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CARLISLE UNITED v
BRADFORD CITY

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023 | KICK OFF 3PM



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PLAY-OFF



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SECOND LEG



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A warm Brunton Park welcome to the directors, staff, and players from Bradford as they join us this afternoon.

I think everyone agrees that the first leg on Sunday was a great game to watch. It was two very good teams who clearly wanted to win it, and I felt it was conducted in a competitive manner, but also in the right way.

The atmosphere was incredible, with our near 2,500 fans playing their part in that from the moment they arrived at the stadium. At times it was the Carlisle voices that were loudest, and I know the manager and the players really appreciate that level of support.

You have been fantastic all season and we're looking forward to seeing the four sides of the stadium bedecked in blue and cheering the lads on today.

The prize for the winning team, of course, is a trip to Wembley and an opportunity to play for the right to earn promotion to League One. Both teams will feel they have enough to do it and I have no doubt it will be another exciting meeting this afternoon.

After a very long season, which started way back in July, the manager, coaching staff, and squad have brought us to this point where we are in the hunt for something to show for all of those efforts. That is an achievement that shouldn't be understated, whatever happens in the game.

I know it's been said many times in recent weeks, but I think we all agree that if we'd been offered this ahead of that season-opening Crawley game, we'd most certainly have taken it. I know some don't agree with the play-off system, but we've seen already with Notts County and the dramatic

way they returned to the Football League that they can be very exciting to watch.

They are, of course, only truly enjoyable for the team that makes it through, and all four teams involved in our division today will have set out to take the next step towards that.

The Bradford game last Sunday was decided by the early goal, but I thought our players really settled into the game after that early setback and some of the chances we created looked like they were going to bring us at least an equaliser. It wasn't to be, but we now know the task that faces us and the work that needs to be done.

With the decision now finalised that we will no longer be producing a match programme, this means that this is my last set of notes. That seems a strange thing to say, with me having written notes for programmes longer than I care to remember. We intend to provide regular updates from the boardroom and from myself via our website, and it is very possible that we will also produce one-off specials, should the situation merit it.

As we close-off this season, hopefully with another trip to London, I would like to say one more thank you to everybody connected with the club in all areas for their magnificent efforts in making this a season for us all to remember. There is a real sense of togetherness and that is something we can all be proud of.

Enjoy the game,
Andrew Jenkins



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Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's game. I also welcome Mark, his staff, and players for what is a huge day for both clubs.

Both of the League Two play-off semi-finals have been tight so far, and by the time this game kicks off we will know whether it is Salford or Stockport who have booked their Wembley place. As with this game, it's impossible to call, with four very evenly matched teams contesting for the right to take the next step towards a successful conclusion to the season.

I thought the game last Sunday was an excellent advert for League Two football with a competitive encounter that was played in the right spirit. The teams played their part in that, as did both sets of fans who, between them, created a fantastic atmosphere.

If we're being honest, it was a nervy start from us, which is to be expected on occasions like that, but I felt we really started to get a grip of the game after the goal was scored. Some of the passages of play were exactly what we had spoken about, and the chances created could easily, on another day, have brought two or three goals.

The challenge now is to take the momentum of that performance into this afternoon's fixture. When it comes to play-offs, I don't think it matters that we've played each other so recently. This is a knock-out scenario with the only difference to the day being that Bradford come here with the one-goal advantage.

It's now about which team handles this 90 minutes the better. We all know that goals change games, and we'll be looking to add that final ingredient to the approach play we had on show last weekend. It's one where we won't



get things all our own way, but we know that if we capitalise on the good passages of play, we produce that we'll be giving ourselves a chance.

It goes without saying that we all want a positive outcome, but whatever happens today the players and coaching staff should be applauded for the work they've done to get us to this point. The professionalism and approach to earn a fifth-place finish has to be consistent in terms of input, output and effort, and the proof is in the pudding that we've had that from everybody.

My final thank you, as ever, is to the fans. To sell out when the game was televised at Valley Parade, and to get huge numbers in the same situation today, are both more examples, if they were needed, of how much you want to do your bit to help us over the line. We really do appreciate it, and we hope to bring you plenty more to smile about.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Simpson

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BRADFORD CITY MANAGEMENT

MANAGER *MARK HUGHES*



Mark is an experienced manager who has taken charge of over 600 games throughout his career - including more than 450 in the Premier League. He has also finished in the top 10 in the top-flight of English football on eight separate occasions.

