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NEWS BITES

FROM THE DEVIL

COMPILED BY STEVE HEDGES

16TH NEW KID ON THE BROADFIELD BLOCK

We seem keen to break the record for the most players signed in a transfer window – hot on the heels of January's mass influx! You may have seen the Club announce the signing of midfielder Kai Jennings on loan from AFC Wimbledon as our 16th player through the door in this window. The highly rated 20-year-old joins us until the end of the season. We wish him every success as a Red Devil. (See Thoughts Of A Lifelong Fan for a picture & more detailed look at our new boy.)

TEAM SHEET GREY AREA

In case you were wondering.... a player shown in grey on the back page team sheet is currently out on loan but still contracted to CTFC.

NEW BALLS PLEASE

Every season the EFL Matchball is reinvented. The latest version is called the Puma Stellar Nitro. At £120 a ball you don't want to lose that over the neighbour's fence!! To quote the manufacturer "At the heart of the ball is NITROFOAM™ - PUMA's nitrogen-infused foam that returns more energy on impact, meaning every touch, pass and strike fires off faster and further". (So more throw ins and goalkicks when everyone over hits it, whilst getting used to the extra distance!)

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ball's trajectory, performing consistently on every pitch" (So no excuse for foul throws and hopefully plenty of grip for Charlie and Jonny with their long throws.)



PLAYER OF THE MONTH & GOAL OF THE MONTH SPONSORS ANNOUNCED

Let us hope that our strikers wake up and smell the Lindfield Coffee Works Coffee so we have plenty of goal choices come September. Player of the Month needs to be awarded after consultation with K G McGahan Consultants. From what you have seen so far who would be your pick?



NEW KITS ON THE BLOCK

As well as the Home Away & Third Kits available in the Club shop, CTFC have also now got the Home & Away Goalkeeper kits on sale, which is a rarity so they will probably disappear fast.



CREWE CROWDS & FASCINATING FACTS

Crewe seem destined to make their mark in our attendance records – the highs and lows are surprisingly common in matches involving the Railwaymen. These stats passed to me from Ivan Noel tell an interesting story.

2018/19 - League 2

Sat, 24 Nov 2018: 1,734 (141) - Lowest home league attendance and least amount of home supporters (1,593) for a league match of the season.

2016/17 - League 2

Tue, 14 Mar 2017: 1,566 (110) - Lowest home league attendance of the season.

2012/13 - League 1

Tue, 26 Mar 2013: 2,544 (131) - Lowest home league attendance of the season.

2011/12 - League 2

Fri, 06 Apr 2012 (Good Friday): 4,723 - Highest Broadfield Stadium attendance of the season. (Note: 1-1 Draw – East Stand opened.)

The 386 Crewe fans who came here on 15th August 2026 was their largest League attendance here at the Broadfield.

ADE THE CENTURION

Our Human Dynamo/Duracell Bunny - Ade Adeyemo - made it onto the pitch at Rochdale to be the first of our current batch of players to hit the Century (100 appearances in all competitions). 28 year old Ade, *pictured right*, joined us in July 2023 from Non League Cray Valley Paper Mills. His match appearances add up as follows:- League 84, Play Off's 2, FA Cup 3, League Cup 5, EFL Trophy 6. Only Jay Williams & Charlie Barker come close – both being in the 90's themselves.

PACE, FLOW & TIME WASTING – ONLY TIME WILL TELL... HOW REFS APPLY IT

10-Second Substitutions: Players leaving the pitch during a substitution must do so

within 10 seconds. If they exceed this, the incoming substitute must wait one minute before entering the match. **5-Second Countdown:** Referees can start a visual 5-second countdown for throw-ins or goal kicks if they detect deliberate delays. Delaying throw-in results in possession going to the opponent; delaying a goal kick awards a corner to the opposition. **Goalkeeper 8-Second Rule:** Continues to be strictly managed through a clear control-and-count approach, with an opposition corner awarded if the time limit is exceeded.

SEEING RED

Both Kellan Gordon & Malcolm Ebiowei are suspended for 3 matches following their Red Cards in the Crewe match. They should be available for re-selection for the Accrington game Away on 5th September.



THOUGHTS OF A LIFELONG FAN

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BY STEVE LEAKE

The Tuesday before our opening League game against Crewe, I was visiting my partner in East Surrey Hospital and I took the opportunity to excuse myself, to go and get a drink and some fresh air.

As I was looking around the in-hospital branch of WH Smith, or should it be TG Jones, (sounds like a 70s western or an 80s comedy show), I noticed the WSC magazine on sale.

The WSC (for those who don't know) is When Saturday Comes, a monthly periodical for football anoraks everywhere. It being the first for this season, it had a separate 2026-2027 season guide, which featured inputs from fans of each of the 92 clubs in the Premier and the EFL, commenting on how they thought their respective clubs would do this time around.



Our input was from none other than our own Dame, Carol Bates, BEM. To answer the HOW WILL YOU DO? Question she said it would be hard to predict, but with CKR at the helm she went for a top half finish. Her best moment from last season was the final whistle against Salford City, it being at the end of the week that she put down as her worst moment.

A week that she said, "was going to define our EFL future,...it was so nerve-

wracking". Carol then opted for a crossbar challenge between home and away fans, with Reggie as the referee, for half time entertainment; which sounds better than what we have now, but begs the question, where is Reggie? The last part of her input floored me completely.

In answer to Peace Prize? She wrote the following: "That's got to go to one of our longest standing fans, Steve Leake. Steve has supported the club since 1956 and is always positive even when the going gets tough."

And, in answer to the questionwhich you are probably thinking. Yes, I am positive that despite losing our first game of the season, at home, in front of 3000 plus home fans and 350 odd Crewe supporters, (odd in number, that is) I honestly think we have a squad of players who are capable of pushing well into the top half of the table.

I haven't mentioned that for 39 minutes we had to do without Kellan Gordon and for 26, without Malcom Ebiowei, (because of two moments of undeniable unsporting behaviour) which almost saw us hang on for a point. Surely no one can say that we didn't deserve at least a point, in a game which saw every Red Devil try their utmost for the cause of Crawley Town. Kellan, must be one of our best players, but I am sure that he will admit he shouldn't have done what he did, and will return in three games anxious to show what, we all know, he can do.

Malcolm, for me, was the harder done by of the two. He was wrong to toss the ball at his opponent (not going to use the word throw) but for three seconds or more before he did that, the opponent

was all over him, hanging on to his shirt, trying to bring him down. The referee allowed him to play on, but when Malcolm could go no further, he finally blew the whistle and gave us a free kick. It was then that Malcolm tossed the ball toward the Crewe player in frustration, earning himself his early shower.

Sadly, despite Crewe losing Sussex man Micky Demetriou in the 85th minute, (for the worst foul of the game) we conceded a goal that went in off the crossbar following a foul on our defender in the 103rd minute of play and we had lost one nil for the second game running, right at the death. So cruel.

The big plus point for me on the day, as well as the fight the lads put into the game, was selling out of the Red Devils' Diary with twenty minutes to go, with Giannmarco's family buying three copies (his picture was on the front). Someone told me, as he bought his programme, "You'll never sell them here" and then went on to ask me why I had moved ten yards further from his seat. The reason why I moved from in front of the home turnstiles was because I wanted to be next to the old ticket office portacabin, which very shortly will become the home of the Crawley Town Museum.

It is going to take quite a bit of work to get it into a place we can be proud of, but we will achieve that and be able to



clear some space in my flat and Mick Fox's house at the same time. Both Mick and I want to thank the Football Club for providing this space and are already planning the layout we want and what the first exhibition will be about. Watch this space for details, but here's a hint, next summer will be our 30th anniversary of moving to Broadfield, Lots of scope there, me thinks. Pride of place in the museum must surely go to this picture painted by Maddy Clark, now 17, of that wonderful day at Wembley back in 2024, which she has kindly donated to OUR museum.

PRAISE FOR THE RDD

I received an e mail, via the CTSA, last week from a Shrewsbury supporter; well I think he's from Shrewsbury as his e mail address had "_salop" included in it, which was very appreciative of the RDD.

*My name is ***** and I'm part of a group of supporters linked to our official supporters' club that is looking to start a fan led matchday programme.*

I wondered if you could put me in touch with those involved to see if they could give us some pointers - especially with regards to sourcing photos and listing fixtures.

Once again, many thanks for your help.

Kind regards

*****_salop@*****.com

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Left: Maddy Clarke displaying her unbelievable picture. Above: The Museum Portakabin



They haven't been the only ones to get in touch, as these examples show:-

Hi, as a Cambridge United fan I just wanted to send my appreciation to you guys for continuing to produce a programme when the official club version has been discontinued. As an older supporter I still like to pick one up on a matchday, so I'm very glad to have obtained a copy. The late Ian Hands would very much approve.

*All the best to you and keep up the good work. Cheers,***, Cambridge United fan*

Even our REDS IN EXILE lads love the programme,

Hello chaps,

Just wanted to drop a quick email to say how thoroughly impressed we are with your endeavours in producing The Reds Devil Diary. It is truly a stunning piece of work and at £2 an absolute bargain and essential reading for all fans.

