Town, ending an eight-year, 300 game association with the Tractor Boys. Beginning his career at Bristol City, Skuse made his debut in 2005 and helped the Robins gain promotion to the Championship two seasons later, playing 42 league games as Bristol City finished runners up. Remaining a key figure at Ashton Gate for another five six season, Skuse clocked up over 300 appearances for the Robins before moving to Portman Road.



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NOAH CHILVERS

Noah was taken into the Colchester United academy at the age of nine. He progressed through to make his debut in the first team as a late sub in 2019. He then joined National League South side Bath City on loan in October 2019. On the back of his breakthrough season in 2020/21, where he scored three goals and made 49 first-team appearances, Chilvers was named both Colchester United 'Player of the Year' and 'Young Player of the Year' as well as receiving the Goal of the Season award. Almost ever-present again this season, Noah has surpassed 100 games for the U's.

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LUKE HANNANT

The versatile midfielder joined Colchester United in Summer 2022 from Cambridge United who had just been promoted to the third tier of English Football with Hannant playing in all but three of their league games. Scoring seven goals in forty-eight games across the whole season, Hannant brought experience and knowledge of League Two to the U's, having also played in the fourth tier of English Football with Port Vale between 2018 and 2019.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

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NEIL FRANKLIN

Ex-England international centre-half Neil Franklin managed the U's to promotion in 1965-66. Capped 27 times while at Stoke City, he moved to Hull City in February 1951 after an ill-fated spell with Santa Fe in Bogota. He joined Crewe Alexandra in February 1956, then played for Stockport County, Macclesfield Town, Wellington Town and Sankeys. After a period with Apoel in Cyprus, he succeeded Benny Fenton as Colchester's manager in November 1963 and remained in charge at Layer Road until dismissed in May 1968. He was later a publican in Tillingham and Sandon and died in February 1996.

DICK GRAHAM

Dick Graham plotted Colchester United's epic 1970-71 FA Cup run and 1971 Watney Cup final triumph. A former goalkeeper with Northampton, Leicester and Crystal Palace, he was West Brom's trainer before rejoining Palace as assistant-boss in November 1960. He became their manager in March 1963 and led them to promotion in 1963-64, then managed Orient and Walsall before becoming Colchester's manager in July 1968. Remaining in charge at Layer Road until resigning in September 1972, he briefly managed Wimbledon, then spent 13 years in recreational management until May 1987. He died in March 2013.

JIM SMITH

Popular manager Jim Smith guided Colchester United to promotion in 1973-74. He played for Sheffield United, Aldershot, Halifax Town and Lincoln City before becoming Boston United's player-boss in June 1969. 'Bald Eagle' joined Colchester in a similar capacity in October 1972 and also plotted their 1974-75 League Cup run, leaving in July 1975 to manage Blackburn. He guided Birmingham and Oxford United to promotion, then QPR to the 1986 League Cup final. Later managing Newcastle, Portsmouth and Derby, he was Pompey's assistant-boss, then managed Oxford again. He died in December 2019.



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ROY MCDONOUGH

Striker Roy McDonough was player-manager as Colchester United won the Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' in 1991-92. Initially with Birmingham City, he joined Walsall in September 1978 and starred in their 1979-80 promotion success. He moved via Chelsea to Colchester in February 1981, then played for Southend, Exeter City, Cambridge and Southend again, starring in their 1986-87 and 1989-90 promotion campaigns. Rejoining Colchester from October 1990 until May 1994, he had spells at Braintree, Dagenham & Redbridge and Canvey Island before managing Chelmsford and Heybridge.

STEVE WIGNALL

Central defender Steve Wignall was both a player and manager at Colchester United. Signing professional for Doncaster Rovers in March 1972, he moved to Layer Road in September 1977 and netted 22 goals in 281 League games prior to joining Brentford in August 1984. He moved to Aldershot in September 1986, becoming boss of the new club in June 1992 and plotting successive promotions. Rejoining Colchester as manager in January 1995, he guided them to the 1997 Auto Windscreens Shield final and promotion in 1997-98. He remained in charge until February 1999, then managed Stevenage, Doncaster and Southend.

PHIL PARKINSON

Phil Parkinson managed the U's promotion to the Championship in 2005-06. Initially with Southampton, the midfielder moved via Bury to Reading in July 1992. He starred as they won the Second Division title in 1993-94, then were First Division play-off finalists in 1995. Also helping win promotion in 2001-02, he became Colchester's manager in February 2003 and plotted their 2005-06 FA Cup run but left in June 2006 to take charge of Hull City. He has since managed Charlton, then Bradford City to promotion and the League Cup final in 2012-13, Bolton to promotion in 2016-17, Sunderland and Wrexham.

BOBBY ROBERTS

Former Scotland U-23 midfielder Bobby Roberts managed Colchester United to promotion in 1976-77. Initially with Motherwell, he represented the Scottish League before joining Leicester City in September 1963. He played in the 1969 FA Cup final and moved to Mansfield Town in September 1970, then coached Coventry City prior to joining Colchester in July 1973. Later manager at Layer Road from June 1975 until April 1982, he managed Wrexham for three years before coaching El Shabar in Kuwait. He was in charge of Grimsby Town between July 1987 and May 1988, then held various coaching and scouting posts.



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- Warren Burrell 6
- George Thomson 7
- Dior Angus 8
- Danny Grant 9
- Josh Coley 10
- Max Wright 11
- Sam Folarin 12
- Jaheim Headley 15
- Alex Pattison 16
- Josh Austerfield 17
- Jack Muldoon 18
- Tyler Frost 19
- Kayne Ramsay 20
- Pete Jameson 21
- Stephen Dooley 22
- Rory McArdle 23
- Kyle Ferguson 24
- George Horbury 25
- Emmanuel Ilesanmi 26
- Matty Daly 28
- Luke Armstrong 29

COLCHESTER UNITED

Manager: Matt Bloomfield

- 1 Sam Hornby
- 3 Ryan Clampin
- 4 Luke Chambers
- 5 Tommy Smith
- 6 Tom Dallison
- 7 Luke Hannant
- 8 Cole Skuse
- 9 Kwesi Appiah
- 10 Alan Judge
- 11 Freddie Sears
- 13 Kieran O'Hara
- 14 Noah Chilvers
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- 37 Chay Cooper
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