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IN CHARGE: RUSSELL SLADE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's Sky Bet League Two fixture with Crewe Alexandra here at Blundell Park.

A warm welcome goes to David Artell and his side, they have had a good start to the season and we wish them a safe journey home after the game.

I thought we started our last league outing against Wycombe well and we looked like the team in control for the opening period.

We did not work their goalkeeper enough though and the final delivery eluded us at some stages.

But it was the visitors who got the early goal and we were planning our response to the players for half-time when we went 2-0 down shortly before the break.

Danny Collins and their player have both gone up for the ball and the referee has ruled that it is Danny's hand that has touched the ball.

It was very disappointing from our point of view because it gave them a huge advantage for the second half.

We got ourselves back into the game with Mitch's penalty but then suffered another sending off when Danny was dismissed – the split decisions seem to be going against us at the moment.

JJ has got us level with an excellent goal but we can't keep shooting ourselves in the foot because we did not protect our goal well enough after that and allowed Wycombe to get a winner.

The EFL Trophy tie against Doncaster on Tuesday night was an entertaining game, where we more than matched higher opposition for long periods.

We got our noses in front and responded well to their equaliser, with an excellent spell after half-time.

What we need to be in situations like that is more ruthless in front of goal and go and hurt teams when we are on top.

We're delighted to bring Jamille Matt into the club from Blackpool on a season-long loan. He gives us something different up top with his size and is player we know plenty about.

We were also hoping to be able to do some more business before the transfer window closed on Thursday night.

Enjoy the game everyone and thank you again for your fantastic support.

Russell Slade

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MATT SIGNS ON LOAN



On Tuesday we announced the signing of Blackpool striker Jamille Matt on a loan deal until the end of the season.

The former Kidderminster Harriers, Fleetwood Town, Stevenage and Plymouth Argyle frontman helped the Seasiders to promotion to League One last season, scoring five times in 38 appearances.

The six-foot four-inch Jamaican will wear the number 29 shirt and should be available for The Mariners this afternoon.

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A large advertisement for 'Mariners Instant Cash Draw'. It features the Grimsby Town FC crest in the top left. The main text reads: 'HALF TIME BONANZA - £1.00 - MARINERS INSTANT CASH DRAW UP TO A MAXIMUM OF'. Below this, the prizes are listed: 'FIRST PRIZE £1000', 'SECOND PRIZE £25', and 'THIRD PRIZE £10'. A red box on the right asks 'HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKET YET?'. At the bottom, it says 'SPONSORED BY YOUNGS OFFICIAL CLUB SPONSOR'. A small note at the very bottom states: 'Draw to be made at every Grimsby Town FC home match (see fixture list for appropriate dates) at half time. Prizes to be paid at full time at Club Shop. Tickets must be shown when collecting prize.'



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MANAGER

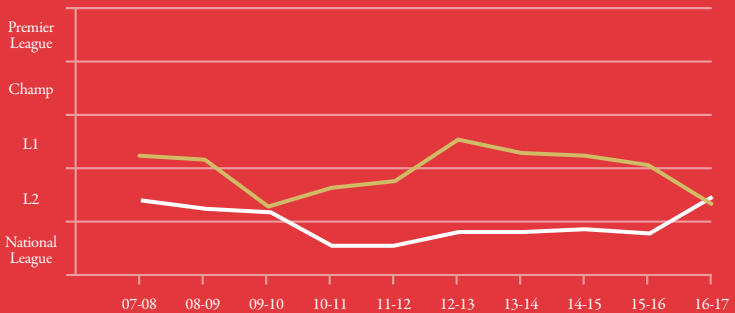
Dave Artell

2016-17

League Two, 17th

LAST 10 YEARS

Key: ● Mariners ● Railwaymen





David Artell brings his Crewe Alexandra side to Blundell Park hoping to keep up their good start to the 2017-18 Sky Bet League Two season.

The Railwaymen finished in 17th-place in the table last season but they are back on track already this campaign, unbeaten in their opening four league games.

Artell had another clear-out at Gresty Road in the summer, with no fewer than nine of last season's squad departing for pastures new.

Amongst those leaving the Railwaymen were highly-rated duo Billy Bingham and Ben Nugent to Gillingham and right-back Oliver Turton to Blackpool.

Two more defenders departing Gresty Road were Jon Guthrie to Walsall and Harry Davis into Scotland with St Mirren

Manager Artell opted for experience amongst the few signings he brought to Gresty Road. A quartet of arrivals at Crewe brings with them plenty of Football League experience.

Artell bolstered his attacking options with the captures of Jordan

Bowery from Leyton Orient and Chris Porter from Colchester, whilst centre-back Michael Raynes arrived from Carlisle, with the versatile Eddie Nolan joining from Blackpool.

The Alex boss has also made two loan signings, with Sam Stubbs and Conor Grant due to stay at Gresty Road until January following their arrivals from Wigan and Everton respectively.

It is Porter that has caught the eye already this term, netting four times in his five outings and striking up an excellent partnership with one of last season's standout performers, Chris Dagnall.

Crewe's only defeats so far this term have come at home in the cups. Championship newcomers Bolton left Gresty Road with a 2-1 win in the Carabao Cup First Round, whilst Newcastle under-21s won their opening EFL Trophy fixture by a similar scoreline.

Alex enjoyed both games against the Mariners last season, winning both games by an aggregate score of 7-0, including a 2-0 victory at Blundell Park last September. ■



THE MANAGER DAVE ARTELL



Crewe manager David Artell has high hopes for his Alexandra side this season, promising 'evolution not revolution' and a refusal to settle for 17th in the table once again.

The former Crewe player and Academy operations manager was named manager of the Railwaymen in January and went about turning the club's fortunes around after a 4-0 defeat at Hartlepool left them in relegation trouble.

A March run of four wins in five games effectively sealed their safety and Artell began planning for next season by releasing six players at the end of the campaign.

The Gibraltar international previously played for the Railwaymen between 2010 and 2012 and also turned out for Rotherham, Mansfield, Chester, Morecambe, Port Vale, Northampton and Wrexham in a 19-year career.



THE SQUAD

BEN GARRATT

GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper
Born: Market Drayton
Age: 23
Signed: 2010 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 152

DAVE RICHARDS

GOALKEEPER

Born: Abergavenny
Age: 23
Signed: 2015 (Bristol City)
Crewe Appearances: 0



GEORGE RAY

DEFENDER

Born: Warrington
Age: 23
Signed: 2011 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 93
(3 Goals)

PERRY NG

DEFENDER

Born: Liverpool
Age: 21
Signed: 2014 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 24



ZOUMANA BAKAYOGO

DEFENDER

Born: Paris
Age: 31
Signed: 2016 (Leicester City)
Crewe Appearances: 63
(1 Goal)

MICHAEL RAYNES

DEFENDER

Born: Wythenshawe
Age: 29
Signed: 2017 (Carlisle United)
Crewe Appearances: 3

EDDIE NOLAN

DEFENDER

Born: Waterford, Ireland
Age: 29
Signed: 2017 (Blackpool)
Crewe Appearances: 3

BRAD WALKER

MIDFIELDER

Born: Billingham
Age: 21
Signed: 2017 (Hartlepool United)
Crewe Appearances: 3

JAMES JONES

MIDFIELDER

Born: Dundee
Age: 21
Signed: 2014 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 100
(11 Goals)



GEORGE COOPER

MIDFIELDER

Born: Warrington
Age: 20
Signed: 2014 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 98
(13 Goals)

CALLUM AINLEY

MIDFIELDER

Born: Middlewich
Age: 19
Signed: 2015 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 50 (2 Goals)

RYAN WINTLE

MIDFIELDER

Born: Newcastle-under-Lyme
Age: 20
Signed: 2015 (Alsager Town)
Crewe Appearances: 23 (1 Goal)

TOM LOWERY

MIDFIELDER

Born: Holmes Chapel
Age: 19
Signed: 2016 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 10

HARRY PICKERING

MIDFIELDER

Born: Chester
Age: 18
Signed: 2016 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 3

OLIVER FINNEY

MIDFIELDER

Born: Stoke-on-Trent
Age: 19
Signed: 2016 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 1



CHRIS PORTER

FORWARD

Born: Wigan
Age: 33
Signed: 2017
(Colchester United)
Crewe Appearances: 5
(4 Goals)

THE ESSENTIAL CREWE ALEXANDRA

DATES

1877

The club was formed, taking its name from Princess Alexandra

1921

Alex re-entered the league after originally losing its status in 1896

2013

Winners of the Football League Trophy, defeating Southend 2-0 in the final

MANAGER DARIO GRADI

Italian-born Gradi first took charge of the Alex in 1983, after spells in charge of Sutton United, Wimbledon and Crystal Palace before.

Before Gradi's appointment, Crewe were considered a team who generally finished in the bottom half of the basement division, so the young manager was keen to develop an academy structure which would see the Railwaymen become more competitive.

In 1988-89, Gradi led Crewe to their first promotion from the Fourth Division for a quarter of a century. Despite slipping back into the Fourth Division two years later, Crewe once again were promoted in 1994 and then won promotion to Division One for the first time in their history in 1997.

During the 80s and 90s, Gradi developed a reputation for nurturing exciting talent and many household names including David Platt, Rob Jones, Geoff Thomas, Ashley Ward, Danny Murphy, Seth Johnson, Robbie Savage, Neil Lennon and Dean Ashton.

