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WELCOME TO THE BROADFIELD STADIUM

Welcome to the Broadfield Stadium for today's League Two Match. We would also like to extend a warm Crawley Town welcome to the players, staff and fans of today's visitors and wish them all a safe journey home after the game.

NEWS BITES FROM THE DEVIL

FEBRUARY PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The CORE Facilities Management Player of the month nominees for February were:- Kellan Gordon, Jay Williams & Jacob Chapman. Three very worthy contenders; but once again the award goes to Huddersfield's finest - our magnificent No.35 - loan goalkeeper Jacob Chapman. Hopefully it will be an outfield hat-trick hero that wins it in March!

RADCLIFFE GETS A* REPORT AT GATESHEAD

Our on-loan defender, Ben Radcliffe, got a glowing report from ex Reds manager Rob Elliott, after Gateshead beat Solihull 2-1 away last weekend. Ben apparently had a great game in defence and also conjured up their match winner, with 11 minutes left on the clock. He was made Man of the Match and also featured in the Non League Paper's Team Of The Week, in the National League. Rob Joked to the press "I think he was really poor and should stay with us for the rest of the season" in detention. He added:- "He's such a winner, with great desire and he wants to do well for us" It will be interesting to see if he comes back into the Crawley fold in June.

ANOTHER SET OF VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS

We noticed on Facebook that Jonny Russell had some fans over from Larne in Ireland to watch him in the Swindon game. We hope they enjoyed the thrilling comeback (despite the Ref's Jekyll and Hyde performance). They hope to make a return trip to the Broadfield for the Salford game.

FOOTIEPRINT LEAVE A PROGRAMME FOOTPRINT IN OUR AREA

If you are a traditionalist, and like physical copies of programmes, you might be interested to know that our producer also makes printed matchday magazines for the following local teams:

Horsham - currently 14th in National League South, **Haywards Heath** - 1st in Southern Combination Premier Division, **Worthing** - 3rd in National League South, **Lancing** - 20th in Southern Combination Premier Division, **Leatherhead** - 1st in Isthmian South Central, **Bognor Regis** - 14th in Isthmian South and **Loxwood** 14th in Southern Combination Division One.



Whilst on the subject of local clubs - (although they do not do a physical programme - online and teamsheet only) we should give an honourable mention to Three Bridges who are having a brilliantly dominant season. Their entry prices are £10 adult and £5 concessions but adult CTFC Season Ticket Holders can get in for a fiver on presentation of their Season Ticket Card.

HUB HOSTS INJURED PLAYERS

As noted by Steve Leake elsewhere in this programme, we were lucky to meet Theo Vassell & Danny Cashman when they popped in to support the Community Foundation Hub members. Sadly both are still out of action for a while, but it was great to meet them. The leg brace on Theo's left limb certainly looked very "bionic man" so it looks like they are being well looked after. The Red Devils' Diary team wish all our injured players a speedy recovery.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Our photographer Grant Mansfield saw his sons, pictured right, dressed up for World Book Day in Crawley Town colours and they went in to school clutching copies of the Red Devils' Diary, which as we all know is a very good read indeed. Hopefully we got at least a B plus for our publication.

THE SACK RACE

Tranmere Rovers have parted company with manager Andy Crosby, after he lost 11 out of 12 games. Pete Wild, who was himself sacked from Fleetwood Town in January 2026, has taken over until the end of the season. Before his Fleetwood stint he had been in charge of Oldham, Halifax & Barrow.

YET ANOTHER P45

Walsall manager Mat Sadler has left the club after almost three years in charge. 1 win in 11 games (after being 4 points clear in early December) set the alarm bells ringing amongst their fans. They had already suffered heartbreak in the previous 24/25 season, when, after being well clear of the pack, a collapse in form led to them losing out to AFC Wimbledon in the play off promotion game. Coach Darren Byfield has taken the reins on an interim basis. (Mat made 102 appearances and scored 2 goals for Crawley between 2012 & 2014).

SACKING HAT TRICK

Barrow have somehow managed to part company with 3 managers in one season. Dino Maamria lasted just 28 days at the helm before being fired on the 11th March. Barrow's veteran midfielder Sam Foley (age 39) has been asked to take charge.



Steve Hedges with Danny Cashman



MISSING GAMES IN ACTION

Here's a confession. I was about to miss our last home game, but my excuse would have been a reasonable one, in that the good old National Health Service had chosen that day to alleviate me of a severe pain that had been troubling me for the last year and a bit.

They had chosen that day to give me a replacement shoulder, free of charge (but worth over £13,000 on the open (transfer) market.) I ummed and aahd about it, and finally decided to have the operation and forego an afternoon of selling programmes and watching the team I love, play football.

Whilst waiting at home for the day to come, I got thinking about the home games I had missed during my sixty-nine, (almost seventy) years of watching the mighty Red Devils, and, as there are only thirteen of them, (Swindon Town would have made it my 14th) I thought I would try and work out whether I am a talisman supporter or a jinx.

Here goes, but before I start, I have not included the lock down year and a bit, when virtually no one could go to a game, home or away. You may remember that terrible time; 2019/2020, which ended early in March.

This was followed by season 2020/2021, when there were only two home games played in front of a paying crowd and we had to watch on television the fantastic six goals to five victory over Torquay away in the FA Cup, followed by the three nil demolition of Premier League Leeds United in the third round. I watched that game standing in front of my television and smiled when I spotted my granddaughter, doing her ball retrieving duties right behind the goal where Tsaroulla, Nadesan, and Tunncliffe scored the goals that we will always remember.

And now, here they are the 13, or should it be

12.5 games I've missed since 1956.

Starting with the Metropolitan League years, there are five games, mainly because they were played midweek, during school time, as we did not have floodlights at the time. Five games missed, including three wins and two defeats. The teams I missed were Newbury, Didcot, Brighton and Hove Albion Reserves, Chelsea A and Fulham A.

Going on to the Southern League era, there were another five games missed in the 1964/65 season, once again because we didn't have floodlights, and the matches were played on Wednesday afternoons usually. All the games were won and in my defence, I did make it to the second half of one of the games, after cycling like fury, along with ten or more of my friends, from Hazelwick to Town Meadow in a time that Sir Chris Hoy would be proud of. When we arrived at the ground, we asked what the score was and we were told it was seven nil.

There was no score board in the ground then, so we were a little worried that the adults there were pulling our legs. Dave "Brylcream boy" Robertson along with John Skinner added a goal apiece and when I bought a Late Evening Argus, from their office in the High Street later that evening, there it was in black and white. Crawley Town 8 Ashford 0. The attendance was recorded at 250, but whether it included our late coming party, I'm not sure. Games missed included two against Ashford (one in the League Cup), Tunbridge Wells Rangers, Hastings United and Gloucester City, four wins and one defeat.

The only other home games I can remember missing happened in 1969/1970, our first season in the Southern Premier, Tier Five as it was then, and was a four two victory over Kings Lynn with two goals from local lad Tony Kingston and one



each from Dave Cockell and a chap called OG, who is still our highest goal scorer of all time on 143, with none of them being penalties. My excuse for missing this one was a family holiday at Brean Sands and it is also the excuse for missing the first home game in 2017/2018 when we lost to Port Vale, although this time the holiday was in Christchurch. (Dorset that is, not New Zealand.)

Almost there now, the last home game I missed was last year's very creditable draw against Huddersfield Town. We led twice, through Rushian Hepburn-Murphy and Max Anderson, only to be pegged back on both occasions, the match ending 2-2, with Jacob Chapman in goal for the Terriers. A good reason this time, I had the worst disease known to man, or as the females amongst us would call it, Man flu. Seriously, I was not well!!

Jinx or talisman, thirteen games missed including eight victories, a draw and four defeats.

And then..... one of the operating team opened the window on influenza, postponing my shoulder operation until they have all their squad available, which could possibly mean that you might have been sold this programme by someone other than me. Or not!

