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FROM THE CHAIRMAN ANDREW JENKINS

I give a warm Brunton Park welcome to the directors, players, and supporters of Swindon Town.

Obviously, we beat them at their place earlier in the season, but they a strong side with our ex-player Harry McKirdy scoring regularly for them. We will have to be on our guard as we are fully aware what Harry and his teammates are capable of.

We would thank all the supporters who made the long journey to Colchester last Saturday and for getting behind the team.

Keith played a different formation and, after a difficult first-half with Colchester playing with the wind, we came out after the break with a much-improved performance.

The two goals we scored were good, especially with Omari cutting in and putting the ball across the keeper to take the lead. Then it was good to see Tobi scoring his first goal for us, holding his position, and finishing it off in the centre of the goal mouth.

The club, and in particular the board, are receiving a lot of criticism, and I would like to assure supporters we are fully aware of the situation we find ourselves at the moment.

If anyone thinks we are not worried or concerned, I can assure you that we are. Most of the board

have been supporters for many years and, in my case, I first attended games when I was eight years old.

At times like this we need the fans to get behind us, which will help the team enormously, so I would appeal to everyone to do just that with the vocal support I know you are all capable of. The manager and players would appreciate that. It goes without saying that we need to help the team and players through this difficult period, and I know you will play your part.

The other criticism we are receiving is on the subject of succession. I can also assure you we have been looking for parties capable of taking the club forward. Personally, I was very disappointed that the EWM involvement didn't result in a takeover. If there is any news at all I will immediately let you know.

At present let's focus on getting points and out of the present situation.

Andrew Jenkins



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Good afternoon and welcome to our game against Swindon Town. I would like to welcome Ben, his staff and players to Brunton Park for what will be another good test. I worked with Ben at Palace and it will be good to see him again.

Swindon got back to winning ways at home against Scunthorpe on Saturday and that has kept them in touch with the play-off places, as things stand. They've proved to be a very hard team to beat this season and we've watched how they do things, so we know the threats they pose.

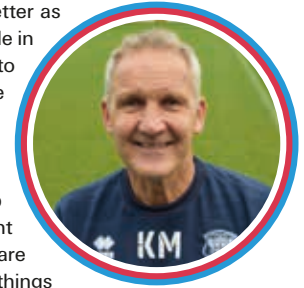
The important thing, as ever, is what we do and how we go about imposing ourselves on the game. We saw last week at Colchester the importance of competing from the moment the first whistle blows, and that means being aggressive in the right way, so that it's made as difficult as possible for your opponent to get their game going.

Getting a point at Colchester was important for a number of reasons. It in no way means we're where we want to be, but there were positives to take and for us to build on as we go into this next run of fixtures.

Bringing an end to the run we were on was something we needed to see. Nobody was hiding from how difficult that was, and there is a nervousness that creeps in when you're going through a spell when things don't go your way.

We all know about the injuries we've suffered in key areas, and we would never look to that as an excuse, but it is something that we've had to adapt to and deal with. That isn't easy at this stage of the season, and that's why we looked at doing things in a different way in terms of formation and approach last weekend.

That will only get better as our new players settle in more, and as we get to grips with what we need to do going on from here. The really important factor is that we have a group of players who want to learn and who are desperate to turn things round.



The quality of the goals we scored demonstrated the ability and standard this group can reach, and the togetherness we see in the dressing room gives us all a lift. If we didn't have that, then there would be real cause for concern.

We completely understand the frustration felt by the fans, as we feel it too. All we ask is that you continue to give the lads your full backing through the 90 minutes as we look to get the performance and result we all want to see.

Enjoy the game,
Keith Millen

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MANAGER BEN GARNER



Ben Garner was appointed as the Head Coach of Swindon in July 2021.

Once mentored by former Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, Garner has worked for West Bromwich Albion as Assistant Head Coach and for Crystal Palace as First-Team Coach, where he was part of the team that won promotion back to the Premier League in 2012/13.

Following a brief spell in India as Assistant Head Coach under Steve Coppell at ATK, Garner took his first Head Coach role with Bristol Rovers in December 2019.

Garner earned plaudits for his ability to nurture and develop young talent, and he has developed an incredibly attractive style of football at Swindon.

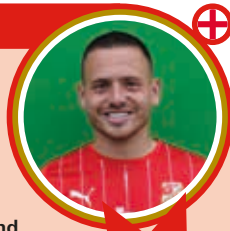


STAR MAN JACK PAYNE



Explosive creative midfielder Jack Payne joined Swindon Town in 2020 and cemented himself as a key member of the team. The Englishman enjoyed spells at Southend United, Huddersfield Town (with loans to Oxford United, Blackburn Rovers and Bradford City) and Lincoln City before joining the Reds.

The 27-year-old is able to play in a variety of attacking positions and is on track for a strong end to the season after a short spell on the sidelines through injury, using his impressive dribbling and attacking instinct.



THE OPPOSITION



SWINDOWN TOWN THE SQUAD



1
JOJO WOLLACOTT
GK



2
AKIN ODIMAYO
DF



3
ELLIS IANDOLO
DF



4
DION CONROY
DF



6
MATHIEU BAUDRY
DF



7
BEN GLADWIN
MF



8
JORDAN LYDEN
MF



9
JOSH DAVISON
FW



10
JACK PAYNE
MF



11
HARRY MCKIRDY
FW

THE OPPOSITION



12
LEWIS
WARD
GK



14
BRANDON
COOPER
DF



15
EMMANUEL
IDEM
GK



16
JAKE
O'BRIEN
DF



17
JAYDEN
MITCHELL-LAWSON
MF



19
LOUIE
BARRY
FW



20
JONNY
WILLIAMS
MF



23
JOE
TOMLINSON
DF



24
ROB
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25
LOUIS
REED
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26
RYAN
EAST
MF



28
RICKY
AGUIAR
MF

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29
HARRY
PARSONS
FW



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MOHAMMAD
DABRE
MF



31
DONELL
GORDON
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32
GEORGE
COWMEADOW
FW



33
LEVI
FRANCIS
DF



34
HARRISON
MINTURN
MF





SWINDON TOWN 1 – 2 CARLISLE UNITED

Saturday 14 August 2021



Referee: Carl Brook
Attendance: 9,450 (253 away)

SWINDON TOWN: Wollacott, Conroy (c), Crichlow, Gladwin (Parsons 78), Simpson, Payne, McKirdy, Kesler-Hayden, Hunt (landolo 60), Reed, Grant (Aguiar 90). Subs - Odimayo, Ward, East, Dabre.

Goal - Crichlow (30)
Bookings - Kesler-Hayden (28 & 90), Reed (90)

CARLISLE UNITED: Norman, Tanner, McDonald, Whelan, Armer, Riley, Guy (c), Mellish (Charters 90), Alessandra, Abrahams (Mampala 85), Dickenson (Feeney 73). Subs - Jensen (gk), Toure, Bell, Fishburn.

Goals - Riley (13), Abrahams (43)
Bookings - Dickenson (29), Norman (63)

The squad endured a nightmare Friday journey to get to Swindon, due to a serious road traffic accident on the M6, with road closures and diversions the order of the day almost every step of the way.

It was an energetic start from both sides, and United won a corner with three minutes on the clock when a huge kick from Norman was put behind by Crichlow. The Robins broke, and Kesler-Hayden made room for a cross. Simpson met it on the leap but he couldn't keep his header down.

But it was United who created the best chance of the spell when Mellish and Abrahams exchanged short, sharp passes on the edge of the box. It was there for the forward to strike as he received a second return touch, and Wollacott had to dive low to parry the left-footed stinger.