In 2007, Gradi stepped down as manager of Crewe after 24 years in charge. At that stage he was the longest-serving manager of an English club.

Gradi did have two further spells in charge of the Railwaymen as Caretaker in 2008 and from 2009 to 2011, eventually stepping down for the last time to concentrate on the club's youth system.





CHRIS DAGNALL

FORWARD

Born: Liverpool
Age: 31
Signed: 2016 (Hibernian)
Crewe Appearances: 45
(16 Goals)

JORDAN BOWERY

FORWARD

Born: Nottingham
Age: 26
Signed: 2017 (Leyton Orient)
Crewe Appearances: 4

DANIEL UDOH

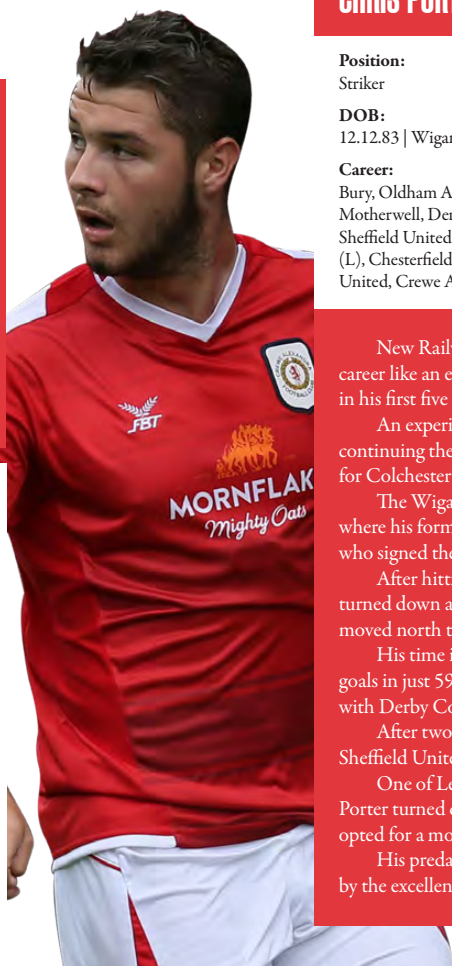
FORWARD

Born: Lagos, Nigeria
Age: 20
Signed: 2016 (Ilkeston Town)
Crewe Appearances: 15

CHARLIE KIRK

FORWARD

Born: Winsford
Age: 19
Signed: 2016 (Youth Team)
Crewe Appearances: 36



**ONE TO WATCH
CHRIS PORTER**

Position:

Striker

DOB:

12.12.83 | Wigan

Career:

Bury, Oldham Athletic, Motherwell, Derby County, Sheffield United, Shrewsbury Town (L), Chesterfield (L), Colchester United, Crewe Alexandra



New Railwaymen signing Chris Porter has started his career like an express train at Gresty Road, with four goals in his first five outings for the Alex.

An experienced Football League campaigner, Porter is continuing the good form that saw him net 16 league goals for Colchester last term.

The Wigan-born striker began his career with Bury, where his form caught the eye of League One Oldham, who signed the player in 2005 for a fee decided to tribunal.

After hitting 28 goals in just 66 league games, Porter turned down a new deal at Boundary Park and instead moved north to Motherwell.

His time in Scotland was equally as prolific, with 23 goals in just 59 league games, prompting a move back south with Derby County.

After two years at Pride Park, the frontman joined Sheffield United, before moving onto Colchester in 2015.

One of League Two's most prolific forwards last term, Porter turned down a new deal with the U's and instead opted for a move to Crewe.

His predatory instincts are never too far away, proven by the excellent first month he has enjoyed in a Crewe shirt.

SEASON

1996-97

Dario Gradi's Railwaymen reached Division One after gaining promotion through the play-offs.

Despite finishing sixth in the league, Crewe overcame Luton Town over two legs before a tense 1-0 victory over Brentford under the Twin Towers of Wembley.

It was an Alex squad that included future Premier League stars Robbie Savage, Danny Murphy and Seth Johnson, as well as a potent forward line of Mark Rivers, Colin Little and topscorer Dele Adebola.

Gradi then went on to guide Crewe to safety in the second tier for five seasons, despite only being able to attract an average home attendance of 4,000.

**PLAYER
DAVID PLATT**

After being schooled in the Manchester United Youth Team, David Platt broke into the Crewe Alexandra team as an exciting teenage prospect in 1985.

During a three year stay at Gresty Road, the Chadderton-born midfielder became a regular in Dario Gradi's Fourth Division side. In total he amassed 156 appearances for the Railwaymen and scored an impressive 56 times.

His prolific and energetic performances in the Crewe engine room caught the eye of Graham Taylor and a move to Aston Villa was agreed in 1988.

Platt's fine form continued at Villa Park and the former Crewe midfielder was soon an established member of Bobby Robson's England side, scoring the winner in the 1-0 extra-time win against Belgium in the 1990 World Cup knock-out stages.

After Italia '90, Platt enjoyed spells with Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria before a return to English football in 1995 and further spells with Arsenal and Nottingham Forest.

After hanging up his boots in 2001, he'd played over 500 career games and scored almost 180 goals - including 62 England caps and 27 goals.



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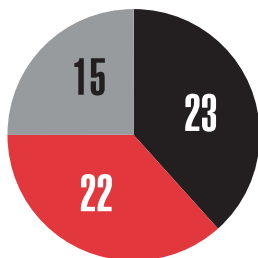
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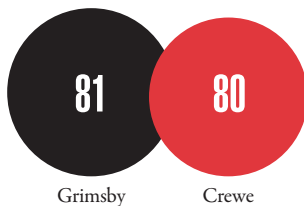


HEAD TO HEAD

Played 60
 ● Grimsby 23
 ● Crewe 22
 ● Draws 15

GOALS SCORED

Includes league, FA and League Cup games



FIRST COMPETITIVE MEETING



Saturday 10th September 1892 | Division Two | Crewe 1-0 Town



LAST FOUR GAMES

Saturday 11th February 2017
 Crewe 5 (George Cooper (2), Chris Dagnall (2), Callum Cooke) Grimsby 0

Saturday 17th September 2016
 Grimsby 0 Crewe 2 (George Cooper, James Jones)

Tuesday 9th March 2010
 Crewe 4 (Byron Moore, Joel Grant, Ashley Westwood, Clayton Donaldson) Grimsby 2 (Jean Louis Akpa Akpro, Dean Sinclair)

Saturday 15th August 2009
 Grimsby 0 Crewe 4 (Calvin Zola (2), Billy Jones, Byron Moore)

PREVIOUS NINE MEETINGS AT BLUNDPELL PARK



LAST TIME OUT

Saturday 11th February 2017
 Crewe 5 Grimsby 0
 League 2

The Railwayman registered their first victory in 12 matches as Grimsby were blown away by a rampant Crewe side who were 4-0 up by the 29th minute, thanks to doubles from both George Cooper and Chris Dagnall. Despite Marcus Bignot making a trio of substitutions at half time, the damage had already been done and it was left to Callum Cooke to hit a fifth three minutes from time to complete a humiliating day at the office for the visitors. All the more surprising as Crewe were the divisions joint lowest scorers going into the game. After the game Marcus went over to the Grimsby fans and apologise for the dreadful performance that they had just witnessed.



LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO CLUBS

Both Mike Newell and Marcus Bignot have gone on to manage the Mariners after playing for Crewe earlier in their respective careers.

MIKE NEWELL

Crewe Alexandra (Player)
 From September - October 1983 and March - June 1999
 Appearances 7
 Goals 0

Grimsby Town (Manager)

From 2008 - 2009
 Games 53
 Wins 13
 Drawn 11
 Lost 29

MARCUS BIGNOT

Crewe Alexandra (Player)
 From 1997 - 2000
 Appearances 106
 Goals 0

Grimsby Town (Manager)

From November 2016 - April 2017
 Games 27
 Wins 9
 Draws 7
 Lost 11



RAILWAYMEN

Garratt, Turton, Ray, Nugent, Guthrie (Bakayogo), Jones, Hollands, Cooper (Kiwomya), Cooke, Dagnall (Ainley), Bowery.
Subs not used: Richards, Wintle, Ng, Dale



MARINERS

McKeown, Davies, Pearson, Gunning, Collins, Andrew (Jones), Clements, Comley, Osbourne, Dyson (Asante), Yussuf (Bolarinwa)
Subs not used: Disley, Mills, Boyce, Vernon



PLAYED FOR BOTH: ANTHONY ELDING

Crewe Appearances: 33
 Crewe Goals: 3
 From: 2008-2010

Town Appearances: 67
 Town Goals: 18
 From: 2011-2012





DEFINING MOMENT

Current Manager & former Club captain Dave Artell heads up the Wembley steps to lift the League Two Play-Off Trophy in 2012. The Railwaymen, under Steve Davis, beat Cheltenham Town 2-0 in the final. Less than 12 months later, Crewe were back at Wembley in the Football League Trophy, where they also overcame Southend United 2-0.