On top of the news about my op, on Friday 6th March, I received two good pieces of news, the first being that I will be moving upstairs in my apartment block in the near future, to a two bedroom apartment, which will give me the room

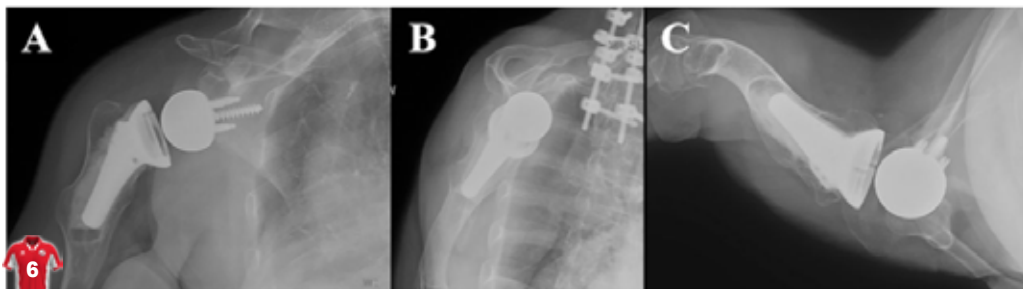
to have my own office for the production of Red Devils' Diary and any future books about the most important of the least important things in my life. During my normal visit to the Extra Time Hub it was good to see Danny Cashman and Theo Vassell in there chatting to us old fogies about their injuries, the sad news being that we probably won't see them playing again until nextmost season. Both came across as intelligent and thoughtful people who seemed to find it easy to converse with us all.

Then, to make it a really good day, I was contacted by the club to congratulate me on being elected, along with Sam Jordan, Dan Maguire and Chris Lord, to sit on the Fans Advisory Board along with the appointed members, Kieran Sullivan, Victoria Morris-Birrell, the CTSA, GH Coaches, a commercial sponsor representative and a member of the Crawley Town Community Foundation.

I will end this piece now and leave it to my good friend Kev Neylon to describe the goings on against Swindon, but suffice it to say we deserved more than we got against a physical side who now sit in the playoff positions, but as a Swindon supporter said to me before the game, "it doesn't matter where you sit on match day, anybody in League 2 is capable of beating any of the other 23 teams on the day". This was said as he bought a programme from me and commented on how good it was to see such a good quality one at such a low price.

We are obviously delighted with how Red Devils' Diary has been received, and as a result of selling out against Swindon, a full twenty five minutes before kickoff, we will have increased our print run for tonight's game and will gladly keep on increasing it all the while we keep selling out. If you were disappointed with not getting a copy for any of the games where we have sold out, we are looking to see, in conjunction with Footieprint, if it would be possible/economical to do small print runs for games where that has happened. (Remember the programmes are available in pdf form on the CTFCSA and Crawley Town History websites)

Signing off now, in International Rescue Mode with FAB SCOTT!!!





WORD SEARCH

Find the grounds, fields and pitches that Crawley Town and Crawley FC have played their home games on since they were founded back in the Victorian era.

The current name is not included, but two of its former names are:

- CHECKATRADE
- CRAWLEY REC GRND
- GEORGE MEADOW
- GOFFS HILL
- IFIELD
- JORDANS
- MALTHOUSE FARM
- RECTORY FIELD
- STONES FIELD
- THE PPS
- TOWN MEADOW
- VICTORIA HALL
- YETMANS FIELD

SPOT THE BALL!

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



Y	M	W	O	D	A	E	M	E	G	R	O	E	G
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T	O	N	E	F	N	L	H	L	E	E	A	S	G
O	A	M	F	O	S	S	S	S	W	T	E	N	U
R	C	E	U	P	P	I	F	I	E	L	D	A	K
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A	R	W	D	O	T	P	H	Y	Z	Z	D	J	C
L	M	A	L	T	H	O	U	S	E	F	A	R	M
L	L	E	D	A	R	T	A	K	C	E	H	C	Z
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AUTOGRAPH





FIXTURE HISTORY - CRAWLEY VS BARNET

SIXTY YEARS OF CROSSING PATHS (1966–PRESENT)

Although they are only about 50 miles apart, Crawley Town and Barnet have rarely spent long periods in the same division. Their meetings have been scattered across non-league football, the FA Cup and the English Football League, often interrupted by promotions and relegations that pulled the clubs apart again. The story of their encounters reflects the changing fortunes of both clubs over six decades.

THE FIRST MEETINGS: SOUTHERN LEAGUE FOOTBALL (1966–1970)

The first competitive meetings between Crawley Town and Barnet came in the 1965–66 Southern League Division One season. At the time both clubs were firmly embedded in non-league football. 1965–66 – Crawley drew at home but lost away to Barnet. Barnet had just turned semi-professional and would win the division and earn promotion to the Southern League Premier Division.

The teams met again a couple of years later: 1967–68 Southern League Cup – Crawley won the home leg but lost the away leg, with Barnet progressing 5.3 on aggregate. After Crawley earned promotion from Southern League Division One, the two clubs renewed league rivalry: 1969–70 Southern League Premier Division – Crawley again drew at home and lost away. The reunion was brief when after a single season in the Premier Division, Crawley were relegated.

ANOTHER BRIEF REUNION IN THE 1970S (1976–77)

After several seasons apart due to divisional reshuffling and league structures, the clubs met again in 1976–77 in the Southern League Division One. Crawley Town won the home match & Barnet won the return fixture.

Again the meeting was short-lived. Structural

changes in non-league football and fluctuating league positions meant the clubs were quickly separated again. During the late 1970s Barnet were growing into a major non-league force and would become founder members of the Alliance Premier League (later the Conference).



FA CUP ENCOUNTER: LEAGUE VS NON-LEAGUE (1993)

The next meaningful meeting came more than 15 years later, and it occurred in a very different context: - 4 December 1993 – FA Cup 1st Round Crawley Town 1–2 Barnet. At the time: Barnet were a Football League club after winning promotion to the Fourth Division in 1991. Crawley remained a non-league side.

The match therefore carried the classic FA Cup dynamic of non-league vs league opposition, though Barnet avoided the upset by winning at Town Mead. Soon after this period, Barnet remained in the league system while Crawley continued to climb slowly through the non-league pyramid, keeping the clubs apart.

CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CLASH (2004–05)

The next chapter came when Crawley rose into the Football Conference (now the National League). In the 2004–05

Conference season Barnet won both meetings against Crawley. This season was significant because: Barnet won the Conference title, earning promotion back to the Football League. Crawley stayed in the division. Once again promotion separated the clubs immediately after their reunion.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE ERA (2011–2012)

The biggest shift in the relationship came when Crawley finally reached the Football League. Crawley were Conference champions in 2010–11. That promotion placed them in League Two alongside Barnet for the first time in their history. Results: 30 Dec 2011: Crawley 1–0 Barnet 9 Apr 2012: Barnet 1–2 Crawley. These were historic fixtures as they represented Crawley's first league meetings with Barnet. Part of Crawley's rapid rise through the pyramid. However, Crawley were promoted again at the end of the season, moving up to League One, which once more ended the meetings.

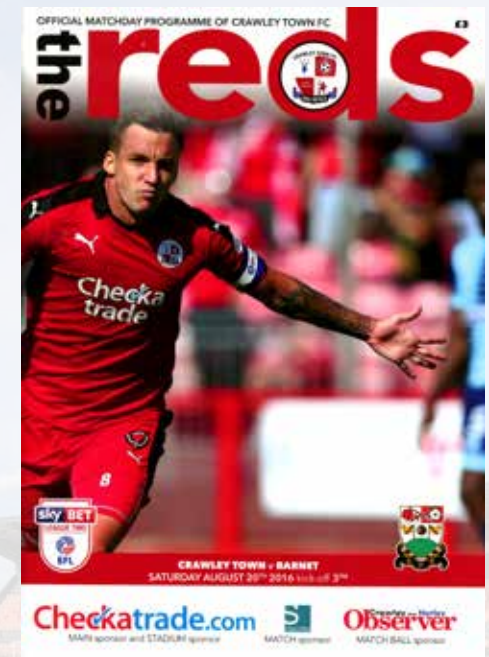
LEAGUE TWO RIVALRY (2015–2018)

The clubs finally shared a division for a longer period in the mid-2010s after Crawley were relegated back to League Two. Interesting points from this period:- Barnet's 4–2 win in 2015 remains the highest-scoring meeting between the clubs. The 0–3 defeat at Crawley in 2016 was one of Crawley's heaviest home losses that season.