Midfielder **Joe Riley** ► marked appearance number 50 for the club in some style on 13 minutes when he sat deep as the Blues once more peppered the box. It came his way, some 23-yards out, and he steadied himself before netting the goal the good start had warranted with a beautifully struck finish.

The Robins were back on terms from their first meaningful attack of the game on 30 minutes when

a free kick from 40-yards out was sent deep. It was nodded back across the face of goal by Gladwin and Crichlow tapped it in from close range as he sprinted to get a touch.

Carlisle continued to dictate the pace and a sprint from Riley saw him leave two in his wake as he broke through the lines. His cross was collected by Mellish and a neat piece of control was followed by a shot, but it lacked power and Wollacott gratefully pulled it into his chest.

Norman had to be at his best on 37 minutes when Gladwin bundled his way through to the 18-yard line.



His effort was clean, but the keeper went long to parry with both hands. McDonald was back to complete the defensive duties.



The Cumbrians were back in front on 43 minutes when a huge throw from Riley from just beside the corner flag was flicked on by McDonald. The alert Jon Mellish had the first stab, but Wollacott pulled off an excellent point-blank save. That paved the way for **Tristan Abrahams** ◀ to open his account as he stabbed the rebound over the line.

The Riley long throw provided another test at the start of the second period as Alessandra met it at the near stick. It eventually came to Mellish, and he won a corner as he turned on a sixpence. Guy sent that in, but McDonald's header hit the side netting.

United almost carved their way through on the hour when Tanner overlapped on the right. His clipped cross was near perfect, but the keeper did just enough to get his hands to it before Abrahams could pounce.

Kesler-Hayden was wasteful for the home side when he pulled another wayward effort from a McKirdy pass wide.

The tempo ticked over and a run from Alessandra saw him protect possession before the late arriving Jack Armer took over. His cross turned into a shot as it rifled towards Wollacott.

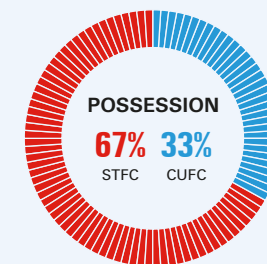
Norman had to readjust late in the day to keep a deflected shot from 24-yards out, and it was a good save as he got there with the ball having taken a wicked diversion.



United had to defend through the closing five minutes, with McDonald strong in the header, and there was a heart in the mouth moment when Kesler-Hayden was sent one-on-one with Norman. The stopper spread himself, and he got enough on it to take it past the post. McKirdy steamed in, but the angle was against him and he could only bulge the side of the net.

Kesler-Hayden was shown his second yellow with seven minutes of time added having been played when he cut Mampala down. That was the last action of the day and the Cumbrians collected a superb three points.

MATCH STATS



TOTAL SHOTS



SHOTS ON TARGET



CORNERS



FOULS



BOOKINGS



SENT OFF



ATTENDANCE





Regular readers of our programme may remember that my 'connections' column was introduced as 'a couple of old guys reminiscing over a drink just before the game'. "So, Ken, when did you first come across Swindon Town?"

Well, I started collecting football programmes when my Dad took me to Sheppey United and Gillingham. The next step was to buy maybe 50 for £1 from adverts in Football Monthly. When I was about 15, I decided to try and earn some cash by selling similar mixed bundles. I wrote to clubs offering 4/- for a 100 and Swindon's secretary/manager, Bert Head, was particularly generous, sending me around 400 when I'd sent money for 200.

If you or your family have a Swindon programme from around 1959 or early 60s, it may have arrived via my bedroom cupboard!

The first Carlisle v Swindon match? 10 December 1949 - Second Round FA Cup tie which United won 2-0. The crowd of 18,604 was probably the Brunton Park record for just a month until 22,822 saw Leeds beat us 5-2 in the next round.

We first met in the league in 1962/3, with a 0-0 here in September and a 2-0 win for 'The Robins' at the County Ground on 30 April, which kept them on track for promotion to Div2 and condemned United to a swift return to Div4. Likewise, a 5-1 home win for Carlisle on 30th March 1974 edged us closer to our one season in the top-flight.

Swindon won the first ever Division 3 play-offs in 1986/7 and in 1992/3 won the Division 2 play-offs to earn their single season in the Premier League. Apart from our escape from the Conference in 2005, United have not enjoyed similar play-off success.

We have been in the same division as Swindon in only 23 of the past 60 plus seasons but Carlisle have always found the County Ground a tough place to go and didn't win there until 19 February 2011 when James Berrett scored the only goal.

I went to the March 2008 game when our hopes were high after six straight wins. Marc Bridge-Wilkinson put United ahead but after goals for Swindon from Simon Cox and Blair Sturrock, we had to be happy to settle for a 2-2 draw, thanks to a late Peter Murphy equaliser.

United had a great run in the League Cup in 1968/9 but lost in the two-leg semi to West Brom. The next year Swindon went the whole way and beat Arsenal at Wembley in the final.

My cousin Maggs has reminded me that her dad, my Uncle Roy, was a long-term Swindon supporter and the family went to many games including that Wembley triumph. As a Division 2 club, The Robins were refused entry to the UEFA Cup and the Anglo Italian Cup was started as a kind of consolation prize. Swindon duly won that too, 3-0 away to Napoli.

United didn't do too badly either in the extended version two years later, as I mentioned recently in the Sutton match programme.

Player connections? Goalkeeper Scott Endersby played 86 games for Swindon, including a brilliant performance here in a 1984 FA Cup tie before joining Carlisle in November 1985.

We were bottom of Division 2 with just one win from 13 games and had conceded 34 goals. Scott came in and kept 9 clean sheets in the remaining 29 games conceding just 37 goals but we finished three points short and couldn't quite pull off a 'Great Escape'.

Full back **John Gorman** ➤ was a Brunton Park hero with 259 games in those wonderful years from 1970 to 76 and during his later managerial career was Swindon boss from 1991 to 93.



Stan Harland, who after two years here moved south and won a League Cup medal, **Frank Large** ➤ who came here from Swindon in 1964 and recently Hallam Hope. Harry McKirdy scored 5 goals in his 28 games for Carlisle and is now scoring plenty in a red shirt (or whatever their change strip is), but not today, please, Harry.



And, of course, we mustn't forget Steve Finney, who we sadly lost at such a young age recently. RIP Steve.

	H	A
1962/63	0-0	0-2
1969/70	2-2	2-2
1970/71	2-1	0-0
1971/72	0-0	0-0
1972/73	3-0	0-2
1973/74	5-1	2-2
1977/78	2-2	2-2
1978/79	2-0	0-0
1979/80	2-1	0-0
1980/81	2-1	1-1
1981/82	1-1	1-2
1986/87	0-3	0-2
1995/96	0-1	1-2
2007/08	3-0	2-2
2008/09	1-1	1-1
2009/10	0-1	0-2
2010/11	0-0	1-0
2012/13	2-2	0-4
2013/14	1-0	1-3
2017/18	1-2	0-0
2018/19	2-1	4-0
2019/20	1-1	2-3
2021/22		2-1

CUP MEETINGS

- 10 Dec 1949: United 2 - 0 Swindon (FA Cup)
- 7 Jan 1984: United 1 - 1 Swindon (FA Cup)
- 10 Jan 1984: Swindon 3 - 1 United (FA Cup)
- 11 Nov 2006: Swindon 3 - 1 United (FA Cup)

Games Played: 49
Carlisle Wins: 13
Swindon Wins: 15
Draws: 21



SCORES AND RESULTS

CARLISLE UNITED IN 1967/68

FRIENDLIES

04 Aug 1967	A	Airdrieonians	W	4-1
08 Aug 1967	H	Sheffield United	W	2-0
10 Aug 1967	A	Penrith	W	1-0
11 Aug 1967	A	Hartlepoons United	W	3-0
15 Aug 1967	A	Netherfield (Res)	L	0-1
31 Oct 1967	H	Queen of the South	W	4-1
13 Dec 1967	H	Sparta Prague	L	1-2
08 Mar 1968	H	St Mirren	D	0-0
24 Apr 1968	A	Whitley Bay	W	2-0