DEADLY DUOS

FRANK LORD & JOHNNY KING

Centre-forward Frank Lord was leading marksman in Crewe Alexandra's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional for Rochdale in October 1953, he moved to Crewe for £3,500 in July 1961 and netted 68 goals in 108 League games while at Gresty Road. He joined Plymouth Argyle for £18,000 in November 1963 and was top scorer in 1963-64, starring as they reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1964-65. Sold to Stockport County for £7,000 in February 1966, he had spells with Blackburn and Chesterfield before returning to Plymouth in October 1967. He held many coaching posts and died in Cape Town in June 2005.

Popular inside-left Johnny King was ever-present in Crewe Alexandra's 1962-63 promotion campaign. Born in nearby Wrenbury, he signed professional at Gresty Road in October 1949 and formed a notable left-wing partnership with future England international Frank Blunstone. He joined Stoke City for £8,000 in September 1953 and was leading marksman three times before being sold to Cardiff City for £12,000 in August 1961. Returning to Crewe in June 1962, he featured in the 1965-66 FA Cup run and netted 62 goals in 226 League games overall for the Alex before leaving in May 1967. He still lives locally in retirement.



GARY TALBOT & ALAN TARBUCK

Centre-forward Gary Talbot was top scorer in Crewe Alexandra's 1967-68 promotion success. He was a photographer with the 'Daily Mail' in Manchester before joining Chester as a part-time professional in September 1963 and twice topped their goalscoring charts. Overcoming injury problems, he moved to Crewe in July 1967 and netted 20 goals in 37 Fourth Division games while at Gresty Road prior to rejoining Chester in June 1968. Leading marksman again in 1968-69, he scored a then club record 83 League goals overall before retiring in May 1969 to concentrate on his photography business in Chester.

Versatile winger Alan Tarbuck featured prominently in Crewe Alexandra's 1967-68 promotion triumph. Signing professional for Everton in August 1966, he joined Crewe in June 1967 and netted 18 goals in 85 League games while at Gresty Road before moving to Chester in October 1969. He joined Preston in September 1971, then Shrewsbury Town in March 1973. Helping them to regain Third Division status at the first attempt in 1974-75, he moved to Rochdale in July 1976, then overcame a twice broken leg to play for Bangor City. He then spent over 25 years as a car salesman for a Vauxhall dealership in Wrexham.

DAVE WALLER & DAVID PLATT

Striker Dave Waller was Crewe Alexandra's leading marksman in four successive seasons. Discovered in Manchester local football, he joined Crewe in January 1982 and made his League debut in that month's 0-0 draw at home to AFC Bournemouth. He grabbed a hat-trick in Crewe's 6-1 demolition of Halifax in March 1984 and netted 55 goals in 168 Fourth Division games before being sold to Shrewsbury Town for £25,000 in July 1986. Joining Chesterfield in March 1987, he appeared in the 1989-90 Fourth Division play-off final and later played for several non-League clubs while running a stall on Chesterfield's market.

Attacking midfielder David Platt was capped 62 times by England after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Starting with Chadderton, he had a spell with Manchester United before moving to Gresty Road in January 1985 and was Crewe's leading marksman in 1986-87. He netted 55 goals in 134 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £200,000 in February 1988 and starred for England in the 1990 World Cup. Later with Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria, he joined Arsenal for £4,750,000 in July 1995 and featured in their 1997-98 'double' success. He managed Nottingham Forest and England U-21s, then coached at Manchester City.



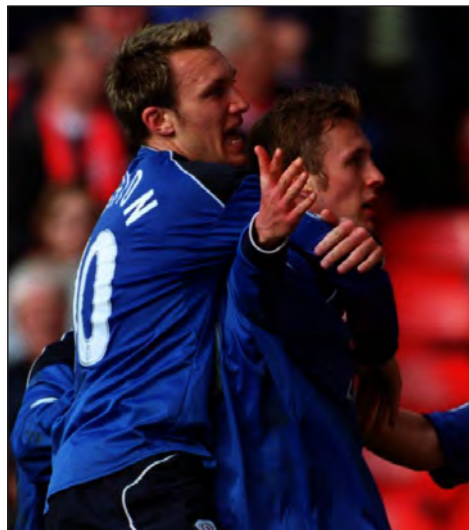
Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles five notable post-war Crewe Alexandra goalscoring partnerships



TONY NAYLOR & ASHLEY WARD

Diminutive striker Tony Naylor starred as Crewe Alexandra won promotion in 1993-94. He impressed with Droylsden before moving to Gresty Road in March 1990 and starred as Crewe twice reached the play-offs, scoring a club record five goals against Colchester in April 1993. Netting 45 times in 122 League games overall, he joined Port Vale for £150,000 in July 1994 and was top scorer in 1996-97. He featured in Vale's 2001 LDV Vans Trophy final triumph and joined Cheltenham in August 2001. An experienced figure in their 2001-02 promotion success and FA Cup run, he later played for Bath City and Telford United.

Striker Ashley Ward featured prominently as Crewe Alexandra won promotion in 1993-94. Signing professional for Manchester City in August 1989, he joined Leicester City for £80,000 in July 1991 and moved to Gresty Road for a similar fee in December 1992. He appeared for Crewe in the 1992-93 Third Division play-off final, netting 25 goals in 61 League outings before sold to Norwich City for £500,000 in December 1994. Leading marksman in two consecutive seasons, he moved to Derby County for £1,000,000 in March 1996 and later appeared for Barnsley, Blackburn Rovers, Bradford City and Sheffield United.



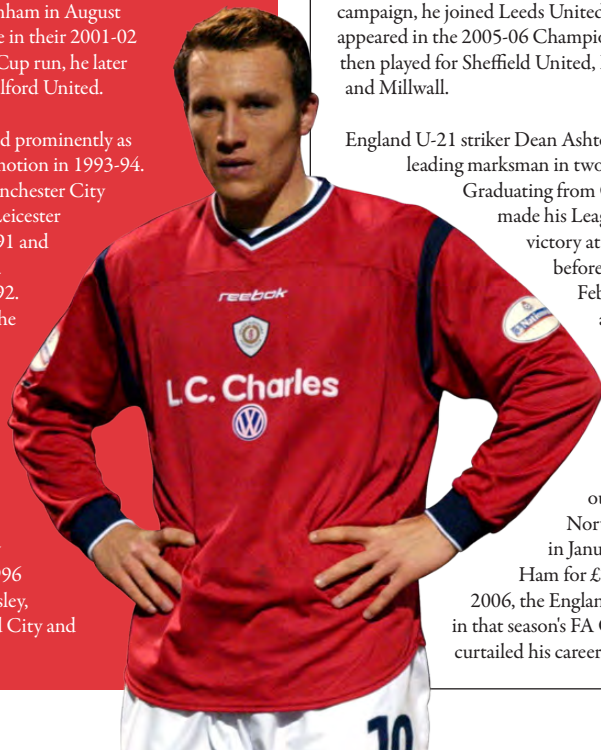
ROB HULSE & DEAN ASHTON

Striker Rob Hulse was top scorer in Crewe Alexandra's 2002-03 promotion success. Signing professional at Gresty Road in June 1998, he made his League debut in Crewe's 1-0 win over Norwich nine months later. He helped take Everton to an FA Cup fifth round replay in 2001-02 and played alongside Dean Ashton, netting 46 goals in 116 League games before sold to West Brom for £750,000 in August 2002. Featuring in their 2003-04 promotion campaign, he joined Leeds United in February 2005 and appeared in the 2005-06 Championship play-off final. He then played for Sheffield United, Derby, QPR, Charlton and Millwall.

England U-21 striker Dean Ashton was Crewe Alexandra's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons.

Graduating from Crewe's Academy, he made his League debut in their 1-0 victory at Gillingham four months before turning professional in February 2001. He formed an exciting partnership with Rob Hulse as

Crewe regained First Division status at the first attempt in 2002-03 and netted 60 goals in 158 League outings prior to joining Norwich City for £3,000,000 in January 2005. Sold to West Ham for £7,000,000 in January 2006, the England international played in that season's FA Cup final but injury curtailed his career.





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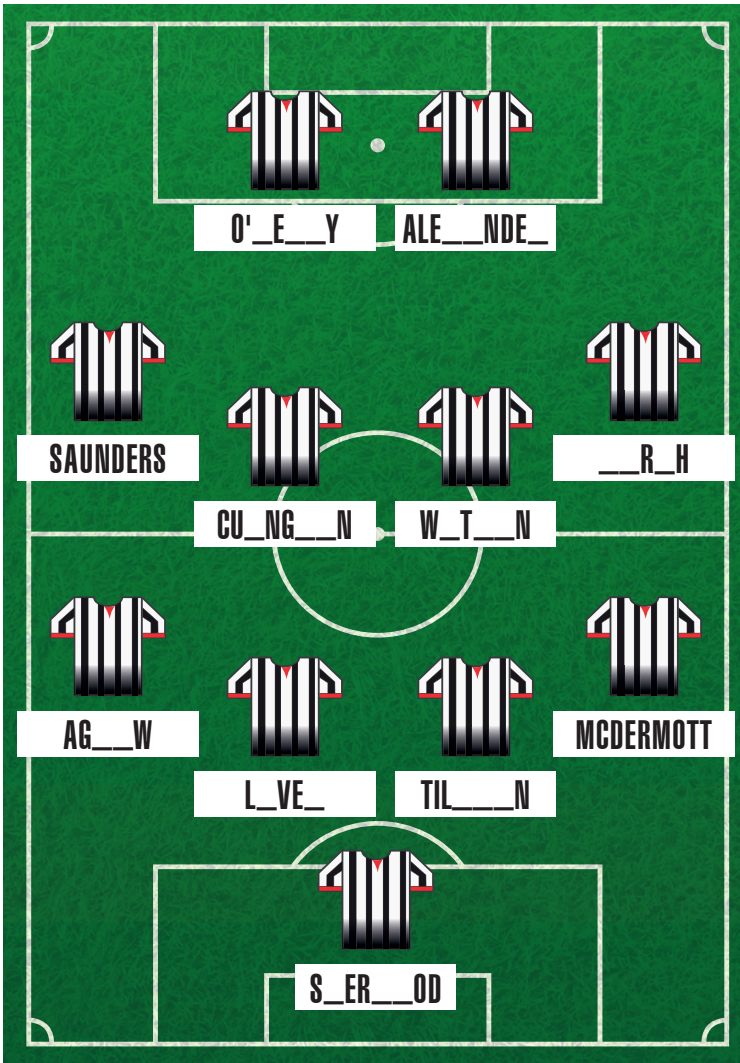