At the end of the 2017–18 season, Barnet were relegated from League Two, dropping back into the National League and once again ending the fixture for several years.

PRESENT DAY (2025–2026)

This season has seen the two clubs once again renew their league rivalry following Barnet's promotion as National League Champions and New Year's Day saw them draw first blood with a 2-1 win at The Hive.





MEET THE MANAGER

DEAN BRENNAN

Dublin born Dean Brennan (age 45) was a winger/attacking midfield player, whose career (spent predominantly in non-league) spanned from 2000 to 2012. He retired from playing whilst at Dunstable Town. He has previously managed Hemel Hempstead Town, Billericay Town, Kingstonian and Wealdstone.



Dean was appointed as manager of Barnet on 17th February 2022. His current contract goes up to 30th June 2028. He had originally joined Barnet as an assistant to Harry Kewell before stepping up when Kewell left the club. Barnet had steadily improved under Brennan and having dismissed an approach from Swindon Town, he took them to second place in the National League in 2023/24 (Losing out to Solihull Moors in the semi final).

In 2024/25 Barnet won the National League title and Dean was named National League Manager of the Season. However, he did rather blot his copybook this season.

In February 2026, he received a nine-game ban from the FA for verbally abusing a female referee during his team's home defeat by Shrewsbury on 6 September 2025, during which he was sent off for dissent.

DID YOU KNOW?

Former Crawley Town boss Harry Kewell went on to manage National League Barnet in 2021. He lost his opening game 5-0 and was sacked after seven matches, having lost 5 and drawn 2! Harry is currently manager of Hanoi FC (Vietnam).



WE'VE MET BEFORE - CRAWLEY VS BARNET

PLAYED **20** WON **10** DRAWN **4** LOST **6** WIN RATIO **50%**

1965/66	SLD1	Tue, 15 Mar	Crawley Town 2-2 Barnet
	SLD1	Tue, 10 May	Barnet 6-1 Crawley Town
1967/68	SLC	Mon, 28 Aug	Barnet 5-0 Crawley Town
	SLC	Tue, 05 Sep	Crawley Town 3-0 Barnet
1969/70	SLP	Tue, 14 Oct	Barnet 2-1 Crawley Town
	SLP	Mon, 23 Mar	Crawley Town 1-1 Barnet
1976/77	SLD1	Sat, 20 Nov	Barnet 2-1 Crawley Town
	SLD1	Sat, 08 Jan	Crawley Town 3-2 Barnet
1993/94	FA Cup	Sat, 04 Dec	Crawley Town 1-2 Barnet
2004/05	CONF	Tue, 07 Dec	Crawley Town 1-3 Barnet
	CONF	Sat, 12 Mar	Barnet 3-0 Crawley Town
2011/12	League 2	Fri, 30 Dec	Crawley Town 1-0 Barnet
	League 2	Mon, 09 Apr	Barnet 1-2 Crawley Town
2015/16	League 2	Sat, 19 Dec	Barnet 4-2 Crawley Town
	League 2	Sat, 07 May	Crawley Town 0-3 Barnet
2016/17	League 2	Sat, 20 Aug	Crawley Town 1-1 Barnet
	League 2	Sat, 11 Mar	Barnet 2-2 Crawley Town
2017/18	League 2	Sat, 23 Sep	Barnet 1-2 Crawley Town
	League 2	Sat, 13 Jan	Crawley Town 2-0 Barnet
2025/26	League 2	Thu, 01 Jan	Barnet 2-1 Crawley Town

THE HIVE STADIUM, OPENED 2013
CAPACITY - 6,500 (ALL SEATED)



BARNET'S HOME,
GOALKEEPER & AWAY KITS



BARNET'S BIG NAME PLAYER

BRITT ASSOMBALONGA

is a highly experienced striker, currently on the books at Barnet. Born in Zaire, the 33 year old DR Congo International had amassed 171 goals already before joining Barnet. His career has taken him from Watford to Peterborough, Nottingham Forest and Middlesbrough, before moving to Turkey's top flight, where he played for three clubs between 2021 and 2025. (He had a brief return to Watford in 2023). If he starts today we will need to make sure he is well marked.



THEY'VE PLAYED FOR BOTH SIDES

Apart from **Kabongo Tshimanga** (see page 15) there has been a lot of crossover over the years. Crawley's **John Akinde** (pictured right) and **David Hunt** (pictured far right) both went on to play for Barnet. Other names from across the 2000's: **Luke Gambin**, **George Francomb** (pictured below right), **Jordan Maguire-Drew**, **Reece Grego-Cox**, **David Sesay**, **Dom Telford**, **Josh Wright**, **Josh Payne**, **Bondz N'Gala**, **Josh Doherty**, **Barry Cogan**, **Gavin McCallum**, **Izale McLeod** (pictured far right) and **Mark Marshall** have all appeared for both teams.



FORMER RED DEVIL

KABONGO TSHIMANGA

Barnet forward Kabongo Tshimanga began the 2025/26 season with Crawley Town FC, after joining the club in July 2025 on a two-year deal following his release from Peterborough United. During the first half of the campaign he featured regularly but struggled to cement a starting role. Tshimanga made 26 appearances and scored five goals for the Red Devils, with several of his contributions coming as an impact substitute. In January 2026, midway through the season, Tshimanga left Crawley to join fellow League Two side Barnet FC for an undisclosed fee. The transfer quickly paid off. Tshimanga scored twice on his debut for Barnet in a 3-2 win over Oldham and made an immediate impact, already bettering his Crawley goal tally within a handful of games with a productive spell in North London.



PLAYERS IN SHOT

IMAGES BY GRANT MANSFIELD



Above: Jonny Russell over the ball, and below, Jonny practices his levitation skills before a long throw



Top left: Charlie Barker - a star man in the Swindon game; Top centre: Dion Pereira who had a superb first half against Swindon; Top right: Harry McKirdy - when your shin pads and socks shrink in the wash; Above: Harry Forster flies down the wing