LEAGUE CUP

13 Sep 1967	H	Workington	L	0-2
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FA CUP

27 Jan 1968	A	Newcastle United	W	1-0
17 Feb 1968	H	Everton	L	0-2

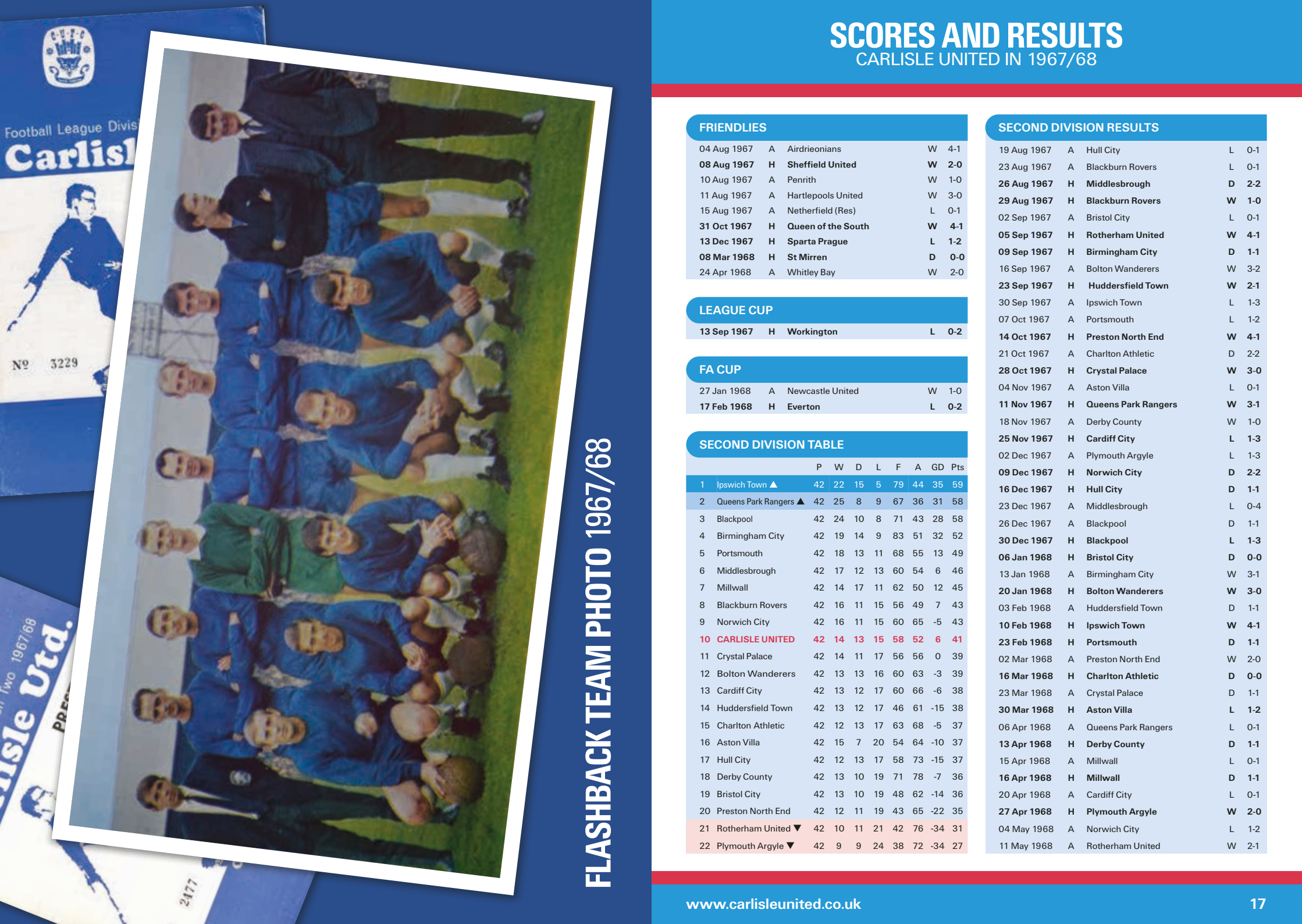
SECOND DIVISION TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Ipswich Town ▲	42	22	15	5	79	44	35	59
2	Queens Park Rangers ▲	42	25	8	9	67	36	31	58
3	Blackpool	42	24	10	8	71	43	28	58
4	Birmingham City	42	19	14	9	83	51	32	52
5	Portsmouth	42	18	13	11	68	55	13	49
6	Middlesbrough	42	17	12	13	60	54	6	46
7	Millwall	42	14	17	11	62	50	12	45
8	Blackburn Rovers	42	16	11	15	56	49	7	43
9	Norwich City	42	16	11	15	60	65	-5	43
10	CARLISLE UNITED	42	14	13	15	58	52	6	41
11	Crystal Palace	42	14	11	17	56	56	0	39
12	Bolton Wanderers	42	13	13	16	60	63	-3	39
13	Cardiff City	42	13	12	17	60	66	-6	38
14	Huddersfield Town	42	13	12	17	46	61	-15	38
15	Charlton Athletic	42	12	13	17	63	68	-5	37
16	Aston Villa	42	15	7	20	54	64	-10	37
17	Hull City	42	12	13	17	58	73	-15	37
18	Derby County	42	13	10	19	71	78	-7	36
19	Bristol City	42	13	10	19	48	62	-14	36
20	Preston North End	42	12	11	19	43	65	-22	35
21	Rotherham United ▼	42	10	11	21	42	76	-34	31
22	Plymouth Argyle ▼	42	9	9	24	38	72	-34	27

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS

19 Aug 1967	A	Hull City	L	0-1
23 Aug 1967	A	Blackburn Rovers	L	0-1
26 Aug 1967	H	Middlesbrough	D	2-2
29 Aug 1967	H	Blackburn Rovers	W	1-0
02 Sep 1967	A	Bristol City	L	0-1
05 Sep 1967	H	Rotherham United	W	4-1
09 Sep 1967	H	Birmingham City	D	1-1
16 Sep 1967	A	Bolton Wanderers	W	3-2
23 Sep 1967	H	Huddersfield Town	W	2-1
30 Sep 1967	A	Ipswich Town	L	1-3
07 Oct 1967	A	Portsmouth	L	1-2
14 Oct 1967	H	Preston North End	W	4-1
21 Oct 1967	A	Charlton Athletic	D	2-2
28 Oct 1967	H	Crystal Palace	W	3-0
04 Nov 1967	A	Aston Villa	L	0-1
11 Nov 1967	H	Queens Park Rangers	W	3-1
18 Nov 1967	A	Derby County	W	1-0
25 Nov 1967	H	Cardiff City	L	1-3
02 Dec 1967	A	Plymouth Argyle	L	1-3
09 Dec 1967	H	Norwich City	D	2-2
16 Dec 1967	H	Hull City	D	1-1
23 Dec 1967	A	Middlesbrough	L	0-4
26 Dec 1967	A	Blackpool	D	1-1
30 Dec 1967	H	Blackpool	L	1-3
06 Jan 1968	H	Bristol City	D	0-0
13 Jan 1968	A	Birmingham City	W	3-1
20 Jan 1968	H	Bolton Wanderers	W	3-0
03 Feb 1968	A	Huddersfield Town	D	1-1
10 Feb 1968	H	Ipswich Town	W	4-1
23 Feb 1968	H	Portsmouth	D	1-1
02 Mar 1968	A	Preston North End	W	2-0
16 Mar 1968	H	Charlton Athletic	D	0-0
23 Mar 1968	A	Crystal Palace	D	1-1
30 Mar 1968	H	Aston Villa	L	1-2
06 Apr 1968	A	Queens Park Rangers	L	0-1
13 Apr 1968	H	Derby County	D	1-1
15 Apr 1968	A	Millwall	L	0-1
16 Apr 1968	H	Millwall	D	1-1
20 Apr 1968	A	Cardiff City	L	0-1
27 Apr 1968	H	Plymouth Argyle	W	2-0
04 May 1968	A	Norwich City	L	1-2
11 May 1968	A	Rotherham United	W	2-1