We are sure it outclasses the official programmes of rival clubs and is a treasure

trove of information, with the season facts, the retro reds, the travel advice, match reports and opposition scouting, it's clear so much hard work has gone into creating and distributing it.

We are based in Bogota (for me Dave) and Sheffield (Alex) so I can't get to any games, Alex gets to a home game maybe once a month, so we've read all the available issues online and will continue to do so for further issues. It is only fair that we pay for the issues we read, so we support its ongoing production. Please can you share bank details with us so we can make a contribution? Many thanks and keep up the superlative work! Dave

I don't usually like blowing a trumpet, but suffice it to say all the contributors are very pleased with what has been achieved thus far and are appreciative of the comments made and the support given. However, please bear with us if we occasionally sell out before you get to the ground. We do not know what size crowd we will get from one week to the next, but as we go on and get to know more

about selling, I hope we will only sell out when everyone who wants an RDD has bought one.

Personally, I don't see why we can't sell 300 copies per game, but because we don't want to make any losses, we have upped the number for today's game against Steve and Paul's Bristol Rovers by 30 to 270. I hope you prove this person who "is always positive" wrong in my estimation and we sell out once again.

Whilst I am writing this piece for my "Thoughts of a lifelong fan" section of RDD, I must mention Ivan Noel again. He of the Peoples Pensioner shirt and doctored photograph, (which unfortunately got left out of the Crewe article) will be taking a rest from his "In Opposition" responsibilities for the time being for medical reasons.

Noel, I only hope we do justice to your section of the RDD and hope that you will return refreshed when you are ready. I would like to say "stay away from stressful" situations, but hey, you're a Red Devils fan! (Thank you, spellchecker, for correcting my spelling of stressfu?)

STOP PRESS: NEWBY ALERT

Another new player joined us on a season long loan just after the Crewe game; coming to us from AFC Wimbledon. His name is Kai Jennings, and the 20-year-old joins the club until the end of the season. Let's hope he matches Roy Jennings in his performances.

A product of the Dons' academy, (since age six) he has risen through the ranks at Plough Lane and made his first-team debut in November 2023, coming on as Wimbledon recorded a 5-1 victory over Cheltenham Town.

He also played twice more in the EFL Trophy during the 2023/24 campaign,



before heading out on loan to Whitehawk, where he gained valuable senior experience. The following season he returned to the Sussex club and made 26 appearances with them, before switching to Walton & Hersham for the latter half of the campaign.

The midfielder quickly became an important part of the Swans side, establishing himself in the heart of midfield.

His development continued with a move to National League South side Farnborough, where he spent the first half of the following season. Kai made three appearances for the Yellows before taking another step forward in his career, joining National League outfit Sutton United on loan until January.

His spell at Gander Green Lane proved a successful one, with the move subsequently extended to keep him with the U's for the remainder of the 2025/26 season.

Check out these three posts on X, the first two from Wombles fans and the third from a Sutton United fan:

DonsOnTour - Great midfielder, can do a bit of everything, would be a great signing for you lot *TeachesPrimary* - He's got great potential. Ball winner, creative and a goal scorer. I'd be sad to see him leave, especially to your mob. *Mooney89* - Unbelievable talent. Very creative and very much a goal threat but can also defend well. All round great midfielder.



IN OPPOSITION BRISTOL ROVERS FC



BY STEVE HEDGES

MEET THE MANAGER

STEVE EVANS

Needing little introduction to many of our fans – Glaswegian Evans – now age 63 - had a short 7 year career as a striker. From 1979 to 1986 he played 168 matches and scored 42 goals for Clyde, Albion Rovers, Ayr, Hamilton & St Johnstone before an unfortunate knee ligament injury ended his playing days at age 24. After drifting away from football for a time, Evans came to manage Stamford in 1994, he then had an infamous period at Boston Utd (Nobody mention the Tax Evasion).

The larger than life character came to Crawley Town as a "Marmite" figure in 2007 and stayed until 2012, having overseen our promotion into the Football League and our magnificent Cup run to Old Trafford, where we narrowly lost 0-1. Steve was then poached by Rotherham



United, as we continued into League One. After a good run at Rotherham he moved to Leeds United – saved them from relegation - then moved on to Mansfield Town, Peterborough, Gillingham (where he picked up a Red Card in an EFL Cup game at the Broadfield Stadium for abusing an official), Stevenage then became his next port of call before a return to Rotherham in 2024. He was sacked from United after a



4-0 defeat to Crawley Town FC. He then decided – on Doctor's advice - to lose 6.5 stone to regain a healthier weight. In December 2025 he was appointed Bristol Rovers' Head Coach, taking them on a fantastic run of results to pull well away from the relegation threat they found themselves under when he joined. Welcome back Steve – but leave those poor officials alone – they don't have ear defenders!

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HOME
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PAST RESULTS CRAWLEY VS BRISTOL ROVERS

P 17 W 6 D 4 L 7 Won Ratio 35%

2011/12

Sat 03 Sep 2011	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 4-1	League Two
Sat 14 Jan 2012	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	D 0-0	League Two

2013/14

Sat 07 Dec 2013	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	D 0-0	FA CUP Round 2
Wed 08 Jan 2014	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	L 1-2	FA CUP Round 2

2015/16

Sat 21 Nov 2015	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 2-1	League 2
Sat 02 Apr 2016	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	L 3-0	League 2

2016/17

Sat 05 Nov 2016	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	D 1-1	FA CUP Round 1
Tue 15 Nov 2016	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	L 4-2	FA CUP Round 1

2018/19

Tue 14 Aug 2018	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	L 2-1	League Cup Round 1
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2021/22

Sat 04 Sep 2021	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	L 1-0	League 2
Tue 08 Mar 2022	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	L 1-2	League 2

2022/23

Sat 09 Aug 2022	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	League Cup Round 1
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2023/24

Tue 05 Dec 2023	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 2-1	EFL Trophy
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2024/25

Sat 16 Nov 2024	Bristol Rovers v Crawley Town	D 0-0	League 1
Sat 22 Mar 2025	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 1-0	League 1

2025/26

Sat 25 Oct 2025	Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers	W 4 -0	League 2
Sat 11 Apr 2026	Bristol Rovers V Crawley Town	L 3-1	League 2

DID YOU KNOW

- Bristol Rovers' official nickname is "The Pirates", however local neighbours, Bristol City originally used "The Gas" as a derogatory taunt to tease Rovers supporters about the industrial smell, caused by the adjacent gas works to their Eastville Stadium. However instead of getting offended, Rovers fans proudly embraced the label in the 1970s and 1980s, and their supporters are now proud to be known as "Gasheads" even though they moved to their "new" Memorial Stadium address in 1996, one year before Crawley Town moved from Town Meadow to The Broadfield Stadium.
- In fact, for the ten years before their move to the Memorial, they played at the home of Bath City, Twerton Park. (A ground very familiar to Crawley fans of a certain age.)
- They recorded their highest Football League position, sixth place in the Second Division (now the Championship) in each of the 1955–56 and 1958–59 seasons and also reached the quarter final of the FA CUP in 1950-51 and 1957-58
- Relegated from the EFL at the end of the 2013/14 season in 23rd place, they bounced back in 2014/15, beating Grimsby Town by five goals to three on penalties, after extra time, in the Conference play-off final at Wembley, thus becoming the first team since Carlisle United in 2005 to be promoted back to the EFL after just one season.



IN OPPOSITION BRISTOL ROVERS FC



BY STEVE HEDGES

HE PLAYED FOR BOTH

TOM NICHOLS

Now plying his trade at Swindon Town, the 32 year old is currently in the number 7 shirt at the County Ground outfit. Starting out at Exeter in 2011, Tom then went to Peterborough in 2016. He signed for Bristol Rovers in 2017 and stayed there until 2020. Making 119 appearances and scoring 9 goals for the Bristol Club.

He signed for Crawley in September 2020, joining up with former Exeter City assistant John Yems. Tom won the CTFC Player of the Year award for 2020/21 and notably played in the assist for the second goal of our famous COVID – behind closed doors – 3-0 FA Cup win over Premier League Leeds Utd.

Tom, *pictured right*, made 109 Reds matches and scored 29 goals before being sold, somewhat against his wishes, to Gillingham. Tom subsequently went to Mansfield before finding his way to Swindon Town in January 2025.