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MISSING MARINERS

Just a few games into Alan Buckley's first season in charge of the Mariners, Town travelled to Gresty Road for a Fourth Division game. Thanks to a brace from Steve Saunders, the two footballing sides shared the spoils in an entertaining 2-2 draw, but can you name the missing players from Town's XI?



DATE:

25th October 1988

COMPETITION:

Division Four

VENUE:

Gresty Road

ATTENDANCE:

2,311

SCORE:

Crewe 2-2 Town



John McDermott featured - can you name the rest?



GRIMSBY TOWN

Rose (pen), Hooper

2

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

Akinfenwa (2), Jacobson (pen)

3

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 2017
BLUNDELL PARK

A brace from Adebayo Akinfenwa secured Wycombe Wanderers all three points in a dramatic game at Blundell Park.

The visitors roared into a 2-0 interval lead when Akinfenwa prodded home the first on 28 minutes and Joe Jacobson netted from the penalty spot after a disputed handball on 43 minutes.

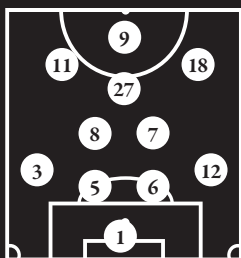
Town responded seven minutes after the break with a penalty of their own that was converted by Mitch Rose. But their hopes looked to be dashed when Danny Collins was dismissed for a second bookable offence on 58 minutes.

JJ Hooper scored a wonderful, solo effort to draw the sides level but it was Akinfenwa who popped up 15 minutes from time to head home the winner. ■





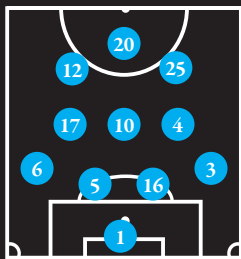
THE TEAMS



- 01 McKeown
- 12 Mills
- 03 Dixon
- 05 Clarke
- 06 Collins
- 08 Rose
- 07 Berrett
- 11 Kelly
- 18 Bolarinwa
- 09 Hooper
- 27 Dembele



SUBS: Osborne (Bolarinwa 58), Clifton, Cardwell (Dembele 79), Summerfield, Jaiyesimi (Kelly 45), Clements, Killip



- 01 Brown
- 03 Jacobson
- 16 Harriman
- 05 Stewart
- 06 El-Abd
- 04 Gape
- 10 Bloomfield
- 17 O'Nien
- 20 Akinfenwa
- 12 Cowan-Hall
- 25 Mackail-Smith



SUBS: Jombati, Bean (Bloomfield 64), Richardson, Southwell (Mackail-Smith 72), Freeman (Cowan-Hall 73), Williams

MATCH STATS

POSSESSION



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LUKE SUMMERFIELD



Grimsby Town midfielder Luke Summerfield is adamant that the side must take the positives from Tuesday's EFL Trophy fixture with Doncaster Rovers into today's game with Crewe Alexandra at Blundell Park.

The League One side won the tie 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw over 90 minutes but Russell Slade's men shaded the game against loftier opposition.

That performance came as the Mariners looked to bounce back after a 3-2 loss to Wycombe last Saturday, as Slade's side search for their first win since the opening day at Chesterfield.

"It was an excellent performance from us on the opening day at Chesterfield," he stated.

"To score three goals away from home is always impressive but we haven't been at our best since then, especially at home.

"To lose both our home league games is disappointing.

"But we come out of Tuesday's match against Doncaster







knowing that it was a better performance at that has to be at the forefront of our minds in preparation for today's match."

He continued: "We have to go out against Crewe with the positives of Tuesday and know that we can perform better than we did against Wycombe.

"We will have had a good week of training and look forward to it – we know we are due a good performance at Blundell Park.

"You can't be too negative about what has happened here in the league so far."

Summerfield returned to Blundell Park in the summer after ending last season on loan at Macclesfield Town, where he played in the FA Trophy at Wembley – the Silkmen coming up short against one of

"I THINK I HAD A DECENT ENOUGH PRE-SEASON AND I HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO BE AMONGST THE STARTING XI SO FAR"



LUKE SUMMERFIELD

Position:
Midfielder

DOB:
06.12.87 | Ivybridge

Career:
Plymouth Argyle, AFC Bournemouth (L), Leyton Orient (L), Cheltenham Town, Shrewsbury Town, York City, Grimsby Town, Macclesfield Town (L)

GTFC Apps: 31
Goals: 2

Luke's former clubs, York City.

He recalled:

"It was an unexpected chance to play at Wembley.

"I had gone to Macclesfield to get some games under my belt because the manager (Marcus Bignot) had brought in a number of midfielders and I wasn't going to be in contention.

"I need to be playing games regularly and Macclesfield were doing well and I was happy to join them.

"It was ironic how it panned out because York had such disappointment in the league but did well in the cup.

"And we upset the odds to beat Tranmere over two legs in the semi-final – you couldn't have written a better script really.

"It's always a great experience to play at Wembley, although you would prefer to win there, rather than lose."

But Luke's focus is now firmly set on moving the Mariners up the League Two



table, starting with today's game against Crewe and he credits manager Russell Slade for bringing him back into the fold.

"I returned to the club after the summer break and obviously there had been a managerial change towards the end of last season.

"The gaffer told me that he had been down to Macclesfield to see me play and that there was an opportunity to play my way back into the matchday squad.

"It was refreshing and I think I had a decent enough pre-season and I have been delighted to be amongst the starting XI so far.

"I started last season well but, a few knocks and a change of manager, meant that my campaign petered out and I don't want that to happen this time around."

Luke has already been denied a Town goal this season, seeing a free kick at Stevenage controversially ruled out, despite appearing to cross the line.

"My first impression was that it had crossed the line," he admitted.

"As soon as it went through the 'keeper's legs and he struggled to get back in time, then you thought 'that's in'.

"But the officials seemed unmoved and that shows the difference between our level and the top of the game.

"In the Premier League you have video technology available to tell whether the ball has crossed the line or not but that has not filtered down to the Football League." ■

KITS OF CREWE ALEXANDRA

Everyone loves red shirts, right? I know I do. If Town aren't playing in black and white stripes then my preference is for a red away shirt. Crewe wear red and have done for over a hundred years and bar a handful of slightly wayward designs they've looked pretty dapper. It's impossible not to.

Crewe were the opposition the first time I saw Town play; 15 April 1978 in the old Fourth Division and we drew 2-2. Forty seasons later and here we are again, together in the Fourth Division. Same result today? Let's shake hands on that and we can head to the pub now.



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BEST HOME SHIRT

I really like the 2000-01 Reebok kit but I can't choose it as the best ever as everything - the sponsor's logo and name, the club crest and the Reebok logo - is centred and arranged in a column. It's a shame but there are rules I have to stick to. Still, it's a great shirt to have in your collection.



Instead, I'm choosing the 1990-91 shirt, made by Matchwinner. Such a simple design but sometimes that's far better than too many fussy trims. It's neat and if I was a Crewe fan I'd be hunting for one of these. Matchwinner was kind of an ironic choice of manufacturer as winning matches wasn't something the Alex managed a lot of that season and they were relegated from the Third Division. Future Liverpool defender Rob Jones was in the team that season as was Kenny Swain, who would of course go on to spend a few years at Blundell Park as assistant manager before taking the reins himself.

WORST HOME SHIRT

There really aren't that many bad Crewe home shirts; it really is difficult to spoil a red shirt. However, last season the Alex and manufacturer Carbrini managed to do just that.

What's wrong with it? On the face of it, not much at all. Maybe I'm nitpicking, but if I'm not mistaken, that's actually a



white shirt with red stripes and trim. Look it's easy: Crewe Alexandra play in red.

WORST AWAY SHIRT

When I'm looking for examples of bad taste in football shirts, especially away shirts I automatically



look to see what a team was wearing in the mid-nineties. In a decade of kit crimes, it's almost guaranteed that somewhere between 1994-1997, your team wore a kit that everyone looks back at in horror.



The shirt I've chosen – the 1995-96 kit by Vandanel - isn't nearly as garish as some from that era and when considered alongside, say, a Scunthorpe away shirt from the same period, one might even wonder what all the fuss is about.