FLASHBACK TEAM PHOTO 1967/68



WINNERS

First Division: Manchester City ◀

Second Division: Ipswich Town

Third Division: Oxford United

Fourth Division: Luton Town

Scottish Division One: Celtic

FA Cup Final: West Bromwich Albion ▶ 1-0 Everton

League Cup Final: Leeds United 1-0 Arsenal

Scottish Cup Final: Dunfermline Athletic 3-1 Hearts

European Cup Final: Manchester United ◀ 4-1 Benfica



ODDS & ENDS

Top Movie: The Graduate ◀

Top Single: The Last Waltz (Engelbert Humperdinck)

Top Album: Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (The Beatles) ▶



IN THE NEWS

September: The new Cunard liner 'Queen Elizabeth 2' ◀ was launched at the James Brown shipyard, Clydebank.

September: 450,000 viewers in the Midlands watched the first episode of the sci-fi television series 'Captain Scarlet' ▶ with other ITV areas receiving the programme in the next month.

November: Horse racing was cancelled across the UK in attempt to curb the spread of foot and mouth disease ◀.

May: A team of 18 performed Britain's first heart transplant ▶ on a 45-year-old male in a two-hour operation at the National Heart Hospital in London.



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Congratulations to Sutton United Vesta Wealth Man of the Match, Joel Senior, who was presented with his champagne by Nick Gardner and Alfie Rotherham. Congratulations also to Port Vale Vesta Wealth Man of the Match, Owen Windsor, who received his champagne from Nick Gardner.

Good afternoon and welcome to our game against Swindon Town.

A huge welcome to our match sponsor Borderbrite, associate sponsors TC Scaffolding & Fantails, and our match ball sponsor Heineken.

We hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon with us in Foxy's Restaurant. Look out for them all as they take to the pitch for the official photo with the match officials and captains.



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Enjoy the game!

Jenny, Anne-Marie and Martyn in the Commercial Department





The news that former Blue Steve Finney had passed away recently was received with shock, but it was a measure of his popularity that the tributes and heartfelt comments started to pour in as soon as the sad announcement was made.

Just 48, and having suffered a short illness, there's no doubt that he is a loss to the football world, both with the clubs he played at and, more recently, on the local scene having coached and managed in the Westmorland Leagues, and beyond.

Born in Hexham, he was an early bloomer with Kirkoswald and was spotted by Pop Robson and Jack Watson as he became a standout performer in junior football.

"We were looking to set up a Centre of Excellence and Steve was one of the first young lads we looked at,"

chairman Andrew Jenkins explained. "He was such a big lad for his age at that time, but that wasn't what his game was all about.

"He could use the ball, run with it, pass it, and he looked so comfortable in a number of positions. Harry Gregg was a big believer in having a structured youth system, and he used to speak very highly of Steve after each of the training sessions.

"I think Harry in particular always knew he would go on to have a good career, and it was no surprise when we heard that he'd been picked up by Preston. He was a very composed player, and we were really pleased when he came to us at the end of the 90's."

Manchester City and Maine Road followed his early professional years at Deepdale, but it was at Swindon where he really made his mark.



After netting in the season opener against Hull City at the start of the 1995/96 season, he went on to bag 16 goals in 43 appearances as Swindon streaked to the Division Two title.

The rich vein of form and no-nonsense style of his performances made him a Wiltshire favourite, and many were disappointed to see him leave when he eventually made the move up north.

Speaking in a programme interview, the man himself said: "It was a great team, a really good mix inside the dressing room, and I think we could feel something was about to happen.

"Everything just clicked. Obviously scoring goals helps you to settle, and I honestly felt like I was going to get chances every time we went out to play.

"Some of the football we played was great to watch, and it was the kind of rapport between players and supporters that you always dream about.

"Getting the promotion just made it even better, and obviously winning the title was the icing on the cake.

"It was definitely the best time of my career and I'll always have a soft spot for Swindon, the club and the fans. I take away some great memories from what was a very enjoyable time."

Taking to Twitter on the news of Steve's passing, Swindon Town said: "#STFC is heartbroken to learn of the passing of Steve Finney.

"Steve joined the Reds in 1995 and scored 22 goals in over 50 outings for the club, including 16 goals in 1995/96 as Town stormed to the Second Division Title.

"Our thoughts are with his family and friends. RIP."

Here at Brunton Park, Finney scored six goals in 36 appearances for the Blues during his season with us in 1998/99 and was a bit of a talisman in what was a tough campaign – United didn't lose any of the six league games in which he scored a goal.

Community manager John Halpin, who was co-manager with Dave Wilkes when Steve came to the club from Swindon said: "What a player he was, with such ability.

"He wasn't boisterous, or anything like that, but he commanded respect in the dressing room because of the way he did things.

"A clever player he could take the ball under control with one touch and use it. He always had a picture in his mind.

"Everybody liked him, he was always there to give advice or an opinion, and this news has come as a real shock.

"I remember he went on a run of scoring for us just after Christmas and we didn't realise at the time just how important that would prove to be.

"Also important was the way he conducted himself because there was a lot of concern at the way we were struggling for results and points. He was a real calming influence, a solid professional, and, like I say, he commanded real respect because of that."

Recently Steve was a sales specialist with Lloyd Land Rover and at Ullswater Road Garage in Penrith, and more recently worked as a business development manager with NWF Fuels.



OLGA'S FUN PAGES

Our very fluffy and very friendly mascot Olga the Fox has some pre-match puzzles and teasers for you to complete as you wait for the big kick off!!

Good luck as you work your way through the next few mind-bending pages.



IT'S SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!

This puppy is in the way!
Help Olga get to Brunton Park in time for the match.



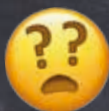
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NOW THAT'S A CONUNDRUM!

Rachel is waiting to see if you can solve this...



P I I D E S T C H

MY MINI MATCH REPORT

Carlisle United v
Swindon Town
Saturday 19 February 2022



Name:

Age:

The Final Score:

United - Swindon

The goals were scored by:

These players got booked:

I watched the match from:

The best part of the match was:

The starting lineup was:

My man of the match was:



SUDOKU

Can you complete this Sudoku puzzle?
You need to put the numbers 1-9 in each column, row and square!

1	3	2		5	7		4	9	
8	5		2	9			7	3	
	4	7	3		8			5	6
4		1		2		6	9		
6	7		1	4	9			2	8
	9	3		8			4		5
7		9	4		5			8	
	2	8		6	1			7	4
5	1		8		2	9	6		

SPOT THE BALL



Can you tell where the ball is in this picture?



JOKES/ RIDDLES!



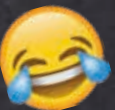
What is full of holes, but still holds water? **A sponge!**



I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old, what am I? **A candle!**



What has legs but can't walk? **A table!**



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BOOTS



Who do these boots belong to?

COVERED UP



Can you tell who this is?



HEAD MASH-UP

We've mixed up three players. Who are they?



GUESS THE CREST


Can you work out which crests these are?