HOME STADIUM MEMORIAL STADIUM

Opened: 1921
(Bristol Rovers moved there in 1996)

Capacity: 12,500

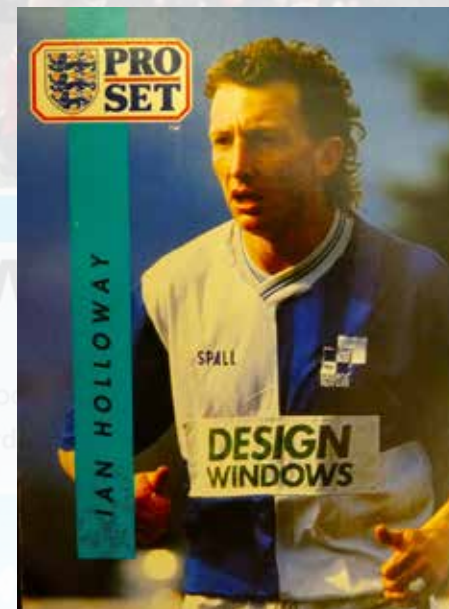


KEV'S CARDS BRISTOL ROVERS FC



Above: The Ian Hamilton A&BC Card from 1964/65

Left: Ian Holloway Pro Set Card from 1992



MANAGING TO SUCCEED BRISTOL ROVERS FC



FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN LEADING BRISTOL ROVERS MANAGERS

BERT TANN

Long-serving manager Bert Tann guided Bristol Rovers to the Third Division (South) title in 1952-53. A former inside-forward, he played in the top-flight with Charlton Athletic before his career was ended by injury. He managed Erith & Belvedere prior to joining Bristol Rovers as coach in February 1948, becoming their manager in January 1950. Twice guiding Rovers to the FA Cup sixth round, his 'No Buy, No Sell' transfer policy created a team that nearly won promotion to the top-flight in 1955-56. He remained in charge at Eastville Stadium until April 1968, then was Rovers' general manager until his death in July 1972.

BILL DODGIN (SNR)

Experienced manager Bill Dodgin guided Bristol Rovers to the League Cup fifth round in two consecutive seasons. He was a wing-half with Huddersfield Town, Lincoln City, Charlton Athletic, Bristol Rovers, Clapton Orient and Southampton, becoming their manager in June 1946. After plotting two promotion near-misses, he joined Fulham as boss in June 1949, steering them to the FA Cup sixth round in 1950-51. He managed Brentford, Sampdoria and Yiewsley, then spent eight years as Bristol Rovers' chief scout and managed them from August 1969 until July 1972, reverting to chief scout. He died in October 1999.

DON MEGSON

Don Megson managed Bristol Rovers to promotion in 1973-74. Initially with Mossley, the left-back joined Sheffield Wednesday in June 1953 and helped them finish League

Championship runners-up in 1960-61. He also appeared in the 1966 FA Cup final and moved to Bristol Rovers as player-coach in March 1970, scoring once in 31 League outings. Appointed manager in July 1972, he plotted that summer's Watney Cup triumph and remained in charge until resigning in November 1977 to manage Portland Timbers. He was briefly AFC Bournemouth's boss, then scouted for his son Gary at various clubs and died in March 2023.

BOBBY GOULD

Striker Bobby Gould was both a player and manager at Bristol Rovers. Initially with Coventry City, he starred in their 1966-67 Second Division title triumph and moved to Arsenal in February 1968. He then played for Wolves, West Brom, Bristol City, West Ham and Wolves again before joining Bristol Rovers in October 1977. Moving to Hereford in September 1978, he coached Chelsea prior to rejoining Rovers as manager from October 1981 until May 1983. He managed Coventry, then Rovers again between May 1985 and July 1987 and later Wimbledon, West Brom, Coventry again, Wales, Cheltenham and Weymouth.

GERRY FRANCIS

Ex-England international midfielder Gerry Francis guided Bristol Rovers to the Third Division title in 1989-90. Initially with QPR, he starred as they won promotion in 1972-73 and were League Championship runners-up in 1975-76. He joined Crystal Palace in May 1979, returning to QPR in February 1981 and then playing for Coventry, Exeter, Cardiff and Portsmouth before joining Bristol Rovers in September 1985. Appointed manager in July 1987, he left in May 1991 to rejoin QPR as boss, then managed Spurs, QPR again and Rovers again for six months until December 2001. He assisted Tony Pulis at Stoke and Palace.

JOHN WARD

John Ward managed Bristol Rovers to the 1995 Second Division play-off final. Signing professional for Lincoln City in March 1971, he was leading marksman in their 1975-76 Fourth Division title triumph and reunited with Graham Taylor at Watford in July 1979. He had spells with Grimsby Town and Lincoln again before joining Watford's coaching staff in May 1982 and later assisted Graham Taylor at Aston Villa, becoming York City's boss in November 1991. Managing Bristol Rovers from March 1993 until May 1996, he then managed Bristol City, Cheltenham Town, Carlisle United, Colchester United and Rovers again.

IAN HOLLOWAY

Ian Holloway managed Bristol Rovers to the Second Division play-offs in 1997-98. The winger turned professional with Rovers in March 1981 and moved to Wimbledon in July 1985. After a spell at Brentford, he rejoined Rovers in August 1987, helping win the Third Division title in 1989-90. He reunited with Gerry Francis at QPR in August 1991 and returned to Rovers as player-boss in July 1996. Scoring 41 goals in 397 League games overall, he rejoined QPR as manager in February 2001. 'Ollie' later managed Plymouth and Leicester, then Blackpool to the top-flight in 2009-10, Palace, Millwall, QPR again, Grimsby and Swindon.

PAUL TROLLOPE

Paul Trollope plotted Bristol Rovers' 2007 League Two play-off final triumph. The son of Swindon's record appearance holder John Trollope, he moved from Swindon to Torquay in March 1992. Joining Derby in December 1994, the Welsh international midfielder helped win promotion in 1995-96, then won promotion twice more with Fulham. He joined Coventry in March 2002, moving via Northampton to Bristol Rovers in July 2004. Manager from September 2005 until December 2011, he guided them to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2007 and FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08. He has since held various coaching posts.

DARRELL CLARKE

Darrell Clarke managed Bristol Rovers to promotion in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown Mansfield, the



JOEY BARTON

Ex-England international midfielder Joey Barton managed Bristol Rovers to promotion in 2021-22. Initially with Manchester City, he joined Newcastle United for £5,800,000 in July 2007 and starred in their 2009-10 Championship title triumph. He moved to QPR in August 2011 and returned from loan at Marseille to help regain top-flight status in 2013-14. Repeating this with Burnley in 2015-16, he then played for Rangers and Burnley again. His career and life have been marked by controversial incidents. He managed Fleetwood Town to the League One play-offs in 2019-20, then Bristol Rovers from February 2021 until October 2023.

midfielder starred in Hartlepool United's 2002-03 promotion success and joined Salisbury City in July 2007. He became their player-boss in August 2010, guiding them from the Southern League to Conference National. Appointed Bristol Rovers' manager in March 2014, he plotted their 2015 Conference National play-off final triumph and 2015-16 promotion success. He left in December 2018 and has since managed Walsall, Port Vale to promotion in 2021-22, Cheltenham, Barnsley, Rovers again and Tranmere.



TOP OF THE CLASS BRISTOL ROVERS FC



FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF BRISTOL ROVERS 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD.

TIM PARKIN

Central defender Tim Parkin was Bristol Rovers' 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. Signing professional for Blackburn Rovers in March 1976, he joined Swedish side Malmo FF in January 1980 and helped win the Swedish Cup that year. Moving to Bristol Rovers in August 1981, he netted 12 goals in 206 League games prior to joining Swindon Town in July 1986. He starred in their 1986-87 promotion success, then was 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88 and helped reach the Second Division play-offs in 1988-89. Joining Port Vale in December 1989, he then played for Darlington and Barrow before joining the Cumbria Constabulary.

GARY PENRICE

Striker Gary Penrice was Bristol Rovers' 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88. Born locally, he impressed with Mangotsfield United prior to joining Rovers in November 1984. He was twice leading marksman, including 1988-89 when Rovers were Third Division play-off finalists, moving to Watford for £500,000 in November 1989. Sold to Aston Villa for £1,000,000 in March 1991, he reunited with Gerry Francis at QPR for £625,000 seven months later, then rejoined Watford for £300,000 in November 1995. He returned to Bristol Rovers in July 1997 and netted 60 goals in 257 League games overall before scouting for Ian Holloway at various clubs.

NIGEL MARTYN

Goalkeeper Nigel Martyn was capped 23 times by England after leaving Bristol Rovers.



Moving to Rovers from St Blazey in August 1987, he was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in 1988-89 and featured in their 1989-90 Third Division title campaign. He made 101 League appearances before being sold to top-flight Crystal Palace for £1,000,000 in November 1989 and was an FA Cup finalist that season, then ever-present in their 1993-94 First Division title triumph. Moving to Leeds United for £2,250,000 in July 1996, he was twice ever-present and helped them reach the European Cup semi-finals in 2000-01, then finished his playing career with Everton.

ANDY TILLSON

Central defender Andy Tillson starred as Bristol Rovers qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1994-95 and 1997-98. Initially with Peterborough United, he moved via Corby and Kettering to Grimsby in July 1988, featuring in their 1988-89 FA Cup run and two promotion campaigns. He joined top-flight QPR in December 1990, then Bristol Rovers for a club record £370,000 in November 1992. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1994-95, he netted 11 goals in 253 League games before joining Walsall in August 2000 and starred in their 2001 Second Division play-off final triumph. He later played for Rushden & Diamonds and has since held coaching posts.