Basically, it's this: It looks like a sofa. More specifically, a sofa/bed. We had one in exactly these colours and striped pattern and I wondered at first if the club had been sponsored by DFS or a local upholsterer! Leeds wore a very similar design two seasons before so maybe it was fashionable? Okay, no, it wasn't. We'll just file it under it was the nineties.

Crewe actually had a good season (despite opposition teams wanting to sit on them and watch the telly), and narrowly missed out on promotion from Division Two. Dario Gradi and his squad, including future ponytailed pundit Robbie Savage, went on to achieve it the following season.

BEST AWAY SHIRT

The Alex have had some absolutely cracking away shirts over the years, particularly those manufactured by Umbro and Adidas during the eighties. However, I'm going to choose something more recent and I'm going to break one of my own rules when choosing my favourite Crewe away shirt.



The 2009-10 Lotto shirt has the manufacturer's logo, club crest and sponsor stacked vertically but... I still really like it. I like orange shirts and always think that Luton, Blackpool and the Netherlands look pretty smart in theirs. It's unlikely they'll clash too often either. This isn't all orange, of course but when worn with the shorts and socks it's enough to tick my boxes.

Couple that with it being a Lotto shirt (in my opinion, Town's last truly classic shirt was the 1996-98 design) and I don't need to look any further!

That season, future Town striker Anthony Elding lined up for the Alex, coming off the bench at Blundell Park as we were stuffed 4-0. It wasn't the best of seasons for us. ■



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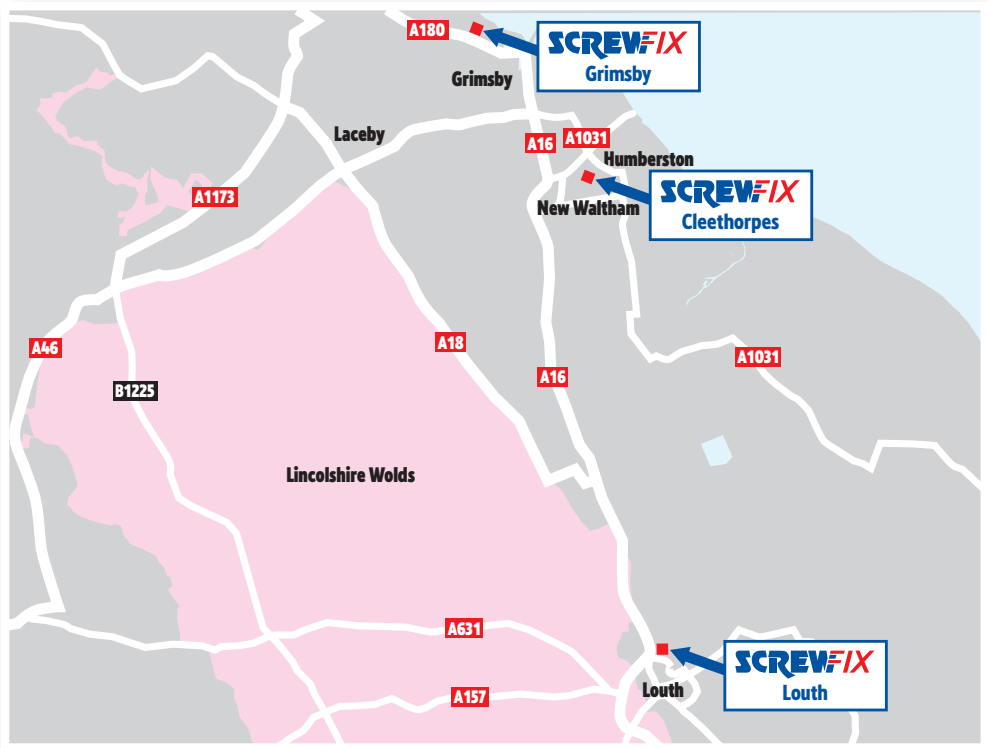
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TODAY'S MASCOTS

ARCHIE STAFFORD

Age: 5
School: Signhills Academy
Fav Subject: Writing
First Game: v Forest
Green at just six weeks old
Hobbies: Tennis and playing football
Other Sport: Swimming
Fascinating Fact: I go to yoga (after school club) and do the tree position



HARRY COOK

Age: 9
School: Elliston Primary
Fav Subject: PE
First Game: v Lincoln aged three
Fav Player: James McKeown
Fav Goal: All of Omar Bogle's
Hobbies: Playstation and football
Other Sport: Swimming
Fascinating Fact: I'm a very good goalkeeper



HARVEY KING

Age: 11
School: Healing Science Academy
Fav Subject: Maths
First Game: Aged three
Fav Player: James McKeown and Jamey Osborne
Hobbies: Playing football
Other Sport: Playing futsal
Fascinating Fact: I played for Grimsby Town U10s against Lincoln



SAMUEL JARRETT

Age: 11
School: Havelock Academy
Fav Subject: Maths
First Game: Today!
Fav Player: Siriki Demebele
Hobbies: Swimming and football
Other Sport: Judo
Fascinating Fact: I am ambidextrous



CALLUM COLEMAN

Age: 9
School: Market Rasen Primary
Fav Subject: Maths
First Game: In January 2016, we scored five goals!
Fav Player: Jamey Osborne
Fav Goal: Osborne vs Yeovil
Hobbies: Football and athletics
Other Sport: Basketball
Fascinating Fact: I'm really outgoing and good at football



A special mention to our mascot against Wycombe, Reece Taylor - get well soon Reece!

REECE TAYLOR

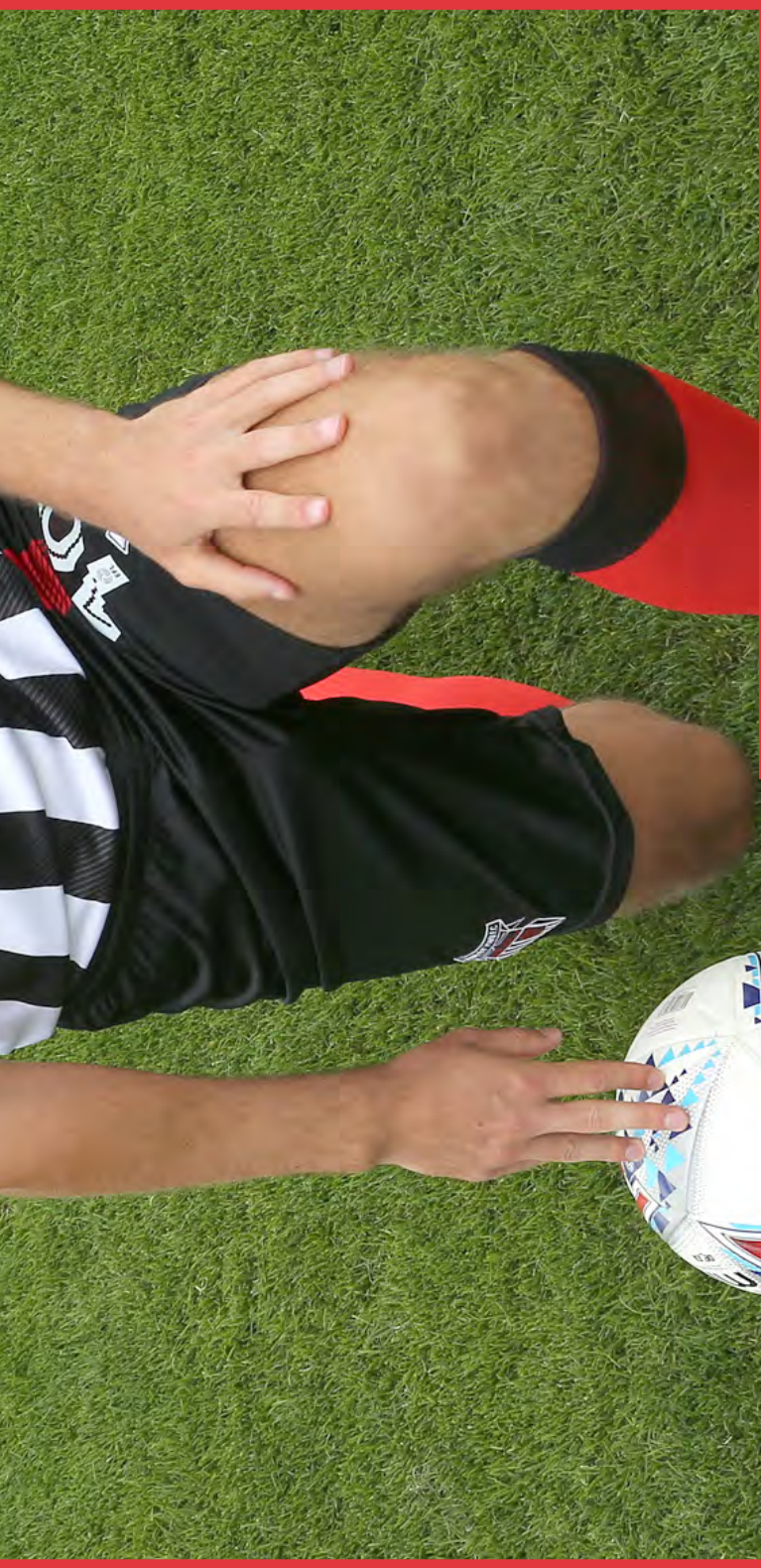
Age: 9
School: Great Coates Primary
Fav Subject: Maths
First Game: v Coventry
Fav Player: Tom Sawyer
Hobbies: Playing with friends and football
Other Sport: Fishing



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It's been a very busy couple of weeks for the Mariners Trust as we have led the campaign following unsavoury incidents which took place before the away game with Stevenage last month.

