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FROM THE CHAIRMAN ANDREW JENKINS

I would like to give a warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of Sutton United who come to Brunton Park this afternoon for the very first time.

I do hope they enjoy their visit, but we have to try and reverse the result which they inflicted on us earlier in the season. For their first campaign in the Football League they have been really successful, and must have enjoyed the season so far.

It will be good to see Richie Bennett and Dean Bouzanis again. Both have played their part in Sutton's good run recently and we'll have to be on our game today to deal with a side full of confidence.

Last Saturday was very disappointing for us when, after such a good run of results, we came a cropper at Forest Green. They are the league leaders, and we were shown why they are in that position with the way they kept going.

On the day I felt we were very much in the game until the second goal went in, and we attempted to push forward to level up the scores. Unfortunately this didn't happen, and we fell apart through the last 20 minutes or so.

As Keith said in his interviews after the game, we were far too open and a team playing at the top of their game will punish you. What we mustn't lose sight of is the fact that we have made significant improvements under the new manager, and it's important that we dust ourselves off and get going again.

I'm not sure how Forest Green are funding their squad, but someone must be putting money in to cover what must be a large wage bill, playing in front of small crowds. We can't complain, but we are not in the same position as some as we fight to bring new players in to boost the squad.

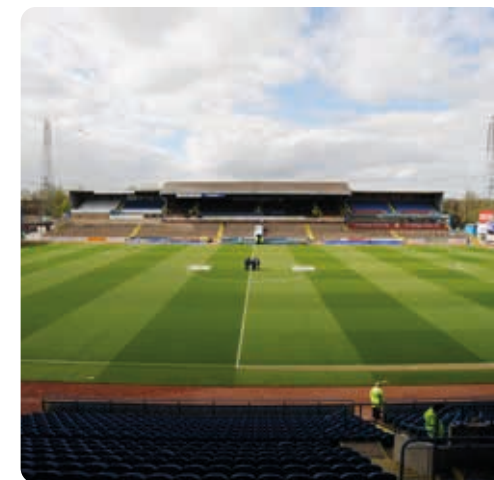
Prior to the game today we will be remembering fans who have passed away in recent months. This is something we did recently, which went down really well, and we do intend to repeat this periodically in the future.



I do hope the manager and staff are successful in bringing in more new faces, but with clubs not releasing players so easily due to covid, it's making it a difficult process.

Back to today's game and we hope to get back to the improved form we were enjoying.

Andrew Jenkins



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Good afternoon and welcome to our Saturday game against Sutton. I welcome Matt, his players and staff to Brunton Park for what we expect to be a very good game.

They come here full of confidence, having built up a six-game unbeaten league run and, of course, having had good results in the Papa John's Trophy, which earned them a last eight home tie with Harrogate on Tuesday night.

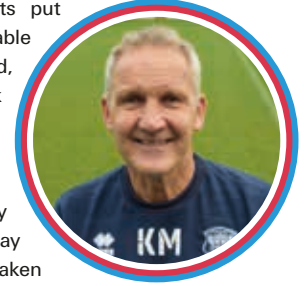
They've carried the momentum of last season's National League title campaign well into this season, and they are proving to be a very hard team to beat. As ever we've done our work on them, and our job this afternoon is to make sure what we do is effective.

As we highlighted after the game at Forest Green, it's particularly important that we have purpose to what we do both with and without the ball. We saw last Saturday that we were the better side in the first 45 minutes, but that counts for nothing if you aren't finding a consistent end product.

Much of what we want to do tactically and as a team is there, but we know we have to get better. We can't keep talking about being in good areas without having created the types of chances that either lead to goals, or put the opposition on the back-foot because they know the crosses or shooting opportunities are going to come.

We've talked about it as a group, and within that we've reminded the players that it's important not to lose sight of the good things they've been doing, and on the steps that have already been taken from where we were when I got here in November.

Those improvements put us high in the form table prior to last weekend, and it's getting back to and maintaining those standards that will get us going again. I've been really pleased with the way the players have taken on board the things we've worked on, and what we're asking them to do, and if we keep putting those demands on ourselves and each other we'll be more than fine.



Something I don't mind repeating is my thanks to all of you for the support you continue to give. The atmosphere at our home games has made it a really enjoyable place to be, at the same time as making things uncomfortable for the visiting team. That's exactly what we asked for, and the response has been magnificent.

It's the same when we go away. It doesn't matter how far we go, or what the weather is doing, you're there to cheer us on and it really is hugely appreciated by us all.

Enjoy the game,
Keith Millen

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THE OPPOSITION



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MANAGER MATT GRAY



Appointed to his first managerial position in May 2019 after the departure of Paul Doswell, he guided Sutton to the National League championship at the end of his second season. He originally joined the coaching staff the previous December having previously had spells as assistant manager in the National League at Eastleigh, and in League Two with Aldershot and Crawley. As a player he began his career with Tottenham Hotspur and played for Cardiff City, Hayes and Havant & Waterlooville before forced to retire early through injury.



STAR MAN DAVID AJIBOYE



Matt Gray's first signing as Sutton manager when he joined at the end of May 2019 having finished the previous season as leading scorer for Worthing, scoring sixteen goals in the Isthmian League. An exciting striker or winger whose pace is a threat to any team, he played at Under 23 level for Brighton and Millwall before joining Worthing at the start of the 2018-19 season. Named in the National League Team of the Season last season and made his 100th Sutton appearance earlier this season.



THE OPPOSITION



SUTTON UNITED THE SQUAD



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DEAN BOUZANIS
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2
JON BARDEN
DF



3
BEN WYATT
DF



4
COBY ROWE
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5
BEN GOODLIFFE
DF



6
LOUIS JOHN
DF



7
DAVID AJIBOYE
FW



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KENNY DAVIS
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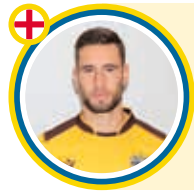


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OMAR BUGIEL
FW



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HARRY BEAUTYMAN
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THE OPPOSITION



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WILL
RANDALL
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STUART
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GK



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BRAD
HOUSE
GK



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CRAIG
DUNDAS
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THE OPPOSITION



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RICHIE
BENNETT
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KYLIAN
KOUASSI
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29
ALISTAIR
SMITH
MF





SUTTON UNITED 4 – 0 CARLISLE UNITED

Saturday 25 September 2021



Referee: Simon Mather
Attendance: 2,873 (480 away fans)

SUTTON UNITED: Bouzanis, Goodliffe (Rowe 81), John, Ajiboye, Eastmond (c), Boldewijn, Kizzi, Milsom, Wilson (Olaofe 66), Bennett (Bugiel 80), Smith. Subs - Chalupniczak (gk), Wyatt, Beautyman, Randall.

Goals - Wilson (3), Smith (37, 70), Ajiboye (81)
 Booking - Goodliffe (56)

CARLISLE UNITED: Norman, Mellor (Mampala 53), Whelan, McDonald, Armer (Young 62), Mellish, Guy (c), Riley, Gibson (Clough 76), Alessandra, Dickenson. Subs - Jensen (gk), Devine, Charters, Feeney.