Hughes has previously had managerial spells with the Welsh national team, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City, Fulham, Queens Park Rangers, Stoke City, and Southampton.

In his playing days, the Welshman had multiple spells at Manchester United, as well as spending time at Barcelona, Bayern Munich (loan), Chelsea, Southampton, Everton, and Blackburn Rovers.



ASSISTANT MANAGER *GLYN HODGES*



Glyn has previously worked alongside Mark Hughes at Wales, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City, Fulham, and Queens Park Rangers.

He has been caretaker manager of Barnsley on two separate occasions, was in charge of Stoke City's under-23s from 2013 till 2018, and spent 15 months as manager of AFC Wimbledon from October 2019 until January 2021.

In his playing days, Hodges plied his trade as a midfielder and made over 500 career appearances. In his near 20-year playing career, he played for the likes of Wimbledon, Koparit (Finland), Newcastle United, Watford, Crystal Palace, Sheffield United, Derby County, Sing Tao (China), Hull City, Nottingham Forest, and Scarborough.





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BRADFORD CITY STAR MAN

ANDY COOK FORWARD AGE: 32



After spending the second half of the 2020/2021 season on loan with the Bantams, Andy signed permanently from Mansfield Town on a two-year deal in June 2021.

The 31-year-old finished as City's top goal-scorer last season, scoring 12 goals in 39 appearances.

He has really kicked on this season, scoring 31 goals in all competitions and topping the race for the golden boot in the league.

CAREER

CLUB	FROM	TO	FEE	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		OTHER	
				APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
BRADFORD	12 Jun, 21		Free	73 (12)	40	0 (1)	0	3 (0)	3	1 (2)	0
BRADFORD	27 Jan, 21	01 Jun, 21	Loan	16 (5)	8	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
TRANMERE	31 Jan, 20	01 Jul, 20	Loan	5 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
MANSFIELD	21 Jun, 19	12 Jun, 21	Undisc.	18 (25)	10	3 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
WALSALL	22 May, 18	21 Jun, 19	Free	34 (9)	13	3 (0)	3	2 (0)	1	1 (1)	1
TRANMERE	25 May, 16	22 May, 18	Free	69 (14)	49	0 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	1
BARROW	01 Jul, 14	25 May, 16	Signed	48 (0)	38	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
GRIMSBY	01 Jul, 12	01 Jun, 14	Free	44 (29)	14	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (3)	0
BARROW	14 Jan, 11	01 Jul, 12	Signed	39 (21)	18	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
BARROW	06 Aug, 10	13 Jan, 11	Loan	2 (9)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
BARROW	08 Oct, 09	31 Dec, 09	Loan	1 (2)	1	1 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
CARLISLE	01 Jul, 09	14 Jan, 11	Trainee	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
TOTALS				349 (126)	191	8 (5)	5	7 (0)	4	8 (8)	2



MEET THE VISITORS

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BRADFORD CITY THE SQUAD




1
HARRY LEWIS
GK



2
BRAD HALLIDAY
DF



3
LIAM RIDEHALGH
DF



4
YANN SONGO'O
DF



5
MATTY PLATT
DF



6
RICHIE SMALLWOOD
MF



7
TOLAJI BOLA
DF



8
EMMANUEL OSADEBE
MF



9
ANDY COOK
FW



10
JAMIE WALKER
FW



11
ALEX GILLIEAD
MF



12
SCOTT BANKS
FW



13
COLIN DOYLE
GK



14
MATTY FOULDS
DF



15
TIMI ODUSINA
DF



16
RYAN EAST
MF



17
LUKE HENDRIE
DF




19
VADAINÉ OLIVER
FW



MEET THE VISITORS



20
HARRY CHAPMAN
MF



22
OSCAR THRELKELD
DF



24
ROMONEY CRICHLLOW
DF



26
DION PEREIRA
MF



21
JAKE YOUNG
FW



23
MATT DERBYSHIRE
MF



25
KIAN SCALES
MF



27
FINN COUSIN-DAWSON
DF



28
CHARLIE WOOD
MF



30
ABO EISA
MF




34
THIERRY NEVERS
MF



36
SAM STUBBS
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AT THE BRADFORD HOME GAME





CUFC
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MONDAY 26
DECEMBER 2022

BCAFC

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Referee: Adam Herczeg
Attendance: 8,296 (1,314)

Carlisle United: Holý, Feeney (c), Huntington, Mellish, Ellis, Moxon, Guy, Charters, Armer, Gibson, Stretton (Dennis 71). Subs - Kelly, Hilton, Sho-Silva, Whelan, Devitt, Harris.

