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MANAGER'S NOTES

MATT TAYLOR

GOOD AFTERNOON AND
WELCOME TO TODAY'S SKY
BET LEAGUE TWO MATCH
WITH CREWE ALEXANDRA.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to David Artell, his staff, players and everyone connected with the club to St James Park.

We come into this match following a defeat on the road to Bury last weekend. It was a score line which, perhaps, did not reflect our efforts on the day, particularly in the second half. In the opening 45 minutes Bury were the better team and their pressure finally resulted in us going in at half-time 1-0 down.

However, our second half display saw us create some great opportunities to get back into the game. We perhaps didn't get that stroke of luck needed when things aren't necessarily going your way and the penalty save was another critical moment. As we looked to draw level and pushed bodies forward, we were then punished by a second goal which really took the game away from us. The travelling fans were excellent once again on what was a cold and wet day up north.

It is important that we take the positive elements of the second half into today's game with Crewe, who I am sure will be a very difficult opponent. As we have seen ourselves in recent weeks, anybody really can beat anybody in this league, and we will have to be at our best if we are to return to winnings ways this afternoon.

We cannot hide away from the run



we have been on. The early season showed what we are capable of if we are all fully fit and firing but the tough environment of League Two football will always ask any team constant questions. My confidence in this group of players has not changed in any form and I would hope the same for the fans. The work we are doing behind the public eye is testament to the group and together we can enjoy the second half of the season.

We will soon be in the midst of our busy Christmas schedule. It is a time of year that we are very much looking forward to with lots of matches and plenty of chances to get points on the board. It is an important time of year and myself and the players will all be looking to put a strong run of results together to take into 2019, to give

ourselves a strong footing to go off into the rest of the season.

Of course, January is fast approaching, therefore so is the opportunity to bolster the squad in terms of personnel. We are also looking forward to welcoming back three players who have missed a large chunk of the season so far in Hiram Boateng, Troy Brown and Alex Hartridge. We hope to have Hiram back sooner rather than later and then we will look to the new year and beyond in relation to Troy and Alex.

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Sid Thomas' family (left to right) Russell Sadler (grandson), Rebecca Hardwick (great granddaughter), Ros Hardwick (granddaughter) and Chris Hardwick (grandson in law).

FAMILY OF CLUB LEGEND WERE GUESTS AT NORTHAMPTON

EXETER CITY WAS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF CLUB LEGEND, SID THOMAS, AS GUESTS AT THE HOME GAME VERSUS NORTHAMPTON TOWN.

Sid was inducted into the Exeter City hall of fame in 2017. He was a founder of the club, and a player, secretary, manager, chairman and president in an incredible era of

service from 1901 until his death in 1972.

The family went on a Supporters' Trust stadium tour before the game. This included viewing Sid's hall of fame banner under the new stand. They also visited his grave in higher cemetery before watching the match as boardroom guests.

Granddaughter Ros Hardwick said: "Thank you to Exeter City for the wonderful hospitality. We all enjoyed our time immensely. The stadium is now looking splendid. We trust Exeter City Football Club will go from strength to strength and who knows even League One next season."



INTRODUCING CHRIS PHILLIPS – NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEE

Chris Phillips has been elected as a new Trustee.

Chris attended his first City game, an FA Cup second round home game against Walsall in 1968. City lost 2-1, but as with many supporters that game led to Chris following City ever since.

During his late teens and twenties, Chris played local league, Saturday and Sunday football for various teams and passed the FA level one coaching course, attending the same course with his son Matthew, 10 years ago.

Chris is a qualified accountant and worked for over 40 years in a large-scale organisation, with an annual budget in excess of £1 billion. He has extensive experience of financial management and providing strategic financial advice to executive and non-executive individuals.

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DARA O'SHEA NAMED CHECKATRADE TROPHY PLAYER OF THE ROUND

DARA O'SHEA PRAISED THE DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE OF HIS TEAMMATES IN THIS SEASON'S CHECKATRADE TROPHY HAVING PICKED UP THE AWARD FOR THE PLAYER OF THE ROUND.

The accolade, which covers all three of the group games, was presented to Dara for his sterling performances against Yeovil Town, West Ham United under-21s and Bristol Rovers which saw the Grecians keep three clean sheets and qualify for the knockout stages by winning the group.

"It feels great," said Dara, who is on loan to the Grecians from West Bromwich Albion. "It is nice to be recognised for your performances. I think I defended well from the fact that we kept three clean sheets, but I think as a team we defended really well. We showed we could defend when we had to and then we attacked and we scored goals as well."

Dara beat fellow nominees Callum Butcher (Mansfield Town), Aaron Connolly (Brighton & Hove Albion under-21s), Luke Matheson (Rochdale) and Toby Stevenson (Charlton Athletic) to the award following a fan vote. Supporters of both West Brom and City backed their player and Dara admits that makes winning the accolade all the more special.

"It is nice to know the fans are behind you and that people are voting for you," he said. "It is a good feeling to be recognised and for them to have put the votes in."

Manager Matt Taylor was also pleased for Dara and says he is doing well and making his mark in the first team.

"He has been excellent, and he has helped us keep those clean sheets," said Matt. "It is a different type of game to what he plays on a Saturday and we are still after that development and improvement which he has started to show in recent weeks in terms of his league form as well."



NICKY LAW NAMED HAWKSMOOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Exeter City midfielder Nicky Law has been voted your Hawksmoor Investment Management player of the month for November.

The classy midfielder joined the Grecians in the summer and has been an ever-present in the starting line-up, impressing City fans with his quality on the ball and ability to pick a pass.

In a tight contest, Nicky took 23% of the total votes.

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Macclesfield: Grimes, Wilson, Blissett (for Smith, 77), Stephens, Maycock (for Evans, 81), Vincenti (for Lloyd, 85), Arthur



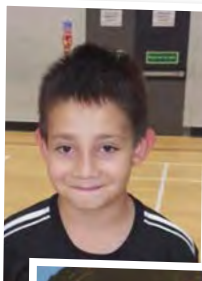
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Adam is 10 and supports Exeter City and Arsenal. He likes to play football and also enjoys watching YouTube and playing Fortnite. Adam's favourite player is Dean Moxey.



LOGAN TAVERNER

Logan is nine and plays as a striker. He supports Exeter City and Manchester United and his favourite players are Jayden Stockley and Dean Moxey.

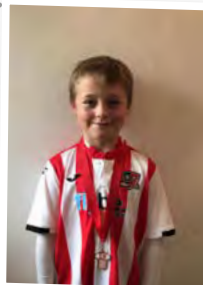


MAX FAGAN

Max is nine and likes football and playing with friends. He prefers to play on the left wing and his favourite City player is Jayden Stockley.

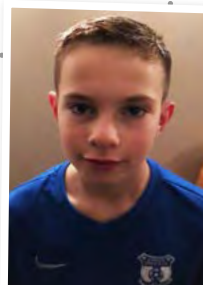
OLLIE JONES

Ollie is nine and plays for his local under-10s team and this year he won the player of the year in the Exeter Youth League. He also trains with the Exeter City Academy once a week. Ollie is very proud his great, great grandfather was an Exeter City player, Digger Ebdon, who was hugely popular at SJP. Digger scored 52 goals in 139 games sadly his career was interrupted by the Second World War. Ollie also plays as a forward and hopes to follow in Digger's footsteps and play for City. Ollie supports Exeter City and Arsenal. His favourite city player is Jayden Stockley.



FREDDY MARCHANT

Freddy is 10 and plays his football in midfield. He likes football and snowboarding and his favourite City player is Jayden Stockley.



JOSHUA HESP

Joshua Hesp is seven and loves football and being a Junior Grecian. He supports Exeter City and England and his favourite player is Christy Pym. He can't wait for school holidays to happen so that he can go along to the City Community Trust courses where he has really developed his skills and knowledge. Josh's favourite places to be are playing in goal for his local team where he is working on getting as many clean sheets this season as he can and

standing behind the goal in the Big Bank on Saturdays with his dad, mum and little sister.



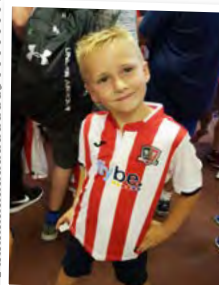
JAMES MILLER

James is 12 and likes playing football and rugby, playing the violin and singing and also video gaming. He supports Barcelona and his favourite players are Ivan Rakitic and Lee Holmes.



ALEX FORRESTER

Alex is 10 and likes playing football, video gaming and art. He supports Exeter City and Liverpool and his favourite player is Jayden Stockley.



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As the publicly appointed 'Bard of Exeter' in 2016, he was commissioned by the BBC to produce a poem for Devon on National Poetry Day. He has featured on a football podcast and in various publications, also performing with his own band 'The Least Worst Candidates'. He lectures in Creative and Professional Writing as well as English at Exeter College.

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DEAN MOXEY

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And after making more than 500 career appearances, 258 of which came at Exeter City, Dean Moxey will understand what it takes to get through a difficult moment.

"We had a great start to the campaign as we got some wins and some points on the board early," explained Dean, referring to a stellar start to the 2018/19 campaign.

"Obviously, of late, we've not picked up the results we wanted so we needed to get back to the drawing board.

"It's about self-belief, really. Believe in what you're told to do and the way we want to play, and we just have to keep going. We know we're a good

team, we've proved that at the start of the season. We've got a lot of players that have played at a higher level, so fingers crossed we can get out of this run as soon as possible."

As a player who came through the ranks at City before making his first team debut back in 2003 against Accrington Stanley in a 2-1-win, Dean has seen many youngsters come through to try and make their mark in the first team.

But what does he think of the current crop of young Grecians trying to break into Matt Taylor's side on a regular basis?

He continued: "They're great young lads, of course, they come and train with us. Archie (Collins) has been with us for a while but Deano (Will Dean) has trained with us a few times and is pushing his way into the first team.

"Exeter has always been about trying to bring youth through and try and develop that. Matt has carried on what Tis (Paul Tisdale) was trying to do in giving young lads chances. It's good and it's what this club needs.

"Their attitudes are second to none, they come in and enjoy it, you can tell they enjoy it. They're there to impress and they realise that with Matt in charge, and as well as under Tis, they've got a chance at this club, if they do well, they can break into the first team."

Dean has worked under a number of managers during his career. He had two spells working under Paul Tisdale, first when the club won back-to-back promotions, but also on his return last season as City made it to Wembley.

The defender revealed that now working under his former teammate in Matt Taylor, only minor changes have been made to the setup at St James Park, and the City number 21 is enjoying life under a new manager and new coaches.

"There are little things that he's (Matt) made his mark on but there's nothing major. We do some similar sessions but it's Matt's take on it. Whatever Matty puts on for us we try and implement on a Saturday.