Bookings - Mampala (56 & 71 - sent off), Dickenson (56)



United made their first ever trip to Gander Green Lane in late summer 2021 and it turned into a very sobering experience.

The hosts had the lead with just three minutes on the clock when Ajiboye used Bennett to create space. The wide man employed pace off the striker's touch, as he bent his run into the area, and he feinted to cross to shrug off his marker before then sending it hard at the near post. Donovan Wilson had followed the move and he managed to bundle it over the line from close range.

The visitors tried to rally and a long throw from Riley pinged around in front of Alessandra and Mellish, but the U's broke and Boldewijn strode past Mellor.

His cross was cut out, but play was spread to Ajiboye on the right flank and a fierce drive from him rattled the outside of the post.

Left back Jack Armer won a free kick tight by the touchline after he'd gone on a sprint, and Guy's delivery needed a claw from Bouzanis as it threatened to dip beneath the bar. Alessandra recycled it, but it was sent to safety before McDonald could put a head to it.

The home side were a whisker away from a second strike on 16 minutes when Milsom whipped a free kick from wide to the far post. Bennett was there with the header but he somehow only managed to find the side netting, with Norman committed and stranded off his line.

Carlisle fashioned another good move when Gibson pulled wide for a through ball from Alessandra. His cut back was met by Mellish but Bouzanis was down smartly to touch the ball around the post. McDonald jumped highest for the corner, but his header rose skywards from the off.

Trickery from Ajiboye saw him bully his way to a punt as Sutton came again, and that was a warning shot across the bows as Wilson calmly fed a rolled pass into the path of Alistair Smith, when the ball was turned over in midfield. A crisp, accurate connection

took the ball past the dive from Norman and into the bottom corner.



The Cumbrians should have got something just before the break when a burst from Guy saw him get it to Mellish. A quick touch from him invited Dickenson to cross, and the first time teaser of a swipe whisked invitingly across the face of the target. Alessandra and Mellish were there but neither could make contact.

Norman was needed on 54 minutes when Ajiboye broke from inside his own box from a cleared Guy corner. A thunderbolt was top corner bound until a strong hand got in the way.

Norman was at full length again when a ricochet off Whelan from a Milsom cross on the run spooned into the air. Wilson waited an age for it to come his way and his 12-yard volley was bang in line. A block and a quick recovery from the keeper kept the nets untroubled.

The resulting corner went very deep, and Kizzi cushioned it as he picked out Smith. He was frustrated with himself when he popped his close range header over the bar.



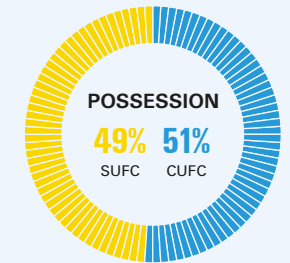
Sutton bagged their third with 20 minutes left to play when Olaofe came out of a tussle with Whelan with the ball at his feet. He waited for support, and that came through Alistair Smith when he called for the pass. A firm cruncher whistled into the bottom corner as he kept his eye on his strike.

The afternoon got worse for the visitors when Mampala clashed with Kizzi as they both went for a high ball, and the referee deemed it to be a bookable contact as he sent the substitute from the field of play.

The nippy David Ajiboye rubbed salt into the wounds when he unexpectedly found himself with just Norman to beat, having initially dabbled hopefully at a through ball. He bided his time before putting it away.

Joe Riley put one into the hands of Dean Bouzanis in time added on, but it was the league new boys who celebrated their victory as the final whistle went.

MATCH STATS



TOTAL SHOTS



SHOTS ON TARGET



CORNERS



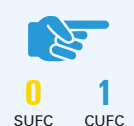
FOULS



BOOKINGS



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ATTENDANCE





As yet, there is only one tiny EFL connection between our two clubs – our 0-4 defeat at their place 19 weeks ago.

Carlisle started that game one point ahead of Sutton in mid-table but the two Uniteds have since gone in opposite directions.

Player connections are Gime Touré who scored 7 goals in his 41 games for The U's in 2018/19 and **Richie Bennett** who scored twice in their first EFL win and a couple of weeks ago fired in the stoppage time equaliser at Stevenage.



Although we have never met in the FA Cup, Sutton's most successful seasons mirror Carlisle's. As FA Amateur Cup finalists in 1969, Sutton came into the 69/70 FA Cup at the First Round Proper and beat fellow non-league clubs Dagenham, Barnet and Hillingdon.

The fourth round draw gave Sutton a home tie with Leeds United and somehow they squeezed 14,000 spectators into Gander Green Lane (present capacity 7032) to witness a 0-6 defeat. Leeds went on to the final losing 2-1 to Chelsea in a replay. Sutton enjoyed impressive cup campaigns again in 87/8 and 88/9.

In 1987 they won 4 Qualifying Rounds and then disposed of league opposition in Aldershot and Peterborough before bowing out 0-1 in a Round 3 replay at Middlesbrough after a 1-1 draw at home. This earned exemption to the 4th Qualifying Round for 88/9 when Sutton were held 1-1 at home by local rivals Walton and Hesham but won the replay 3-0. Trips to non-league rivals Dagenham and Aylesbury were safely negotiated 4-0 and 1-0 and the third round home win 2-1 v Coventry City (Wembley winners just 20 months earlier) met with wide acclaim.

Probably nobody paid much attention to the subsequent 8-0 thrashing by Norwich City.

Carlisle were exempt to Round 3 during their time in Divisions 1 and 2 so frequently made it to round 4. Round 5 was reached in 1970 and 1973. The best progress was in the First Division season of 74/5, although a 1-0 home defeat by Second Division Fulham in Round 6 must have been an anti-climax. In 2016/17 Sutton enjoyed one more glorious FA Cup run as a non-league club. They beat Forest Green Rovers, Dartford, Cheltenham, AFC Wimbledon and, most satisfying of all, Leeds United, before losing 2-0 to eventual winners, Arsenal.

June 2022 will see the 50th anniversary of Carlisle's almost successful Anglo-Italian Cup tournament and the London Branch Supporters have produced a splendid commemorative T-shirt. Many of our older supporters may remember the home games with Roma (3-3) and Catanzaro (4-1) which followed wins the previous week in Italy, 3-2 v Roma at the Stadio Olimpico and 1-0 at Catanzaro. However, Blackpool had 4 wins and, as best English team, earned a place in the final where Roma beat them 4-1.

A few years later English fifth tier and Italian third tier semi-professional clubs competed in a similar tournament which Sutton United won in 1979 beating Chieti 2-1 in the Final. In 1980 they reached the final without conceding a goal, only to draw 0-0 with Triestina and lose on penalties.

In 1982 it was a four club competition and Sutton beat Triestina 4-1 on penalties after another 0-0 draw but lost 1-0 in the Final to Modena. This defeat followed a run of 7 games unbeaten on Italian soil and as the event was soon discontinued, Sutton are the only English winners.

Now for some trivia! Every league club, with one exception, has competed for at least one season in the same Division as Carlisle. Which club have we not met in a league game?