Date & Opposition	Comp	Res	Att	Team Line-Up First XI											Subs Used (Unused in Italics)	
AUGUST																
2 Grimsby Town	L2	L 0-3	6,806	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Forster	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Papadoupoulos, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Anderson)	
9 NEWPORT COUNTY	L2	L 1-2	3,189	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Scott	Adeyemo	Holohan	Tshimanga	ANDERSON 1, Watson, Roles, Flower (Mukena, Papadoupoulos, Kotey)	
12 Swansea City	CC1	L 1-3	5,095	Davies	Barker	Roles	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Anderson	Adeyemo	Mukena	TSHIMANGA 1	Holohan, Watson, Papadoupoulos, Kotey, Flower (Radcliffe)	
16 Crewe Alexandra	L2	L 0-1	5,062	Davies	Barker	Flower	Flint	McKirdy	Brown	Williams	Anderson	Adeyemo	Mukena	Tshimanga	Roles, Watson, Cashman, Dixon (Papadoupoulos, Radcliffe, Kotey)	
19 MILTON KEYNES DONS	L2	D 1-1	3,561	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Watson	Williams	Dixon	ADEYEMO 1	Cashman	Tshimanga	Anderson, Roles, Brown, Flower (Radcliffe, Mukena, Showunmi)	
23 TRANMERE ROVERS	L2	L 0-2	4,874	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Watson	Scott	Dixon	Adeyemo	Cashman	Tshimanga	Roles, Showwunmi, Bajrami, Flower (Brown, Mukena, Anderson)	
30 Chesterfield	L2	D 2-2	8,005	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MCKIRDY 2	Watson	Scott	Dixon	Adeyemo	Cashman	Bajrami	Pereira, Anderson, Brown, Forster, Tshimanga, Flower (Roles)	
SEPTEMBER																
6 Harrogate Town	L2	W 1-0	2,757	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Loft	Adeyemo	BROWN 1	Bajrami	Anderson, Malone, Forster, Holohan, Tshimanga (Roles)	
13 CHELTENHAM TOWN	L2	W 2-0	3,127	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MCKIRDY 2	Pereira	Scott	Tshimanga	Adeyemo	Brown	Bajrami	Anderson, Malone, Flower, Dixon, Holohan (Forster)	
16 ASTON VILLA U21	EFLT	W 4-2	743	Wollacott	Malone	Mukena	Anderson	RADCLIFFE 2	Kotey	Flower	LOFT 1	DIXON 1	Brown	Forster	Showwunmi, Papadoupoulos (Heater, Pereira, Adeyemo, Tshimanga)	
20 Notts County	L2	L 0-4	8,974	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Tshimanga	Adeyemo	Brown	Bajrami	Forster, Dixon, Loft, Holohan (Malone, Anderson)	
27 BARROW	L2	L 1-2	2,889	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Watson	Loft	Adeyemo	Holohan	BAJRAMI 1	Forster (Malone, Anderson, Brown, Tshimanga, Dixon)	
OCTOBER																
4 Cambridge United	L2	L 1-3	6,607	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	McKirdy	Pereira	Scott	Forster	Dixon	Holohan	Bajrami	Brown, Roles, TSHIMANGA 1 (Malone, Anderson, Flower)	
7 Leyton Orient	EFLT	L 1-2	1,373	Wollacott	Radcliffe	Conroy	Kotey	Malone	Anderson	Scott	Loft	FLOWER 1	Brown	Tshimanga	Barker, Flint, Holohan (Robertson, Heater, Watson, Showunmi)	
11 WALSALL	L2	D 1-1	3,461	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Malone	Anderson	McKirdy	LOFT 1	Pereira	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Forster, Flower (Radcliffe, Brown, Showunmi)	
18 Shrewsbury Town	L2	L 0-1	4,743	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Forster	Anderson	McKirdy	Loft	Pereira	Holohan	Tshimanga	Watson, Bajrami, Roles, Cashman (Brown, Scott)	
25 BRISTOL ROVERS	L2	W 4-0	3,416	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	MALONE 1	Anderson	Scott	Loft	Watson	Holohan	Bajrami	FLOWER 1, FORSTER 1, Tshimanga, Dixon (Brown, Roles)	
NOVEMBER																
1 Boreham Wood	FAC1	L 0-3	1,536	Wollacott	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Malone	Anderson	Scott	Loft	Watson	Holohan	Bajrami	Pereria, Dixon, Brown, Flower, Forster (Tshimanga, Roles, Heater, Radcliffe)	
8 FLEETWOOD TOWN	L2	W 2-1	2,879	Wollacott	Barker	Radcliffe	Flint	Malone	Anderson	Adeyemo	Dixon	Watson	Brown	FLOWER 1	FORSTER 1, Williams, Pereira (Bajrami, Scott, Tshimanga)	
11 PETERBOROUGH UNITED	EFLT	L 1-2	924	Davies	Roles	Radcliffe	Flint	Kotey	Forster	Scott	Loft	Mukena	Tshimanga	BAJRAMI 1	Barker, Anderson, Adeyemo (Brown, Robertson, Heater, Showunmi)	
15 Gillingham	L2	D 2-2	6,252	Wollacott	Barker	Williams	Flint	Anderson	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	BAJRAMI 1	Roles, TSHIMANGA 1 (Davies, Mukena, Kotey, Robertson)	
22 ACCRINGTON STANLEY	L2	D 1-1	2,885	Wollacott	Barker	Williams	Flint	McKirdy	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	Bajrami	Dixon, Roles, TSHIMANGA 1 (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
29 Salford City	L2	L 3-4	2,127	Wollacott	Bajrami	WILLIAMS 1	Flint	McKirdy	FORSTER 1	Brown	Adeyemo	Watson	Flower	Tshimanga	Pereria, Roles, Dixon (Davies, Mukena, Robertson)	
DECEMBER																
9 Bromley	L2	L 1-3	3,544	Wollacott	Barker	Bajrami	Flint	McKirdy	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Williams	LOFT 1	Watson	Tshimanga, Dixon, Roles (Davies, Conroy, Holohan)	
13 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	L2	D 2-2	3,152	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Dixon	Forster	Brown	Adeyemo	Williams	LOFT 1	Roles	Watson, Pereira, Holohan, TSHIMANGA 1 (Wollacott, Bajrami)	
20 Swindon Town	L2	L 0-1	8,172	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Forster	Brown	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Roles	Tshimanga, Watson, Adeyemo, Holohan (Dixon, Wollacott)	
26 COLCHESTER UNITED	L2	D 1-1	3,993	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Forster	BROWN 1	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Roles	Watson, Tshimanga, Adeyemo, Holohan, McKirdy (Dixon)	
29 BROMLEY	L2	L 1-3	4,058	Davies	BARKER 1	Conroy	Flint	Pereira	Holohan	Brown	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	Adeyemo	Roles, Forster, McKirdy, Tshimanga (Dixon, Watson)	
JANUARY 2026																
1 Barnet	L2	L 1-2	2,566	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Vassell	Richards	Forster	Bajrami	Williams	Loft	MCKIRDY 1	Watson, Tshimanga, Adeyemo, Dixon (Roles, Brown)	
4 Cheltenham Town	L2	L 0-3	3,211	Davies	Barker	Conroy	Flint	Williams	McKirdy	Forster	Richards	T Adeyemo	Russell	Brown	Pereira, Roles, Tshimanga (Bajrami, Watson, Odimayo, Vassell)	
17 NOTTS COUNTY	L2	L 1-2	3,933	Davies	Vassell	Odimayo	Flint	Forster	Pereira	Russell	Copley	Williams	Lolos	Orsi	MCKIRDY 1, Anderson (Wollacott, Radcliffe, Barker, Bajrami, Adeyemo)	
24 Barrow	L2	W 1-0	2,322	Chapman	Vassell	Odimayo	Flint	Darcy	McKirdy	Russell	Copley	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	RICHARDS 1, Barker, Forster, Anderson (Wollacott, Pereira, Bajrami)	
27 Walsall	L2	D 0-0	4,899	Chapman	Vassell	Anderson	Flint	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Richards	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	Odimayo, Bajrami, L Richards, McKirdy, Pereira (Wollacott, Forster)	
31 HARROGATE TOWN	L2	W 2-0	3,326	Chapman	Vassell	ANDERSON 1	FLINT 1	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Richards	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	Bajrami, L Richards, Forster, McKirdy, Pereira (Wollacott, Odimayo)	
FEBRUARY																
7 CREWE ALEX.	L2	L 0-1	2,975	Chapman	Vassell	McKirdy	Flint	Darcy	Barker	Russell	Lolos	Williams	Gordon	Orsi	T Richards, Forster (Pereira, Odimayo, Bajrami, L Richards)	
10 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	L2	L 0-3	2,961	Chapman	Vassell	McKirdy	Flint	Darcy	Forster	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Odimayo	Orsi	Gordon, T Richards, Bajrami (Barker, Copley, Pereira)	
14 Tranmere Rovers	L2	L 0-2	5,739	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Flint	Darcy	Forster	Copley	Lolos	Williams	Odimayo	Orsi	Barker, Pereira, Ferizaj (Wollacott, Adeyemo, L Richards)	
17 Milton Keynes Dons	L2	D 0-0	7,035	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Flint	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Ferizaj	Orsi	Forster, Pereira (Russell, Odimayo, Adeyemo, T Adeyemo)	
21 CHESTERFIELD	L2	D 1-1	3,250	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	A Adeyemo	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	WILLIAMS 1	Ferizaj	Orsi	T Richards, Forster (Russell, Odimayo, T Adeyemo, Pereira)	
28 Oldham Athletic	L2	L 0-2	7,050	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Forster	Darcy	Barker	L Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	Orsi	T Adeyemo, A Adeyemo (Wollacott, Odimayo, Ferizaj, Pereira)	
MARCH																
7 SWINDON TOWN	L2	D 2-2	4,124	Chapman	Bajrami	GORDON 1	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	LOLOS 1	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Odimayo, Forster, T Adeyemo (Darcy, Ferizaj, A Adeyemo)	
13 Colchester United	L2	D 0-0	5,167	Chapman	Bajrami	Gordon	Malone	Pereira	Barker	T Richards	Lolos	Williams	Russell	Orsi	Forster, Odimayo, Darcy, T Adeyemo (Ferizaj, A Adeyemo)	
17 BARNET	L2															
21 Fleetwood Town	L2															
28 GILLINGHAM	L2															
APRIL																
3 Newport County	L2															
6 GRIMSBY TOWN	L2															
11 Bristol Rovers (KO 12.30)	L2															
18 SHREWSBURY TOWN	L2															
25 Accrington Stanley	L2															
MAY																
2 SALFORD CITY	L2															