MARCUS STEWART

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Marcus Stewart was Bristol Rovers' top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1995-96. Born locally, he turned professional with Rovers in July 1991 and helped qualify for the Second Division play-offs in 1994-95. He netted 57 goals in 171 League games prior to joining Huddersfield for £1,200,000 in July 1996. Sold to Ipswich for £2,500,000 in February 2000, he starred as they won promotion in 1999-2000 and twice qualified for the UEFA Cup. He moved to Sunderland in August 2002 and was a

promotion winner in 2004-05. Later with Bristol City, Yeovil and Exeter City, he rejoined Bristol Rovers as development coach.

BARRY HAYLES

Jamaica international striker Barry Hayles was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' as Bristol Rovers qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1997-98. Initially with Willesden Hawkeye, he joined Stevenage Borough in July 1993 and was top scorer in their 1995-96 Conference title triumph. He gained England Semi-Pro honours prior to joining Bristol Rovers in June 1997, netting 32 goals in 62 League outings before sold to Fulham for a record £2,100,000 in November 1998. He starred in their rise to the Premier League, since playing for Sheffield United, Millwall, Plymouth, Leicester City, Cheltenham, Truro City, Chesham and Windsor.

STUART CAMPBELL

Former Scotland U-21 midfielder Stuart Campbell captained Bristol Rovers' 2007 League Two play-off final triumph. He began with Leicester City and was a member of their League Cup winning squad in 1997 and 2000, becoming Lennie Lawrence's first signing for Grimsby Town in September 2000. He was top scorer in 2002-03 and moved to Bristol Rovers in July 2004. Also skippering them to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2006-07 and FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08, he was twice ever-present and 'Player of the Year' a record three times. He scored twice in 288 League games before joining Tampa Bay Rowdies in December 2011, becoming coach.

STEVE PHILLIPS

Goalkeeper Steve Phillips was 'Player of the Year' in Bristol Rovers' 2006-07 promotion success, keeping 27 clean sheets that season. He impressed with Paulton Rovers before joining Bristol City in November 1996. Featuring in their 2003 LDV Vans Trophy final triumph, he was ever-present three times and moved to Bristol Rovers in July 2006. He appeared in the 2007 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final, then starred as Rovers reached the FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08. Making 136 League appearances, he joined Crewe Alexandra in November 2009 and was ever-present in their 2011-12 promotion campaign, then Bath City, Mangotsfield and Yeovil.



RICKIE LAMBERT

Striker Rickie Lambert gained seven England caps after leaving Bristol Rovers. He began with Blackpool and had spells with Macclesfield Town and Stockport County before moving to Rochdale in February 2005. Leading marksman in 2005-06, he joined Bristol Rovers for £200,000 in August 2006. He starred as they won promotion in 2006-07, then reached the FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08. Top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 2008-09, he netted 51 goals in 128 League games. Moving to Southampton in August 2009, he starred in two consecutive promotion campaigns and joined Liverpool for £4,000,000 in June 2014, then West Brom and Cardiff City.

MATTY TAYLOR

Striker Matty Taylor was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in Bristol Rovers' 2015-16 promotion campaign. Initially with Oxford United, he joined Didcot Town in June 2009, then North Leigh before moving to Forest Green Rovers in September 2011. He joined Bristol Rovers in June 2014 and starred in their 2015 Conference National play-off final triumph. Scoring 61 goals in 118 Conference/League games, he moved to Bristol City in January 2017, starring as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 2017-18. He rejoined Oxford United in August 2019 and was top scorer three times, since with Forest Green again, Cheltenham, Salisbury and Oxford City.



PLAYERS GALLERY

RED DEVILS VS CREWE ALEXANDRA

From left to right: Starman Ade beats a Crewe defender; Our latest captain - Jude Arthurs; Ade shaping for a chest trap; Louie Watson stretches every sinew



SEASON RECORD

CRAWLEY TOWN FC 2026/27

HOME Away Red = Evening KO  Cautioned  Sent Off Scorers in **BOLD**
L2 = SkyBet EFL League Two **FAC** = FA Cup **EFL** = EFL Trophy **CC** = Carabao Cup



Date & Opp		Red = Evening KO	Comp	Res	Att	Team Line-Up First XI										Subs Used (Unused in Italics)				
AUGUST																				
3	York City		CC P	2-0	4788	Mannone	Gordon	Farquharson	Barker	Adeyemo	Arthurs	Kraniqi	Ebiowei	Watson	Duke-McKenna	DI BIASE I	Russell	Arganese-McDermott,Williams,Kamara,ORSI I	(Aderoju,Odimayo,Tinsdale,Izquiero)	
8	Watford		CC I	0-1	6907	Mannone	Gordon	Odimayo	Barker	Adeyemo	Arthurs	Kraniqi	Ebiowei	Watson	Duke-McKenna	Di Biase	Aderoju	Mrisho,Arganese-McDermott,Russell,Kamara	(Orsi,Tinsdale,Michalski,Robertson)	
15	CREWE ALEXANDRA		L2	0-1	3565	Mannone	Gordon	Farquharson	Barker	Adeyemo	Arthurs	Kraniqi	Ebiowei	Watson	Duke-McKenna	Di Biase	Aderoju,Russell,Odimayo,Kamara,Michalski	(Orsi,Tinsdale)		
22	Rochdale		L2	2-1	3895	Michalski	Odimayo	Farquharson	Barker	Adeyemo	Arthurs	Jennings	Russell	WATSON I	Kamara	ADEROJU I	Krasniqi,Orsi,Richards	(Izquierdo,Arganese-McDermott,Di Biase,Tinsdale)		
29	BRISTOL ROVERS		L2																	
SEPTEMBER																				
1	Northampton Town		L2																	
5	Accrington Stanley		L2																	
12	CHELTHENHAM TOWN		L2																	
19	Grimsby Town		L2																	
22	Milton Keynes Dons		EFLT																	
26	BARNET		L2																	
OCTOBER																				
3	Walsall		L2																	
6	BROMLEY		EFLT																	
10	CHESTERFIELD		L2																	
17	Salford City		L2																	
20	SHREWSBURY TOWN		L2																	
24	TRANMERE ROVERS		L2																	
31	Oldham Athletic		L2																	
NOVEMBER																				
10	BRENTFORD U21		EFLT																	
14	Rotherham United		L2																	
21	FLEETWOOD TOWN		L2																	
28	Exeter City		L2																	
DECEMBER																				
1	PORT VALE		L2																	
12	NEWPORT COUNTY		L2																	
19	York City		L2																	
26	GILLINGHAM		L2																	
29	Colchester United		L2																	
JANUARY 2027																				
1	Swindon Town		L2																	
9	YORK CITY		L2																	
16	SALFORD CITY		L2																	
19	Shrewsbury Town		L2																	
23	Tranmere Rovers		L2																	
30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		L2																	
FEBRUARY																				
6	Bristol Rovers		L2																	
9	NORTHAMPTON TOWN		L2																	
13	ACCRINGTON STANLEY		L2																	
20	Cheltenham Town		L2																	
27	ROTHERHAM UNITED		L2																	
MARCH																				
6	Crewe Alexandra		L2																	
13	ROCHDALE		L2																	
20	Fleetwood Town		L2																	
26	SWINDON TOWN		L2																	
29	Gillingham		L2																	
APRIL																				
3	COLCHESTER UNITED		L2																	
10	Newport County		L2																	
13	Chesterfield		L2																	
17	GRIMSBY TOWN		L2																	
24	Barnet		L2																	
27	WALSALL		L2																	
MAY																				
1	EXETER CITY		L2																	
8	Port Vale		L2																	

RED DEVILS ON REPORT

SAT 15TH AUGUST REDS 0-1 CREWE ALEXANDRA



BY KEVIN NEYLON



Priestley Farquharson comes back into the starting eleven with Akin Odimayo dropping to the bench, now with the standard seven players on, up from most league games last season, but down from the Carabao Cup games and pre-season friendlies. We are in all red with white trim, meanwhile Crewe are in a colour that defies accurate description, somewhere between drab grey and faded mint green.

Crewe have an early corner and play it to the corner of the box as we fall asleep, and a shot is deflected for another corner. Then Crewe 'score' about five seconds after the ref had blown, because the offside flag has gone up. How is that not a booking for kicking the ball away? Then there is a brave double save by Vito Mannone, on the second one the attacker leaves a boot in on his head and he needs treatment.

There is some end-to-end stuff going on, crosses into the box, clearances, breaks from both sides, but whereas we fail to get anything on the end of one, Crewe manage

to win a corner. Stephen Duke-McKenna gets the ball down the left, beats a couple of men and gets a shot away, which is straight at the keeper. Not only is it end to end, but there are some tasty tackles going in there, which the ref doesn't want to seem to get involved in adjudicating on. Mannone saves at an attacker's feet again, and once again they leave something on him, with a two footed lunge into his chest. The ref reluctantly blows for treatment to take place, and the Crewe captain runs eighty yards to berate the ref for stopping play. When play does restart, Klaudio Krasniqi is the nominated player to go off as the 'injured' player, and the ref doesn't let him back on for over three minutes, much longer than Mannone was down.