Think 1973/4 promotion and relegation – as Carlisle went up to Division One for their only season in the top-flight, a certain Denis Law scored a goal for Manchester City which relegated Manchester United. 12 months later the two Uniteds swapped places again so The Blues have never played a league game at Old Trafford and The Reds have not been to Brunton Park on league business.

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2021/22		0-4

Games Played: 1
Carlisle Wins: 0
Sutton Wins: 1
Draws: 0





SCORES AND RESULTS

CARLISLE UNITED IN 1982/83

FRIENDLIES

04 Aug 1982	A	Berwick	W	2-0
06 Aug 1982	H	Sunderland	W	3-0
09 Aug 1982	A	Queen of the South	W	4-3
13 Aug 1982	H	Bristol Rovers	L	2-3
16 Aug 1982	A	Workington	W	3-0
18 Aug 1982	H	York	W	3-1
08 Mar 1983	A	Netherfield	W	4-3

LEAGUE CUP

31 Aug 1982	H	Bolton Wanderers	D	3-3
14 Sep 1982	A	Bolton Wanderers	L	0-4

FA CUP

08 Jan 1983	H	Burnley	D	2-2
11 Jan 1983	A	Burnley	L	1-3

SECOND DIVISION TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Queens Park Rangers ▲	42	26	7	9	77	36	41	85
2	Wolverhampton W ▲	42	20	15	7	68	44	24	75
3	Leicester City ▲	42	20	10	12	72	44	28	70
4	Fulham	42	20	9	13	64	47	17	69
5	Newcastle United	42	18	13	11	75	53	22	67
6	Sheffield Wednesday	42	16	15	11	60	47	13	63
7	Oldham Athletic	42	14	19	9	64	47	17	61
8	Leeds United	42	13	21	8	51	46	5	60
9	Shrewsbury Town	42	15	14	13	48	48	0	59
10	Barnsley	42	14	15	13	57	55	2	57
11	Blackburn Rovers	42	15	12	15	58	58	0	57
12	Cambridge United	42	13	12	17	42	60	-18	51
13	Derby County	42	10	19	13	49	58	-9	49
14	CARLISLE UNITED	42	12	12	18	68	70	-2	48
15	Crystal Palace	42	12	12	18	43	52	-9	48
16	Middlesbrough	42	11	15	16	46	67	-21	48
17	Charlton Athletic	42	13	9	20	63	86	-23	48
18	Chelsea	42	11	14	17	51	61	-10	47
19	Grimsby Town	42	12	11	19	45	70	-25	47
20	Rotherham United ▼	42	10	15	17	45	68	-23	45
21	Burnley ▼	42	12	8	22	56	66	-10	44
22	Bolton Wanderers ▼	42	11	11	20	42	61	-19	44

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS

28 Aug 1982	A	Derby County	W	3-0
04 Sep 1982	H	Grimsby Town	L	2-3
07 Sep 1982	A	Burnley	L	1-4
11 Sep 1982	A	Leicester City	L	0-6
18 Sep 1982	H	Crystal Palace	W	4-1
25 Sep 1982	A	Cambridge United	D	1-1
28 Sep 1982	H	Sheffield Wednesday	W	4-2
02 Oct 1982	H	Wolverhampton Wanderers	L	0-2
09 Oct 1982	H	Charlton Athletic	W	4-1
16 Oct 1982	A	Leeds United	D	1-1
23 Oct 1982	A	Oldham Athletic	L	3-4
30 Oct 1982	H	Chelsea	W	2-1
06 Nov 1982	A	Blackburn Rovers	L	2-3
13 Nov 1982	H	Rotherham United	D	2-2
20 Nov 1982	H	Newcastle United	W	2-0
27 Nov 1982	A	Queens Park Rangers	L	0-1
04 Dec 1982	H	Shrewsbury Town	L	2-3
11 Dec 1982	A	Barnsley	D	2-2
18 Dec 1982	H	Fulham	W	3-2
27 Dec 1982	A	Bolton Wanderers	L	0-1
28 Dec 1982	H	Middlesbrough	L	1-3
01 Jan 1983	A	Newcastle United	D	2-2
03 Jan 1983	A	Grimsby Town	L	1-2
15 Jan 1983	H	Derby County	W	3-0
22 Jan 1983	A	Sheffield Wednesday	D	1-1
05 Feb 1983	H	Leicester City	L	0-1
12 Feb 1983	A	Wolverhampton Wanderers	L	1-2
19 Feb 1983	A	Charlton Athletic	D	0-0
26 Feb 1983	H	Leeds United	D	2-2
05 Mar 1983	H	Oldham Athletic	D	0-0
12 Mar 1983	A	Chelsea	L	2-4
19 Mar 1983	H	Blackburn Rovers	W	3-1
26 Mar 1983	A	Rotherham United	W	2-1
02 Apr 1983	A	Middlesbrough	L	0-1
05 Apr 1983	H	Bolton Wanderers	W	5-0
09 Apr 1983	A	Crystal Palace	L	1-2
16 Apr 1983	H	Burnley	D	1-1
23 Apr 1983	A	Shrewsbury Town	L	1-2
30 Apr 1983	H	Queens Park Rangers	W	1-0
03 May 1983	H	Cambridge United	D	2-2
07 May 1983	A	Fulham	L	0-2
14 May 1983	H	Barnsley	D	1-1

WINNERS

First Division: Liverpool ►

Second Division: Queens Park Rangers

Third Division: Portsmouth

Fourth Division: Wimbledon

Scottish Premier Division: Dundee United

FA Cup Final: Manchester United 4-0 Brighton & Hove Albion

League Cup Final: Liverpool 2-1 Manchester United

Scottish Cup Final: Aberdeen ◀ 1-0 Rangers

European Cup Final: Hamburg SV 1-0 Juventus



ODDS & ENDS

Top Movie: ET the Extra Terrestrial ►

Top Single: Come On Eileen (Dexy's Midnight Runners)

Top Album: Thriller (Michael Jackson) ◀



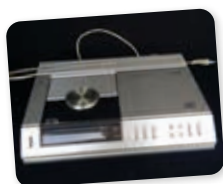
IN THE NEWS

August: The first compact disc ◀ (CD) was manufactured after being jointly developed by Sony and Phillips.

October: King Henry VIII favourite warship 'Mary Rose' ► was raised from the Solent after 437 resting on the seabed. Her remains are now on display in Portsmouth.

January: Frank Bough, Selina Scott and Nick Ross launched the UK's first breakfast television programme ◀ on BBC1.

May: Aberdeen ► beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the European Cup Winners Cup Final to become the third club in Scotland to win a European trophy.



Good afternoon and welcome to our game against Sutton United.

A huge welcome today to our match sponsor, Story Homes, associate sponsor, Hangman Products UK, and our match ball sponsors, Premier Electrical and Beaches Logistics.

We hope you all have an enjoyable day 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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Congratulations to our Crawley Town Vesta Wealth Man of the Match, Rod McDonald, who was presented with his champagne by Lee Doswell.

Congratulations also to Hartlepool United Vesta Wealth Man of the Match, Morgan Feeney, who was presented with his champagne by Ethan Percival and Jono Simpson.