ANSWERS
Conundrum: Pitcheside
Spot the Ball: B
Squad Number Maths: 0
Boots: Jamie Devitt
Covered Up: Kristian Dennis
Head Mash-Up: hair – Kristian Dennis, eyes/nose – Mitch Roberts, mouth – Owen WindSOR
Guess the Crest: Exeter, Exeter, Swindon, Walsall




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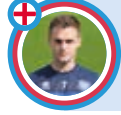
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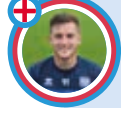
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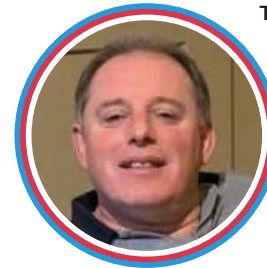
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DOES THE PUNISHMENT MATCH THE CRIME?



To what extent are the actions of players in their private lives, a matter that clubs as their employers should intervene? With lives being played out over social media, there is truly little that remains private nowadays.

The latest chapter this week involves a player and the vile physical abuse of a cat.

You do not need to be an animal lover to know that the video shows a completely unacceptable act being committed but is it one that an employer should impose sanctions for and if so, where do you draw the line? Should footballers be dealt with any different to other people in society? Is it relevant who you play for and at what level? It was interesting to see the differing approach from the two clubs that employed the brothers but who got it right between them?

It also got me wondering about who at the club is the relevant person to make the decision about any disciplinary action. Quite clearly, as was shown this week, managers will usually want to play their strongest sides. I think the backlash this week, shows that the wrong call was made and there was a complete misjudgement of the public reaction.

There was a similar error of judgement at Raith Rovers where the signing of a player caused resignations

across the club and a major outcry from fans. The club failed to understand the ramifications of the signing and the damage done will potentially be irreparable.

Where fans do approve of sanctions is when the behaviour of players impacts directly on their performance on the pitch. This is when understanding the likely reaction from fans is crucial. As has been shown, if a club deals with players who do things that will knowingly impinge on their ability to play, fans will back the club 100%. The difficulty comes with balancing the sanctions with any support needed by the player. Particularly at the top level, there is a huge amount of pressure on players, and it is often forgotten that they are human, like the rest of us. It is hard to be open with fans about disciplinary action taken if mental health support is needed. Then, the privacy of the individual should be fully respected.

How sad it was to hear of the recent passing of Stephen Finney at the age of only 48. The Hexham-born player was well known as a star player in Cumbrian junior football, playing as a teenager for Kirkoswald, before going into the professional game with Preston. He later had spells with Manchester City, Swindon, Carlisle, Leyton Orient, Barrow, Chester City and Altrincham.

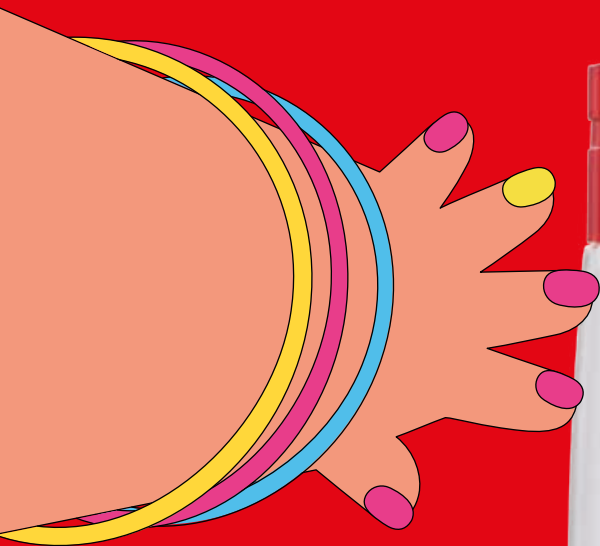
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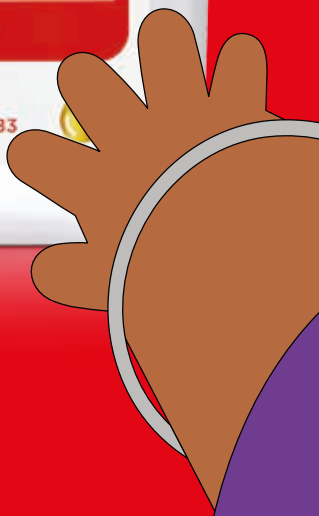
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Our Premier League Kicks programme runs throughout the season across many areas of Carlisle looking to give opportunity to children and young people (8-18 years) to take part in evening sessions involving sporting and non-sporting activities to help inspire them to see their full potential.

Our Kicks sessions help participants improve their social skills, physical health, mental health and self-esteem. While attending our Kicks sessions our participants also are encouraged to get involved in social action volunteering. This season has seen our young people help collect donations for local food banks, raise money for Children in Need and environmental projects such as litter picking and gardening, helping to rejuvenate their local communities.

We hold these sessions working alongside other organisations in Raffles, Upperby, Harraby and at Carlisle Youth Zone.

We hold weekly football pan disability sessions at Carlisle Youth Zone working with children, teenagers and adults. These sessions look to offer players the opportunity to improve their footballing skills while also being an incredibly welcoming environment for those who just want to come down and have some fun.

Each session starts with a fun warm up activity combining movement and agility skills, then we work on football specific skills using a variety of games to help improve dribbling, passing and shooting skills. We always finish with a match and a crossbar challenge or penalty shootout at halftime for extra points. Our disability participants have enjoyed bowling

Christmas parties, stadium tours and competing in matches, tournaments and competitions against other disability teams.

We are excited to have created a new partnership with Pennine Lodge Residents Home. Community staff will attend weekly visits carrying out seated exercises, games and activities hoping to improve residents' mobility and social interaction. We have also teamed up with 'Playlist for Life' who use Spotify to create memory playlists with the aim to stimulate fond memories for the residents through music.

Please look out for our inclusion projects and programmes via our Carlisle United CST social media channels to keep up to date. If you are interested in any of our sessions, please contact inclusion@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk

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United's under-18s battled through a tough encounter against Cleator Moor Celtic to book their place in the semi-finals of the Cumberland Cup courtesy of goals from Mason Hardy and Nic Bollado.

We caught up with youth boss Mark Birch to get his take on the game.

"We've come here and you know what you're going to be up against. We had key players missing and we had a lot of first years involved, and even some under-16s on the bench.

"They dealt with everything that was thrown at them, and they were always going to come under pressure, we knew that. They stood up to it and got through the game."

Celtic were reduced to ten men with just 20 minutes on the clock when Brad Tatton was sent off for a tug on Mason Hardy when he was clean through, but the Carlisle boss conceded that it was the visitors who had been unsettled by the incident.

"If it had happened against us we'd probably be disappointed and feel it was harsh," he commented. "I think it affected us more than it affected them through the first half, we didn't settle at all.

"It was disappointing that we didn't manage the game at all when they had ten men through that initial period.

"We kept reminding the players that we don't have to score every time we get the ball. I wanted them to keep it, try to move them about, and get them running after it a little bit.



"We got impatient and things got a bit ragged where we never really got control of the ball. I was pleased that we looked a lot better in the second half with our possession."

And a late goal from Hardy appeared to have secured the win when he latched onto a rebound from a save from a Bollado toe-poke.

"That's Mason, he's a goal scorer and he probably doesn't get enough credit for it," he told us. "Nic has scored a few more, and he gets the plaudits, but from both of them the goal tally is stacking up quite nicely.

"It was good to go ahead but we just felt that they would get another chance. They chucked the big lad up front, and they were sending it forward, and he caused a bit of carnage, to be honest.

"They got that equaliser and it's something else to deal with. Overall it's an experience that they've overcome and they've done well to see it through."