Another attack for us, Ade Adeyemo twists and turns and beats two players in the box and lays it back to Gianmarco Di Biase, who turns and gets a shot off, but it is half blocked and all the pace taken off it and it trickles to the keeper. Kellan Gordon storms forward through midfield and is hacked down and there's a yellow for the Crewe player. Di Biase wins a header, and a Crewe player goes down claiming he was deliberately elbowed. The Crewe fans are abusing the ref. A Crewe clearance on the edge of their own box sees their defender and Jude Arthurs clash, and

there's a yellow for Arthurs. Louie Watson robs a player in midfield and turns, and his shot takes a slight deflection and forces a good save. The Crewe number three goes right through Gordon twice in a matter of minutes. Both of them should have brought yellow cards as there's no attempt to play the ball either time, but there isn't even a card on totting up. Arthurs, as captain, approaches as if to moan at the ref and then stops and turns away, realising I, he's already on a yellow, and 2, there's no point anyway.

A long sweeping move following tenacious work from Krasniqi and Arthurs in midfield ends with Malcolm Ebiowei winning a corner, taken straight into the keepers arms and he goes down like an extra from platoon. There are eight added minutes at the end of the half. A ball down the left to SDM sees him play it into Arthurs in the box and he's down and claiming a penalty, but it looks as if he was just beaten to it. A late free kick sees another different trick routine from SDM, there is a Crawley head on the end of it, and it hits a Crewe defender and goes for a corner. Nothing results from it and it is half time with the scores level — 0-0.

At half time we make a substitution as Mannone makes way, after being on the receiving end of some aggressive and dubious challenges in the first half and is replaced in goal by Nick Michalski.

SDM pings a great cross field ball to Gordon, it goes into Di Biase a cross comes in and SDM gets on the end of it and his shot is well saved. Crewe break and a Charlie Barker block flies out over the West stand for ball loss one of the day. Ebiowei is scythed down along the wing, and the ref blows for a free kick, only for Gordon to lose the plot and shoves both hands up at the Crewe offender. If you raise your hands like that it's going to be a red all day. But the Crewe player is down clutching his face, when replays clearly show there was no contact with the face. Barker picks up a yellow card in the aftermath for saying something, and reluctantly there is also a booking for the player assaulted by Gordon, as a result of his crocking of Ebiowei which

kicked things off.

So Reds now down to 10. A free kick is cleared over the West stand again, this time by Adeyemo for ball loss two, and Di Biase is sacrificed, with Jonny Russell coming on, and Adeyemo going over to right back. And then the Alamo starts. A corner for Crewe. Followed by another; there is a scramble in the six-yard box before it is put over the bar. Another corner and we just about survive the second ball put in. A cross in sees ball loss number three as it's put over the KRL Logistics stand for another corner. And another and a shot straight at Michalski. Another ball into the box, and Michalski makes a decent save for a corner.

We break and Ebiowei has the ball in midfield, his shirt is pulled, no whistle, he carries on, his arm is pulled, no whistle, he carries on, his shorts are pulled, no whistle, he carries on, and as the offending Crewe player falls, he makes a final effort and pulls his leg back. Finally there is a whistle, but Ebiowei is beyond frustrated and throws the ball at the Crewe player and picks up our second red card of the afternoon. The ref also books the Crewe player for all the attempted pull backs, and the Crewe captain runs up and gets involved again and picks up a yellow card as well for crossing the line. No idea what he was protesting against, we've had a player sent off, and it was a yellow all day long for their player.

Krasniqi is then subbed off, and we bring on Pemi Aderoju to go upfront as an outlet for the long desperate clearances that are going to come, now we are down to nine men. He is doing his job, but despite defenders trying to take his shirt off, the ref isn't giving him a thing. We make our final substitutions, with Adeyemo and SDM making way to be replaced by Akin Odimayo and Osman Kamara.

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Aderoju is dragged to the ground again, and nothing given, and there are ironic cheers as he does get a foul - after being fouled for the third time in as many minutes. The free kick goes into the box, and Russell is bundled over in the melee, and it is given..... as a goal kick.

We get a corner, it's cleared but we win it back and get it into the box but Watson's pull back towards the penalty spot sees no Crawley players there, just three Crewe defenders. Coming out of defence and the Crewe captain rugby tackles the breaking Aderoju in our half. There is a free kick, but where is the second yellow card? That should have been him off. It's beyond a joke now. But two minutes later he is. Another corner is cleared and Aderoju heads it out from the edge of the penalty area. The Crewe captain then barges him over about three weeks late and that does bring the well-deserved second yellow and a sending off. Only the one-man advantage to have to deal with now.

Kamara breaks and goes rampaging down the wing and gets a cross into the box but it doesn't quite get to Aderoju and Crewe get back to get a toe in. There are ten added minutes. Priestley Farquharson went down briefly but didn't take treatment, but looks to

have pulled something and is moving gingerly, but we can't make any more substitutions. Aderoju is pulled down again and we get a free kick. There are a couple of blocked shots in there before Crewe break, easily outpacing the struggling Farquharson and Michalski does well to get down and save at the feet of the oncoming attacker. There's an overload down the right as Crewe have three on one and a cross comes in and the header, achieved by climbing over a Crawley defender, hits the underside of the bar and bounces down and is hacked away, but the ref has pointed to indicate it had crossed the line and we trail 0-1.

From the restart we send Barker up front to attack, he flicks on and it gets to Watson, his cross finds Aderoju and his shot is well saved for a corner, it is punched out and headed tamely back to the keeper. There's a late yellow card for a Crewe player for half-heartedly kicking a ball away after being flagged for offside. We try pumping it into the box, to no avail, and the full-time whistle goes and it is a loss 0-1.

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RED DEVILS ON REPORT

SAT 22ND AUGUST **ROCHDALE 1-2 REDS**



BY KEVIN NEYLON



Once inside the stadium it does seem a bit obtuse to put the Crawley fans in block S in the stand, nearest to the home fans, but then have the entrance, the food and drink and the toilets, four blocks down from where the fans are sat. And to have the Crawley players warm up at the opposite end from where we are.

Anyway, Crawley are in their third kit of white and purple shirt, purple shorts, and white socks, whilst Rochdale are in their home all blue kit.

We kick off, and there's a bit of end to end, and then debutant Kai Jennings closes a ball down in midfield and gets onto it in the box, beats a player as he cuts inside but curls an effort wide of the goal, but not far enough for Pemi Aderoju to get on the end of it.

Aderoju starts a move off by getting on the end of a long ball forward, he plays it back and there are a number of passes across the field and out to Jonny Russell, and then to Osman Kamara who beats a

man and crosses it in, it bounces through the six-yard box and Aderoju gets on the end of it and forces it in and we lead 1-0. Aderoju goes to celebrate in front of the away fans and Russell has to drag him away, and the ref gives him a talking to as they go back for the restart.

A Rochdale player is allowed to run through the middle of the park for forty yards before we think about making a challenge on the edge of the box, but he keeps it, only forced a bit wide, but we get blocks on his shot and clear it. Priestley Farquharson gets a yellow card for a sliding tackle over on our right, and Rochdale have a free kick thirty yards out, which comes to nothing.

Charlie Barker is caught late; a very similar tackle to the booking two minutes earlier, but there is no yellow for the Rochdale player. Rochdale are having a bit of joy down their right, and a cross in sees a header in the box, but it's straight at the keeper. And again, another cross, past the far post and the shot is put wide, but the warning signs are there.

We play it out down the left and Kamara cuts inside, beats a couple of men, but his shot is blocked on the edge of the area. And again, Kamara puts a cross in, Aderoju meets it but puts it back too far; we recycle it back to Russell and his cross in is straight to the keeper. Rochdale go up the other end and win a corner, it's taken short, and put out for a goal kick.

Then Kamara again, he pokes it past a man on the wing and then beats him for pace and puts it across the six-yard box, but Aderoju can't quite get on the end of it. A long ball by Rochdale is headed clear by Russell but he's caught late and is down with a head injury and there's a yellow card for their player. A minute later Russell gets on the end of a long ball and is then just pushed through the corner flag and into the hoardings, but apparently that isn't worth a free kick.

Aderoju turns his man on halfway and surges forward, he is crudely hacked down and there is a yellow card for the Rochdale defender. It was probably far enough out with just enough cover to prevent it being a red. And we give a corner away as Nick Michalski is penalised for taking too long to release the ball.

There are two added minutes at the end of the half. Aderoju again takes it in midfield and beats a man and there is another cynical scything down. It's another yellow card for a Rochdale player, and again, it was probably far enough out with just enough cover to prevent it being a red. Just.

The ball is booted long and out of play and Colin Kazim-Richards controls and then slices it into the crowd and is booked for kicking the ball away. The ref blows the half time whistle, and we go into the break 1-0 up.