At the time of writing this column, we have been informed by Stevenage FC that they will not be responding directly to our complaints made to them following the visit of Grimsby Town on 19 August.

The Mariners Trust made a number of complaints regarding the conduct of Stevenage's officials, including complaints from female supporters that stewards had asked them to reveal their bras and had checked the underwire. The story went viral with outraged supporters from across the UK contacting the Trust to show their support.

In responding to the Trust's complaint, Stevenage have said they have a policy of only corresponding with other football clubs and so won't be contacting the Mariners Trust any further.

They have instead contacted officials at Grimsby Town and asked them to keep the response confidential - and away from the supporters who complained.

In their initial public response Stevenage FC stated they would 'speak to relevant parties' yet they haven't spoken to a single supporter who has complained.

The Mariners Trust is bitterly disappointed with the attitude of Stevenage FC, who have not taken the issues we raised seriously, continuing to treat Grimsby Town supporters with contempt.

Aside from the EFL and Grimsby MP Melanie Onn, none of the other agencies we have contacted regarding these very serious allegations have even acknowledged receipt.

We have more than 20 supporters, who aren't necessarily known to each other, that have reported experiences which corroborate - indicating that they are a true picture of events. This makes it even more disappointing that we have not been allowed to see the response Stevenage FC have sent.

We would urge people who were affected to come forward, however small they feel it may be. This can be done via Grimsby Town's SLO - supporters@gtfc.co.uk - and the FSF - amanda.jacks@fsf.org.uk We thank the FSF for their continued support.

The Mariners Trust does not believe this matter is closed and awaits with interest the findings of the EFL's investigation.

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A YEAR OF WORLD CUP WINS, DIRECT TRAINS AND A TRIP TO CREWE

Kirky, the Town correspondent that time forgot, remembers an FA Cup tie against Crewe Alexandra in 1966.



Let me take you back to November 1966. It was a different world.

You could still catch a train direct to London from Grimsby; or Louth; or Alford. Grimsby Fish Docks were still full of trawlers, landing more fish than you could shake a stick at. And miniskirts were at their height (!), and the Beach Boys "Good Vibrations" was Number One.

You could even believe England really was the giant of world football, and with just a little bit of wishful thinking, you could remind people that a year before, Town had drawn (almost beaten) Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst in the Fifth Round of the League Cup at Blundell Park, with Tees and Green on the scoresheet.

And of course, Town thumping Scunthorpe 7-1 with the unfortunate Ray Clemence in goal for the Iron was very fresh in the memory. Well, it still is, isn't it?

On a personal basis, I went to college shortly after the Scunthorpe game, and the government of the day insisted on giving me loads of cash to spend on following Town anywhere in the country that had a railway line to it... and that was most places! They did expect me to buy the occasional meal, and the even less occasional book too, but priorities are priorities.

One of my first "investments" was a trip to Reading - a big circular trip via Oxford and back via Paddington, which ended in a massive Tuesday night 6-0 drubbing.

Well, as they say, if you fall off your bike, the best thing to do is get straight back on again, and losing 6-0 was remarkably similar to falling off a bike and skinning your knees, elbows, and self-esteem, so an FA Cup match at Gresty Road beckoned enticingly just ten days later for said 'getting back on the bike.' At high speed (well, by electric train and you didn't get much faster than that in the sixties) it was off early on a Saturday morning up to Crewe.

Back in the days of my childhood, when a team leaving the league was like leaving Hotel California (that is - you couldn't, unless you went the full Accrington Stanley) there were certain teams that were always in the re-election mire. It always seemed to be a fight between Lincoln, Hartlepool and Crewe. This was of course totally untrue, but things were simpler then, and being strictly accurate in your memory of factual information wasn't necessarily important. But with such logic, a nice easy win over the Railwaymen was fully anticipated.

Gresty Road lived down to my expectations, but there was sign of significant progress with scaffolding erected to replace at least a part of one stand, and if play should get a bit boring, there was always the view of the trains departing the station to entertain! By the way, did you know that it was an unwritten rule that every football stadium had to have a railway running behind it, so that in the days of steam, play could be obscured every now and then as a white cloud

drifted across the pitch? You'll note that Town's proposed new ground sticks by this rule, even though the appropriate line closed 40 years ago.

Town's team included "Harry, Harry, Harry" Wainman, Graham Taylor, Jimmy Thompson, Keith Jobling, "Basil" Rathbone, Cockers (senior!), Tees and Green. Apparently the crowd was exactly 6,000, a highly dubious exact round number, and it didn't seem anywhere near that large apart from, of course, when Crewe scored when it appeared to be nearer 12,000. Fortunately we had the ever reliable Matt Tees to take Alex back to BP (where we lost). So two expensive days out in ten days, a heavy defeat and a draw in the first round of the FA Cup.

But the delight of the day for me came after the game. Back at the station, a hissing monster of a steam loco, the last one I ever saw in active service, and preparing to go to Shrewsbury. And there, if you wish to see such things, was a prediction of things to come 50 years later almost to the very day!

I went back to Crewe five years later. The scaffolding on the stand was still standing. It wasn't a new stand being built... that was the stand!

Now if you're part of the Crewe crew, and you think I'm being unkind, that's not how this piece is intended. Crewe is a great place, and the football club has pulled itself up by its bootlaces. But it just shows in so many ways, just how far football in general, and Crewe in particular have come in half a century. ■



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STEVE SHERWOOD

THE LAST LINE

In this new series, Club Historian Rob Briggs looks back at the careers of the most significant keepers in Grimsby Town's history.

Still a teenager when given his Chelsea debut v Derby County in 1972, Steve Sherwood was a useful squad keeper at Stamford Bridge before more opportunities at Brentford and Watford. Whilst at the latter club - then managed by ex-Mariner, Graham Taylor - Steve assisted Watford to the top-flight and European football, as well as the 1984 FA Cup Final.

Signed by new Grimsby boss Bobby Roberts in 1987, Sherwood's vast experience seemed ideal for a possible return to Division Two, only for Town to suffer a second successive relegation. Off the pitch problems meant a lack of real team strengthening, but Steve - an ever-present - produced some notable displays despite the occasional lapse that sometimes led to goals conceded. The home loss to Brighton saw him highly praised by Albion boss Barry Lloyd for his 'brilliance' on the line, the keeper also earning a reputation as a penalty stopper, with four spot-kick saves on FL duty.

The arrival of manager Alan Buckley was to see Sherwood prosper as a Mariner. During 1988-89 he shared the number one jersey with newcomer Paul Reece, playing his part in Town's run to the FA Cup Fifth Round before defeat at holders Wimbledon. The following term a broken thumb saw Reece as main custodian until January when he returned to aid Town's promotion push. The Mariners

rose from midtable to runners-up spot in Division Four, Steve being on the losing side just three times during that spell.

And the success didn't end there. Back in Division Three, Sherwood - with skipper Shaun Cunnington - was one of two ever-presents as Grimsby continued their rise up the league. By now a settled side with the right blend of youth and experience (aided by the arrival of central defender Paul Futcher after Christmas), Steve's confident handling saw just 34 goals conceded - a figure bettered only by Football League Champions, Arsenal.

After such a swift rise Town inevitably took time to adjust to Second Division football; indifferent form saw Steve lose his place in November 1991, but not before a memorable Rumbelows Cup success over Aston Villa to savour. The by now veteran keeper's 'Man of the Match' performance in the Second Leg at Villa Park ensured progression on away goals, with Sherwood himself declaring it his best to date as a Mariner.

The 1992-93 campaign was to be Steve's last at Blundell Park. With Buckley opting to pay a record £87,500 for keeper Rhys Wilmot, Sherwood's final appearance was at Peterborough (0-1) in March 1993, seven months short of his 40th birthday. There was however, a brief return a year later on non-contract terms, but the tall custodian did not add to his impressive haul of 212 senior outings. ■

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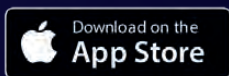
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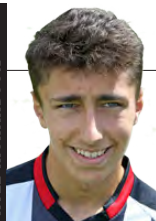
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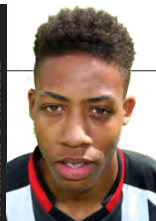
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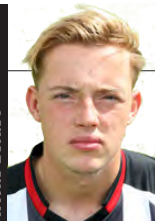
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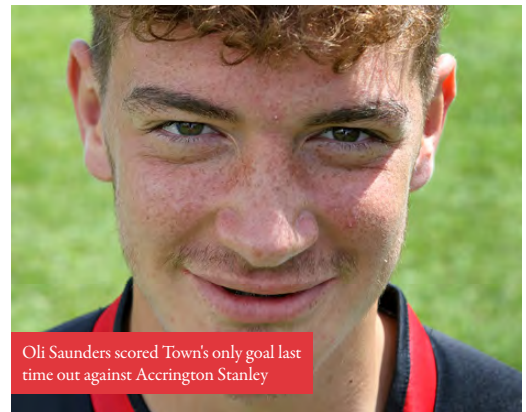
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YOUTH TEAM UPDATE

Town's Youth Team have picked up three points from their first three league games of the season and a point in their opening EFL Youth Cup group game, showing promising signs so far.