"The fitness levels of the lads are fantastic and you have to applaud Jamie Roper [strength coach] and Dave Cullen [physio] for the work they do on that," he said. "The lads listen to them and work with them, and they get the benefit from that in situations like this.

"Jamie and Dave do a great job and they need to be thanked for that. They all kept going and Nic's got his goal again. He was one of a few who played in three or four different positions for the team, and it was a solid team effort. That was really good to see.

"That's why we told them that we're really pleased they stood up to it. Kai Nugent has been hit on the head, Harvey Gordon is the same, and we looked to the ref to protect them a little bit more.

"We told them that it's an experience they've never had before and they'll learn a lot from it."

YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

AS AT 7 FEBRUARY 2022		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	CARLISLE UNITED	18	11	5	2	38	14	24	38
2	Preston North End	15	11	2	2	45	15	30	35
3	Blackpool	15	8	5	2	39	15	24	29
4	Salford City	13	8	3	2	38	18	20	27
5	Accrington Stanley	14	7	2	5	39	35	4	23
6	Bolton Wanderers	15	5	6	4	29	22	7	21
7	Shrewsbury Town	13	7	0	6	21	19	2	21
8	Morecambe	16	5	1	10	18	41	-23	16
9	Tranmere Rovers	15	5	0	10	21	35	-14	15
10	Oldham Athletic	15	5	0	10	28	46	-18	15
11	Port Vale	12	4	2	6	17	30	-13	14
12	Fleetwood Town	14	4	2	8	14	28	-14	14
13	Rochdale	13	3	4	6	17	20	-3	13
14	Walsall	14	1	2	11	10	36	-26	5

YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST DIVISION FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2021/22

DATE	H/A	KO	OPPONENTS	SCORE	SCORERS
Fri 6 Aug	H	1pm	Shrewsbury Town	P-P	
Sat 14 Aug	A	1pm	Walsall	3-1	Bollado (2), Hardy
Sat 21 Aug	H	12.30pm	Rotherham United (cup 1)	2-3	Bollado (2)
Sat 28 Aug	H	12pm	Port Vale	5-1	Bollado, Garvey, Hardy, Watt (2)
Sat 4 Sep	H	11am	Blackpool	1-1	Bollado
Sat 11 Sep	H	11am	Preston North End	2-1	Hardy, Kilsby
Sat 18 Sep	A	11.30am	Oldham Athletic	C-C	
Sat 25 Sep	A	11am	Blackpool (cup 2)	2-4	Carr, Hardy (p)
Sat 2 Oct	H	11am	Bolton Wanderers	3-0	Kilsby (2), Nugent
Sat 9 Oct	A	11am	Morecambe (cup 3)	4-1	Watt, Garvey, Fishburn, Taylor
Fri 15 Oct	H	1pm	Shrewsbury Town	1-0	Bollado
Sat 23 Oct	A	12pm	Tranmere Rovers	3-0	Hardy (2), Bollado
Tue 26 Oct	H	7pm	Oldham Athletic (FA1)	4-4	Lost 3-5 on pens
Sat 30 Oct	H	11am	Morecambe	2-0	Garvey, Watt
Sat 6 Nov	A	11.30am	Oldham Athletic	2-1	Bollado, Watt (p)
Sat 13 Nov	A	11am	Rochdale	0-1	
Sat 20 Nov	H	11am	Rochdale	1-1	Bollado
Sat 27 Nov	H	11am	Accrington Stanley	4-0	Bollado (2), Hardy (2)
Sat 4 Dec	A	11am	Fleetwood Town	0-3	
Sat 11 Dec	A	11.30am	Salford City	1-1	Ellis
Sat 18 Dec	A	1pm	Shrewsbury Town	2-0	Ellis, Kilsby
Sat 8 Jan	H	1pm	Walsall	5-0	Hardy (3), Bollado, Garvey
Sat 15 Jan	A	11am	Bolton Wanderers	2-2	Bollado, Watt
Sat 22 Jan	A	11am	Blackpool	1-1	Watt (p)
Sat 29 Jan					
Sat 5 Feb					
Sat 12 Feb	A	11am	Accrington Stanley	P-P	
Sat 19 Feb	H	12pm	Salford City		
Sat 26 Feb					
Sat 5 Mar					
Sat 12 Mar					
Sat 19 Mar					
Sat 26 Mar	A	11am	Preston North End		
Sat 2 Apr	H	11am	Fleetwood Town		
Sat 9 Apr	H	12pm	Tranmere Rovers		
Sat 16 Apr					
Sat 23 Apr	A	11am	Morecambe		
Sat 30 Apr	H	11.30am	Oldham Athletic		
Sat 7 May	A	12pm	Port Vale		



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GOAL TALLY LEAGUE: 23 FA CUP: 3 CARABAO CUP: 0 EFL TROPHY: 7 TOTAL: 34

FIRST GOAL

Played	38
Carlisle United score first goal	13
Opponents score first goal	20
No goals scored	5
United score first goal and win	9
United score first goal and draw	4
United score first goal and lose	0
United fail to score	16
Opponents score first goal and win	17
Opponents score first goal and draw	3
Opponents score first goal and lose	0
Opponents fail to score	12

FORM GUIDE: HOME

Feb 8	Port Vale	(SB2)	1-3
Jan 29	Sutton United	(SB2)	0-2
Jan 18	Hartlepool United	(SB2)	0-0
Jan 15	Crawley Town	(SB2)	1-1
Jan 8	Bradford City	(SB2)	2-0
Dec 4	Shrewsbury Town	(FA2)	1-2
WON 1 DRAWN 2 LOST 3 F5 A8			

IS THAT THE TIME ALREADY?

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	79-90
Conceded	7	9	11	5	7	11
Scored	5	1	6	5	6	11

FIRST HALF RECORD

Played	38	Won	5	Lost	17	Drawn	16
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SECOND HALF RECORD

Played	38	Won	11	Lost	11	Drawn	16
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HOW WE CREATED THE GOALS

Free Play	24	Corner	4	Free kick	3
Penalty	3	TOTAL 34			

HOW WE SCORED THE GOALS

Header	7	Shot inside	21	Free kick	1
Penalty	3	Shot outside	2	Own goal	0
TOTAL 34					

FORM GUIDE: AWAY

Feb 12	Colchester United	(SB2)	2-2
Feb 1	Salford City	(SB2)	1-2
Jan 22	Forest Green Rovers	(SB2)	0-3
Jan 4	Harrogate Town	(PJT)	0-1
Jan 1	Scunthorpe United	(SB2)	1-0
Dec 11	Stevenage	(SB2)	2-0
WON 2 DRAWN 1 LOST 3 F6 A8			