REDS 2-2 SWINDON TOWN SATURDAY 7TH MARCH



Getting to the ground early I was surprised to see Steve Leake, only to find that his planned shoulder op had been cancelled late last night, so he was doing roving programme sales, whilst Mick Fox manned the booth, and the programmes sold like hot cakes, with the last one going to Carl just before half two.

This may have been down to the fact that the away end is full; Swindon have brought well over a thousand (exact figures were drowned out by the fan noise towards the end of the game).

Kicking off and we have plenty of early possession, a throw on the left is worked across to Charlie Barker on the right, rolled back to Kellan Gordon and his cross is met by a Geraldo Bajrami header which goes wide. We are having decent possession and obtain a free kick in midfield; it gets back to Scott Malone and his shot from thirty-five yards is straight at the keeper. We go again down the right, Gordon to Dion Pereira, and he cuts inside and his curling dipping shot comes back off the crossbar and is cleared.

Swindon have an attack down the left and a cross in is met by a header which is saved by Jacob Chapman. Danilo Orsi intercepts a back

pass and plays it to Pereira, he plays it out to Gordon and his cross is flicked out for a throw on the far side, Jonny Russell shapes as if it will be a long one but takes it short and we just put it out for a throw to Swindon. Pereira is cluttered in midfield, but nothing given, and moments later a Swindon player goes down with no one within ten yards of him. He gets treatment and is subbed off.

Meanwhile former Crawley player Ollie Palmer is constantly falling over. I'm assuming it's because since his appearances on 'Welcome To Wrexham' he appears to have become pregnant, either that or we should check if any of his teammates are missing and hiding around his waist, and that this has altered his centre of balance so he can't stay on his feet. He is down in the penalty box claiming a penalty this time. The ref isn't interested and gives a goal kick to us.

We work it forward down the right and switch it over to Russell on the left, he plays it into Klaidi Lolos in the box, but he loses it. We get it back and play it out to Gordon, his cross sees a lot of pinball in the box and half chances, it gets back out to Malone on the left, he plays it into Taylor Richards in the middle of the field and his attempt from distance goes over.... the bar, the KRL Logistics stand, and

would have gone over another KRL Logistics stand stacked on top as well. It probably landed on a passing number 10 bus, for ball loss number one of the day.

Coming out from the back, down the left with Russell, and it is crossed deep to Gordon on the right, he plays it back to Barker and his shot is deflected for a corner. It's taken to the near post and there's a Swindon head on it as it flashes across the goal and out for a corner on the other side.

That comes into the box and a Richards header is well saved and the follow up shot bundled out for another corner. When that comes in there is a scramble in the box before the ref blows for a foul in there and Swindon can clear.

We break, when Jay Williams wins a ball in midfield and gets it to Pereira, he plays it out to Gordon and his first time cross ends up going straight to the goalkeeper. A ball to Richards in midfield sees him go forward with it and shoot, it stays low this time but goes wide. Barker hits a long diagonal ball to the left corner flag and Lolos retrieves, beats his man twice and puts a cross in which the keeper claims under his own bar.

Swindon have a rare attack and win a corner. We have three up field, as is now usual, and we clear the corner out to Gordon on halfway, he's bundled over to prevent a quick break and we get a free kick, but why oh why is there no yellow card for that? A free kick in midfield is played into the box, Barker flicks on, but the Swindon keeper just beats Orsi to the ball. We come again, down the left, Russell and Lolos combine and Russell's cross is met by a Richards' header straight at the keeper.

The ball up field sees Swindon get a free kick, as Gordon and Pereira take each other out. It goes into the box, and a shot is half saved by Chapman, and then athletically cleared off the line by Barker, and from his subsequent prone position on the deck he sticks a leg out to block the follow up for a corner.

We clear that and go long down the left only for the Swindon player to hoof it over the West stand for ball loss number two of the day.

A late tackle on Richards in midfield finally sees a yellow card for a Swindon player, and there are three added minutes at the end of the half. A long throw is half cleared and then pumped back in and leads to a bit of panic in the Swindon box, before they put it out for a corner. We put it in to the mixer, but the ref blows his whistle for an infringement, and then another one to signal half time, and we go into the break level at 0-0. We've played well and created chances, but it is worrying there is no goal to show for that.

So into the second half and we start brightly again. A long throw routine is held up, as the ref stops play to give both sides a talking to for the wrestling in the box.

The throw from Barker comes in and takes a touch from Orsi to Lolos and his shot takes a deflection which wrong foots the keeper, and it ends up in the back of the net and we lead 1-0.

We attack again down the left and Russell wins a corner; it is cleared to midfield and picked up by Gordon who goes down the right wing and his byline cross is put behind for another corner.

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It is taken towards the near post and ends up hitting the side netting. Pereira is absolutely laid out in midfield, but the ref isn't interested in giving a foul for the thuggery, but he does stop play for the Swindon player down twenty yards away pretending to be injured. A long ball forward sees Swindon through, but there is a heavy touch, and Chapman just gets to it first and collects at the second attempt.

Keeping the ball we work it down the left, then across the pitch to the right, and then back into the middle to Williams, he surges forward and is fouled about thirty yards out to the right of centre. Bajrami curls it round the wall, and the Swindon keeper gets fingertips to it onto the post and out to the right. It is crossed back in and cleared, and Williams is down prone in the six-yard box. It is played back into the box twice and cleared twice before the ref finally stops play for the potential head injury. (The ref was pretty decent by League 2 standards in the first half but seems to have been replaced by his evil twin at half time. Ed.)

Whilst he is off after the treatment Swindon get a corner; it comes in deep and the ref blows his whistle and points to the penalty spot for Malone holding / pulling the shirt of a player. It is very soft but can just about see why it's been given. It is taken and Chapman is sent the wrong way and it's all level at 1-1.

From the restart we play it down the left to Russell, he beats a man and gets into the box, he's pushed in the back once, but beats another man, and is then pushed over. An

obvious penalty you would think, based on the decision at the other end a minute before, but no. Nothing given at all. It's the seemingly biased inconsistency we've been on the receiving end of all season. Again coming out from the back, Lolos beats a man in midfield and the defending player alternates between trying to swap shirts and rugby tackle him, it rolls to another Crawley player and so the ref waves play on, and we get down the right and win a corner. There is no further action taken by the ref, and once again, where is the yellow card? The corner is swung in and punched clear. Swindon break and get the ball into the box, a shot is saved and the rebound looks to be going in but Chapman throws out a leg and saves it somehow and we clear.