"He's good, always talking to you, and



Dean in action for the Grecians



Dean netted his first of the season against Mansfield Town back in September

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he was like that as a player, he'll talk to you if you need it. He's got Greeno (Dan Green) and Eric (Kinder) as well, so it's good and Wayne Carlisle has been involved in recent weeks too.

“There are familiar faces that I've worked with for a few years, but he's come into his first job and done really well. He was captain towards the end of my time here, so you could tell he was always going to go into that sort of role as a coach or manager. It happened quick over the summer to appoint him after Tis left but he stepped up, he wanted the job, went for the interview and told them that he wanted it and it's a great club to have your first job in management at.”

Since arriving back in Devon, Dean has been deployed in a number of different positions for City. Whether that be in his most comfortable left back spot and occasionally in midfield, but he has also filled in as a central

defender - a position he has grown to quite enjoy.

He continued: “At first last year, not so much, but I've said it to so many people that I'm just happy to be out here playing and I'll play in any position that I'm put. I had to learn quickly last year up at Notts County and they brought on Shola Ameobi and had Jon Stead up front. It was a hard game, but we came out on top and it was one of those where you never know, with injuries. I stepped in and enjoyed it against Peterborough.”

The Grecians are set to go into a big set of Christmas fixtures which sees them go up against Oldham Athletic, Yeovil Town and Grimsby Town before they see the new year in with a trip to Swindon Town. An experienced Dean is well aware of the importance of the Christmas schedule with lots of points up for grabs.

He said: “This is a big stage of the season. We have got a lot of games coming up against teams that we feel we can beat. We feel we need to take a lot of points out of this month to stay



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Dean in training at the Cliff Hill training ground

in there, it's going to be big for us to get points over this period, as hard as it will be.

"Less travelling is always good, you never know, as you see with Macclesfield anyone can beat anyone in this league. We'll have to be on our best game to beat any team that comes to the park.

"It's hard when there are so many games involved but it's one of those where I'm used to it now. I've done it for so many years before so it's second nature really. We'll be in for training on Christmas day for the game on Boxing day.

"I'm used to it, some of the younger lads might not be but it is what it is. Everyone has their own recovery things to do and we'll be in over that time, maybe there will be a little less training over that time because the games and then the recovery sessions, but it's one of those when the games come you prefer to play the games than train, so you don't really mind."

A busy schedule over the next month or so could well have a bearing on



The left back believes the Christmas fixture schedule could prove vital this season

how the Grecians finish the 2018/19 campaign. As always, there are sure to be more twists and turns between now and May, but with experienced

pros such as Dean in the squad, no doubt City will be pushing as hard as they can to be back up there come the end of the season.



Dean in training with Pierce Sweeney and Matt Jay



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Getting to Oldham by train, involves first getting to Manchester Piccadilly and then catching a metrolink train out to Boundary Park. The closest metrolink station is Westwood, which is approximately 1.3 miles and a 20-minute walk to the stadium. If you catch the 8.23am train from Exeter St Davids on Saturday, December 22, you can arrive in Westwood for 1.43pm.

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According to the footballgroundguide.com, The closest pub is the Clayton Green, which is a Brewers Fayre outlet and can be found two hundred yards from the corner of the Main Stand. There is also the Greyhound Inn, which is across Broadway down Holden Fold Lane. This pub welcomes visiting fans, shows Sky and BT Sports, offers real ale, serves freshly cooked food and is family friendly. It is also has a large car park which can accommodate coaches. The pub is around a 10-minute walk away from the visitors' turnstiles.

TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale for City's trip to Boundary Park.

To buy tickets online visit tickets.ecfc.co.uk. You can also call the club during the normal office hours on 01392 411243 or visit the club shop & reception in person between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Please note that adult ticket prices are £4 cheaper in advance. Senior/student/under-21 and under-18s are also £2 cheaper in advance.

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Ticket Type	Price
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Under-18s	£5

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The total distance between St James Park and Boundary Park is 249 miles and will take around four-and-a-half hours to drive.

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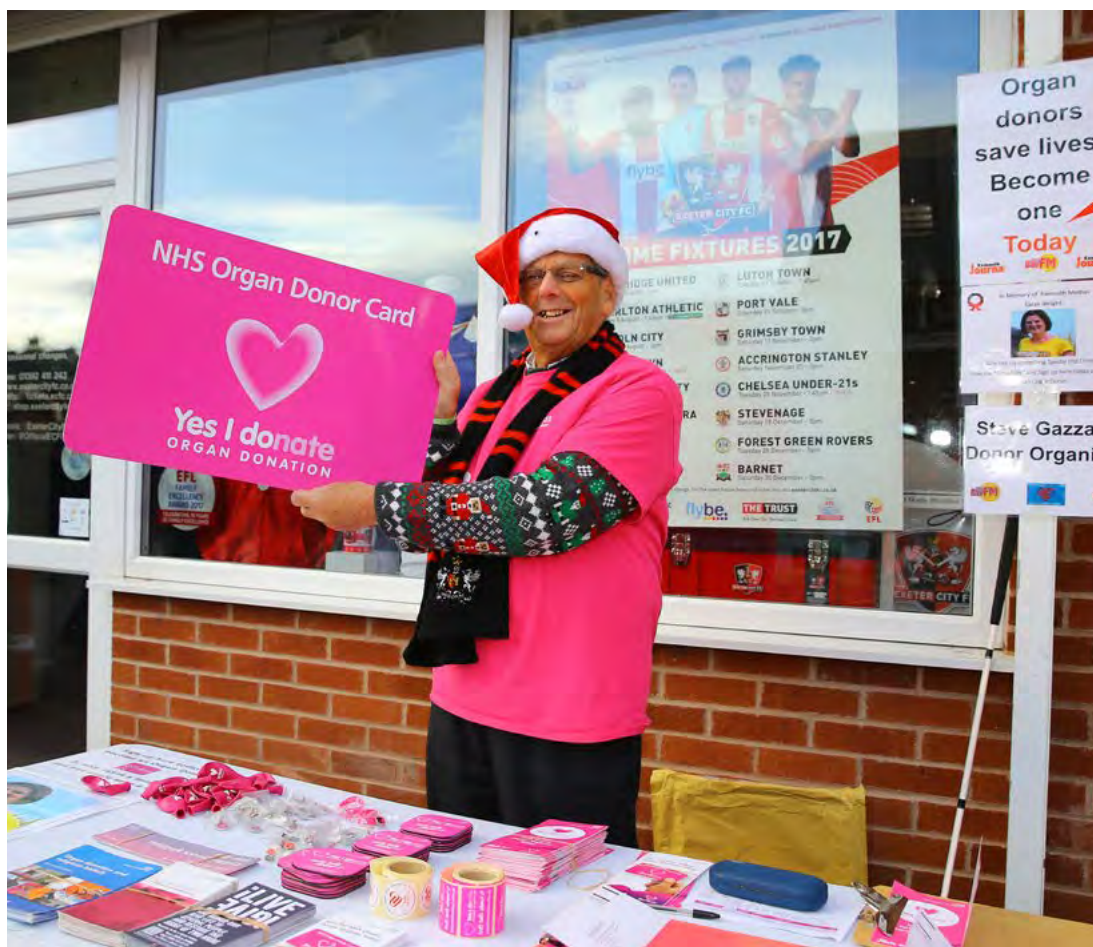
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top of the national transplant list and Sarah died on November 9, 2012. However, as in life, she thought of others and gave the gift of life by donating her organs, saving three people's lives the afternoon she passed away.

Since Sarah's death, her father and his merry band of helpers have kept Steve's promise and promoted organ donor sign up campaigns.

Since June 2012 a massive 517 separate campaigns have been held resulting in a staggering 5942 new organ donors coming forward and this gives Exmouth the highest sign up rate for any comparably sized town in the UK.

Today's campaign is all about getting the message across to City and Crewe supporters and we are confident that both set of supporters will give their support to our endeavours.

We are here to help and answer any of your questions, so please this festive season do something so very special and sign up to become an organ donor. Many thanks to Exeter City and supporters for their support.

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In the years that followed, particularly since joining the Football League in 1920, fans had not experienced an afternoon quite like that one at the park – that was until Coventry City rocked up in December 1926.

In the build up to the match City were very much the favourites, largely thanks to the potential of the forwards, and also because Coventry had struggled to adjust since being moved into the southern section of the third division.

At the time Coventry were commonly known as the peepers, but on this particular afternoon they would not be able to believe their eyes as the Grecians forward line fulfilled their promise by running riot on the visitors beleaguered defence.

The opening goal came in the fourth minute, when Dent opened his account for the Grecians by heading the ball past Randle and running round him to strike home from close range. A second came soon after when McDevitt played a perfect through ball into the feet of Blackmore, who hit a fast rising shot into the roof of the net.

As the game approached the 20 minute mark, City were awarded a penalty, but this was spectacularly saved by Newton, who dived full stretch to palm out Charlton's powerful effort.

Despite this save, and his subsequent heroics throughout the match, things did not get any better for the visitors, and in the 29th-minute Compton made it 3-0 by hammering in the ball off the far post.



Coming out in the second half, City could have taken it easy, but they continued to put on a performance that was described in the papers as 'pure unadulterated football'. Showing greater pace and intelligence to a man, and peppering the peepers goal, the score was soon 5-0 as Dent and then Blackmore added to their tallies with precision finishing.

Numbers six and seven came through tidy combinations between the forward lines, and while McDevitt could not get on the score-sheet himself, it was his genius that led to Compton and Purcell bagging easy goals from close range.

With just five minutes left to survive their ordeal, Coventry grabbed a goal of their own as Heathcote headed home from a corner, but their misery was not completed until the very last minute when Purcell snuck in to make it 8-1.

The home crowd was ecstatic, shouting "one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight," reflecting the goals that matched the club's highest ever league win, and the setting of a club record victory in the Football League that remains to this day.

Exeter City: Bailey; Pollard, Charlton; Pullan, Pool, Garratt; Purcell, McDevitt, Blackmore, Dent, Compton.

Coventry City: Newton; Randle, Gay; Brown, Ramage, Gardiner; Daily, Dunn, Heathcote, Herbert, Ferguson

Man of the match: William McDevitt

Attendance: 6,000

By Will Barrett

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ANY PLAYER WILL TELL YOU THAT PLAYING YOUR BEST FOOTBALL IS ALL ABOUT CONFIDENCE.

No matter how much talent you have, confidence is the difference between producing consistently good performances and finding yourself stuck in a rut.

All players will, at some point in their career, suffer from a crisis of confidence, some more glaringly than others.