PLAYER CAREER APPEARANCES FOR CARLISLE UNITED

PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		OTHER CUP		TOTAL		PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		OTHER CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals		Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Tristan Abrahams	12 (8)	3	2	0	2 (3)	1	16 (11)	4	Lukas Jensen	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	0
Lewis Alessandra	60 (15)	10	1 (2)	0	4	1	65 (17)	11	Manasse Mampala	0 (8)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (2)	1	4 (11)	1
Jack Armer	50 (3)	1	3	0	7 (1)	1	60 (4)	2	Rod McDonald	54 (1)	1	2	0	4	0	60 (1)	1
Lewis Bell	0 (2)	0	0	0	2 (2)	0	2 (4)	0	Jon Mellish	81 (5)	14	6 (1)	3	8 (2)	2	95 (8)	19
Taylor Charters	3 (22)	0	0 (4)	0	6 (3)	1	9 (29)	1	Kelvin Mellor	14 (1)	0	1	0	3	1	17 (1)	1
Zach Clough	10 (7)	2	2	1	3 (1)	0	15 (8)	3	Magnus Norman	14	0	0	0	1 (1)	0	15 (1)	0
Kristian Dennis	0 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0 (2)	0	Tyrese Omotoye	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Daniel Devine	10 (8)	0	0 (1)	0	6	0	16 (9)	0	Omar Patrick	39 (13)	10	2	0	1	0	42 (13)	10
Jamie Devitt	79 (33)	21	4 (2)	1	14	0	97 (35)	22	Joe Riley	53 (7)	4	3	0	5 (3)	0	61 (10)	4
Brennan Dickenson	31 (8)	3	1	0	2 (1)	0	34 (9)	3	Mitchell Roberts	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jonathan Dinzeyi	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	Joel Senior	3 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	3 (2)	0
Josh Dixon	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (4)	0	Tobi Sho-Silva	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Morgan Feeney	15 (4)	0	1	0	6	0	22 (4)	0	Dynel Simeu	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Sam Fishburn	3 (6)	0	0 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (10)	0	Gime Touré	19 (18)	2	1	0	5	2	25 (18)	4
Jordan Gibson	18 (5)	4	1 (1)	1	2 (1)	1	21 (7)	6	Corey Whelan	25 (2)	0	2	0	2 (2)	0	29 (4)	0
Callum Guy	72 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	79 (3)	0	Owen Windsor	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Mark Howard	19	0	2	0	3	0	24	0	Brad Young	7 (7)	0	1 (1)	1	3 (1)	2	11 (9)	3

LEAGUE TWO TABLE

AS AT 14 FEBRUARY 2022	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Forest Green Rovers	30	19	9	2	61	24	37	66
2 Tranmere Rovers	31	16	7	8	33	21	12	55
3 Northampton Town	30	15	7	8	35	25	10	52
4 Exeter City	29	13	11	5	41	27	14	50
5 Sutton United	30	14	8	8	45	35	10	50
6 Mansfield Town	29	14	7	8	39	32	7	49
7 Newport County AFC	31	13	9	9	49	41	8	48
8 Swindon Town	30	12	10	8	46	38	8	46
9 Port Vale	28	12	8	8	41	29	12	44
10 Salford City	31	12	8	11	35	29	6	44
11 Bradford City	31	9	13	9	36	36	0	40
12 Crawley Town	30	11	7	12	37	41	-4	40
13 Harrogate Town	29	10	8	11	44	44	0	38
14 Bristol Rovers	28	10	8	10	36	39	-3	38
15 Hartlepool United	29	10	7	12	29	38	-9	37
16 Leyton Orient	29	7	12	10	38	29	9	33
17 Stevenage	32	7	12	13	30	46	-16	33
18 Walsall	30	8	8	14	31	39	-8	32
19 Rochdale	28	6	13	9	35	38	-3	31
20 Barrow	31	7	10	14	30	39	-9	31
21 Colchester United	30	7	10	13	28	41	-13	31
22 CARLISLE UNITED	30	6	10	14	23	42	-19	28
23 Oldham Athletic	29	6	8	15	28	46	-18	26
24 Scunthorpe United	31	4	10	17	22	53	-31	22

SEASON 2021/22 PLAYER RECORD

PLAYER	Lge Apps	Lge Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	Assists	Yellow	Red	Total Goals
Tristan Abrahams	12 (8)	3	4 (3)	1	2	3		4
Lewis Alessandra	12 (8)	1	2		1	1		1
Jack Armer	28 (1)		7	1	4	6		1
Lewis Bell	0 (1)		2					
Taylor Charters	1 (8)		4 (4)	1				1
Zach Clough	10 (7)	2	5 (1)	1	2	4		3
Kristian Dennis	0 (2)							
Daniel Devine	5 (2)		4			1		
Jamie Devitt	0 (2)							
Brennan Dickenson	24 (3)	2	3 (1)		3	6		2
Jonathan Dinzeyi	1		2					
Josh Dixon			2					
Morgan Feeney	12 (4)		7		2	3		
Sam Fishburn	3 (6)		2 (4)					
Jordan Gibson	18 (5)	4	3 (2)	2	3	1		6
Callum Guy	27		5		1	9		
Mark Howard	19		5			1		
Lukas Jensen	1		3					
Manasse Mampala	0 (8)		3 (4)	1	1	1	1	1
Rod McDonald	26	1	4		1	1		1
Jon Mellish	27	3	4 (1)		1	5	1	3
Kelvin Mellor	14 (1)		4		1	1		1
Magnus Norman	10					1		
Tyrese Omotoye	6				1	2		
Omar Patrick	6 (2)	3						3
Joe Riley	15 (3)	2	3 (3)		2	2		2
Mitchell Roberts	1					1		
Joel Senior	3 (1)		0 (1)					
Tobi Sho-Silva	2	1			1			1
Dynel Simeu	4							
George Tanner	5		1					
Gime Touré	1 (2)		2					
Corey Whelan	25 (2)		4 (2)			3		
Owen Windsor	2	1						1
Brad Young	7 (7)		4 (2)	3	1			3
Own Goal								
TOTALS		23		11		51	2	34

FAN ENGAGEMENT



With the end of takeover talks before Christmas, our continuing run of results and the emergence of a new group of fans under the Unita Fortias banner, there has been renewed questions and debate about fan engagement by the club, and of the role of the Supporters' Trust, both on relation to the club and as the voice of the fans.

Continuing to push on with fan engagement initiatives is important, and in no way detracts from or affects the main business of winning on the pitch.

To reassure those fans questioning what the club is doing, as we pursue activities like the recent catering survey, or CUSG group meetings, My Club My Shirt and work with Her Game Too, I can tell you categorically that these in no way mean the effort of those involved in trying to win games suffers.

I understand some fans feel frustrated that progress on future ownership, stadium issues and on-pitch improvement has been challenging. There is a perception that CUOSC should be a voice for all fans, but is at times ineffective and unrepresentative. That's what some fans are saying, and that means those concerns should be heard.

Working together with our fans makes the club better - it's that simple. It's been my approach since coming to the club. It's the right thing to do - it gives those



running our club better insight on what fans think at the same time as giving us a closer connection with our supporters. In addition it gives fans a first-hand, honest and direct perspective about the issues facing the club, our judgements and decisions.

Our success in 'fan engagement' is proven by the independent assessments that take place across football, and show us to be up with the best, but we know we always need to do more.

The opportunity has always been there for fans to have their say via CUOSC, or any of the many other fan groups within Carlisle United Supporters' Groups (CUSG), or even to start something new. New groups and fans have been welcomed with open arms into CUSG, and they have engaged with the club in return.

They have a voice the club listens to and they work together with us to improve Carlisle United, in the same way the existing fan groups function. Individual fans can come in and speak to the board, or individuals in the club, or contact CUSG, or the SLO, at any time.

Many contact me directly. The door is open. They can make their voice heard in a way that will be listened to and that makes a difference. CUSG allows everyone to take part and get involved in the ways that suit them - if they want to.

The member groups are all treated equally, there is no special treatment, and it gives an equal opportunity for each of them to engage in a positive, transparent and inclusive manner. I have seen CUSG criticised for its range of groups by those calling for a better fan voice! As CUSG grows it widens the range of fan voices. That clearly brings better representation, a better voice and makes for a better club. That's a key benefit of having a wide number of groups involved.

We hope to see even more and diverse groups of fans joining CUSG, to give us a truly representative, and even wider range of views leading to an even stronger and better voice. That said, there is no escaping the fact that we have challenges and can still do better. That is what we are focussed on doing.

The next CUSG meeting is on 21 February 2022. The agenda and minutes are made public before and after every meeting.