Into the second half and Russell gets a yellow card in midfield for bringing someone down, and the ref waves a second yellow at another of our players (turned out to be captain Jude Arthurs) for dissent. Russell then gives away a free kick on the wing, even though it looked like the Rochdale player was five yards offside when the ball was played.

The free kick is put out for a corner, which comes in and we decide this is the perfect moment to play musical statues and it is headed in, and it is level at 1-1.

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A ball down the right finds Ade Adeyemo in the box (nice to see him not playing as a full back), he turns inside and lays it back to Arthurs whose shot is headed behind for a corner.

That is taken deep, comes back in and a shot is saved and the follow up is put wide. We make a substitution just after the hour mark with the returning Lewis Richards making his first appearance of the season (including pre-season) replacing Russell.

Back down the right, Adeyemo cuts inside into the box and smacks a shot which cannons off the face of a Rochdale player and flies out for a corner. Rochdale break and win a corner of their own, this one being cleared for a throw. We break and Adeyemo has to hurdle an opponent trying to cripple him, he gets a cross in, but Louie Watson's header is well over the bar.

We are then trying to walk the ball into the net, lots of touches and passes in and around the box, but no one seems willing to take the shot. It is cleared but comes back in and Adeyemo wins a corner, which is put straight into the keepers hands. Watson blocks the keeper's attempt to clear, and the ref books him, and the keeper. No idea what the ref thinks he is doing.

We break and Watson plays it into

Aderoju in the box, and he beats a man and is fouled and the ref points to the spot. Watson has the ball to take the penalty..... he sends the keeper the wrong way and we lead 2-1.

Rochdale attack and a saving block from Farquharson puts it over the bar, only for the offside flag to have gone up anyway. At the other end a Rochdale player is down and getting treatment. Jennings is substituted with Klaudio Krasniqi coming on to replace him.

There are six added minutes at the end of the half. Aderoju is limping about after being trodden / stamped on. We have two defenders go down injured in our box.

Neither gets treatment, and whilst the second is down, Aderoju gets subbed and goes off, but the ref doesn't allow Danilo Orsi to come on. Rochdale have a corner which goes straight out, and the ref eventually lets Orsi on. Then after seven minutes of added time played the ref blows the final whistle and we have won 2-1.

The away support celebrate long and loud. The crowd is announced but we can't hear it, on the scoreboard it puts up 3,895, and apparently there were a very vocal and very happy 221 away fans.

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LEAGUE TWO TABLE

CURRENT 2026/27 STANDINGS AS AT 22/8/26



Position & Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Barnet	2	2	0	0	6	2	+4	6
2 Crewe Alexandra	2	2	0	0	2	0	+2	6
3 Walsall	2	1	1	0	3	0	+3	4
4 Tranmere Rovers	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	4
5 Colchester United	2	1	1	0	4	3	+1	4
6 York City	2	1	1	0	4	3	+1	4
7 Swindon Town	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
8 Fleetwood Town	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4
9 Grimsby Town	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	4
10 Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	7	6	+1	3
11 Newport County	2	1	0	1	6	5	+1	3
12 Oldham Athletic	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
13 Exeter City	2	1	0	1	2	1	+1	3
14 Cheltenham Town	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
15 Crawley Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
16 Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
17 Rotherham United	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
18 Northampton Town	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
19 Accrington Stanley	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
20 Port Vale	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
21 Gillingham	2	0	1	1	0	3	-3	1
22 Salford City	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0
23 Rochdale	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
24 Shrewsbury Town	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0

UPCOMING LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2026

Barnet v Cheltenham Town
 Colchester United v Rochdale
Crawley Town v Bristol Rovers
 Gillingham v Northampton Town
 Grimsby Town v Fleetwood Town
 Newport County v Tranmere Rovers
 Oldham Athletic v Swindon Town
 Port Vale v Crewe Alexandra
 Rotherham United v Chesterfield
 Shrewsbury Town v Salford City
 Walsall v Accrington Stanley
 York City v Exeter City

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026

Accrington Stanley v Grimsby Town
 Bristol Rovers v Colchester United
 Cheltenham Town v York City
 Chesterfield v Gillingham
 Crewe Alexandra v Walsall
 Exeter City v Barnet
 Fleetwood Town v Oldham Athletic
Northampton Town v Crawley Town
 Rochdale v Shrewsbury Town
 Salford City v Newport County
 Swindon Town v Port Vale
 Tranmere Rovers v Rotherham United



RETRO RED DEVILS

COME ON, REF! (& EARLY SEASON CUP TIES)

BY MICK FOX

Having made the mistake of starting my first article of the season hoping referees would take note of the “lighter touch” that was one of the recommendations instilled in referees for the World Cup, we end up nine men against ten in our match against Crewe, something more appropriate to a game involving Argentina!

I realise we were probably our own worst enemy, but would love some thought to be given to the paying customer when red cards are issued for throwing the ball at somebody. Really?! OK, perhaps hit them with a fine post-match, but we pay to see 11 v 11, not to watch a game from behind the sofa, dreading every tackle or heated moment. Is 30 or more free kicks (on several occasions last season) and a host of cards in most games “cleaning up” football or just depriving fans of the full experience? As well as slowing games down when the authority’s professed aim is to cut out time wasting! Within reasonable bounds, I want the game’s motto this season to be “just get on with it”. Hopefully I get my enthusiasm back, starting with a fine win against Rochdale, but at the moment I must admit to feeling a bit less

love for the game as time goes on. Anyway, rant over. I promise it’s my last for the season (until the next one).

On to Bristol Rovers, and just writing that took me back ten years to November 2016 when we would meet them in the FA Cup first round and – very topically – Darren Deadman (many fans will realise what that means) was listed as referee for the game at the Broadfield, which ended in a 1-1 (Billy Clifford) draw. I travelled for the replay, more in hope than expectation, and sure enough, our weakened team would lose 4-2 after extra time (Jordan Roberts, Matt Harrold).

It was a look at the home programme for the first match that caught my interest, though, firstly the stats and then an obituary. At the time we were managed by the sadly departed Dermot Drummy and were in a fairly healthy tenth place in League Two, with one or two fairly surprising teams languishing in the lower reaches (see league table below left).

Another thing I picked up on from the Bristol programme was how poor the attendances were, relative to those we are now seeing. We had started the season with an attractive home game against Wycombe Wanderers, but only attracted 2,471 (of which 762 were away fans). Another fairly local game at home to Barnet on 20th August drew a fairly paltry 1,929 (247 away fans).

Moving into October, when an attractive home game against Blackpool only pulled in 2,300 (369 away) and several Red Devils away games had already only managed to attract 60 or 70 travelling fans. I had a look at Ian Mulcahy’s excellent club history site and found later in the season some even more disappointing attendances (home to Crewe 1,566, with 110 of those away fans!).

All in all, it is encouraging to see the current upturn in attendances both home and away compared to ten years ago, and that after



Roy Jennings (right) putting his promotion winning team through its paces in training

arguably our poorest season of EFL football last season. Also in the programme of that home game I noticed an obituary to an all-time Red Devils great, Roy Jennings. My attention was drawn by a photo of Roy with a bunch of be-suited gents holding wine glasses, which according to the caption showed Roy celebrating after he had been appointed manager in 1969.

Now, I am pretty certain that was a photo of Roy with some business colleagues as, I didn’t recognise a single one of them - nor did I recognise the photo’s location, plus Roy was already manager by 1969!

To us older supporters, Roy Jennings was one of the all-time favourites and responsible for one

of our most remarkable promotion successes. Roy came to Crawley in 1964 as a player (he had been skipper of Brighton in his younger days) towards the end of his career, and made an enduring impression on both fans and his team mates, not to mention those opposing forwards unlucky enough to feel the force of a Jennings tackle. I remember watching Roy in the mid 1960s (his first full season was 1964/65), seeing a no-nonsense centre back who looked to be somebody who had spent a career battling rugged centre forwards, in the days when the physical side of the game was significantly more “rugged” than today.

Roy rarely missed a game from the 1964/65 season through to the end of his playing days in the 1968/69 season when he made just a few appearances. That last season, when Roy had taken over as player/manager, was probably Roy’s greatest achievement, coming as it did after one in which the club had overspent on an underachieving and expensive squad which finished fifth from bottom in the league.

We therefore feared the worst when budget cuts were announced due to the overspending, but with Roy as manager we achieved a remarkable first-ever promotion to the Southern League Premier Division.