Even at the very top level, players can become engulfed by self-doubt. Fernando Torres was a world beater when he starred for Liverpool but was a shadow of his former self when he made the move to Chelsea.

Manchester United star Romelu Lukaku couldn't stop scoring at the start of the season but then went 12 games without a goal as doubt crept in.

And Germany, as a collective, have gone from being top of the world to apparent has beens.

The game is littered with examples of players that have gone from the top of their game to being maligned as washed up.

As fans we are all too quick to make judgements on players. Our assessments go from over the top praise to writing off an individual.

Given that our emotions are entwined in the fortunes of a club, we are sometimes guilty of being too quick to deliver our opinions.



Exeter City and Jayden Stockley showed great belief last season to win away at Crewe despite going behind in the 89th minute

We know the script. A player's game starts to disintegrate and the longer it goes on the more the pressure builds. Supporters quite rightly wonder what is going on and become disgruntled.

Take Exeter City as a case in point. The table will tell you that the Grecians have gone from a side oozing confidence to one suffering from a serious case of self-doubt.

What else can explain the contrast of going five games without defeat at the start of the season to one which has now gone eight games without a win?

Aside from the absences of Hiram Boateng and Troy Brown, the vastly differing results have been delivered by the same group of players.

The classic question in sport is why? Why are Exeter struggling to keep clean sheets? Why have the goals largely dried up for Jayden Stockley? Why is Exeter's defence suddenly

plagued by indecisiveness? And why is the midfield lacking a creative spark?

As much as you search for answers, it probably all comes down to confidence. The positive part is that as quickly as confidence can ebb away, it can be rediscovered by one positive result.

Exeter need a win right now, any win will do. A scrappy, ugly victory just to get their season back on track.

As much as Exeter are struggling, this afternoon's visitors, Crewe Alexandra, are hardly brimming with confidence.

Six defeats in their last eight games in all competitions means this afternoon's contest will be a battle of belief. Who will stir from their recent slumber and who will remain stuck in the cycle of desperation?

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TONY MORRIS

Tony Morris was born in Heavitree and educated at Ladysmith, Whipton infants, Summerway, Pinhoe Primary and Exeter School. He became a regular Big Banker in 1955. Though exiled since 1963 as a writer for numerous publications (Racing Journalist of the Year in 1990), he is still City-mad. Proud father and grandfather of staunch City fans. Here are his latest thoughts ON football and the Grecians.

IN JANUARY 1960 CITY HAD A THIRD ROUND FA CUP MATCH AGAINST LUTON TOWN, THE PREVIOUS SEASON'S BEATEN FINALISTS.

It was the biggest game in my five seasons following the Grecians, and I was determined to be the first into the ground, so I could claim a place on the halfway line in the cowshed.

At 8.40am I achieved my initial aim; I was first at the St James Road entrance. Around mid-morning there were about eight of us, and we found company in the form of Tony Court, at that time the Express & Echo's football writer.

It was the obvious task for a local evening paper reporter on such a day – interview the fanatic at the head of the queue for the early editions. So, Court asked me a lot of questions, one of which was: "What do you want to do when you leave school?"

Rather cheekily, I replied: "I'd like your job."

Well, it was no lie. My heart was already set on becoming a sports journalist, and it was just a case of whether I wanted to concentrate on football or horseracing. I was passionate about both sports.

The photo of me at the head of the queue and the interview featured briefly in the paper, soon to be overtaken by



reporting on Exeter City, like Michelle Owen pictured interviewing Eric Kinder this season

the report of the match, which we lost 2-1.

There were a couple of sequels.

The first one came a few years later, by which time I was a sub-editor at the Press Association in London. One of the phones rang in the area which should have been occupied by the guys whose job it was to take down the reports sent in by correspondents.

I was alone. The typists were presumably in the pub downstairs, which was not an unusual event.

So, I took the phone call, learning that the guy on the other end was Tony Court, wanting to deliver his report of the speedway match involving Exeter Falcons that evening.

I was pretty good at taking dictation by

that time, and duly got the job done. While I was sorely tempted to ask whether he remembered interviewing a City fan in St James Road in 1960, I decided against it.

Of course, I never knew whether Tony Court ever had an ambition to get to Fleet Street, and I still don't know how his career unfolded. I just knew that I'd got there before him.

But to emulate Court with a coveted seat in the press box at the Park I had to wait 58 years. It finally happened last month, an indulgence afforded me by media manager Simon Larkins and programme editor Ben Strange.

Thanks for the privilege, chaps. I hope you'll have plenty of positives to report on today's game.

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Take a picture of your completed quiz and Tweet it using the hashtag #igzone.

1. SCRAMBLE CITY

Unscramble each of these current Exeter City players and coaches' names. Then take the letters that appear in  boxes and unscramble them to reveal a current Sky Bet League Two ground.

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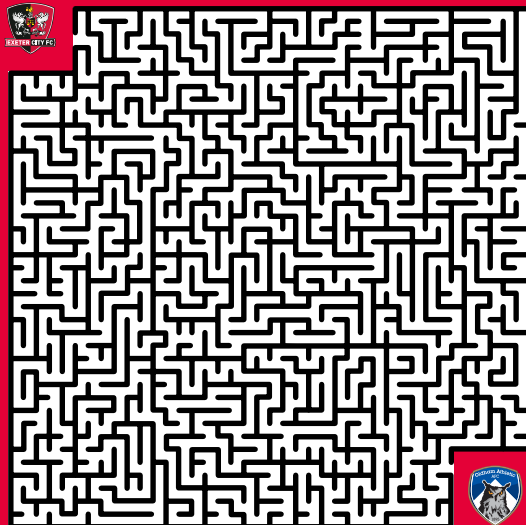


2. WHO AM I?

3. MAZE

Can you plot City's way through the maze to Oldham Athletic?

1. I came through the youth ranks at City
2. I netted my first goal this season in the Checktrade Trophy
3. I am also on loan with Tiverton Town



SCRAMBLE CITY: BOUNDARY PARK
WHO AM I: JOEL RANDALL
SPOT THE BALL: A

ANSWERS

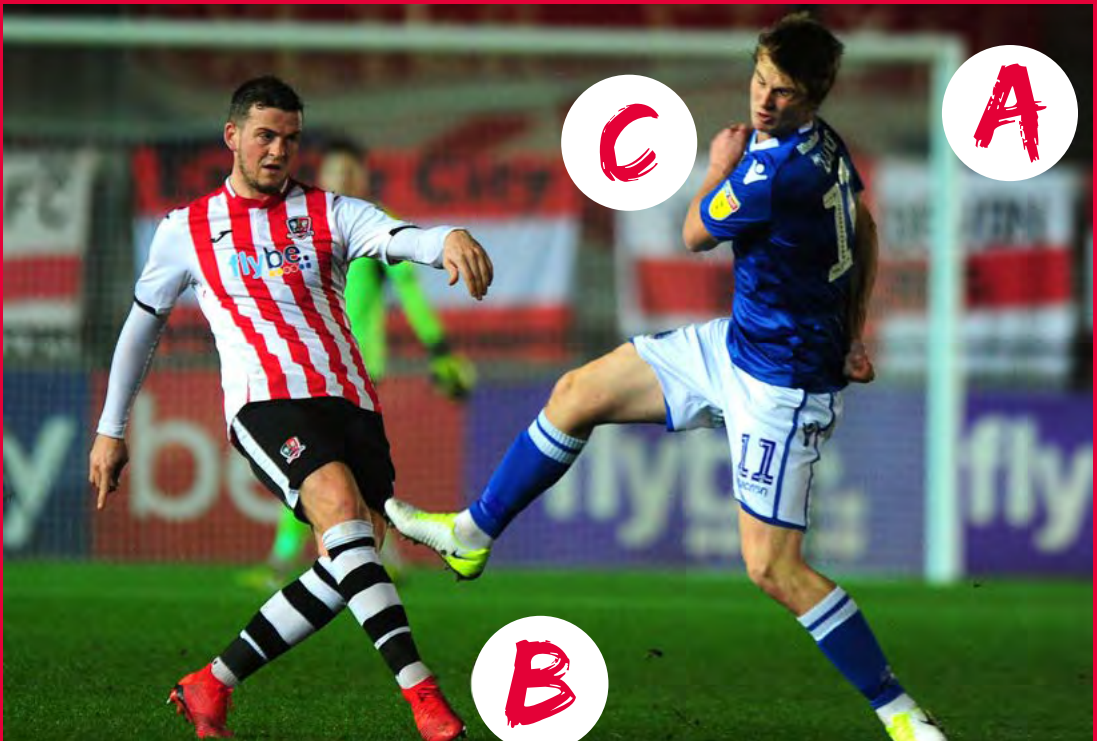
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- ☐ CREWE
- ☐ HOLMES

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Renowned for a step over or two, Lee Holmes has been a Grecian since 2015. After initially joining on loan, Lee then signed permanently for the club and has brought a wealth of experience and quality to the City squad. So, how well do you know our winger? Test yourself in the quiz below... Tick your answers, see how you got on afterwards by rotating the page and then let us know your score on Twitter through #ECFC

1. LEE JOINED CITY ON LOAN IN 2015, BUT FROM WHICH CLUB?

- A. Derby County ☐
- B. Preston North End ☐
- C. Southampton ☐
- D. Oxford United ☐

2. WHICH SQUAD NUMBER IS LEE HOLMES?

- A. 7 ☐
- B. 8 ☐
- C. 9 ☐
- D. 10 ☐

3. LEE CAME THROUGH THE RANKS AT WHICH CLUB?

- A. Derby County ☐
- B. Swindon Town ☐
- C. Bradford City ☐
- D. Sheffield United ☐

4. LEE'S FIRST CITY GOAL CAME ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 BUT WHO DID HE SCORE AGAINST?

- A. Portsmouth ☐
- B. Derby County ☐
- C. Accrington Stanley ☐
- D. Liverpool ☐

5. LEE MADE HIS DEBUT FOR DERBY COUNTY ON BOXING DAY IN 2002, BUT WHO WOULD HIS MANAGER HAVE BEEN AT THAT TIME?

- A. John Gregory ☐
- B. Phil Brown ☐
- C. George Burley ☐
- D. Paul Clement ☐

6. LEE NETTED HIS FIRST GOAL OF THE 2018/19 CAMPAIGN AGAINST WHICH OPPONENTS?

- A. Mansfield Town ☐
- B. Yeovil Town ☐
- C. Morecambe ☐
- D. Crawley Town ☐

7. LEE SCORED THREE GOALS IN THE 2017/18 SEASON AGAINST CHARLTON ATHLETIC, NEWPORT COUNTY AFC AND WHICH OTHER CLUB?

- A. Yeovil Town ☐
- B. West Bromwich Albion ☐
- C. Mansfield Town ☐
- D. Port Vale ☐

8. LEE SCORED AGAINST THE GRECIANS FOR SOUTHAMPTON IN A LEAGUE CUP TIE BACK IN 2008. BUT WHAT WAS THE SCORE AT ST JAMES PARK THAT DAY?