Neil Woods' side began their season with a 3-0 victory at Doncaster Rovers and have also been in both of the games they have lost so far, which will please the Academy boss, who took on the job for a second time in November of last year.

They followed up their win by going 2-0 up against Mansfield Town, the winners of the last two EFL Youth Alliance titles, before the Stags came back to win after being awarded two penalties in the second half of the opening home game of the season at Cheapside.



Oli Saunders scored Town's only goal last time out against Accrington Stanley

U18s FIXTURES & RESULTS 2017-18

AUGUST	Sat 5	Doncaster Rovers	A	3-0	Briggs	McMillan	Saunders	Lawman	Jamieson	Davis	Goddard
	Sat 12	Mansfield Town	H	2-3	Briggs	McMillan	Saunders	Lawman	Jamieson	Davis	Goddard
	Sat 19	York City	A	1-2	Briggs	McMillan	Saunders	Lawman	Jamieson	Davis	Goddard
	Sat 26	Accrington Stanley	A	1-1	Briggs	McMillan	Davis	Richardson	Pollock	Powles	Goddard
SEPTEMBER											
	Sat 2	Lincoln City	H	11:00							
	Sat 9	Notts County	A	11:00							
	Sat 16	Preston North End	A	11:00							
	Sat 23	Scunthorpe United	A	11:00							
	Fri 29	Burton Albion	A	14:00							
OCTOBER											
	Sat 7	Lincoln City	H	11:00							
	Sat 14	Rotherham United	H	11:00							
NOVEMBER											
	Sat 4	Notts County	H	11:00							
	Sat 11	Chesterfield	H	11:00							
	Sat 18	Hartlepool United	A	14:00							
DECEMBER											
	Sat 2	Bradford City	A	11:00							
	Sat 16	Oldham Athletic	H	12:00							
JANUARY 2018											
	Sat 6	Notts County	H	11:00							
	Sat 20	Lincoln City	A	11:00							
	Sat 27	Burton Albion	H	11:30							
FEBRUARY											
	Sat 10	Scunthorpe United	H	11:00							
MARCH											
	Sat 3	Rotherham United	A	11:00							
	Sat 17	Hartlepool United	H	12:00							
	Sat 24	Chesterfield	A	11:00							
APRIL											
	Sat 7	Oldham Athletic	A	12:00							
	Sat 21	Doncaster Rovers	H	11:00							
	Sat 28	Mansfield Town	A	11:00							
MAY											
	Sat 5	York City	H	11:00							



Town then lost 2-1 to York City before a 1-1 draw with Accrington Stanley in the EFL Youth Cup, in a group that also includes Lincoln City and Notts County. The side replied to an early setback by levelling before the break at Stanley but were unable to grab the winner despite creating numerous chances, which is a quality that this class have shown they have in abundance already.

The Mariners next face Lincoln City in the league at Cheapside on Saturday 2nd September (11am kick-off), which should prove to be a lively encounter as it usually is when there is a local derby in town.

Rotherham United and Mansfield Town are the early pace setters in the EFL Youth Alliance North West Division, with Town currently lying in 7th place. ■

Rumarn Burrell came off the bench to score in the season opener



Ty-Rhys Paul Jones found the net as the Mariners fell to a 3-2 defeat to Mansfield

Slater	Walker	Buckley	Paul-Jones	Richardson	Burrell	Curran	
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Slater	Walker	Buckley	Burrell	Richardson	Curran	Powles	Sesay
Curran	Paul-Jones	Buckley	Saunders	Burrell	Lawman	Slater	

KEY

- = 1st substitute
- = 2nd substitute
- = 3rd substitute
- Bold** = Goalscorer



YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE

		P	GD	PTS
1	Rotherham	3	5	7
2	Mansfield	3	2	7
3	Lincoln	3	5	6
4	Bradford	3	1	6
5	Chesterfield	3	0	4
6	York	3	-1	4
7	Grimsby	3	1	3
8	Scunthorpe	1	1	3
9	Notts County	3	-3	3
10	Oldham	3	-3	3
11	Burton	1	-1	0
12	Hartlepool	1	-3	0
13	Doncaster	2	-4	0

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BAD FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When Ian McNeil invited his US-based work colleague over for his first Town game, he was hoping for more than a heavy defeat at Gresty Road.



I have been fortunate to work for a global insurance company for over 27 years (I never thought I would put that into print!) and my job has taken me all over the world.

As part of my unofficial duties I have taken it upon myself to be an ambassador for The Mariners and have steadily built up a network of work colleagues who now know where we play, when we were founded and who Clive Mendonca is. Many of them actively look out for our results - quite often in the middle of the night.

While this has cost me a fortune in replica kits, there are people in the USA, Australia, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland and Malaysia who proudly wear the shirt. On occasion my colleagues come over to the UK and I have been pleased to host some of them at Blundell Park.

However, the story I wish to convey relates to my good friend and colleague Steve Anderson, who lives in Dallas and who came to visit me in February. Steve was one of my first converts to the GTFC cause, he follows us online and obviously wanted to attend a game so he could see us in real time action.

Based on his complicated travel schedule the game that best 'fit' was away at Crewe Alexandra on February 11th, 2017.

As I'm based in the Midlands, the journey to Gresty Road wasn't too bad although the sleet and rain meant that we had several layers on and Steve was disappointed not to be able to show off his newly acquired shirt as it was hidden under a huge waterproof coat!

Upon arrival in Crewe, we hastened to The Royal Hotel pub just across from the

ground and Steve was quite amazed at the number of Town supporters already in the bar. The volume of noise we were making and the fact that it was all good natured with a lot of banter going on with the pub security guys. Well, we thought it was good natured banter anyway!

As always, the anticipation built as we neared kick-off and Steve could feel the tension grow as we made our way in the heavy rain across to the away turnstiles.

Programmes purchased and secured from the wet weather, we got stuck into burgers, sausage rolls and coffee. This was Steve's first experience of football catering and he was quite impressed. However, to be fair he had left Dallas 48 hours before where it had been 80 degrees, so I think

anything hot would have done the trick in the freezing temperature at Crewe.

And so to the football, well what can I say? We were 4-0 down after 29 minutes. This was not the sort of display I wanted in front of 'our American cousins' and I spent a lot of time back pedalling and making excuses about the poor quality of the pitch, the weather and that at least two of the goals were offside. That opened a can of worms in itself trying to explain the quirky Offside Law to the uninitiated.

In fact, none of the excuses were true. The Railwaymen outplayed us and we were certainly out of sorts that afternoon.

After such a poor opening 45 minutes, we conceded just one further goal in the second half to finish with a 5-0 defeat - our worst result of the season. Looking back at the statistics, we had 47% possession and 11 attempts at goal compared to Crewe's 16, but it seemed a lot more one sided than that at the time.



We travelled back to my home town and consoled ourselves with a few pints and a curry. Needless to say we drew 0-0 at Newport on the following Tuesday and then beat Mansfield 3-0 at home on the next Saturday.

But as I said to Steve, that's what makes it special to be a Town supporter. We get knock backs, but we get up, dust ourselves down and we go again... always.

The funny thing is, he can't wait to come to another game! ■

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Relatives of the late Martin Gilbert have their picture taken with Wycombe Wanderers striker, Ade Akinfenwa ahead of the Wycombe fixture.

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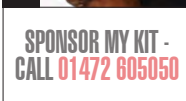
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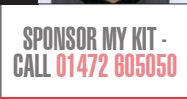
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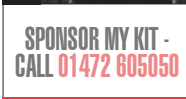
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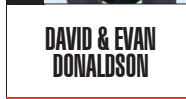
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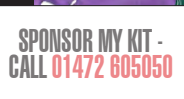
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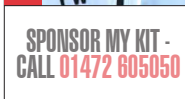
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Summer 2017 has seen nearly 275 16 year olds enhancing their CV by taking on new challenges, finding out about, and helping, local voluntary organisations and charities and making a host of new friends along the way.

This year, following residential weeks in The Peak District and Hull, the young people planned and carried out the following projects:

- A 3 Day Sports & Craft Festival at Nunsthorpe
- Staging of a 'beach party' at Andy's Hospice
- New Waltham pathway clearance
- A week of activities at Cranwell Court Care Home
- Renovation of Healing Hotspurs FC pavilion
- West Marsh Community Centre external improvements
- Floral Hall, People's Park improvements

Graduates of the programme are now looking forward to a ceremony in September at Grimsby Auditorium, to recognise their achievements, where they will each receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister Teresa May.

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To celebrate the 20th anniversary of our famous double-winning campaign back in 1997-98, this season we're going to feature a different player in every edition of *The Mariner*.

This week we catch up with **Jack Lester**, who helped fire Town to Division One.

by Jonathan Byrne



As things stand Jack Lester is one of the most highly-rated coaches in the game, as under-18 coach at Championship outfit Nottingham Forest.

Twenty years ago though, Lester was serving himself well as part of the Mariners' double Wembley winning side.