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	P	W	D	L	P	A	GD	Pts
1 Plymouth Argyle	15	11	2	2	36	13	+13	35
2 Carlisle United	15	8	7	0	27	15	+12	31
3 Doncaster Rovers	15	8	3	4	30	22	+8	27
4 Luton Town	15	6	6	3	24	15	+9	24
5 Portsmouth	15	7	3	5	23	16	+7	23
6 North County	15	6	4	5	22	21	+1	20
7 Crewe Alexandra	15	5	7	3	19	18	+1	22
8 Grimsby Town	15	6	3	6	18	18	0	21
9 Accrington Stanley	15	5	5	5	19	20	-1	20
10 Crawley Town	15	5	5	5	18	19	-1	20
11 Yeovil Town	15	6	2	7	14	19	-5	20
12 Morecambe	15	6	2	7	20	28	-8	20
13 Mansfield Town	15	4	7	4	15	15	0	19
14 Barnet	15	4	7	4	20	23	-3	19
15 Blackpool	15	4	6	5	23	19	+4	18
16 Chesham Town	15	3	8	4	18	19	-1	17
17 Stevenage	14	5	2	7	20	22	-2	17
18 Colchester United	15	4	5	6	19	21	-2	17
19 Exeter City	15	5	1	9	16	15	+1	16
20 Hartlepool United	15	3	1	11	23	28	-5	16
21 Wycombe W	15	4	4	7	16	21	-5	16
22 Cambridge United	15	6	4	5	13	16	+3	16
23 Leyton Orient	15	6	3	6	14	20	-6	15
24 Newport County	15	2	5	8	14	32	-18	11

2016-17 EFL League Two Table November 2016

16 - EVENING ARGUS, Monday, November 25, 1968

Magnificent, Crawley

—now you can win promotion

“THEY fought back magnificently and were desperately unlucky to have that equalising goal scored against them in the last seconds of injury time.”

These were the words of Crawley Town manager Roy Jennings after a 2-2 draw with Cambridge City, and I have no hesitation in agreeing with every one writes ALAN FIDEN.

There is a tremendous club spirit in this Crawley side, thanks as any player will tell you, to the respect they have for Jennings.

Phil Haze: “I’ll beat you yet,” was the ironic reply.

“Do you wonder I’m proud of the lads,” said Jennings. “Every one’s a fighter and there’s tremendous talent in all of them. But what beats me is the lack of support we are getting at Town Mead.”

“Look at the crowd today,” 1,770 of them. They know what a good game they’ve seen. We have been in third spot in the league for weeks. We’ve only boys even more heart there is no reason why promotion shouldn’t be possible this season.”

Often critical of the Crawley set-up in the past, I see nothing but improvement in all directions this season, not least of all on the field of play.

The game at Cambridge was a typical example. After conceding a 42nd minute goal in rearguard ROBIN STEPNEY, Crawley grunted their teeth, played themselves out of trouble to dominate the second half.

It was. But the dominating feature was that, whereas Crawley kept their heads under the almost extracurricular tension, City lost theirs, and almost the game. Even the tempestuous Cockell put up with considerable “stick” in the most angelic manner.

ROY JENNINGS

Magnificent Crawley en-route to Promotion 1968/9



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After the previous season, when we had conceded 85 league goals, Roy managed to bring in one or two new signings on a very tight budget (Phil Basey being perhaps the most successful), got rid of the expensive "dead wood" and organised us to such good effect that we only conceded 32 goals in 42 games and achieved promotion with two games to spare. And this from a squad largely consisting of 14 players for 42 league games!

Those of us who watched Roy play in the 1960s will remember his toughness but also his uncanny ability to score penalties into either corner of the net, without seemingly striking the ball with any force at all. And this was in the days when he was often taking penalties in the notorious Town Meadow mud. Roy was the best penalty-taker I have ever seen, and this allied to his achievements as manager make Roy one of our overall greats in my eyes. One other recollection I have is from the early 1990s when Roy, then in his late 50s, turned out in the John Skinner testimonial match at Town Meadow (John was a fine local footballer who played for Crawley around 1958-60 and had recently died). On meeting Roy I was quite surprised that his



THE CRAWLEY TOWN veteran team line up before last Sundays memorial match for the late John Skinner.

CRAWLEY LEGENDS XI John Skinner Memorial

manner belied his outwardly tough and "battle-scarred" features, but also that even at that age he still seemed the fittest and strongest player in our talented veterans' team! See if you can name this team of golden oldies from the press picture?

Let's hope Colin can achieve similar success following a similarly poor previous season.

Come on, you Red Devils!

Mick Fox
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CTFC HONOURS LIST

Lge 2 Wembley Play Off Winners 2023/24
Promoted to League 1 3rd Place 2011/12
FA Cup 5th Round 2010/11 & 2011/12
EFL League Cup 4th Round 2019/20
Conference Champions 2010/11
Southern League Champions 2003/04
Southern League Cup Winner 2003/04
Southern League Cup Winner 2002/03
Southern League Cup Runner-up 2000/01
Sussex Senior Cup Winner 1989/90, 1990/91, 2002/03, 2004/05
Roy Hayden Trophy Winner 1990/91, 1991/92, 2004/05
Sussex Floodlight Cup Winner 1990/91, 91/92, 92/93, 98/99
William Hill Senior Cup Winner 1992/93
Gilbert Rice Floodlight Cup Winner 1979/80, 1983/84
Sussex Intermediate Cup Winner 1927/28
Montgomery Cup Winner 1925/26
Mid Sussex Senior League Winner 1902/03



RED DEVILS' STATS

HISTORICAL STATS COMPILED BY IAN MULCAHY

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	02/05/2026 - Salford City	5,191	09/09/2012 - Portsmouth	5,058
29/03/2011 - Mansfield	3,162	02/04/2018 - Swindon	5,008	01/02/2025 - Wrexham	5,049
22/04/2011 - Rushden & Diamonds	3,083	27/04/2024 - Grimsby	4,885	01/03/2025 - Cambridge	4,955
05/03/2011 - Histon	3,031	22/12/2023 - AFC Wimbledon	4,792	12/04/2025 - Leyton Orient	4,793
30/04/2011 - York	2,945	06/04/2012 - Crewe	4,723	09/11/2024 - Huddersfield	4,752
07/12/2004 - Barnet	2,941	25/03/2023 - Rochdale	4,717	10/08/2024 - Blackpool	4,718
17/08/2004 - Hereford	2,570	28/04/2012 - Hereford	4,615	31/08/2024 - Barnsley	4,704
16/10/2010 - Newport	2,566	28/03/2026 - Gillingham	4,338	28/09/2024 - Bolton	4,696
21/02/2005 - Morecambe	2,516	19/08/2023 - Gillingham	4,310	22/12/2012 - Sheffield U	4,604
21/08/2004 - Aldershot	2,508	06/04/2026 - Grimsby	4,273	14/09/2024 - Stockport	4,538

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Most Lge Points	84	L2 2011/12
Least Lge points	42	L2 2025/26
Most Draws	16	L2 2025/26
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	44	L2 2025/26
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	Danilo Orsi (2023/24) League goals only
Top Season Apps	49	Klaudi Lolos League appearances only (inc. from the bench), including the 3 play off matches

2026/27 SEASON PLAYER STATS

AS AT 22/8/26

No / Pos / Player / Previous Club or Loan Status <i>These stats cover all competitions</i>	CRD	CTFC 26-27 Stats					CTFC Career	
		St	Su	Gls	Y	R	Apps	Gls
1 GK Vito Mannone (PLAYER-COACH) Lille	*	3					3	
2 DF Kellan Gordon Notts County	06/27	3			1	1	67	1
4 DF Pele Arganese-McDermott T'ham Hotspur	06/28		2				2	
5 DF Charlie Barker Wealdstone	06/27	4			3		96	3
6 DF Priestley Farquharson Walsall	06/28	3			1		3	
7 MF Malcolm Ebiowei Crystal Palace	06/28	3				1	3	
8 MF Louie Watson Luton Town	06/28	4		1	1		38	1
9 FW Danilo Orsi AFC Wimbledon	06/28		2	1			67	27
10 FW Stephen Duke-McKenna Harrogate	06/28	3					3	
11 FW Pemi Aderoju On loan from Peterborough	~	1	2	1	1		3	1
12 DF Lewis Richards Bradford City	06/27		1				15	
13 GK Nick Michalski On loan from Blackburn	~	1	1				2	
14 FW Gianmarco Di Biase Juventus	06/28	3		1			3	1
15 DF Ben Radcliffe On loan to Yeovil Town	06/27						23	2
16 DF Jonny Russell Glentoran	*	1	3		1		23	
17 MF Osman Kamara On loan from Blackburn	~	1	3				4	
18 FW Danny Cashman On loan to Boreham Wood	06/27						5	
19 MF Dion Pereira Luton Town	*						34	
20 MF Jude Arthurs Bromley	06/28	4			3		4	
21 FW Justin Ferizaj Bray Wanderers	06/28						3	
22 FW Ade Adeyemo Cray Valley PM	06/28	4					100	9
23 MF Fate Kotey Fulham Academy	06/27						5	
24 DF Akin Odimayo Newport County	06/27	2	1				14	
25 MF Klaudio Krasniqi Glacis Uts (Gib)	06/27	3	1				4	
26 MF Jay Williams (Captain) MK Dons	*		1				95	7
28 MF Nathan Tinsdale On loan from Hull City	~							
30 MF Kai Jennings On loan from AFC Wimbledon	~	1					1	
31 GK Jackson Izquierdo Crystal Palace	06/27							
32 DF Ty Ewens-Findlay On loan from Charlton	~							
33 MF Omari Mrisho Huddersfield Town	06/28		1				1	
56 MF Jude Robertson Ipswich Town	*						3	

CRD = Contract Review Date

* = Not Published

~ = On loan to CTFC

NB: The EFL only allow 5 loanees to be named in each matchday squad. (Max of 8 loanees per season).