- A. 3-1 win for City ☐
- B. 3-2 win for City ☐
- C. 3-1 loss for City ☐
- D. 3-2 loss for City ☐

9. HOW OLD IS LEE HOLMES?

- A. 30 ☐
- B. 31 ☐
- C. 32 ☐
- D. 33 ☐

10. LEE SCORED AGAINST LIVERPOOL IN THE 2015/16 SEASON FROM A CORNER, BUT WHO NETTED CITY'S OPENING GOAL ON THE NIGHT?

- A. Tom Nichols ☐
- B. David Noble ☐
- C. Jordan Moore-Taylor ☐
- D. Joel Grant ☐

ANSWERS
1. B: Preston North End, 2. D: 10, 3. A: Derby County, 4. C: Accrington Stanley, 5. A: John Gregory, 6. D: Crawley Town, 7. C: Mansfield Town, 8. C: 3-1 loss for City, 9. B: 31, 10. A: Tom Nichols



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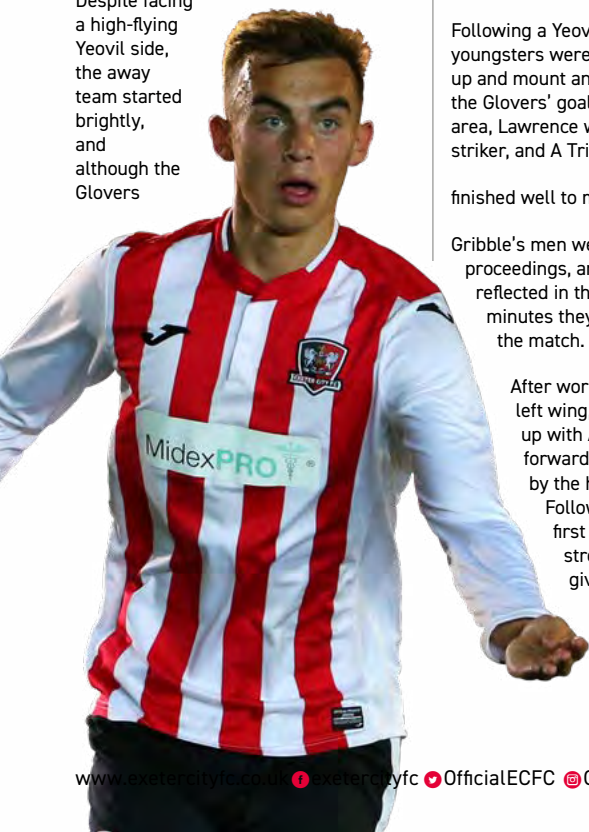
UNDER-18S: YEOVIL TOWN 0 CITY 4

EXETER CITY'S UNDER-18S RETURNED TO WINNING WAYS IN THE YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH WEST DIVISION WITH AN EMPHATIC 4-0 VICTORY AWAY AT YEOVIL TOWN ON SATURDAY.

Despite an early scare, it was a quick start from the young Grecians, who scored after just four minutes courtesy of James Dodd.

Just three minutes later, A Trialist doubled the Devon club's lead, before Dodd netted his second of the afternoon on 18 minutes, converting a loose ball following a goalkeeper save. The scoring was completed in 34th minute when Cheick Diabate converted from close range following a set-piece.

Despite facing a high-flying Yeovil side, the away team started brightly, and although the Glovers



created the opening opportunity, it didn't faze the Exeter youngsters.

With just two minutes the clock, a misplaced pass from the Grecians allowed the hosts to counter-attack, resulting in Town flashing a shot just past the post.

However, soon after, City created their first chance, which they were to take in decisive fashion.

Defender Jordan Dyer played the ball into the middle, where Dodd and Charlie Lawrence combined. The latter slid the ball back into Dodd's path, and the playmaker fired an effort across the home keeper and into the back of the net to break the deadlock.

The quickfire goal really gave the visitors belief, and just minutes later they doubled their advantage to increase the pressure on their opponents.

Following a Yeovil clearance, City's youngsters were able to tidy the ball up and mount another onslaught onto the Glovers' goal. From the midfield area, Lawrence was able to pick out his striker, and A Trialist

finished well to make it 2-0.

Gribble's men were well in control of proceedings, and their dominance was reflected in the scoreline when on 18 minutes they scored their third of the match.

After working the ball down the left wing, Lawrence teamed up with A Trialist, before the forward saw a shot saved by the home shot-stopper.

Following up, Dodd reacted first to the rebound to stroke the ball home to give his side a three-goal cushion.

A dominant first-half display led to the away team scoring

once more before the interval.

Lawrence delivered an inviting corner where Will Dean was unfortunate to see his header kept out by the Town goalkeeper. With the shot-stopper still on the floor, centre-back Diabate smashed in the loose ball to make it 4-0.

In spite of some more neat possession play by Exeter during the final 15 minutes of the first period, the scoreline remained the same when the referee blew for half-time.

As expected, after the restart, the home side came out with a real intent, changing their approach as they searched for a goal to help get them back into the contest.

Yeovil enjoyed a decent spell of pressure at the start of the second half, and they increased the pressure exerted onto the Grecians' penalty box.

The Glovers saw plenty of the ball, particularly in their own half, and with the Devon side happy to sit back and invite their opponents onto them, it meant they were soon back on top of the game again once they got through the home side's bright period.

As the half wore on, further chances fell the way of the visitors. Jordan Dyer squandered a chance from a corner, whilst substitute Theo Simpson struck the post with an effort.

A good defensive structure from City ensured they kept their clean sheet, and with no change to the scoreline as the game drew to a close, it meant the four goals scored here resulted in three well-earned points for Gribble and his players to take back to the Westcountry.

Exeter City Under-18s: Felix Norman, Jordan Dyer, Cheick Diabate, Joe Belsten, Max Clark, Louis Morison, Will Dean, Charlie Lawrence, Nelson Iseguan, James Dodd, A Trialist. Subs: Jack Arthur, Jack Stafford, Theo Simpson, Lewis Wilson, Jay Stansfield



Exeter City players appeal as Jayden Stockley is brought down by a clumsy challenge in the penalty area during the Grecians match with Bury





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NEWS FROM THE PARK

H BLOCK REGAIN THEIR ECFC ULTIMATE QUIZ TITLE

THE FINAL OF THE ECFC ULTIMATE QUIZ SAW THE H BLOCK TEAM REGAIN THEIR QUIZ CHAMPION TITLE FROM THE ECHO HACKS WITH A COMMANDING PERFORMANCE.

The 24 teams had been battling it out over three nights to settle the honours and H Block (pictured) scooped the top prize of Flybe flight vouchers. Meal vouchers for top local eatery Lloyd's Kitchen were won by the Quizlings and Grumpies in the fun but demanding test of quizzers' knowledge.

The unique quiz format proved as popular as ever and quizmaster, Norman Warne's quirks and tactics

added that extra dimension you just don't see in other quizzes.

The club is indebted to him and his team for putting in the hours of time and effort compiling the questions and thinking of new angles to test the teams. The resounding round of applause the teams gave them marked their appreciation, however frazzled their brains may have been!

If you missed out this time, the next edition of the ECFC Ultimate Quiz will take place in the new year. Once again it will be played over three nights, once a month on Monday, February 11, Monday, March 4, and Monday, April 1, and teams

will need to attend all three nights.

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H Block with City chairman Julian Tagg (right)



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TWO MATCH
WITH CREWE
ALEXANDRA.**

It seems a long time ago since Exeter City's last match at home, and so much has happened at CITY Community Trust since. We've had our fantastic Santa Run where more than 650 people took part in the event in the city centre, and we've even hit the national headlines! We've got lots more coming over the Christmas period like our New Year holiday courses, which you can book onto now!



NCS SUCCESS FOR CITY COMMUNITY TRUST

A group of Exeter teenagers hit the headlines thanks to an innovative scheme to drive foodbank donations.

And they came up with the simple, yet genius, idea when they were taking part in the National Citizen Service which is delivered in Exeter by Exeter CITY Community Trust.

The group of 13 National Citizen Service (NCS) graduates have seen their idea rolled out in Sainsbury's stores nationwide.

The idea was developed after the group spoke to their local food bank during the social action phase of the national youth programme for 16- and 17-year olds.

NCS graduate, Holly Manning, 17, from Exeter, said: "After talking to the manager of our local food bank it was clear that shoppers were being reminded too late about donating, with food bank collection points usually being placed at the exit of

the store. We also learnt that people were regularly donating similar items, making it difficult for them to get the quantity and variety that they needed to serve the needs of their beneficiaries."

To combat this, the NCS grads came up with a simple, ingenious idea: pop a branded sticker alongside the items most needed by the local food bank to encourage people to purchase the item and drop it in the existing food bank collection box on their way out.

Holly continued: "Once we had developed an idea, we were confident would help, we set about pitching it to various local retailers. After being turned away by a few we popped into Sainsbury's and spoke to the store manager who, to our delight, agreed to trial the initiative."

CITY Community Trust would like to congratulate the NCS participants on their fantastic work.



NEW YEAR HOLIDAY COURSES

Stuck with what to buy the youngster for Christmas? Well, we've got the present for you!

You can purchase a gift voucher to our new year holiday courses for the price of £40 in Exeter and Exmouth and £35 in Teignmouth.

These can be used as the perfect Christmas gift, ideal for any junior football player, boy or girl, who is keen to learn and develop their skills. CCT offer an exciting, action-packed, holiday sessions to suit boys and girls of all abilities, aged from 5-14 years-old.

The courses take place from Wednesday, January 2- Friday, January 4 and will see lots of football games and competitions.

You can purchase your gift voucher, or select individual days through: exetercitycommunitytrust.co.uk



SANTA RUN 2018

From tots to grandparents – a total of 650 people pulled on their Santa suits and took to the streets of Exeter for the annual Santa Run organised by CITY Community Trust.

The runners, who took over the high street on the morning of Sunday, December 2, chose from a family fun run or a 5k distance.

Pete Ferlie, health and wellbeing officer for CITY Community Trust, said: "It was a fantastic event – every year we have more and more people sign up. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part and made it such a success and also to all the organisations who supported the run."

Pete added: "We'd like to thank our

sponsors InExeter and Galliford Try, as well as Princesshay for their support, Stagecoach South West for providing free transport for Santas before 9am and Rapid Relief who provided water for the finishers."

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Macclesfield were promoted from the National League at the end of last season

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WELL WHAT A PALAVER THAT WAS!