And we finally make a substitution with the knackered looking Malone (he limps off, so potentially injured – it begs the question why leave him on so long in his first game back?) being replaced by Akin Odemayo. Pereira is absolutely wiped out and knocked off the pitch into the barriers on the right and there isn't even a free kick. Orsi harries well and wins a corner - which is easily cleared. We make another substitution, with Russell being replaced by Harry Forster. We win a corner on the right, it's taken deep and the Swindon number 3 has both hands pulling Williams' shirt, and as the ball goes over their heads, he throws Williams to the ground. Penalty? Don't be daft. Why give that when the much softer one by Malone at the other end was given. The second half bias is just ridiculous. (There are also two occasions when the ball hits the ref – both on Swindon attacks – and he

doesn't stop play for a contested drop ball, he lets Swindon play on!)

A long ball into the box comes to Bajrami, he gets it to Orsi, and his shot is deflected for a corner. It's taken to the near post and cleared, put back in, and cleared again for a throw on the right. Swindon get it and go down their right and get a cross into the box and a header at the end goes just wide.

There are nine added minutes. Swindon come down the right again and Barker slips, the Swindon player is in the box and a ball goes across, the first attempt is saved by Chapman, but the rebound is bundled in and somehow, we manage to be trailing 1-2.

From the kick off we go straight down the left and get into the box, a shot is blocked and goes to the right, a Swindon player runs straight into the back of Gordon and collapses like a sack of spuds, and unfortunately, very believably, the ref gives them a free kick. Lolos picks up a yellow for dissent. He is then substituted with Tobi Adeyemo coming on to replace him.

The crowd was announced as being 4,124 but only heard the thousand bit of how many away fans as the crowd noise was going some. Difficult to tell if the chants of cheat were

aimed at the Swindon players going down like extras from Platoon, every time there was a Crawley player within two yards of them, or at the ref who was indulging them by giving them a free kick every time.

We are keeping going though, a ball goes down the left and gets to Forster, he beats a man and gets a low cross, and Gordon slides in to get on the end of it, and it flies into the top corner for a more than well deserved equaliser and it is 2-2 in the ninety-eighth minute.

There are three minutes more played, but we can't create another good chance, and the final whistle goes with it being another point gained. Most of the Swindon players are quick to go and shake the ref's hand at the final whistle, a lot of Crawley players don't and come and applaud the crowd, until the Swindon keeper starts kicking off and trying to fight with everyone, with handbags flying around, and the ref just ignores it all and walks off the pitch without any yellow cards. Another joke from this excuse for a ref who phoned in his second half performance, as again compare and contrast with the volume of post final whistle yellow cards given to us over the last year.

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OUR FIRST TROPHY THEN OUR "WORST SEASON EVER"

No, I'm not talking about this season as our worst ever, although it has been pretty bad so far. That label belongs to one I discovered from delving deep into the newspaper archives, all the way back to May 1911, and an article in the Sussex and Surrey Courier of 6th May 1911 reviewing the 1910-11 season experienced by Crawley FC.

The article begins by declaring it our 'worst season ever', even though our history was relatively short at the time as we had only started out in league football (West Sussex League) in 1896. Prior to that time it seems we played a variety of 'friendly' matches in the local area.

As of 1910-11, we were playing in the Mid Sussex League (MSL), which had been formed in 1901. When we first joined this league we remained in the West Sussex League (WSL), but were excluded from the latter in 1905 for various misdemeanours, including non-payment of fines.

By 1910-11, the club had left the Town Meadow after a couple of years and were playing on the Malthouse Park (Mr Stone's Field, now Stonefield Close on Brighton Road) ground, where it seems we were experiencing declining fortune on the field.

That season saw only one league victory, against near neighbours Three Bridges. However, they would gain ample revenge by visiting Malthouse Park and defeating us in both the Montgomery Cup and Sussex Junior Cup in front of large crowds of disappointed Crawley fans.

All this was a far cry from our early years in the MSL when, after vying for the winners' shield in 1901-2, we found ourselves coming into the final match of the following season still with an outside chance of

the title. Coincidentally, the final game at Malthouse Park was against Haywards Heath, who were one point ahead of Crawley with a better goal difference, and only required a draw to get their hands on the League Winners' Shield. Just the week before, we had drawn 1-1 away, and in front of a large crowd as we went into the final minutes, it was looking as though a draw would be the likely outcome of this final game. That was until our club secretary and leading goalscorer William (Bill) Denman popped up with a vital goal to win the game and with it the Shield, the first trophy in our short history.

I found an article from 21st May 1903 describing the presentation evening for winning the MSL. It was held at the Railway Hotel, still standing today, but without the ballroom at the rear, thanks to a fire many years ago. The evening was described as a 'smoking concert' and seemed to entail the presentation of the Shield and silver medals (to seventeen players who had been part of the success), lots of speeches and presumably lots of smoking!

As well as a silver medal, Bill Denman (front row far right in team photo) was also presented with a walnut writing desk, partly in honour of his work as club secretary, but also to celebrate his marriage just three



Crawley FC Mid Sussex League Winners 1902-03

days before the victorious game against Haywards Heath. I believe that Bill had rearranged the wedding from the Saturday to allow him to play in this vital match, true dedication from him as well as his wife, Helen Fielder!

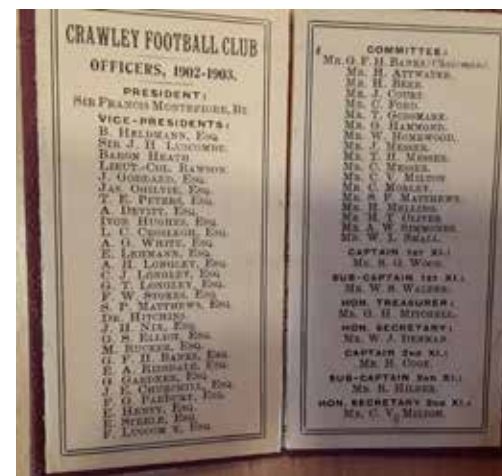
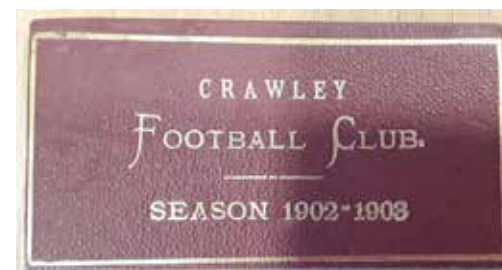


Walter Denman and Wife Marriage April 1903

Bill had been an integral part of the club since the early 1890s when it was just starting, and took up the role of secretary, a job he also performed for Crawley Cricket Club.

I have mentioned previously that in those early days Crawley was a small market town with just a few thousand souls, and we were still very much a junior club in Sussex and National football terms. However, in the days before so many other leisure pursuits became available (television, radio, exotic holidays, etc.), there was huge interest in the local football teams, and crowds of well over a thousand often attended games, with large numbers also travelling to away games across Sussex.

To help illustrate that point, I have included pictures of a Crawley FC handbook from that successful 1902-03 season. Take a look and see how many vice presidents there were, as well as the number of committee members. Some of our fans with an interest in local history will no doubt also pick out some of the vice presidents' names as important local figures at the time, such as Longley, Montefiore and also G F H Banks (very tall chap in the back row, third from right in MSL winners photo), who like Bill Denman had been involved from the start and who would, amazingly, retain an association with the club into the early 1950s!



1902-03 Crawley FC Handbook – all those names!



Crawley FC early 1920s

That MSL success, though, would be a distant memory as the 1910-11 season ended. A period of decline leading up to World War One also saw us being relegated to the junior division of the MSL and disbanding our reserve team.

Organised football in the town pretty much ceased during the war years, and it wouldn't be until July 1919 when a decision was made at a meeting held at the White Hart to restart Crawley FC playing league football in the MSL and also to enter the Sussex Junior Cup and the Montgomery Cup. It was also decided to use red as our colours and to return to Malthouse Park as the home ground.