STAG PARTY

Congratulations to Nick (Locke) for signing a long-term contract with his wife to be Toni. All the best and well done on beating your VL. The Stag Party.



FOXY'S RESTAURANT

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For further information on any of the above contact our commercial team on **03300 945 930 (option 3)** or email commercial@carlisleunited.co.uk - they will be happy to help with any of questions or enquiries.

Enjoy the game! **Jenny, Anne-Marie and Martyn in the Commercial Department**

Remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us:

ASHLEY HUTTON

Our father Ashley passed away on Tuesday 31 August last year. He supported Carlisle for over 55 years and had a scalf on his coffin, exactly how he would have wanted it. He is a sadly missed husband, grandfather, great grandfather and dad.



Jonathan and Matthew Hutton

CHRIS ALLASON

Chris Allason was a supporter of more than 50 years. He and I stood in paddock for pretty much every home game I ever attended and made dozens of away trips over the years. He is sorely missed, and it would mean a lot to me to have him remembered at the game.

He passed on 5 October 2021, just a few days after his 70th birthday.

Matt Allason

Sadly Chris lost his battle with cancer last October. He was a true Blue, through & through. Together we went to every home game possible, I have not attended a match since, and this would be the tonic much-needed to get me back to Brunton Park. Cheers for the inspiration and motivation in allowing us to remember our loved ones.

Richard Wood

MARTIN BURLEIGH



Carlisle United were deeply saddened to learn that former Blues stopper Martin Burleigh died at the age of 70. The Willington-born keeper came to Brunton Park at the start of the 1975/76 campaign with the Cumbrians having just dropped out of the top-flight.

He played the first 14 league games of that season in nets, before giving way to Allan Ross for the remainder of that campaign. He deputised for Ross for a run of 12 fixtures the following year.

MICHAEL DAVID CROOK

Watching the blues from above wearing his Carlisle cap, we'll win the golden gamble for you one day! Loved and missed by all the family.

Matt Crook



DEREK GOLDING

RIP. Reunited with Maggie, we miss you both.

Kai Thompson



MARTIN HUDSON

Martin, 61, passed peacefully after a short illness at Dorothy House Hospice, Wiltshire. Son of Margaret and the late Eric, and brother to Stephen, Stuart and the late Graeme,



he was a loving father to Ellie and Alice. Also a much-loved brother-in-law, cousin, nephew and uncle, he was partner of Angie.

Martin was a lifelong season ticket holder at Brunton Park and was brought to games by his father Eric (who was a golden gamble salesman and match day boardroom ambassador) from an early age.

GLEN SANDERSON

Life-long fan sadly lost but never forgotten. A beloved son, brother, uncle, great uncle and Best Friend.

Miss you Marra, *Steven Birtwistle*



TONY PEERS

Much-loved husband, dad, son, brother and uncle, you left a massive hole in our lives. We will never forget you ❤️.

Arthur Peers

JOE LAIDLAW

Carlisle United were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of former-Blue Joe Laidlaw, at the age of 71. Joe, a tough and combative midfield figure, played for United between 1972 and 1976 and was a prominent part of the squad that got promoted to, and played in, the top-flight during that season in the sun in 1974/75.

Indeed he finished as the club's top scorer with 12 strikes that season, having notched in the 2-0 victory over Aston Villa the season before - claiming club legend status at the time - the game that secured the Cumbrians their spot in Division One.



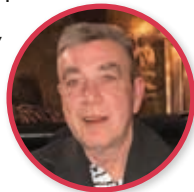
A player who could play on either wing, or through the middle, he was brought to Brunton Park having cut his teeth with Middlesbrough, where his no-nonsense approach caught the eye of a host of scouts.

JOHN MACMILLAN

October 1957 - October 2021

A much-loved papa, father, brother, friend and well-known local tradesman. He was sadly taken away too early.

Stephen Jewitt



RAY EDGAR

I went to the funeral at Poulton le Fylde, near Blackpool, of a 91-year-old lifelong United supporter on Friday 21 January.

Until Covid he drove up to Carlisle every home match, picking up a friend in Penrith (a Newcastle supporter who had been persuaded by Ray to take up a season ticket at Brunton Park).

During the eulogy we were told that Ray had a season ticket in the Pioneer Stand - row 9 seat 350 something - and that his seat even had his name on it!

I told the relatives I would ask for his name to be included in the Memoriam celebration at the Sutton game.

He was much-loved and will be missed by his family.

David Dent

JOSEPH 'GRAEME' SMALLWOOD

RIP from *Tom Smallwood*



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.



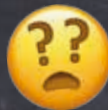
IT'S SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!

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



NOW THAT'S A CONUNDRUM!

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



I I P A T O M A R R C K

MY MINI MATCH REPORT

Carlisle United v
Sutton United
Saturday 29 January 2022



Name: _____

Age: _____

The Final Score:

United - Sutton

The starting lineup was:

The goals were scored by:

These players got booked:

I watched the match from:

The best part of the match 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!

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

SPOT THE BALL

Can you tell where the ball is in this picture?



JOKES!



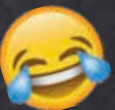
What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear!



Why are ghosts so bad at lying?
You can see right through them!



Why can't an egg tell a joke?
Because he'd crack up!



SQUAD NUMBER MATHS



HEAD MASH-UP

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



BOOTS

Who do these boots belong to?



COVERED UP

Can you tell who this is?



GUESS THE CREST

Can you work out which crests these are?




ANSWERS


Conundrum: Omari Patrick
Spot the Ball: A
Squad Number Maths: 1
Boots: Jack Armer
Covered Up: Lewis Alessandra
Head Mash-Up: hair – Brennan Dickenson, eyes/nose – Callum Guy, mouth – Mark Howard
Guess the Crest: Forest Green, Harrogate, Newport



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Midfielder
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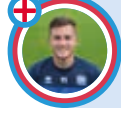
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Midfielder
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9. LEWIS ALESSANDRA
Striker
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Striker
Sponsor: Tim & Phil



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Midfielder
Sponsor: William Lawrie

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12. JON MELLISH
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Sponsor: Nathan Oggers



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Striker
Sponsor: Chandler Caudill



23. LEWIS BELL
Midfielder
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Sponsor: Bruce & Kathryn Vander Taylor




29. TYRESE OMOTOYE
Striker
Sponsor: Pete Blue



30. OMARI PATRICK
Striker
Sponsor: Ian & Samantha Jones



32. JOEL SENIOR
Defender
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33. MARK HOWARD
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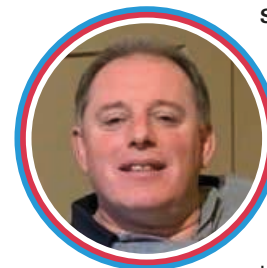
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CHANGES ARE NOT ALWAYS FOR THE BEST



Supporter Liaison Officer (SLO) Simon Clarkson visits the topic of 4G pitches and whether it is time to allow them in the EFL.

Our visitors today, Sutton United as well as Harrogate, have both had to reluctantly get rid of their 4G pitches when they were promoted to the EFL and have had to wave goodbye to their crucial income stream. Both clubs have a strong community connection and used their pitches daily to help generate a significant income from hire and hospitality.