What should have been a straightforward match against arguably the least glamorous club in the Football League became anything but when the worst kept secret in football was confirmed just five hours before kick off.

For some reason Macclesfield Town wanted to keep the imminent arrival of former England international Sol Campbell as their new manager under wraps for as long as possible. That was despite the fact that he'd been spotted at Moss Rose at a previous home match and the London-based former defender had apparently been seen in Macclesfield Town centre that morning filming something with Sky TV. That he had flown out of the area was generally known – but to where was a bit more of a mystery with some reports suggesting he was returning to the capital.

However, it quickly became apparent that he was in fact heading to St James Park to have another look at his new charges. All of a sudden Macclesfield

were leading the football news agenda and it blew into a massive game of 'Where's Solly'?

Hamish Marshall, working on a different story for Spotlight, saw him at Exeter Airport, then Richard Green saw him in the RGB Lounge at Exeter City, then I clocked him entering the director's box.

As luck would have it I had a TV camera with me as I'd been filming the Exeter Chiefs press conference earlier in the day. Normally, there's nothing better than when the opposing BBC have a big story to cope with – but on this occasion it became so big we were in danger of being roped in ourselves.

In the end it wasn't practical for me to wield the camera and prepare for the game so Brent Pilnick got summoned to come up from Plymouth – you may well have seen his pictures on the BBC Sport website.

Apart from the obligatory hellos, Campbell wasn't speaking. He left that to the official press conference a couple of days later when he certainly couldn't be accused of underselling himself.

"You've got an international footballer who has been one of the best footballers in the world coming to your club," he said.

I have to say it's an interesting appointment by the Silkmen who probably have in the back of their mind how another former England international, Paul Ince, also in his first job saved them from almost certain relegation back in 2005 and of course Exeter City have appointed a couple of former England captains as managers in the past in the shape of Gerry Francis and Alan Ball.

Having seen Macclesfield play I think the biggest irony for the former international defender is that they looked pretty solid at the back – the problems I suspect lie further up the field. As we know great players don't necessarily make great managers. It will be interesting to see how Campbell goes.

Enjoy the game.

Alan Richardson



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INTRODUCING
CREWE ALEXANDRA



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RECENT FORM

BY CHARLIE SMITH

Despite recording a 6-0 win over Morecambe on the first day of the season, Crewe Alexandra went on to lose eight out of their next 13 competitive fixtures. Since then, David Artell's side have endured a mixed run of results, leaving them in 17th place ahead of today's meeting with the Grecians.

Like City, Crewe also fell to FA Cup first round defeat at home, after Jamie Devitt's stoppage time strike earned Carlisle United a place in the second round. The Alex were then defeated three days later by Shrewsbury Town in the Checkatrade Trophy, before earning three valuable points against high flying Tranmere Rovers at Gresty Road, thanks to a brace from Callum Ainley and a second-half strike from Charlie Kirk.

Crewe's last away outing in the league prior to this afternoon's visit to St James Park didn't end in success, with Crawley Town coming out 3-0 winners against Artell's side.

However, the Railwaymen did manage to record back-to-back home league wins for the first time this season three days later against



Cambridge United, with Ainley and Shaun Miller's efforts securing a 2-0 win.

Crewe failed to make it three home wins on the bounce last weekend however, after going down 2-0 to play-off chasing Oldham Athletic.



RECENT FORM:

November 10

FA Cup First Round: Crewe Alexandra 0-1 Carlisle United

November 13

Checkatrade Trade Trophy:
Crewe Alexandra 1-2
Shrewsbury Town

November 17

Sky Bet League Two: Crewe Alexandra 3-2 Tranmere Rovers

November 24 - Sky Bet

League Two: Crawley Town 3-0
Crewe Alexandra

November 27 - Sky Bet

League Two: Crewe Alexandra 2-0 Cambridge United

December 8

Sky Bet League Two: Crewe Alexandra 0-2 Oldham Athletic

INTRODUCING THE OPPOSITION

THE MANAGER



A towering centre-back during his playing days, David Artell turned out over 500 times on the pitch in a career spanning 18 years. Artell began his playing days with hometown club Rotherham United and spent five years in Yorkshire, helping the Millers to back-to-back promotions between 1999 and 2001, before heading to Mansfield Town. The 6ft 3in defender spent just the two years with the Stags, before enjoying a further two-year stint with Chester City.

Artell then signed for Morecambe in 2007 and instantly earned hero status with the club after netting a late winner against Preston North End in the League Cup. After three years with the Shrimps, Artell signed for Crewe and spent two years with the Railwaymen. Artell made a total of 82 appearances for the Alex, scoring six times, captaining the club to promotion to League One in 2012 via the play-offs.

After leaving Gresty Road in 2012, Artell spent the remainder of his playing days representing the likes of Northampton Town, along with Welsh



sides Wrexham, Bala Town and Port Talbot Town. The defender also gained international experience towards the end of his playing days, turning out seven times for Gibraltar in 2014, including a start against then world champions Germany in a European Championship qualifying game.

After retiring in 2016, Artell then embarked on a role within Crewe's academy as operations manager. The 38-year-old, who also has a degree in forensic biology, was then offered the first-team manager role in January 2017 following the departure of former boss Steve Davis. Artell managed to guide the Alex to safety in League Two last season, with the club finishing in 17th place on 55 points.

PLAYING CAREER

Rotherham United (1998–2003)
Shrewsbury Town (loan) (2002–2003)
Mansfield Town (2003–2005)
Chester City (2005–2007)
Morecambe (2007–2010)
Crewe Alexandra (2010–2012)
Northampton Town (2012–2013)
Wrexham (2013–2014)
Bala Town (2014–2016)
Port Talbot Town (2016)

MANAGEMENT CAREER

Crewe Alexandra (2017–present)

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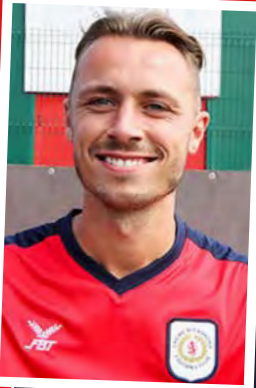
Football League Third Division runner-up (1999–2000)
Football League Second Division runner-up (2000–01)
League Two Play-offs (2012)



INTRODUCING THE OPPOSITION

MEET THE SQUAD

ONES TO WATCH



05

GEORGE RAY

Defender

Crewe academy graduate, centre-back and club captain George Ray has been an ever-present figure at the heart of the Alex defence since making his debut back in 2013. The 25-year-old enjoyed a brief loan spell with non-league Leek Town

in 2012, before making his senior Railwaymen debut at Wembley stadium as a late substitute in Crewe's 2-0 win over Southend United. Since then, Ray, who has represented Wales at under-21 level, has made over 100 appearances for the club, playing a key role in their survival during the 2016/17 season. Unfortunately for Ray, his first appearance last season came in February after a series of injuries, however since his return, the Welshman has featured heavily under David Artell and again looks to be a key member of the squad as Crewe look to close the gap between themselves and the play-off positions.



08

JAMES JONES

Midfielder

After graduating from the Alex academy in 2014, Scottish midfielder James Jones has since gone on to make over 100 appearances for the Railwaymen. The 22-year-old,

who has been capped by Scotland at under-21 level, was named as the club's breakthrough player of the year for 2014/15 after a series of impressive first-team appearances. Jones was also a key player under David Artell in his first season, turning out 53 times in the 2016/17 campaign, scoring 10 times. Despite a few injury problems over the past 12 months, Jones has begun the season as a regular in the heart of the midfield for Crewe, featuring in all but two games so far, and his energy could be crucial as the season unfolds.



11

CALLUM AINLEY

Midfielder

Another to progress through the club's academy, Callum Ainley made his Crewe first-team debut in 2015, whilst still a scholar.

Since then, the 21-year-old has been a regular on the wing for the Railwaymen and has already notched up over 100 appearances for the club. Ainley has recently been in fine form, finding the back of the net twice in the 3-2 win over Tranmere Rovers, before opening the scoring 10 days later in the 2-0 win over Cambridge United. The dynamic wide man has missed just one game under David Artell this season, with his consistent performances making him one to watch this afternoon.



10

JORDAN BOWERY

Forward

Natural goal scorer Jordan Bowery joined the club from Leyton Orient back in 2017, having enjoyed a brief loan spell with the Alex. The 27-year-old, through Chesterfield's academy,

who came will best be known for his stints with the Spireites, Aston Villa and Rotherham United. Bowery, who is known for his pace and power, has already scored 21 times for the Railwaymen and is approaching his 100th appearance at Gresty Road. After recording his best ever goal scoring campaign for Crewe last season, Bowery is certainly one to watch this afternoon, with his all-round performances coming in for plenty of praise from manager David Artell so far this season.



01

BEN GARRATT

Goalkeeper

After breaking through from the club's academy during the 2013/14 campaign, goalkeeper Ben Garratt has proved to be a pivotal player for the Railwaymen. Now 24, Garratt has made over 200 appearances for Crewe, being named players' player and player of the season just a year after making his debut. Garratt has also represented England up to under-19 level, representing his country in the under-17 squad for the World Cup in Mexico back in 2011. Despite beginning the current campaign on the bench, Garratt has since become David Artell's first choice keeper, starting in the Railwaymen's last 21 competitive fixtures.



13

DAVE RICHARDS

Goalkeeper

After struggling to gain any first-team experience with previous sides Cardiff City and Bristol City, Dave Richards joined Crewe Alexandra back in 2015. Since then, the 24-year-old has regularly featured in the matchday squads alongside current number one Ben Garratt and enjoyed a lengthy run in the team at the beginning of the current season. Richards began his career with the Bluebirds and after a successful loan spell with the Robins, the Englishman made the move to Ashton Gate in 2014. In his only season with the club, the towering keeper received a Football League Trophy winners medal as an unused substitute as Bristol beat Walsall, along with collecting a League One title winning medal as the Robins earned promotion to the Championship.



02

PERRY NG

Defender

After progressing through the club's academy originally as a central defender, Perry Ng was made Dave Artell's first choice right-back last season. The 22-year-old, who made his debut for the Railwaymen back in November 2015 against Oldham Athletic, has also gained first-team experience at non-league level during a short loan spell with Hyde United. Ng impressed at Gresty Road last year, making a total of 43 appearances, finding the back of the net on four occasions. The athletic right-back has once again continued to be one of the first names on the team sheet this season, missing just two fixtures so far.