The striker had been at Blundell Park since a youngster and was now beginning to make his mark on the first team, he recalled:

"It was good to see Alan back at the club during that summer.

"I had known him since I was a youngster.

"He got us very organised and he knew exactly what style of football he wanted us to play.

"He also brought in some good players during that close season and once they settled in it made us a really good unit."

The Mariners' league form started slowly but in the cups they were doing extremely well.

Jack was on top form as Town breezed past Oldham 5-1 on aggregate in the Coca-Cola Cup First Round, before embarking on a run that saw them topple Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester, before exiting at Liverpool, he recalled: "The only thing I remember about that Oldham game was that I got a hat trick and we won convincingly!

"I remember it only took me six or seven minutes to get the hat trick.

"I think the victories over the



Premiership sides came about because of confidence.

"Once we got a couple of home wins under our belts then the confidence went up, and then I think we were a good football team at the end of the day."

Ironically the Mariners began their Auto Windscreens Shield campaign at one of Jack's former clubs Chesterfield – Town triumphing 1-0 in front of just 1128 at Saltergate – a far cry from the 62,000-plus that attended the final at Wembley, Jack said: "I don't think that people take the competition seriously until the closing stages but there were some good games early on against Hull and Scunthorpe.

"Of course the Burnley game is the one that stands out in the run.

"We took a lot of fans there on a Tuesday night and I think we put in one of our best performances of the season."

Unfortunately for the Sheffield-born striker he missed the final against Bournemouth because of suspension, he admits his disappointment at missing out on the Mariners' big day: "Of course it was

difficult to miss out on the game because you never know whether you will get the chance to play at Wembley again.

"But we were doing well in the league and I was even more determined to help the side get their in the Play Offs.

"The Fulham game at Blundell Park where we won 1-0 was probably the best atmosphere I've experienced and it put us in good stead for the final."

After the carnival atmosphere of the Auto Windscreens Shield match against Bournemouth, the Division Two Play Off Final was an altogether different affair: "It was a very tense game," admitted Jack, "but it was always going to be with promotion at stake - I think we played well though - they put us under a lot of pressure but never really threatened our goal.

"We got the goal early and we should have got more.

"We missed a penalty and hit the bar.

"Once that final whistle went it was a huge relief.

"That moment ranks as one of the best moments of my career." ■



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AUGUST			ATT	AWAY	POS							
Sat 5	Chesterfield	A	3-1	7,925	2,650	3	McKeown	Mills	Dixon	Collins	Clarke	Berrett
Sat 12	Coventry City	H	0-2	6,767	1,357	12	McKeown	Dixon	Collins	Clarke	Berrett	Summerfield
Sat 19	Stevenage	A	1-3	2,793	770	18	McKeown	Mills	Dixon	Collins	Clarke	Summerfield
Tue 22	Derby County	H	0-1	3,033	855	-	McKeown	Davis	Dixon	Collins	Clarke	Berrett
Sat 26	Wycombe Wanderers	H	2-3	4,016	187	22	McKeown	Mills	Dixon	Collins	Clarke	Berrett
Tue 29	Doncaster Rovers	H	1-1*	862	319	-	Killip	Mills	Davis	Collins	K Osborne	Summerfield
SEPTEMBER												
Sat 2	Crewe Alexandra	H	15:00									
Sat 9	Marsfield Town	A	13:00									
Tue 12	Accrington Stanley	A	19:45									
Sat 16	Yeovil Town	H	15:00									
Sat 23	Newport County	A	15:00									
Tue 26	Colchester United	H	19:45									
Sat 30	Lincoln City	H	13:00									
OCTOBER												
Tue 3	Scunthorpe United	A	19:45									
Sat 7	Port Vale	A	15:00									
Sat 14	Crawley Town	H	15:00									
Tue 17	Cheltenham Town	A	19:45									
Sat 21	Morecambe	A	15:00									
Sat 28	Cambridge United	H	15:00									
NOVEMBER												
Wed 8	Sunderland U21s	H	19:45									
Sat 11	Exeter City	A	15:00									
Sat 18	Carlisle United	H	15:00									
Tue 21	Swindon Town	H	19:45									
Sat 25	Barnet	A	15:00									
DECEMBER												
Sat 9	Forest Green Rovers	H	15:00									
Sat 16	Notts County	A	15:00									
Sat 23	Luton Town	A	15:00									
Tue 26	Mansfield Town	H	15:00									
Sat 30	Accrington Stanley	H	15:00									
JANUARY 2018												
Mon 1	Crewe Alexandra	A	15:00									
Sat 6	Yeovil Town	A	15:00									
Sat 13	Newport County	H	15:00									
Sat 20	Colchester United	A	15:00									
Sat 27	Luton Town	H	15:00									
FEBRUARY												
Sat 3	Cheltenham Town	H	15:00									
Sat 10	Crawley Town	A	15:00									
Tue 13	Morecambe	H	19:45									
Sat 17	Cambridge United	A	15:00									
Sat 24	Exeter City	H	15:00									
MARCH												
Sat 3	Carlisle United	A	15:00									
Sat 10	Port Vale	H	15:00									
Sat 17	Lincoln City	A	13:00									
Sat 24	Coventry City	A	15:00									
Fri 30	Stevenage	H	15:00									
APRIL												
Mon 2	Wycombe Wanderers	A	15:00									
Sat 7	Chesterfield	H	15:00									
Sat 14	Barnet	H	15:00									
Sat 21	Swindon Town	A	15:00									
Sat 28	Notts County	H	15:00									
MAY												
Sat 5	Forest Green Rovers	A	15:00									



Harry Cardwell celebrates his midweek goal in the Checkatrade Trophy with Diallang Jaiyesimi

*lost 4-3 on penalties



M Rose	Kelly	Dembele	Jones	Vernon	Summerfield	Davies	Cardwell
M Rose	Summerfield	Dembele	Jones	Cardwell	Hooper	Jaiyesimi	Bolarinwa
M Rose	Kelly	Dembele	Jones	Hooper	Cardwell	Bolarinwa	Jaiyesimi
M Rose	Kelly	Dembele	Bolarinwa	Hooper	Mills	Cardwell	Jaiyesimi
M Rose	Kelly	Dembele	Bolarinwa	Hooper	Jaiyesimi	K Osborne	Cardwell
Clifton	Kelly	Jaiyesimi	Jones	Cardwell	Hooper	Clarke	Bolarinwa

KEY

- = 1st substitute
- = 2nd substitute
- = 3rd substitute
- Bold** = Goalscorer
- /■ = Yellow/Red Card

LEAGUE TWO TABLE

	P	GD	PTS
1 Exeter	4	3	10
2 Newport	4	4	8
3 Stevenage	4	3	8
4 Crewe	4	2	8
5 Luton	4	8	7
6 Accrington	4	2	7
7 Notts County	4	1	7
8 Wycombe	4	0	7
9 Swindon	4	-1	7
10 Coventry	4	2	6
11 Carlisle	4	0	6
12 Yeovil	4	-4	6
13 Lincoln City	4	2	5
14 Mansfield	4	1	5
15 Morecambe	4	0	5
16 Colchester	4	-1	4
17 Barnet	4	-1	4
18 Cambridge	4	-1	4
19 Forest Green	4	-5	4
20 Crawley	4	-1	3
21 Port Vale	4	-2	3
22 Grimsby	4	-3	3
23 Cheltenham	4	-4	3
24 Chesterfield	4	-5	3




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	17-18		GTFC	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
01 McKeown	5	-	331	-
02 Davies	3(1)	1	30	2
03 Dixon	5	-	5	-
04 McAllister	-	-	4	-
05 Clarke	5(1)	1	6	-
06 Collins	6	1	43	3
07 Berrett	4	-	26	2
08 Rose, M	5	1	5	1
09 Hooper	3(2)	1	5	1
10 Jones	4	1	22	7
11 Kelly	5	-	5	-
12 Mills	4(1)	-	38	-
14 Osborne, K	1(1)	-	2	-
15 Clifton	1	-	3	-
16 Osborne, J	-	-	19	1
17 Cardwell	2(4)	1	6	1
18 Bolarinwa	2(3)	-	43	2
19 Summerfield	3(1)	-	30	2
20 Jaiyesimi	1(4)	-	5	-
21 Vernon	1	-	33	3
22 Clements	-	-	16	4
23 Asante	-	-	9	1
24 Keeble	-	-	-	-
26 Sawyer	-	-	-	-
27 Dembele	5	-	5	-
28 Rose, A	-	-	-	-
30 Killip	1	-	1	-



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Harry CLIFTON 15
Jamey OSBORNE 16
Harry CARDWELL 17
Tom BOLARINWA 18
Luke SUMMERFIELD 19
Diallang JAIYESIMI 20
Scott VERNON 21
Chris CLEMENTS 22
Akwasi ASANTE 23
Jack KEEBLE 24
Tom SAWYER 26
Siriki DEMBELE 27
Ahkeem ROSE 28
Jamille MATT 29
Ben KILLIP (GK) 30

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Manager: **David Artell**

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Brad WALKER 4
George RAY 5
Michael RAYNES 6
Chris PORTER 7
James JONES 8
Chris DAGNALL 9
Jordan BOWERY 10
George COOPER 11
Eddie NOLAN 12
Dave RICHARDS (GK) 13
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Ryan WINTLE 15
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