After World War One, another team was formed in the town; one comprising ex-servicemen, which would eventually be named Crawley Comrades FC, taking over the old Crawley Athletic Goffs Park memorial ground and playing in the Horsham League.

By 1920-21, Crawley FC had moved to the Victoria Hall Meadow (mentioned in my

previous article) at the north end of the high street, with the Comrades taking over at Malthouse Park. In fact, one of the first true local derby cup ties took place between the two clubs at Malthouse Park on 1st January 1921 in a Sussex Junior Cup second round match, with Crawley FC running out 3-2 winners in front of a large crowd.

I have included a Crawley FC line-up from around this period which includes, I assume, a lot of the committee in their street clothes, and with G F H Banks sitting in the middle of the back row.

Also note the team strip is not quite as consistent and smart as in the MSL winning team photo from earlier!

I spend hours delving into the newspaper archives for this material, but a mention is also due for long-time club historian Tony Pope, who unearthed a lot of this information in the 1990s and so enabled us to build on the story of our club. Also, don't forget to check out Ian Mulcahy's excellent and ever-growing CTFC History website, where a lot of this information is being stored.

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FA Cup 5th Round 2010/11 & 2011/12
EFL League Cup 4th Round 2019/20
Conference Champions 2010/11
Southern League Champions 2003/04
Southern League Cup Winner 2003/04
Southern League Cup Winner 2002/03
Southern League Cup Runner-up 2000/01
Sussex Senior Cup Winner 1989/90, 1990/91, 2002/03, 2004/05
Roy Hayden Trophy Winner 1990/91, 1991/92, 2004/05
Sussex Floodlight Cup Winner 1990/91, 91/92, 92/93, 98/99
William Hill Senior Cup Winner 1992/93
Gilbert Rice Floodlight Cup Winner 1979/80, 1983/84
Sussex Intermediate Cup Winner 1927/28
Montgomery Cup Winner 1925/26
Mid Sussex Senior League Winner 1902/03



HISTORICAL STATS COMPILED BY IAN MULCAHY
ATTENDANCES & EFL STATS

CTFC TOP 15 HOME ATTENDANCES

Conference	Att	League Two	Att	League One	Att
18/03/2011 - AFC Wimbledon	4,054	07/10/2023 - Wrexham	5,572	03/05/2015 - Coventry	5,744
26/02/2011 - Barrow	3,941	07/05/2024 - MK Dons	5,564	18/03/2014 - Wolves	5,680
22/02/2011 - Southport	3,765	07/03/2017 - Portsmouth	5,350	23/12/2024 - Birmingham	5,530
02/04/2011 - Darlington	3,554	29/03/2024 - Doncaster	5,336	11/03/2025 - Charlton	5,489
12/02/2011 - Wrexham	3,331	13/04/2024 - Colchester	5,223	28/04/2025 - Northampton	5,105
12/04/2011 - Luton	3,326	02/04/2018 - Swindon	5,008	09/09/2012 - Portsmouth	5,058
29/03/2011 - Mansfield	3,162	27/04/2024 - Grimsby	4,885	01/02/2025 - Wrexham	5,049
22/04/2011 - Rushden & Diamonds	3,083	22/12/2023 - AFC Wimbledon	4,792	01/03/2025 - Cambridge	4,955
05/03/2011 - Histon	3,031	06/04/2012 - Crewe	4,723	12/04/2025 - Leyton Orient	4,793
30/04/2011 - York	2,945	25/03/2023 - Rochdale	4,717	09/11/2024 - Huddersfield	4,752
07/12/2004 - Barnet	2,941	28/04/2012 - Hereford	4,615	10/08/2024 - Blackpool	4,718
17/08/2004 - Hereford	2,570	19/08/2023 - Gillingham	4,310	31/08/2024 - Barnsley	4,704
16/10/2010 - Newport	2,566	14/01/2017 - Hartlepool	4,266	28/09/2024 - Bolton	4,696
21/02/2005 - Morecambe	2,516	26/12/2011 - Gillingham	4,255	22/12/2012 - Sheffield U	4,604
21/08/2004 - Aldershot	2,508	29/04/2023 - Walsall	4,189	14/09/2024 - Stockport	4,538

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Most Lge Points	84	L2 2011/12
Least Lge points	46	L2 2022/23, L1 2024/25
Most Draws	15	L2 2011/12, L1 2013/14, L2 2019/20
Least Draws	7	L2 2023/24
Most wins	23	L2 2011/12
Least wins	11	L2 2019/20, L2 2022/23
Most defeats	25	L2 2015/16
Least defeats	8	L2 2011/12
Most goals scored	76	L2 2011/12
Least goals scored	45	L2 2015/16
Most goals conceded	83	L1 2024/25
Least goals conceded	47	L2 2019/20 (37 matches only due to COVID) 54 in full seasons L2 2011/12 and L1 2013/14
Best GD	22	L2 2011/12
Worst GD	-33	L2 2015/16
Best Home Att	5,744	3 May 2015 v Coventry City, League One
Best Away Att	27,325	18 Apr 2025 v Birmingham City, League One CTFCH stats show 33,341, 19 May 2024 v Crewe Alexandra at Wembley.
Lowest Home Att	1,455	26 Sep 2017 v Newport County, League Two 12 Dec 2020 v Barrow was 650, but was also a "sell out" due to COVID restrictions
Lowest Away Att	1,098	20 Oct 2015 v Morecambe, League Two
Top season scorer	23	Daniilo Orsi (2023/24) League goals only
Top Season Apps	49	Klaidi Lolos League appearances only (inc. from the bench), including the 3 play off matches



2025/26 SEASON PLAYER STATS
AS AT 13/3/26

No / Pos / Player / Previous Club or Loan Status <i>These stats cover all competitions</i>	CTFC 25-26 Stats						CTFC Career	
	CRD*	St	Su	Gls	Y	R	Apps	Gls
2 DF Scott Malone Cambridge Utd	06/26	8	2	1	4		13	1
3 DF Dion Conroy Swindon Town	06/27	21			5		104	4
4 DF Geraldo Bajrami On loan from Burton	~	23	5	3	7		28	3
5 DF Charlie Barker Wealdstone	06/27	34	4	1	11		82	3
6 MF Max Anderson Dundee	06/26	12	7	2	7		66	5
7 MF Harry Forster Bromley	06/26	18	15	3	4		96	10
10 MF Reece Brown Forest Green Rovers	06/26	18	6	2	3		24	2
12 DF Lewis Richards Bradford City	06/27	5	2		1		7	
13 FW Harry McKirdy Bromley	06/26	22	5	6	6	1	27	6
14 FW Louis Flower On loan to Woking	06/26	6	10	3	3		16	3
15 DF Ben Radcliffe On loan to Gateshead	06/27	4		2	1		23	2
16 DF Jonny Russell Glentoran	*	9			1		9	
18 FW Danny Cashman Worthing	06/27	3	2		1		5	
19 MF Dion Pereira Luton Town	06/26	13	10		1		23	
20 FW Justin Ferizaj Bray Wanderers	06/28	2	1				3	
21 FW Ryan Loft On loan from Cambridge Utd	~	15	1	4	5	2	16	4
22 FW Ade Adeyemo Cray Valley PM	06/26	18	5	1	4		87	9
23 MF Fate Kotey On loan to Whitehawk	06/27	2	3				5	
25 MF Antony Papadopoulos Welling United	06/26		3				10	1
26 MF Jay Williams (Captain) MK Dons	06/26	27	1	3	10		84	6
27 MF Louie Watson Luton Town	06/26	11	8		3		27	
28 DF Josh Flint FC Vullendam	06/26	35	1	1	4		56	1
30 MF Louie Copley On loan from Arsenal	~	3					3	
31 DF Akin Odimayo Newport County	06/27	4	2				6	
32 MF Taylor Richards QPR	06/26	5	4	1	2		9	1
33 GK Will Heater On loan to Sheppey Utd	*							
34 GK Jojo Wollacott Hibernian	06/26	11					48	
35 GK Jacob Chapman On loan from Huddersfield	~	11			1		11	
38 FW Tobi Adeyemo On loan from Watford	~	2	1				3	
41 DF Kellan Gordon Notts County	06/27	10	1	1	4		11	1
42 DF Theo Vassell Barrow	06/26	7			1		7	
44 MF Klaidi Lolos On loan from Peterborough	~	9		1	1	1	65	16
49 MF Ronan Darcy On loan from Wigan	~	9			2		88	8
56 MF Jude Robertson On loan to Whitehawk	*		3		1		3	
99 FW Daniilo Orsi AFC Wimbledon	06/28	12					62	25

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

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



Fleetwood Town

Saturday 21st March

08:05 Three Bridges - London Victoria 08:45 Tube - Victoria line to Euston.