RAIL TRAVEL

BY HERBERT'S TOURS



TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026 - Northampton Town (away) 7:45pm k/o

15.43 Three Bridges - St Pancras 16.45 - (walk 10 mins to Euston)

17.19 London Euston - Northampton 18.14

Return

22.14 Northampton - London Euston 23.37 - (walk 10 mins to St Pancras)

23.54 St Pancras - Three Bridges 00.53

£33 (with a railcard)

(Purchase the Three Bridges to St P £10 and the Euston to Northampton £23 ticket separately to get this price)

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - Accrington Stanley (away) 3pm k/o

08.01 Three Bridges - St Pancras 08.50 - (walk 10 mins to Euston)

09.30 London Euston - Preston 11.39

12.24 Preston - Accrington 13.02

Return

18.12 Accrington - Preston 18.38

19.07 Preston - London Euston 21.40 - (walk 10 mins to St Pancras)

22.00 St Pancras - Three Bridges 22.49

£60 (with a railcard) (Purchase the Three Bridges to St P £10 and the Euston to Accrington £50 ticket separately to get this price)

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - Grimsby Town (away), 3pm k/o

07.31 Three Bridges - St Pancras 08.20 (Walk next door to Kings Cross 4 min)

08.40 Kings Cross - Doncaster 10.17

10.41 Doncaster - Cleethorpes 11.53

(Cleethorpes is the nearest railway station to Grimsby Town FC, it's a scenic 20 minute walk along the promenade to the stadium)

Return

18.26 Cleethorpes - Doncaster 19.39

19.55 Doncaster - Kings Cross 21.36 (4 min walk across the road to St Pancras)

21.50 St Pancras - Three Bridges 22.39

Currently £48 return with a railcard.

To obtain this price, purchase a £9 Thameslink return from Three Bridges to London St Pancras, and a £39 return from London Kings Cross to Cleethorpes.

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026 - MK Dons EFL Trophy 7pm k/o

16.01 Three Bridges - St Pancras 16.50 (Walk 10 mins to Euston)

17.16 London Euston - Milton Keynes Central 17.51

(Then it's a bus or taxi to Stadium MK)

Return

21.58 Milton Keynes Central - London Euston 22.31 (Walk 10 mins to St Pancras)

22.50 St Pancras - Three Bridges 23.43

£26 (with a railcard) Purchase the Three Bridges to St Pancras £10 and the Euston to Milton Keynes £16 ticket separately to get this price.



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NORTHAMPTON TOWN TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2026 - 7.45pm

Coach departs from the Broadfield Stadium at 4.00pm – cost is £40 We will travel non-stop to and from Northampton for this game. Hopefully the M25 & the M1 will not be too busy for this trip. We will leave straight after the game finishes.



ACCRINGTON STANLEY - SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2026 - 3.00pm k/o

Coach departs from the Broadfield Stadium at 6.30am – cost is £50. We will have a comfort/coffee break at the M6 Toll services at about 9.15am and then a buffet stop at the Foresters Arms, Standish at about 11.30am – We will depart there at 1.00pm to arrive at Accrington at about 2.00pm. Coach will park up by the stadium. We will depart straight after the game and will have a break at some point on the return journey, depending on traffic conditions – either the M6 Toll again or Warwick Services.



DEVILISH PUZZLES

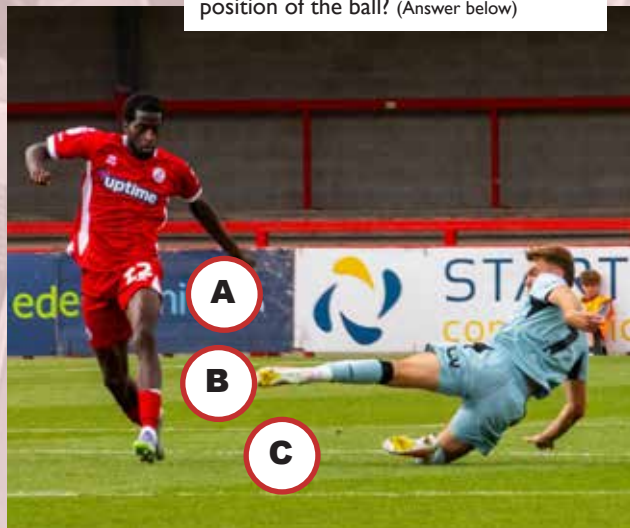
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QUIZ WORD SEARCH

The answers to the questions provide the words that are hidden in the word search. Answer the questions correctly then find the answers in the word search for a chance to win £10. First correct entry, submitted by e mail to red4ever40@hotmail.com wins.

- 1 Who is Bristol Rovers' current manager? (as at 22 AUG 2026 RDD deadline day)
- 2 In the last match between the two sides here at the Broadfield Stadium in 2025/2026, there were four goals scored. What player scored the first goal?
- 3 Who scored the second goal?
- 4 Who scored the third goal?
- 5 Who scored the last goal?
- 6 That game marked the first start for a player since he suffered a cardiac arrest back in December of 2023. What is his name?
- 7 What team was he playing for?
- 8 Who was he playing against?
- 9 What League was that game in?
- 10 What two three letter words are used as one of the nicknames for Bristol Rovers?
- 11 What is the name of the ground that Rovers' arch-rivals Bristol City play at?
- 12 Who was the head coach for Bristol Rovers when the two sides met in Crawley last season?
- 13 Which ex Crawley Town manager got the better of Rovers in the first league game this season?



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SPOT THE BALL!

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

PEMI ADEROJU



AUTOGRAPH

SPOT THE BALL ANSWER B



			Start	Sub
1	GK	Vito MANNONE	☒	☒
2	DF	Kellan GORDON	☐	☐
4	DF	Pele ARGANESE-MCDERMOTT	☐	☐
5	DF	Charlie BARKER	☐	☐
6	DF	Priestley FARQUHARSON	☐	☐
7	MF	Malcolm EBIOWEI	☐	☐
8	MF	Louie WATSON	☐	☐
9	FW	Danilo ORSI	☐	☐
10	FW	Stephen DUKE-MCKENNA	☐	☐
11	FW	Pemi ADEROJU	☐	☐
12	DF	Lewis RICHARDS	☐	☐
13	GK	Nick MICHALSKI	☒	☒
14	FW	Gianmarco DI BIASE	☐	☐
15	DF	Ben RADCLIFFE	☐	☐
16	DF	Jonny RUSSELL	☐	☐
17	MF	Osman KAMARA	☐	☐
18	FW	Danny CASHMAN	☐	☐
19	MF	Dion PEREIRA	☐	☐
20	MF	Jude ARTHURS	☐	☐
21	FW	Justin FERIZAJ	☐	☐
22	FW	Ade ADEYEMO	☐	☐
23	MF	Fate KOTEY	☐	☐
24	DF	Akin ODIMAYO	☐	☐
25	MF	Klaudio KRASNIQI	☐	☐
26	MF	Jay WILLIAMS	☐	☐
28	MF	Nathan TINSDALE	☐	☐
30	MF	Kai JENNINGS	☐	☐
31	GK	Jackson IZQUIERDO	☒	☒
33	MF	Omari MRISHO	☐	☐
35	DF	Ty Ewens- FINDLAY	☐	☐
56	MF	Jude ROBERTSON	☐	☐



			Start	Sub
1	GK	Brad Young	☒	☒
2	DF	Tom James	☐	☐
3	DF	Jack Sparkes	☐	☐
4	DF	Kofi Balmer	☐	☐
5	DF	Alfie Kilgour (captain)	☐	☐
6	MF	Clinton Mola	☐	☐
7	FW	Shaq Forde	☐	☐
8	MF	Reiss-Alexander Russell-Denny	☐	☐
9	FW	Joe Quigley	☐	☐
10	MF	Bobby Kamwa	☐	☐
11	FW	Jack Aitchison	☐	☐
14	DF	Ben Purrington	☐	☐
17	DF	Ciarán Kelly	☐	☐
18	FW	Mees Rijks	☐	☐
19	FW	Ellis Harrison	☐	☐
20	FW	Promise Omochere	☐	☐
21	MF	Richie Smallwood	☐	☐
22	MF	Keenan Gough	☐	☐
23	DF	Macauley Southam-Hales	☐	☐
24	MF	Tommy Leigh	☐	☐
25	MF	Ryan Howley	☐	☐
26	DF	Riley Harbottle	☐	☐
29	FW	Fabrizio Cavegn	☐	☐
32	GK	Charlie Binns	☒	☒
33	MF	Ryan De Havilland	☐	☐

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