CUOSC



It is up to fans to grasp the responsibility that offers... it's a fans' trust and fans control it. Rather than saying CUOSC doesn't work, change it by joining in. Most fans would jump at the chance to have two directors and a 25.4% stake in their club."

www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/cusg-qs---mon-7th-june-2021-final.pdf

To repeat, it is on record, and I said at the same time:

"It is up to fans to grasp the responsibility that offers... rather than saying CUOSC doesn't work, change it by joining in."

The more fans engaging with the club in a positive way to help the club is to be welcomed. In October 2021, I said this (and it's unchanged now):

"Trusts representing fans are a potentially hugely powerful way for fans to be directly involved in a club, one most other clubs in the EFL would be delighted to be able to have. It's one the Government's fan-led review- is looking at closely for the whole game. At CUFC the fans have it already. It's up to the fans to make it work effectively to get the most from it."

Fan engagement is not just about club to fans, though. It is just as important for the fan trust to engage directly with fans - the trust members they directly represent and all other CUFC fans who they indirectly represent.

Improved engagement by CUOSC in turn helps its club directors work better and be more effective within the club. That benefits CUFC too.

That way the connection between the fans, who CUOSC represent, and what CUOSC does can be strengthened. That can only help CUOSC and the club move forward together."

www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/october/cuosc-help-shape-the-direction-of-the-fans-trust

More fans engaging and participating in a positive way for the benefit of the club, with truly representative views being voiced in a way that makes them listened to, would be welcomed by all.

I have championed and I firmly believe fan representation inside the club, on its boards, with a proper voice and influence, is beneficial to all and helps the club achieve its goals at the same time as making it better.

I hear fans say they feel they are not currently represented. They feel the Supporters' Trust (CUOSC) doesn't do what they want it to.

I have always called on supporters to compare us with other clubs, to see what they have already, and take the opportunities having a shareholding in the club brings. In June 2021 in response to a fan question to CUSG, I said:

"In the new fan-led review - almost everyone connected with the game sees the vital role supporter trusts can play, and are looking to develop the role of fans in club decision making and governance."

At Carlisle, the club and the fans are already significantly ahead of almost all clubs; they are catching up with us. That is one reason why we lead in fan engagement. Our fans have the opportunity, they have the access and they have influence already.

It is incredible while the wider game is championing and looking to fan trusts to improve the game and their clubs, to safeguard against individual shareholder control, yet for some fans of CUFC they don't recognise the opportunity they already have in place.

Fans have the Trust to represent them at the heart of the club. On all matters including deals [takeovers].

NOT TODAY
OR ANY DAY



TOGETHER AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Football is a game of many opinions, but there is one that we must all share. There is no place for discrimination in our game. If you do not agree, then you are not welcome.

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CEO UPDATE WITH NIGEL CLIBBENS

CUOSC already plays a very important part in raising issues of concern to all our fans - not just its members or those voting at meetings - direct to the heart of the club and its directors and other shareholders.

It is not old friends together, contrary to reports. It provides supporter representation on both the club's boards and promotes sustainable stewardship of Carlisle United, both operationally and strategically. CUOSC's appointed directors challenge the club and Holdings board rigorously, holding them to account and giving oversight. The more effective CUOSC is, the better all round.

It is crucial to recognise, like all supporter trusts with minority control and all supporter trust directors, CUOSC faces challenges of confidentiality in engaging and communicating with fans, and balancing its EFL and legal directors' fiduciary duties to the club, along with confidentiality to third parties.

That applies whichever individual from CUOSC is involved, and won't change with different representatives.

Different fans want to engage in different ways. Not every fan engages by social media, forums or email, or coming to meetings. Not every fan wants to be an activist or be one voice in a group of hundreds. One size doesn't fit all.

Everyone's has to feel comfortable and welcome by the club and fellow fans, with their voice and opinions allowed to be heard, listened to, valued and represented. It is our job to make that happen - so we do. That's why we formed CUSG and why we have so many different routes to engage with us.

Driving up numbers in CUOSC brings a welcome opportunity to help reinvigorate and bring fresh ideas. I welcome that, indeed CUOSC has been calling for new blood, but struggled to get it in. But beware, increasing member numbers doesn't make that challenge get any easier and more members does not necessarily mean better representation.

Fan views and opinions in football are very wide and diverse - to collect them all up from a large membership, then distil them all down again to get a consensus and then draw conclusions is not easy.

Certainly, exchanging one set of opinions that don't align with what some fans want, with another set of opinions that those same fans do support, and then calling them 'the fans' views' is not being representative either, it's the same problem with different people at the table.

How do you make the supporters' trust more representative of the wider United fanbase is the challenge? How do you get and keep the diversity of opinion as numbers grow? And how do you know whether you are representative or not? These are all important questions, so it's the more fans involved the better.

The club remains fully committed to being open and welcoming for all, and to have the best fan engagement and inclusivity and diversity, and to listen to as many fans as we can.

We hope more fans become involved via the various Supporters' groups and Supporters' Trust.





BIG MATCH DETAILS

CARLISLE UNITED v SWINDON TOWN

SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2022 • KICK OFF 3PM



CARLISLE UNITED

SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER – KEITH MILLEN

	Start	Gls	Sub	Yell	Red
1 Magnus Norman					
2 Kelvin Mellor					
3 Jack Armer					
4 Danny Devine					
5 Rod McDonald					
6 Dynel Simeu					
7 Joe Riley					
8 Callum Guy (C)					
9 Lewis Alessandra					
10 Jamie Devitt					
11 Brennan Dickenson					
12 Jon Mellish					
13 Lukas Jensen					
14 Tristan Abrahams					
15 Taylor Charters					
16 Morgan Feeney					
17 Corey Whelan					
18 Josh Dixon					
19 Manasse Mampala					
20 Gime Touré					
21 Scott Simons					
22 Gabriel Breeze					
23 Lewis Bell					
24 Tobi Sho-Silva					
25 Sam Fishburn					
26 Jack Ellis					
27 Jordan Gibson					
28 Mitchell Roberts					
29 Tyrese Omotoye					
30 Omari Patrick					
31 Kristian Dennis					
32 Joel Senior					
33 Mark Howard					
37 Owen Windsor					

MANAGER – BEN GARNER

	Start	Gls	Sub	Yell	Red
1 Jojo Wollacott					
2 Akin Odimey					
3 Ellis Iandolo					
4 Dion Conroy					
5					
6 Mathieu Baudry					
7 Ben Gladwin					
8 Jordan Lyden					
9 Josh Davison					
10 Jack Payne					
11 Harry McKirdy					
12 Lewis Ward					
13					
14 Brandon Cooper					
15 Emmanuel Idem					
16 Jake O'Brien					
17 Jayden Mitchell-Lawson					
18					
19 Louie Barry					
20 Jonny Williams					
21					
22					
23 Joe Tomlinson					
24 Rob Hunt					
25 Louis Reed					
26 Ryan East					
27					
28 Ricky Aguiar					
29 Harry Parsons					
30 Mohammad Dabre					
31 Donell Gordon					
32 George Cowmeadow					
33 Levi Francis					
34 Harrison Minturn					

ALSO PLAYING TODAY

Exeter City	v	Barrow
Forest Green Rovers	v	Walsall
Harrogate Town	v	Leyton Orient
Hartlepool United	v	Sutton United
Newport County	v	Mansfield Town
Northampton Town	v	Colchester United
Oldham Athletic	v	Bradford City
Salford City	v	Crawley Town
Scunthorpe United	v	Rochdale
Stevenage	v	Bristol Rovers
Tranmere Rovers	v	Port Vale

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE		Oliver Langford
ASST. REFEREE		Paul Hodson
ASST. REFEREE		Nik Barnard
4TH OFFICIAL		Andy Haines
OBSERVER		Iain Siddall

NEXT HOME GAME **ROCHDALE**
TUESDAY 1 MARCH - KICK OFF 7.45PM

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