It does seem strange – especially at a time of financial hardship – that clubs, particularly in League Two and One, cannot have artificial pitches. It is interesting that World Cup games can be played on them, as can European games, FA Cup matches, but not games in League One or League Two.

This is because artificial surfaces have been banned from the EFL since 1995. But in fairness to the league's board, it is the clubs that have decided not to allow synthetic pitches to return. In 2014, in an EFL-wide ballot, 34 clubs voted for 3G pitches, 34 against with 4 abstentions, so the regulations were not changed – but in 2018 a majority of teams were against.

So, what accounts for the reluctance of EFL clubs? From my research, although they are considered beneficial to train on, especially during winter months, most players do not seem to like playing on the surfaces. Are they likely to cause more injuries? I have noticed that in rugby union there has been an increase in some players wearing tights, so maybe there is a concern about friction burns.

I wonder how the 4G pitches compare to grass in relation to climate change? I imagine making the pitches will be a big negative, but you do not need lawnmowers to cut it. I had never considered the impact on wildlife as I learnt that the 4G blocks access



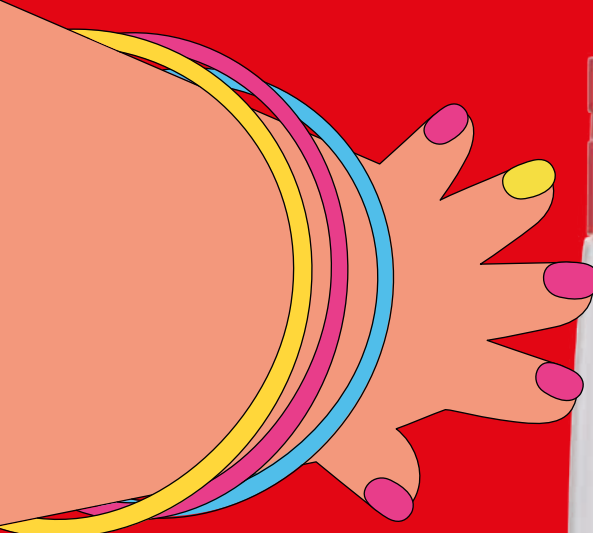
to the soil beneath for burrowing insects, such as solitary bees, and the ground above for soil dwellers such as worms, which will be starved of food beneath it. Fears have also been raised about suspected carcinogens within the product, although it must be stressed these are just allegations.

If the argument hinges on climate change, should it be the deciding factor? I came away from our trip to Forest Green Rovers last weekend with a slightly different view. Life has got to be enjoyable, and I always find away days are. You meet mates, have a couple of beers, and support your club. Unfortunately, that was not my experience last weekend. The away coach could not park at the ground, so it was a 25-minute yomp up a steep hill, there was no paper programme to read, no bar to get a drink and vegan only options to eat.

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Football Development Scholarship: Our Scholars have had mixed results since coming back after Christmas with Elite A team losing 4-2 to Preston North End A and winning 1-0 against Accrington Stanley A. Our Development B team lost 7-2 to Preston North End B, but gained a point in a thrilling 6-6 draw against Rochdale D. This week we have Manchester City taking the trip up the M6 to play our Elite A team in the last 32 of the National EFL Cup.

USW: Our degree students have been back with us the last two weeks after their Christmas break. They have been back in the classroom for their lectures and out and about in the community with our CST staff gaining valuable work experience.

If you are interested in any of our Community Sports College courses call **01228 554 169** or email assistant.manager@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk

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We caught up with youth coach Eric Kinder this week to get his thoughts on last Saturday's 2-2 draw with Bolton.

"We started off very well and we looked like we were going to control the game," he said. "We made two horrendous mistakes for their goals.



"Sometimes you have half chances and you call it unlucky, but the chances we had on Saturday weren't just half chances, the finishing was poor."

On getting back into the run of things following the winter break, he told us: "Christmas is a hard period to come back from.

"In pre-season, when you play the first game of the season you've usually played five or six friendlies before you get to that point. We hadn't played since 18 December, before we played Walsall last week, and the first half was awful.

"We got through it in the second half, but the period after Christmas is always difficult. It always takes a couple of games to get back into the rhythm of it, but if we want to finish in the top three or even at the top this season we can't afford to drop many more points.

"We felt after the game that it was two points dropped, even though we were 2-0 down."

"We're top of the league at the moment even though most teams around us have games in hand because of the way we've planned our fixtures," he commented. "If we keep winning, who knows, but that's up to them. I think we've got three massive games coming up in the next month or so, we play Blackpool, Salford and Preston and I think if we win those three games we give ourselves a real chance at the league.

"That leaves five games against teams we've already beaten this season. We are dropping silly points at the moment, so we need to stop that."

United - Simons, Potts (Nugent 46), M Bell, Carr, Ellis, Kilsby, Hardy, Watt, Bollado, L Bell, Taylor (Garvey 46). Subs - Breeze, Gordon, Hill.

Goals - Bollado (65), Watt (90)
Bookings - Watt (35), Ellis (60), Carr (65), Hardy (75)

"We missed chances again, but we got to half time at 1-0 down. We made a couple of changes at the break for tactical reasons. They actually scored again, so we were up against it.

"To be fair to them, they fought back really well. Nic [Bollado] bundled one over the line to get us back in the game. We got the equaliser late on when Charlie Watt got on the end of a great ball through from Dylan Garvey.

"I think it was the 99th minute due to the fact that Bolton were wasting time for the last 20 minutes of the game."

"We spoke to the lads after the game and I said to them it's always good to see them going right to the end," he continued. "They're used to winning and that can be a strength, as well as a weakness.

"They're not used to going a goal behind so it was new for them, and when we went two behind it was interesting to see how they reacted.

"The reaction we got was terrific. We absolutely battered them for the last 20 minutes, we had chance after chance even though we had to wait until late on to score, but they kept going. That's a good trait to have.

"We have to be more ruthless, we've said it a couple of times. Some of the chances we missed on Saturday were unacceptable.



YOUTH ALLIANCE NORTH-WEST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

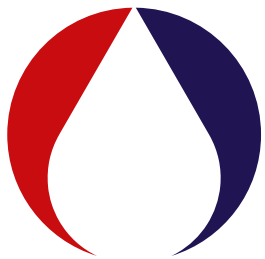
AS AT 20 JANUARY 2022	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Carlisle United	17	11	4	2	37	13	24	37
2 Preston North End	14	10	2	2	42	15	27	32
3 Blackpool	14	8	4	2	38	14	24	28
4 Salford City	12	8	2	2	37	17	20	26
5 Shrewsbury Town	12	7	0	5	21	18	3	21
6 Bolton Wanderers	14	5	5	4	28	21	7	20
7 Accrington Stanley	13	6	2	5	34	31	3	20
8 Tranmere Rovers	14	5	0	9	20	33	-13	15
9 Oldham Athletic	14	5	0	9	24	41	-17	15
10 Rochdale	12	3	4	5	17	17	0	13
11 Morecambe	15	4	1	10	16	40	-24	13
12 Fleetwood Town	13	3	2	8	12	27	-15	11
13 Port Vale	10	3	1	6	16	30	-14	10
14 Walsall	12	1	1	10	9	34	-25	4

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 5 Feb					
Sat 12 Feb	A	11am	Accrington Stanley		
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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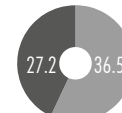
Carlisle are looking to avoid losing home and away in a single league campaign against the same newly promoted side for the first time since 2018-19.