09:30 London Euston - Preston 11:39

11:59 Preston - Blackpool North 12:24

Then tram from Blackpool seafront to Fleetwood (duration 50 minutes).

Return journey; tram back to Blackpool.

18:22 Blackpool North - Preston 18:47

19:07 Preston - London Euston 21:40 Tube - Victoria line to Victoria.

22:24 London Victoria - Three Bridges 23:00

Currently £82 with a railcard.

Newport County

Friday 3rd April

10:13 Three Bridges to Farringdon 11:11

Then the Elizabeth line (8 mins) to Paddington.

11:48 London Paddington to Newport 13:22

Return journey:

17:31 Newport to London Paddington 19:16

Elizabeth line back to Farringdon

19:54 Farringdon to Three Bridges 20:39

Currently £55 return with a railcard at the time of going to press. For cheap long distance travel, it always pays to purchase a railcard and to book at least 5 weeks in advance.

Bristol Rovers

Saturday 11th April

07:10 Three Bridges - Farringdon

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

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth line from Paddington to Farringdon.

18:24 Farringdon - Three Bridges 19:09.

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

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



Fans at Iffeld Station on the way to Wembley.



SKYBET LEAGUE TWO TABLES & UPCOMING FIXTURES AS AT 14/3/26

Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Bromley	37	20	13	4	60	36	+24	73
2 Milton Keynes Dons	37	20	11	6	74	37	+37	71
3 Cambridge United	36	19	11	6	55	28	+27	68
4 Notts County	36	19	7	10	56	37	+19	64
5 Salford City	37	20	4	13	51	46	+5	64
6 Swindon Town	37	19	6	12	60	45	+15	63
7 Chesterfield	37	15	14	8	60	49	+11	59
8 Grimsby Town	36	15	11	10	50	40	+10	56
9 Crewe Alexandra	37	16	8	13	53	46	+7	56
10 Walsall	37	16	8	13	46	40	+6	56
11 Colchester United	36	14	11	11	50	39	+11	53
12 BARNET	37	14	11	12	45	41	+4	53
13 Oldham Athletic	35	13	13	9	40	31	+9	52
14 Fleetwood Town	37	13	12	12	47	45	+2	51
15 Accrington Stanley	36	13	9	14	38	37	+1	48
16 Gillingham	36	11	12	13	43	52	-9	45
17 Cheltenham Town	36	11	8	17	40	59	-19	41
18 Shrewsbury Town	37	11	8	18	37	58	-21	41
19 Bristol Rovers	37	11	4	22	37	59	-22	37
20 Tranmere Rovers	37	9	9	19	48	65	-17	36
21 Newport County	37	8	7	22	38	64	-26	31
22 CRAWLEY TOWN	37	6	12	19	35	58	-23	30
23 Barrow	36	7	8	21	35	55	-20	29
24 Harrogate Town	37	6	9	22	26	57	-31	27

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026

Accrington Stanley v Notts County
Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town
Cheltenham Town v Crewe Alexandra
Chesterfield v Oldham Athletic

Crawley Town v Barnet

Gillingham v Swindon Town
Grimsby Town v Fleetwood Town
Newport County v Bromley
Salford City v Barrow
Tranmere Rovers v Harrogate Town
Walsall v Cambridge United

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2026

Milton Keynes Dons v Colchester United

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

Accrington Stanley v Chesterfield
Bromley v Colchester United
Cambridge United v Salford City
Fleetwood Town v Crawley Town
Gillingham v Bristol Rovers
Grimsby Town v Barrow
Milton Keynes Dons v Barnet

Notts County v Cheltenham Town
Oldham Athletic v Harrogate Town
Shrewsbury Town v Crewe Alexandra
Tranmere Rovers v Swindon Town
Walsall v Newport County

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2026

Cambridge United v Grimsby Town
Oldham Athletic v Notts County

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026

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





			Start	Sub
2	DF	Scott MALONE	☐	☐
4	DF	Geraldo BAJRAMI	☐	☐
5	DF	Charlie BARKER	☐	☐
6	MF	Max ANDERSON	☐	☐
7	MF	Harry FORSTER	☐	☐
12	DF	Lewis RICHARDS	☐	☐
13	FW	Harry MCKIRDY	☐	☐
14	FW	Louis FLOWER	☐	☐
15	DF	Ben RADCLIFFE	☐	☐
16	DF	Jonny RUSSELL	☐	☐
18	FW	Danny CASHMAN	☐	☐
19	MF	Dion PEREIRA	☐	☐
20	MF	Justin FERIZAJ	☐	☐
21	FW	Ryan LOFT	☐	☐
22	FW	Ade ADEYEMO	☐	☐
23	MF	Fate KOTEY	☐	☐
26	MF	Jay WILLIAMS	☐	☐
27	MF	Louie WATSON	☐	☐
28	DF	Josh FLINT	☐	☐
30	MF	Louie COPLEY	☐	☐
31	DF	Akin ODIMAYO	☐	☐
32	MF	Taylor RICHARDS	☐	☐
33	GK	Will HEATER	☒	☒
34	GK	Jojo WOLLACOTT	☒	☒
35	GK	Jacob CHAPMAN	☒	☒
38	FW	Tobi ADEYEMO	☐	☐
41	DF	Kellan GORDON	☐	☐
42	DF	Theo VASELL	☐	☐
44	MF	Klaidi LOLOS	☐	☐
49	MF	Ronan DARCY	☐	☐
56	MF	Jude ROBERTSON	☐	☐
99	FW	Danilo ORSI	☐	☐

REFEREE
ASST
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FOURTH

Harry Wager
Grant Taylor
Alan Cresswell
Ciaran Fidler



			Start	Sub
4	DF	Danny COLLINGE	☐	☐
5	DF	Adam SENIOR	☐	☐
6	MF	Emmanuel OSADEBE	☐	☐
7	MF	Diallang JAIYESIMI	☐	☐
8	FW	Rhys BROWNE	☐	☐
10	FW	Callum STEAD	☐	☐
11	MF	Idris KANU	☐	☐
12	FW	Oliver HAWKINS	☐	☐
13	GK	Owen EVANS	☒	☒
14	FW	Ronnie STUTTER	☐	☐
15	MF	Ryan GLOVER	☐	☐
16	MF	Ben WINTERBURN	☐	☐
17	MF	Jack HOWLAND	☐	☐
18	MF	Anthony HARTIGAN	☐	☐
19	MF	Mark SHELTON	☐	☐
20	FW	Kabongo TSHIMANGA	☐	☐
22	DF	Phillip CHINEDU	☐	☐
23	DF	Kane SMITH	☐	☐
24	DF	Romoney CRICHLow	☐	☐
25	DF	Nikola TAVARES	☐	☐
26	DF	Myles KENLOCK	☐	☐
27	FW	Britt ASSOMBALONGA	☐	☐
28	MF	Nnamdi OFOBORH	☐	☐
29	GK	Cieran SLICKER	☒	☒
30	DF	Joe KIZZI	☐	☐
35	MF	Dennis ADENIRAN	☐	☐
45	DF	Aaron LIWALA	☐	☐
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