06

MICHAEL RAYNES

Defender

Centre-half Michael Raynes was David Artell's first summer signing last year after turning down a new contract from former side Carlisle United. The 31-year-old brings a wealth of Football League experience to Gresty Road, with the defender making over 450 senior appearances since beginning his career with Stockport County back in 2004. Raynes, who turned out more than 150 times in a six-year stay with Stockport, has also represented the likes of Scunthorpe United, Rotherham United, Oxford United and Mansfield Town. Since arriving at the club last summer, Raynes has made 39 appearances for the Railwaymen and has even scored twice during that time, however, the Englishman has failed to nail down a regular starting spot this season.



12

EDDIE NOLAN

Defender

A former full Republic of Ireland international, Eddie Nolan joined the club last summer following his release from Blackpool. Despite progressing through Blackburn Rovers' academy, Nolan never featured in a first-team fixture at Ewood Park, representing Stockport County, Hartlepool United and Preston North End on loan, before making his loan spell with Preston permanent in 2009. Nolan made 46 Championship appearances in two years at Deepdale, before joining Scunthorpe United in 2010 where he would spend five successful years, making 137 appearances. The 30-year-old, who has recently broke back into David Artell's starting line-up, made his international debut in 2009 in a 1-1 draw with Nigeria and his experience will only benefit Crewe's young defenders as the season goes on.



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NICKY HUNT

Defender

Veteran right-back Nicky Hunt joined the Alex over the summer, following a successful four-week trial. Hunt, who played in the Premier League for Bolton Wanderers, spent nine years with the Trotters after progressing through their academy, making over 160 appearances during that time. After leaving Bolton in 2010, Hunt has since plied his trade for a number of clubs in the lower leagues, including Bristol City, Accrington Stanley, Mansfield Town, Leyton Orient and Notts County. Prior to joining Crewe, Hunt helped County into the League Two play-offs last season, however, the experienced defender left the club after a play-off semi-final defeat to eventual winners Coventry City.



INTRODUCING THE OPPOSITION

MEET THE SQUAD CONTINUED...



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**COREY
WHELAN**

Defender

Versatile defender Corey Whelan joined the Railwaymen from Premier League giants Liverpool during the summer, agreeing a loan spell up until January. The youngster, who turned 21 on Wednesday, has already featured 15 times under David Artell this season, scoring his first goal for the club in the 2-0 win over Grimsby Town back in October. Whelan was actually on the books of Crewe as a youngster, however, he left the Alex for the Premier League side in 2007, when he was aged just nine. The Irish centre-back, who has been capped at under-21 level, also had a loan spell at Yeovil Town last season, appearing 11 times for the Glovers.



33

**KEVIN
O'CONNOR**

Defender

Like fellow Irish defender Corey Whelan, Kevin O'Connor also

joined the club on loan until the new year. The 23-year-old left-back arrived at Gresty Road in the summer from Championship side Preston North End and has since made 10 first-team appearances. O'Connor originally began his career in Ireland with Waterford United, before joining Cork City in 2015, where he caught the eye of Preston officials. Since arriving in Lancashire last year, O'Connor has made his first-team debut for the club and also enjoyed a brief loan spell with League One side Fleetwood Town. Known as a strong attacking full back, O'Connor, who scored in the Europa League during his time with Cork, could well extend his stay with the Alex until the end of the season by impressing David Artell.



03

**HARRY
PICKERING**

Midfielder

Versatile teenager Harry Pickering signed pro terms with Crewe while still an Alex scholar, due to his impressive performances for the clubs under-19 and 21 sides. Comfortable at left-back or anywhere across the midfield, Pickering made his first-team debut against Leyton Orient last year and has since gone on to appear over 50 times for the Railwaymen. The talented teenager, who turns 20 later this month, scored three times last season for Crewe, with his final strike against Crawley Town securing a 2-1 win in April. After a series of consistent performances over the past 12 months, manager David Artell handed Pickering the number three shirt this season.



15

**RYAN
WINTLE**

Midfielder

After impressing on trial from North West Counties Premier League side Alsager Town, central midfielder Ryan Wintle signed for Crewe back in 2015 as a teenager. Now 21, Wintle has gone on to make over 50 first-team appearances, enjoying a run in the side when David Artell took over at Gresty Road. Wintle notched his first professional goal in the 3-0 win over Leyton Orient in 2017 and has since featured in the majority of games for the Alex, enjoying a lengthy run in the side since the start of the campaign.



17

**PAUL
GREEN**

Midfielder

Former Republic of Ireland international Paul Green joined the club permanently in the summer following a successful loan spell from Oldham Athletic. The 35-year-old has made over 600 senior first-team appearances since beginning his career with Doncaster Rovers in 2002. Green, who has represented the likes of Derby County, Leeds United and Rotherham United throughout his successful career, was also included in Ireland's Euro 2012 squad, featuring in a 4-0 defeat to Spain. Known for his hard-working ethic and range of passing, Green has featured 25 times for the club, however, the Irishman hasn't featured in a matchday quad for the Alex since the end of August.



20

**CHARLIE
KIRK**

Midfielder

Another youngster in the ranks at Gresty Road, tricky winger Charlie Kirk signed professional terms with the Railwaymen in 2016. The 20-year-old, who turns 21 on Christmas Eve, is approaching his 100th first-team appearance for Crewe, and the winger has already found the back of the net five times during the current campaign, an individual best. Kirk's consistent performances were rewarded by the club over the summer, with the youngster penning a new three-year deal as a result. Like his fellow academy graduates, Kirk has featured heavily under David Artell, with his most recent strike coming in the 3-2 victory against Tranmere Rovers.

**21****OLIVER
FINNEY**

Forward

Central midfielder Oliver Finney secured a professional contract with Crewe back in 2016 after successfully graduating from the academy. Since then, the youngster, who is actually celebrating his 21st birthday today, has made a handful of first-team appearances and has enjoyed a lengthy run in the matchday squad under David Artell this season. The energetic midfielder, who was a standout performer in the under-23 side before progressing to the first-team, is still waiting for his first senior goal for the Railwaymen, despite regularly finding the back of the net for the under-23 side last year.

**07****CHRIS
PORTER**

Forward

Experienced front-man Chris Porter linked up with Crewe last summer, following his release from Colchester United. The natural goal scorer has found the back of the net over 150 times during his career, which began in 2003 with Bury. Porter, who turned 35 on Wednesday, has gone on to represent the likes of Oldham Athletic, Motherwell, Derby County and Sheffield United, making over 530 senior appearances. Since arriving at Gresty Road, Porter has struck 16 times in 56 appearances for the Alex, and his wealth of Football League experience will only benefit the Railwaymen's academy products as the season goes on.

**09****SHAN
MILLER**

Forward

Striker Shaun Miller re-joined Crewe permanently in the summer following a successful loan spell from Carlisle United. The dynamic forward progressed through the club's well-known academy back in 2006 and spent six successful years at Gresty Road, scoring 43 times in 179 games for the Alex before joining Sheffield United. Now 31, Miller has continued to score goals wherever he has been, finding the back of the net for the likes of Coventry City, Morecambe and most recently Carlisle. Miller has remained a fans favourite with the Railwaymen, and has recently found some good form, scoring in the 2-0 victories over Grimsby Town and Cambridge United.

**14****ALEX
NICHOLLS**

Forward

Former Grecian forward Alex Nicholls joined the Railwaymen in the

summer, following Barnet's relegation to the National League. The 31-year-old, who spent 18 months at St James Park four years ago, will best be known for his time at Walsall. After progressing through the Saddlers' academy in 2005, Nicholls went on to spend seven years at Bescot Stadium, making over 200 appearances during that time. Since then, Nicholls, who has a wealth of Football League knowledge, has represented, Northampton Town, Exeter and Barnet, enjoying a brief spell in Scotland with Dundee United last season. A forward who has found the back of the net 65 times in his career, Nicholls has already scored four times for the Alex this season.

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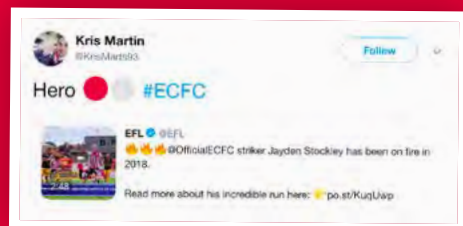
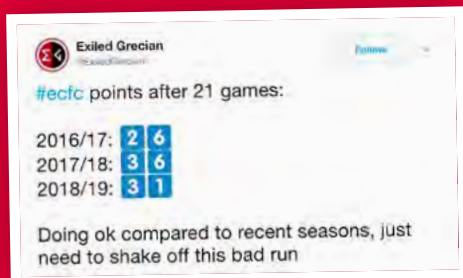
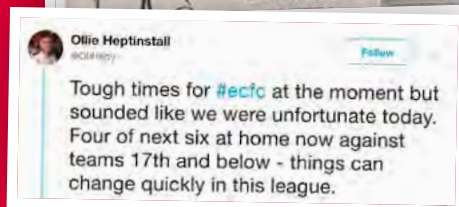
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FRANK LORD AND JOHNNY KING

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

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

GARY TALBOT AND ALAN TARBUCK

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

Versatile winger Alan Tarbuck

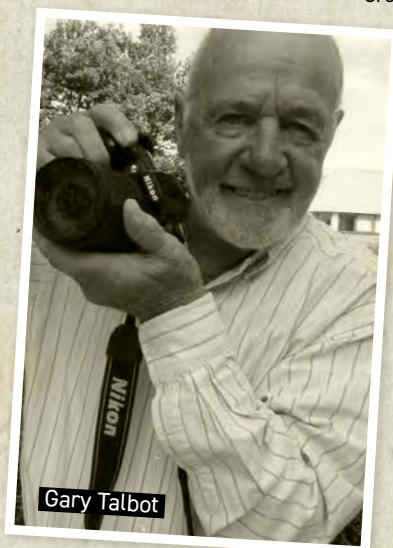
featured prominently in Crewe Alexandra's 1967/68 promotion triumph. Signing professional for Everton in August 1966, he joined Crewe in June 1967 and netted 18 goals in 85 league games while at Gresty Road before moving to Chester in October 1969. He joined Preston in September 1971, then Shrewsbury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

DAVE WALLER AND DAVID PLATT

Striker Dave Waller was Crewe Alexandra's leading marksman in four successive seasons. Discovered in Manchester local football, he joined Crewe in January 1982 and made his League debut in that month's 0-0 draw at home to AFC Bournemouth. He grabbed a hat-trick in Crewe's



David Platt



Gary Talbot

6-1 demolition of Halifax in March 1984 and netted 55 goals in 168 Fourth Division games before being sold to Shrewsbury Town for £25,000 in July 1986. Joining Chesterfield in March 1987, he appeared in the 1989-90 Fourth Division play-off final and later played for several non-League clubs while running a stall on Chesterfield's market.