Sutton won the reverse fixture against Carlisle in September 4-0, with that being their biggest ever Football League win to date.



GOALS



EXPECTED GOALS



GOALS CONCEDED



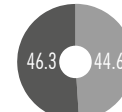
EXPECTED GOALS AGAINST



CLEAN SHEETS



SHOTS



AVERAGE POSSESSION %



SHOT CONVERSION RATE %



POINTS GAINED AFTER TRAILING



POINTS DROPPED AFTER LEADING

GOAL TIMES



SCORED

CONCEDED

0-15

4

4

16-30

0

6

31-45

5

8

46-60

1

4

61-75

2

4

76-90

7

7



SCORED

CONCEDED

0-15

5

3

16-30

6

6

31-45

6

5

46-60

3

4

61-75

10

5

76-90

11

10

Data excludes games played after January 24th



GOAL TALLY LEAGUE: 19 FA CUP: 3 CARABAO CUP: 0 EFL TROPHY: 7 TOTAL: 30

FIRST GOAL

Played	34
Carlisle United score first goal	12
Opponents score first goal	17
No goals scored	5
United score first goal and win	9
United score first goal and draw	3
United score first goal and lose	0
United fail to score	15
Opponents score first goal and win	14
Opponents score first goal and draw	3
Opponents score first goal and lose	0
Opponents fail to score	12

FORM GUIDE: HOME

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
Nov 30	Lincoln City	(PJT)	1-1 (4-3p)
Nov 27	Walsall	(SB2)	1-0

WON 2 DRAWN 3 LOST 1 F6 A4

IS THAT THE TIME ALREADY?

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	79-90
Conceded	6	8	9	4	4	10
Scored	5	0	6	4	5	10

FIRST HALF RECORD

Played 34 Won 5 Lost 15 Drawn 14

SECOND HALF RECORD

Played 34 Won 11 Lost 9 Drawn 14

HOW WE CREATED THE GOALS

Free Play 20 Corner 4 Free kick 3
Penalty 3 TOTAL 30

HOW WE SCORED THE GOALS

Header 6 Shot inside 18 Free kick 1
Penalty 3 Shot outside 2 Own goal 0 TOTAL 30

FORM GUIDE: AWAY

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
Dec 7	Mansfield Town	(SB2)	0-1
Nov 20	Exeter City	(SB2)	1-2

WON 2 DRAWN 0 LOST 4 F4 A7

PLAYER CAREER APPEARANCES FOR CARLISLE UNITED

PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		OTHER CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Tristan Abrahams	12 (8)	3	2	0	2 (3)	1	16 (11)	4
Lewis Alessandra	59 (14)	10	1 (2)	0	4	1	64 (16)	11
Jack Armer	46 (3)	1	3	0	7 (1)	1	56 (4)	2
Lewis Bell	0 (2)	0	0	0	2 (2)	0	2 (4)	0
Taylor Charters	3 (22)	0	0 (4)	0	6 (3)	1	9 (29)	1
Zach Clough	10 (6)	2	2	1	3 (1)	0	15 (7)	3
Daniel Devine	9 (8)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	15 (9)	0
Brennan Dickenson	29 (6)	3	1	0	2 (1)	0	32 (9)	3
Jonathan Dinzevi	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Josh Dixon	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (4)	0
Morgan Feeney	13 (3)	0	1	0	6	0	20 (3)	0
Sam Fishburn	3 (6)	0	0 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (10)	0
Jordan Gibson	17 (3)	4	1 (1)	1	2 (1)	1	20 (5)	6
Callum Guy	70 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	77 (3)	0
Mark Howard	15	0	2	0	3	0	20	0
Lukas Jensen	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	0
Manasse Mampala	0 (8)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (2)	1	4 (11)	1
Rod McDonald	52 (1)	1	2	0	4	0	58 (1)	1
Jon Mellish	78 (5)	14	6 (1)	3	8 (2)	2	92 (8)	19
Kelvin Mellor	14 (1)	0	3	1	3	1	17 (1)	1
Magnus Norman	14	0	0	0	1 (1)	0	15 (1)	0
Tyrese Omotoye	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Omari Patrick	35 (13)	8	2	0	1	0	38 (13)	8
Joe Riley	51 (6)	4	3	0	5 (3)	0	59 (9)	4
Joel Senior	1 (1)	0	0	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
Dynel Simeu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gime Touré	19 (18)	2	1	0	5	2	25 (18)	4
Corey Whelan	22 (1)	0	2	0	2 (2)	0	26 (3)	0
Brad Young	7 (7)	0	1 (1)	1	3 (1)	2	11 (9)	3

LEAGUE TWO TABLE

AS AT 24 JANUARY 2022	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Forest Green Rovers	25	16	7	2	51	21	30	55
2 Tranmere Rovers	26	14	6	6	28	15	13	48
3 Sutton United	26	13	5	8	41	33	8	44
4 Northampton Town	25	12	6	7	32	24	8	42
5 Newport County AFC	26	11	8	7	43	34	9	41
6 Swindon Town	25	11	8	6	40	31	9	41
7 Mansfield Town	25	12	5	8	35	31	4	41
8 Exeter City	25	10	10	5	37	26	11	40
9 Port Vale	24	10	6	8	36	27	9	36
10 Salford City	26	9	7	10	29	27	2	34
11 Harrogate Town	24	9	6	9	38	35	3	33
12 Bradford City	25	7	12	6	31	29	2	33
13 Leyton Orient	23	7	11	5	37	21	16	32
14 Crawley Town	25	9	5	11	29	35	-6	32
15 Bristol Rovers	23	8	6	9	30	34	-4	30
16 Hartlepool United	26	8	6	12	25	37	-12	30
17 Walsall	25	7	8	10	29	34	-5	29
18 Rochdale	24	6	10	8	30	32	-2	28
19 Stevenage	27	6	10	11	25	42	-17	28
20 CARLISLE UNITED	26	6	9	11	19	33	-14	27
21 Barrow	25	6	8	11	26	31	-5	26
22 Colchester United	25	6	7	12	22	35	-13	25
23 Scunthorpe United	26	3	10	13	19	45	-26	19
24 Oldham Athletic	25	4	6	15	22	42	-20	18

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	11 (7)	1	2		1	1		1
Jack Armer	24 (1)		7	1	4	6		1
Lewis Bell	0 (1)		2					
Taylor Charters	1 (8)		4 (4)	1				1
Zach Clough	10 (6)	2	5 (1)	1	2	4		3
Daniel Devine	4 (2)		4			1		
Brennan Dickenson	22 (3)	2	3 (1)		3	6		2
Jonathan Dinzevi	1		2					
Josh Dixon			2					
Morgan Feeney	10 (3)		7		2	2		
Sam Fishburn	3 (6)		2 (4)					
Jordan Gibson	17 (3)	4	3 (2)	2	2	1		6
Callum Guy	25		5		1	9		
Mark Howard	15		5			1		
Lukas Jensen	1		3					
Manasse Mampala	0 (8)		3 (4)	1	1	1	1	1
Rod McDonald	24	1	4		1	1		1
Jon Mellish	24	3	4 (1)		1	4	1	3
Kelvin Mellor	14 (1)		4	1		1		1
Magnus Norman	10					1		
Tyrese Omotoye	4					1		
Omari Patrick	2 (2)	1						1
Joe Riley	13 (2)	2	3 (3)		1			2
Joel Senior	1 (1)		0 (1)					
Dynel Simeu								
George Tanner	5		1					
Gime Touré	1 (2)		2			1		
Corey Whelan	22 (1)		4 (2)			3		
Brad Young	7 (7)		4 (2)	3	1			3
Own Goal								
TOTALS	199	19	11	11	46	2	30	



Following on from the Hartlepool programme, here is the remainder of the January update:

CASH

I said in my last update, up to the end of November 2021, our cash position had continued to improve. The balance at 30 June 2021 was already significantly increased on the £500k balance at 30

June 2020, and has grown since, as was detailed: www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/december/chief-exec-part-three

- By the end of 2021, the cash reserves we hold now are the biggest for nearly 20 years. Of course, this is to be judged in the context of some difficult previous years, and recent Football Fortune, but is critical we have it now. Maintaining reserves is essential given our funding model; self-funding ongoing annual trading losses and the absence of a benefactor to subsidise the club or cover emergencies, or unplanned events both on and off-the-field.
- The forecast trading loss in the second half of the year (as detailed above) means from the end of January 2022 until the year end in June 2022, we will now see cash payments each month being far in excess of our receipts. Extra football spending from January window increases this. Our cash reserves will reduce accordingly. This cycle is expected and normal every year (see page 36 of the document www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/220104-cufc-finances-v1.6.pdf)
- By continuing to be in a sound financial position, with cash reserves in the bank, it means the club can also still support the manager without any day-to-day money troubles. This includes the current window. The Holdings Board has reiterated its commitment to Keith, to make available whatever finance is needed to help him move the team up the division.
- Of course, on top of this spending, any debt repayments reduce our cash reserves for the future, and impact on the future spending we can afford, and the risks we then face.
- In football, with high fixed costs each month, cash can very quickly flow out and is very difficult to replace as we have seen in the past. Just because you have good year, there is

no guarantee on future player sales and cup runs next year, or that new cash will come in when you need it.

- While we have cash now, we must all remember the underlying risks our funding model carries, and remember the lessons from the recent past. Without the comfort of a benefactor to help provide financial cover for 'rainy days' we need to keep cash in reserve and replenish it, to avoid running out.
- No debt repayments have been made in the financial year 2021/22 so far, except £40k to the EFL:
 - o We have received no additional debt funding this half year. No new funding is planned from PurePay (last funding was May 2019) or externally from any other third parties in the rest of the year.
 - o We have no plans to make any other debt repayments at this time, including to PurePay (but interest continues to accrue on the PurePay loan).
 - o However, as detailed in the Holdings Board statement and in this update, the club is discussing the loan arrangements with PurePay. It cannot be ruled out that it will require cash repayments in the rest of 2022, and beyond.
- We have now settled all deferred VAT under the Government scheme to help businesses through Covid.
- Our trade creditors position remains good and continues to be with the liabilities being lowest in my time here.
- All our PAYE and VAT liabilities continue to be paid up in full and on time.

STADIUM

- Further painting of the west stand is ongoing. Next is the Sunset Suite.
- West stand upper floor electrical rewiring is continuing with the second phase of four (Sunset Suite) now complete. The next phase is the Sporting Inn, then Legends.
- Capital spending on the stadium is increased on safety works and critical renewals. This, however, is just to stand still. The Stadium remains the biggest off-the-field operational issue.
- In the New Year, I participated on behalf of the club, in further consultations with KKP Consultants over the Carlisle Playing Pitch Strategy, as the Carlisle City Council continues to develop its plans alongside the FA and Football Foundation over facilities in the area. Again, we championed the vision of a new Community Stadium as a focal point for a community football and sports hub.
- New fibre sheets to help improve frost protection, funded by CUSG, are being trialled at the Warwick Road End.

ACADEMY

- Our latest independent audit focused on being 'Safe to Operate' including safeguarding. This was successfully passed with very creditable feedback. Scholarships have been offered to U16's for the 2022 intake.



FAN LED REVIEW ("FLR")

Our thoughts on the possible implications for CUFC arising from the FLR were detailed in early December. www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/december/chief-exec-part-one

- We continue to make representations through 'Fair Game' and the EFL.
- The EFL has outlined its position to clubs, and the key themes are as follows:
 - o Regulation of the game cannot come without redistribution of income.
 - o Redistribution is not about handouts and seeking charity, the aim must be to make pyramid sustainable to benefit all including the PL. The EFL is not going to the PL with a begging bowl. We value the pyramid and its role in making the game and PL a success.
 - o EFL is engaging positively, collaborating with the FLR, taking a different approach to PL and FA.
 - o Boundaries of the independent regulator IREF are to be debated. It needs to encourage good owners and not discourage them.
- Clubs and fans and the pyramid must make voices heard with the politicians to counter those against change.
- We fully back the EFL on implementation of the FLR. We cannot let it be watered down or put on the shelf.

FAN SAFETY

- A full Safety Advisory Group inspection took place at Walsall game. Its findings were complimentary towards the club and its safety and crowd control.
- We suffered disruption at the Shrewsbury home match, including some throwing of objects, stopping the game. Four teenagers were identified by police and club safety staff as throwing balls, and they were ejected.
- These issues can carry consequences for all concerned. No action was taken against the club by football authorities this time, given how we managed the incidents. Some of the throwers have been subject to separate police action.

OWNERSHIP

In its statement in December (www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/december/club-holdings-board-statement) the Holdings Board said it "We will give regular updates as and when there is something substantive to report."

- The end of talks attracted widespread media interest and publicity, as expected - nationally as well as locally.
- No expressions of interest in taking over or investing in the club have been received since then.
- We have also not been contacted by potential investor requesting information as a first-step to doing that.
- The door remains open.

At the same time, the Holdings Board said it had "also entered

into discussions with PurePay Retail over the repayment of the loan facility." Of course, the outcome of the discussions on the PurePay loan will have vital consequences for any future investment or takeover of the club as it impacts on the funding required by anyone new. Regarding the loan:

- The Holdings Board first put a proposal to PurePay Retail (PPR) over the repayment in June 2020, in parallel with the separate ongoing takeover talks.
- In late November that was rejected by PPR, and a line was also drawn under takeover talks at the same time.
- Since then further suggestions were made by the club to PPR before Christmas. The club is awaiting a response.