Attacking midfielder David Platt was capped 62 times by England after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Starting with Chadderton, he had a spell with Manchester United before moving to Gresty Road in January 1985 and

was Crewe's leading marksman in 1986/87. He netted 55 goals in 134 league games prior to joining Aston Villa for £200,000 in February 1988 and starred for England in the 1990 World Cup. Later with Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria, he joined Arsenal for £4,750,000 in July 1995 and featured in their 1997/98 double success. He managed Nottingham Forest and England under-21s, then coached at Manchester City.

TONY NAYLOR AND ASHLEY WARD

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

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

ROB HULSE AND DEAN ASHTON

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



Tony Naylor

Sheffield United, Derby, QPR, Charlton and

Millwall.

England under-21 striker Dean Ashton was Crewe Alexandra's leading marksman in two consecutive seasons. Graduating from Crewe's Academy, he made his league debut in their 1-0 victory at Gillingham four months before turning professional in February 2001. He formed an exciting partnership with Rob Hulse as Crewe regained First Division status at the first attempt in 2002/03 and netted 60 goals in 158 league outings prior to joining Norwich City for £3,000,000 in January 2005. Sold to West Ham for £7,000,000 in January 2006, the England international played in that season's FA Cup final but injury curtailed his career.



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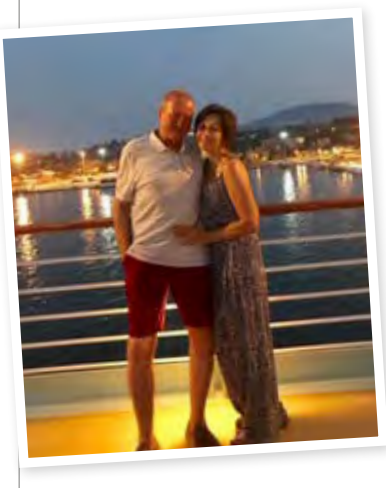
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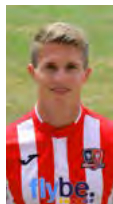
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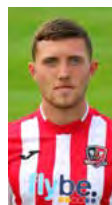
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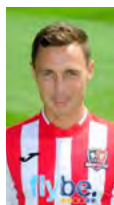
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BY RORY NGAH

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HAILING FROM A FAMOUS FOOTBALL FAMILY, NICKY LAW CAME UP THROUGH THE RANKS AT SHEFFIELD UNITED, FOR WHOM HE MADE FOUR PREMIER LEAGUE APPEARANCES IN 2006/07.

Following a series of spells at other clubs, he moved north of the border in 2011, enjoying stints with Motherwell and Rangers, winning the Scottish Championship, League One and Challenge Cup whilst with the latter. Having returned to English football with Bradford City in 2016, he signed for the Grecians in July, playing a key role in City's bright start to the season.

45 Although he began his career up in Sheffield, Nicky was in fact born locally, during his father's one season stint with Plymouth Argyle. Constituting just a 45-minute trip up the A38, he can therefore consider himself a Devonshire lad.

1 Handed the number eight shirt on his arrival, Nicky enjoyed a dream start to his Exeter career, putting in a man of the match performance against Carlisle United on the season's opening day. Described as "a class apart" in Matt Taylor's post match interview, it took him just 16 minutes to open his scoring account, neatly finishing off a Jonathan Forte cutback. A menace throughout the day, he also created a number of other chances, playing a major hand in the Grecians' other two goals.

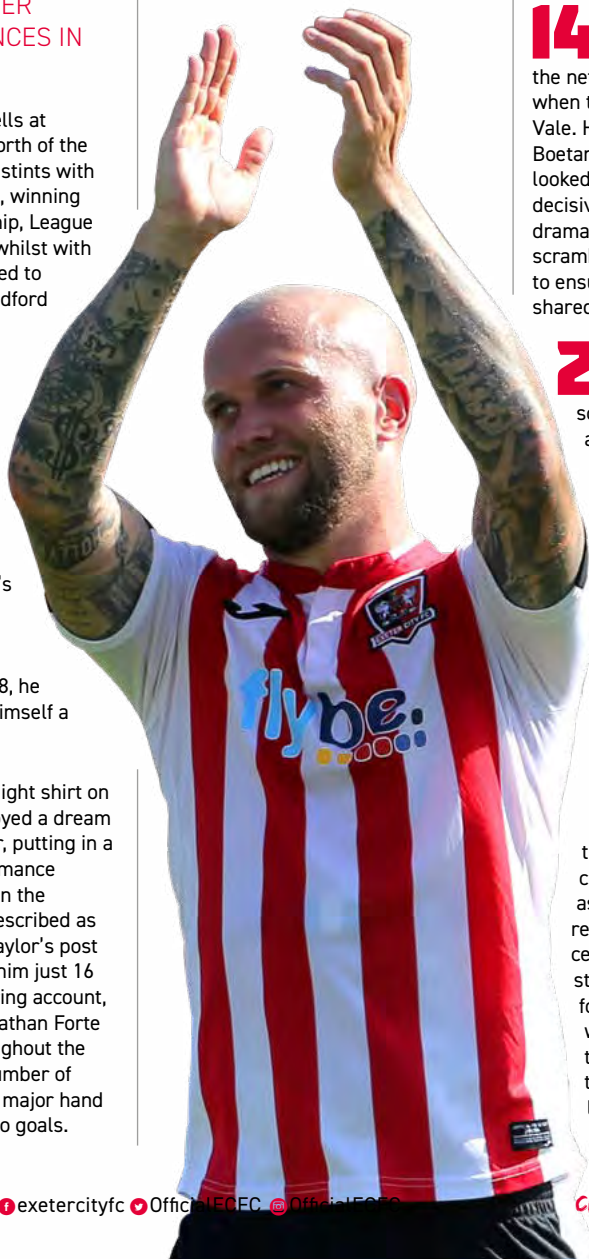
57 His next goal came in mid-September when the Grecians travelled away to Mansfield Town. With City already leading through a Dean Moxey strike, Nicky

guided home a header in the 57th minute to double their lead. Although Tyler Walker grabbed one back a few minutes later, City were able to hold on, ending the Stags' unbeaten start to the season.

14 Prolific during the season's first few weeks, Nicky found the net again just fourteen days later, when the Grecians travelled to Port Vale. Having tapped home a Hiram Boetang cross from close range, it looked as if his contribution would be decisive. However, in scenes of high drama, substitute Idris Kanu scrambled in a 97th minute equaliser to ensure that the spoils would be shared.

23 Although he has not found himself on the score sheet since, possessing an astonishing calmness on the ball and the ability to play a pinpoint pass, Nicky has been at the centre of much of what has been good about the Grecians this season. In recognition of this fact, he was voted the Hawksmoor Investment Management Player of the Month for November, winning 23% of the vote in a narrow contest to claim the prize.

22 Having quickly endeared himself to the fans, the midfielder has claimed three goals and two assists from his 22 outings in red and white this season. A central figure in City's glorious start to the season, his sterling form and invaluable experience will be vital in helping to break them out of the rough patch that they have been enduring of late.





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BY CHARLIE HOWELL



COMPARED TO MOST OTHER CLUBS, EXETER CITY HAVE TO COVER A LOT MORE MILES ON THE ROAD OVER THE COURSE OF SEASON.

This season loyal City supporters will have to travel a total of 7740.2 miles to watch their beloved City up and down the country. That figure includes the journey home, which is always made sweeter when the Grecians return to Devon with three points. No season had as many wins on the road as 2016/17, as City returned home with three points a record **13** times, the most in League Two that year.

In a season where Exeter started very slowly, losing their opening three games, the first victory of the season came away at Accrington Stanley, as Ryan Harley's long range effort and Jake Taylor's volley gave City a 2-1 win – former Grecian Arron

Davies netted for the hosts.

Another win at Colchester followed before City managed to sneak a 2-0 victory at Stevenage despite being down to ten men for the majority of the match, after Jordan Moore-Taylor was shown a straight red in the 24th minute.

While City struggled at home they excelled on the road with emphatic triumphs at Barnet and Morecambe, 4-1 and 3-0 wins respectively. It was actually a defeat on the road that seemed to be the catalyst for the Grecian's turnaround in form that season, as Carlisle scored twice in added time to turn the game on its head and win 3-2.

That defeat was then followed by a 12 match unbeaten run, which included a remarkable streak of seven straight wins. That run contained impressive victories at Cheltenham, Grimsby and eventual League Two winners Portsmouth – all wins which helped catapult the Grecians from the

relegation zone to within touching distance of the automatic promotion spots.

A 3-0 loss at Home Park in February ended the good form but Exeter's next win came 17 days later on the road, as goals from academy graduates Ollie Watkins and Moore-Taylor helped City to a 2-1 win over Crawley Town.

City's next away win – a 2-1 triumph at Mansfield – was the 12th of the season, breaking the Grecian's record for the most away victories in a single season.

The final victory on the road that season came at Doncaster, as the Grecians confirmed their play-off place in style with a 3-1 win – goals coming from Moore-Taylor's long-range free-kick, David Wheeler and Liam McAlinden.

It's safe to say there were a lot of happy Grecians driving all over Britain that season.

A herd of elephants is gathered in a watering hole, with one elephant in the foreground drinking from the water. In the bottom left corner, a black VoIP phone with a small screen displaying '12:35' is shown. The background image is a photograph of elephants in a natural setting, with a red diagonal line separating it from the white background below.

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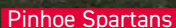
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NO.5 JAMIE CURETON

Across two spells with the Grecians, Jamie Cureton's 40 league goals have secured him the number four spot on the Trust1000 countdown. Cureton's prolific finishing earned him a regular place in Paul Tisdale's frontline, and he repaid the faith with his 40 goals coming in just 77 appearances. His most impressive performances came in the 2010/11 season, where he received the club's Player of the Year award as City rose to their highest ever finish in the Football League. Today the journeyman's his playing career is still going strong at 43, despite Fifa's game engine automatically retiring him at 40!

LEAGUE TWO GREATS

CLAYTON DONALDSON

BY HARRY WEBSTER

Since the division was retitled League Two at the beginning of the 2004/05 campaign there have been several players who can proudly call themselves a League Two great. From prolific goal scorers to heroic defenders, players have used this league as a springboard to ignite their career as they work their way up from the bottom of the Football League ladder. So, this season, Harry Webster takes a dip into the archives to acknowledge some of the greatest ever players to have played in League Two...