Following the conclusion of the takeover talks it was also appropriate to undertake some simple routine legal housekeeping including filings at Companies House. These allow normal Holdings Board operations in accordance with the Companies Act. This formality is just part of the club complying with company law. The filings are public.

FAN ENGAGEMENT

- CEO and the two CUOSC board directors meet CUSG members on 13 December for a special, unplanned and additional meeting of supporter groups to discuss announcements made by the Holdings Board and CUOSC.



- This was the first opportunity for the supporter groups to directly discuss and raise initial questions. It was offered to give an early meeting for the fan groups to get together with some of those involved, rather than wait until after Christmas for the next scheduled meeting [10 January]. It was not the only opportunity, and fans can still ask the club any questions they have by getting in touch www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/may/fans-how-to-get-in-touch
- The minutes were published at www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/december/cusg-minutes-from-13-december-meeting
- I will take any further questions at the meeting on 10 January.

FAN QUERIES TO THE CLUB

Alongside the ongoing CUSG meetings with fan groups, I continue to answer direct fan questions received each month, on behalf of the club. This is in-line with the approach to Fan Engagement, and ways to get in touch, which can be read at www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/fan-engagement-june-21.pdf and www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/may/fans-how-to-get-in-touch

NOT TODAY
OR ANY DAY  EFL

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.

If you see or hear discrimination in this stadium, please report it to the nearest steward or via the Kick it Out App.

Because we are all

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Fans with concerns, please come in and speak to the board, or specific individuals, or go via CUSG, or the SLO. Details on how to get in touch are at www.carlisleunited.co.uk/news/2021/may/fans-how-to-get-in-touch

You can make your voice heard, you will be listened to. The door remains open.

The key issues raised directly by fans to the club since the last update have been:

FANS FORUM

- On-the-field football forum - is likely to be held after transfer window, date to be confirmed.
- Forums for directors and shareholders - are still to be scheduled as per EFL rules, date to be confirmed.

BANNERS

Questions on banners:

- A 'bed-sheet' was confiscated on safety grounds at the Shrewsbury game as it was in breach of the club banner policy, and our stadium safety licence. The position and approach to banners that was taken at the game was as I outlined previously.
- Nobody was ejected, except for throwing objects on the pitch to stop the game.
- Those ejected included two U18s who threw balls and appeared later in the Paddock holding the bed-sheet banner. Their ejection was not for having a banner, contrary to reports elsewhere.
- Again, contrary to reports, those ejected have not been banned by the club.
- On the matter of consistency of our approach to banners, every banner must comply with the Banner Policy that can read in section 10 of www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/210701-club-charter-202122-v2.4.pdf. This is well established, unchanged and visible on the website. All banners admitted at previous games complied with the policy (including those brought by away fans, including OAFCC).

COVID

- We currently have just over 50% of the first-team squad vaccinated, which is typical of EFL averages.
- In the run up to Christmas Day we suffered an increasing number of covid infections in the playing squad, and had some other players who were required to isolate with symptoms, and then later with infection. Alongside this we already had a number of existing injuries. This, combined with a relatively small squad, meant we fell within the EFL guidelines allowing games to be called off in exceptional circumstances. At the time of the call-offs:
 - o we had a squad list of 22 outfield players, plus three goalkeepers.
 - o we had five injuries plus one goalkeeper injury, leaving 17 outfield players and two goalkeepers.
 - o Covid protocol requirements ruled out six more outfielders.

- o this left just 11 outfielders and two goalkeepers.
- o this was below the minimum of 13 outfield players, plus a goalkeeper, as per the EFL protocol.
- Sufficient, not all, affected players were back for Scunthorpe, making them eligible once again.
- This impacted games, player training on return, and then the game-time as they regained match fitness, as Keith has outlined in his interviews.

TAKEOVER OF THE CLUB

- Individual shareholders are open to consider all offers whether investment or full takeover. CUOSC favours a change of control from a full takeover.
- Operationally, the end of talks has not resulted in any changes to how the club operates day-to-day, or individual involvement, roles or responsibilities. It is not envisaged for that to change, for any of person connected with EWM/Purepay.
- John Jackson's role was fully explained in a reply to Q4 in July 2021: www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/cusg-qs---mon-19th-july-2021.pdf
 - o The Commercial Funding Agreement with PurePay still exists, unchanged, and is operational regardless of the end of the separate takeover talks. The obligations of 1921 and PurePay remain and continue. Our debt to PurePay remains and continues. While we do not envisage any further advances, PurePay still has a very significant financial interest in 1921, as the largest debt provider and secured creditor.
 - o John was a Holdings Board director long before any takeover talks, there is no change in his role, and he remains a director after the end of the takeover talks.
- David Holdsworth role was not and remains unconnected to the takeover, he joined before the takeover talks and his work is operational and is therefore unchanged.
- In terms of the finance required to take-over the club, I explained the issues in Q11 of the November 2019 CUSG Q&A from fans. The core issues have not changed, and the detail is available for fans who want it: www.carlisleunited.co.uk/siteassets/documents/cusg-monthly-questions-november-2019.pdf

OTHER

- We report tickets sold as our 'attendance' figure in common with long established custom and practice across the entire EFL. We have no plans to additionally report the no-shows and coming into the ground.
- The WRE was closed for recent FA Cup ties on economic and operational grounds. The staff costs of opening could be saved, and the fans fully accommodated in the Paddock standing area. Stewarding resources are stretched due to Covid absences, and this avoids buying in extra staff. Going forward, opening for each cup game will again be considered on its own merits, and the situation at the time.



BIG MATCH DETAILS

CARLISLE UNITED v SUTTON UNITED

SATURDAY 29 JANUARY 2022 • KICK OFF 3PM



CARLISLE UNITED



SUTTON UNITED

MANAGER – KEITH MILLEN

MANAGER – MATT GRAY

	Start	Gl	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	Zach Clough				
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					
25	Sam Fishburn				
26	Jack Ellis				
27	Jordan Gibson				
28					
29	Tyrese Omotoye				
30	Omari Patrick				
32	Joel Senior				
33	Mark Howard				

	Start	Gl	Sub	Yell	Red
1	Dean Bouzanis				
2	Jon Barden				
3	Ben Wyatt				
4	Coby Rowe				
5	Ben Goodliffe				
6	Louis John				
7	David Ajiboye				
8	Kenny Davis				
9	Omar Bugiel				
10	Harry Beautyman				
11	Will Randall				
12	Stuart Nelson				
13	Brad House				
14	Craig Dundas				
15	Craig Eastmond				
16	Isaac Olaofe				
17	Tobi Sho-Silva				
18					
19	Ricky Korboa				
20	Enzio Boldewijn				
21					
22	Joe Kizzi				
23					
24	Rob Milsom				
25	Donovan Wilson				
26	Richie Bennett				
27	Kylian Kouassi				
28					
29	Alistair Smith				
30					

ALSO PLAYING TODAY

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

NEXT HOME GAME

PORT VALE
TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY - KICK OFF 7.45PM

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE		Darren Handley
ASST. REFEREE		Simon Clayton
ASST. REFEREE		Bradley Hall
4TH OFFICIAL		Paul Newhouse
OBSERVER		Michael Pike

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