CLAYTON DONALDSON - 2010/11

A striker that our visitors today will know all about, and a player who can certainly be labelled as a League Two great after his goalscoring exploits in the 2010/11 campaign. Clayton Donaldson began his career at Hull City and scored on his first-team debut, netting in The Tigers' 3-1 away defeat at Port Vale in the Football League Trophy. For the next few years Donaldson was sent out on loan to Harrogate Town, Scarborough and Halifax Town before joining York City in the Conference where he quickly put himself on the map, notching a total of 41 goals in 85 appearances. His impressive form caught the eye of Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League, but he spent just one season there when Crewe took interest in the striker after losing Nicky Maynard to Bristol City. Donaldson signed for the Railwaymen in the summer of 2008 but suffered relegation from League One in his first year at Greysty Road, scoring six goals in 37 games. He netted 13 the following year, as Crewe finished 18th. But it was the 2010/11 campaign where he really made a name for himself, finishing as League Two's top goal-scorer as he notched 28 times. To the surprise of many, Donaldson failed to earn a place in the PFA Team of the Year, perhaps due to Crewe finishing 10th. Nevertheless, his prolific form didn't go unnoticed, especially from League One Brentford. The Bees signed Donaldson on a free transfer and he scored 11 goals in his first year at Griffin Park, but the next two years are where he really made an impact, scoring 35 goals in total, as the Bees won promotion to the Championship.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER?

Donaldson prepared for life in the Championship after slowly climbing up the leagues, but not with the Bees. The forward was signed by Birmingham City and he settled into life well at St. Andrews, finding the net 15 times in the 2014/15 season as the Blues finished in a respectable 10th place, and they finished in the same position in the following



campaign, with Donaldson scoring 11 times. But after Gary Rowett's dismissal in December 2016, he struggled to make the same impact after working under three different managers, including Gianfranco Zola and Harry Redknapp as well as Rowett, as the Blues stayed up on the last day of the season after a 1-0 win against Bristol City at Ashton Gate. Chris Wilder brought him to Bramall Lane the following year as Sheffield United made their return to the Championship, and despite only scoring five goals, Donaldson played his part as Wilder's side made a surprise push for the play-off positions.

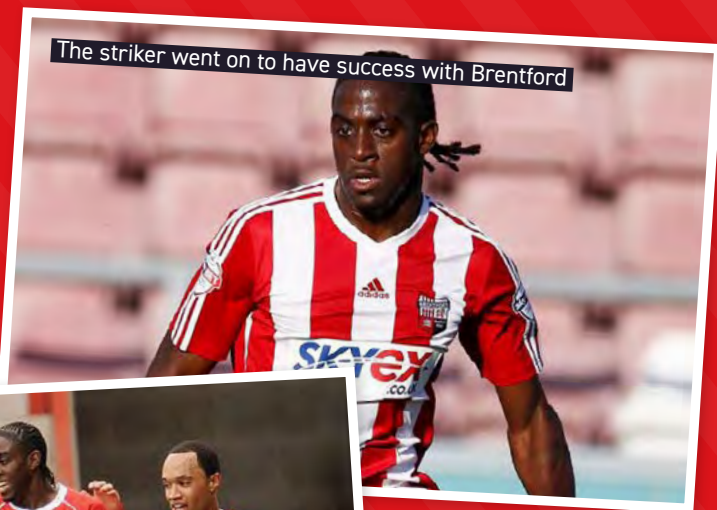
WHERE IS HE NOW?

At 34-years of age, Donaldson continues to ply his trade in the Championship, joining Bolton Wanderers on a free transfer last summer after his one-year deal at Bramall Lane came to an end. However, the striker is yet to find the net for the Trotters at the time of writing and has struggled to nail down a place in the starting 11. Phil Parkinson's Bolton side have struggled so far this season, and Donaldson may well find himself in another fight for survival if things don't improve soon.

Pos	Player	Club	Goals
1	Clayton Donaldson	Crewe Alexandra	28
2	Ryan Lowe	Bury	27
3	Cody McDonald	Gillingham	25
4	Craig Davies	Chesterfield	23
	Adam Le Fondre	Rotherham United	23
6	Barry Corr	Southend United	18
	Jack Lester	Chesterfield	18
	Shaun Miller	Crewe Alexandra	18
	Wesley Thomas	Cheltenham Town	18
9	Shaun Harrad	Burton Albion, Northampton Town	16
	Marc Richards	Port Vale	16

The striker was the top goalscorer in League Two during the 2010/11 season

The striker went on to have success with Brentford



Donaldson celebrates netting for Crewe

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ASSISTS



Hiram Boateng, Pierce Sweeney **5** 🐾

Lee Holmes **4** 🐾

Dean Moxey, Craig Woodman
Nicky Law, Jayden Stockley,
Lee Martin, Jake Taylor,
Chiedozie Ogbene **2** 🐾



GOALS

Jayden Stockley **11** 🐾

Jonathan Forte **7** 🐾

Pierce Sweeney **4** 🐾



APPEARANCES

Aaron Martin, Pierce Sweeney,
Jake Taylor, Lee Martin, Jayden
Stockley **24** 🐾

Nicky Law **22** 🐾

Christy Pym, Jordan Tillson **21** 🐾

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	MK Dons	21	12	7	2	32	13	19	43
2	Lincoln City	20	12	5	3	35	17	18	41
3	Colchester	21	11	5	5	34	19	15	38
4	Bury	21	10	6	5	40	21	19	36
5	Mansfield	20	8	11	1	29	14	15	35
6	Newport County	21	10	5	6	32	34	-2	35
7	Tranmere	21	9	7	5	31	25	6	34
8	Forest Green	21	8	9	4	30	21	9	33
9	Exeter City	21	8	7	6	29	23	6	31
10	Stevenage	21	9	4	8	26	26	0	31
11	Swindon Town	21	8	6	7	25	29	-4	30
12	Oldham	21	7	8	6	28	21	7	29
13	Carlisle	21	7	8	6	28	21	7	29
14	Northampton	21	6	8	7	26	28	-2	26
15	Port Vale	21	7	5	9	22	25	-3	26
16	Crawley Town	20	8	2	10	27	31	-4	26
17	Crewe	21	7	4	10	21	26	-5	25
18	Grimsby Town	21	6	4	11	20	29	-9	22
19	Morecombe	21	6	4	11	21	34	-13	22
20	Yeovil Town	19	5	6	8	24	24	0	21
21	Cheltenham	20	5	5	10	20	31	-11	20
22	Cambridge United	21	5	4	12	19	35	-16	19
23	Notts County	21	3	7	11	22	43	-21	16
24	Macclesfield Town	21	3	4	14	16	38	-22	13

ALL TIME CITY APPEARANCES & GOALS

Player	🐾	🐾	Player	🐾	🐾
Dean Moxey	258	28	Aaron Martin	24	2
Craig Woodman	244	1	Lee Martin	24	-
Jake Taylor	175	21	Nicky Law	22	3
Christy Pym	142	-	Jonathan Forte	19	7
Jordan Tillson	126	4	Tristan Abrahams	19	2
Lee Holmes	120	12	Chiedozie Ogbene	13	-
Troy Brown	114	5	Jack Sparkes	11	1
Pierce Sweeney	110	13	Archie Collins	11	-
Jayden Stockley	94	46	Dara O'Shea	11	-
Hiram Boateng	64	2	Jimmy Dates	6	-
Luke Croll	51	-	Will Dean	4	-
Matt Jay	47	2	Harry Kite	2	-
James Hamon	35	-	Joel Randall	2	1
			Josh Key	1	-

ALSO PLAYING TODAY

Kick-off at 3pm unless stated

Cambridge United **▼** Yeovil Town
Carlisle United **▼** Colchester United
Exeter City **▼** Crewe Alexandra
Forest Green Rovers **▼** Mansfield Town
Grimsby Town **▼** Swindon Town
Lincoln City **▼** Morecambe
Macclesfield Town **▼** Crawley Town
Newport County AFC **▼** MK Dons
Northampton Town **▼** Stevenage
Notts County **▼** Tranmere Rovers
Oldham Athletic **▼** Bury
Port Vale **▼** Cheltenham Town

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Aug 04	Carlisle United		W	3-1	6th	4,266	235	●	●	●		●	○	○	● 1
Aug 11	Morecambe		W	0-2	1st	1,654	211	●	● 1	●		●	○	○	●
Aug 14	Ipswich Town		D	1-1	N/A	3,675	351	●	●	●		●	●	●	
Aug 18	Newport County		D	1-1	1st	4,239	332	●	●	●		●	●	○	○
Aug 21	Cambridge United		W	0-2	1st	3,662	241	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Aug 25	MK Dons		L	1-0	3rd	7,672	989	●	●	●		●	●	○	●
Aug 28	Fulham		L	2-0	N/A	9,333	1,471	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Sep 01	Lincoln City		L	0-3	9th	4,067	355	●	●	●		●	●	○	●
Sep 04	Yeovil Town		D	0-0	N/A	1,518	160		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sep 08	Notts County		W	5-1	3rd	3,916	278	●	● 2	●	●	● 1	●	○	●
Sep 15	Mansfield Town		W	1-2	2nd	4,443	228	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	● 1
Sep 22	Cheltenham Town		W	3-1	2nd	3,723	163	●	● 1	●	●	●	●	○	●
Sep 25	West Ham United		W	2-0	N/A	1,114	142		●		●	●	●	●	
Sep 29	Port Vale		D	1-1	3rd	4,615	350	●	●		○	●	●	●	● 1
Oct 02	Stevenage		W	1-0	2nd	3,671	56	●	●			●	●	○	●
Oct 06	Yeovil Town		D	2-2	2nd	4,223	1328	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Oct 13	Swindon Town		W	2-0	2nd	4,506	330	●	●		●	●	○	○	●
Oct 20	Grimsby Town		D	0-0	2nd	4,038	130	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●
Oct 23	Crawley Town		D	1-1	3rd	2,095	379	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Oct 27	Forest Green Rovers		L	1-2	3rd	4,983	210		●	○	●	●	●	●	●
Nov 03	Tranmere Rovers		L	2-0	5th	6,209	335		●	○	●	●	●	●	●
Nov 10	Blackpool		L	2-3	N/A	3,188	133		●	●	●	●	● 1		●
Nov 13	Bristol Rovers		W	2-0	N/A	874	149			●	●	●	●		
Nov 17	Northampton Town		D	2-2	6th	4,332	329	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Nov 24	Colchester United		D	1-1	6th	3,384	264	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Nov 27	Macclesfield Town		L	0-1	7th	3,070	24	●	●	○	●		●	●	●
Dec 04	Peterborough United		L	0-2	N/A	746	79			●	○	●	●	●	
Dec 08	Bury		L	2-0	9th	3,328	209	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
Dec 15	Crewe Alexandra														
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May 04	Forest Green Rovers														

Yellow Card Red Card ● Started Match ○ Used Sub ● Unused Sub ¹ Goal(s) Scored

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Jonathan Forte		○	1		●			○	●				●												●			●
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