Goal – Huntington (34)

Bradford City: Lewis, Halliday, Platt, Smallwood (c) (Sutton 78), Cook, Gilliead, Foulds, Chapman (Banks 77), Crichlow, Eisa (Oliver 73), Wright. Subs - Doyle (gk), Songo'o, Odusina, Pereira.

Bookings – Chapman (55), Wright (87)

It was a big crowd for the Boxing Day home game against Bradford City, with over 7,000 United fans there to cheer the lads on.

United fashioned a half chance when Ellis popped it inside from wide. Gibson and Moxon combined with the latter sending a clipped pass across the face of goal. It went all the way through to Armer, but his cutback was swept clear.

Forward Jack Stretton put Lewis under pressure as he dallied with a clearance at the Waterworks End, and the kick from the stopper was met by Mellish on the halfway line. He strode forward, and a ricochet opened things up. Lewis had to dive to get both hands to the stinging top-corner bound thunderbolt.

Excellent defending from Ellis prevented Wright from wriggling free as Bradford looked to make an impact, and the same contest brought a rushed delivery which Holý was once again comfortable to claim.

A lovely footballing move saw the hosts work the ball wide, with Stretton the spark as he won his challenge with his back to goal. A clever touch from Charters invited Moxon to let fly from 19 yards, but that was charged down.

United came again and Guy lurked deep as Ellis and Gibson tapped at the door. The midfielder dropped a shoulder, beat his man, and put his laces through the shot. Lewis got his fingertips to it and that was enough to take it over the bar.

Moxon kept the resulting corner low, and Huntington helped it on its way. Feeney connected with an instinctive volley, but Lewis saved with a foot, even though he didn't know too much about it.

It was the home team on top and Gibson came out of defence with room to run into. Charters was alongside, and he bided his time before picking out Stretton. Smallwood went for safety first, and a run of two corners followed.

An inswinger, curled in by Charters, evaded everybody but **Paul Huntington** → was at the back stick to guide his second of the season over the line. It was a deserved lead from the half's dominant side.

The first real shot on target from the Bantams came on 42 minutes when Eisa helped to get an awkward bouncing ball into the mix. Chapman looked to loft it over Holý, but it sailed into the Warwick.

Bradford came out of the second half blocks sharply and Chapman delivered into the wind from the right flank. It needed to be touched away from Cook as he jumped.



Cook dragged one wide from 25-yards as the Bantams tried to pick up the pace, but it was the hosts who wasted a gilt-edged opening as they hit the afterburners from deep. Armer cushioned a beauty of a pass to Mellish, and he was off on a run into the box. A pull back found Gibson unmarked, but he lost his bearings, and he thrashed his attempt high over the bar.

There was a let-off at the other end when Cook was left in space as Bradford overturned possession inside the centre circle. It came to the big striker, who had the nets at his mercy, but he somehow put it well wide.



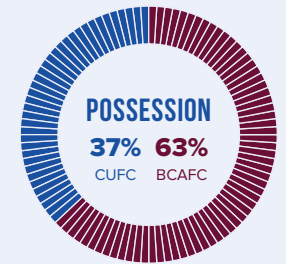
The same player had his face in his hands again moments later when he met an outswinging cross from Chapman with his head. At close range he couldn't get it the right side of the woodwork.

Owen Moxon ← tried his luck from distance with a free kick, and he was immediately awarded another, this time just 19-yards out, as the man in the wall stopped it with his hand. Moxon thundered this one, with a bit of bend, and Lewis had to go full stretch to palm it behind.

Substitute Kris Dennis flicked a late lob just a yard too high, and the large home crowd was jubilant when the whistle blew on a very good victory.



MATCH STATS



TOTAL SHOTS

11 CUFC 7 BCAFC



SHOTS ON TARGET

5 CUFC 0 BCAFC



CORNERS

9 CUFC 3 BCAFC



FOULS

7 CUFC 16 BCAFC



BOOKINGS

0 CUFC 2 BCAFC



SENT OFF

0 CUFC 0 BCAFC



ATTENDANCE

8,296
1,314
BCAFC





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BCAFC

TUESDAY 21
MARCH 2023

CUFC



Referee: Will Finnie
Attendance: 17,653 (1,208)

Bradford City: Lewis, Halliday, Ridehalgh (Crichlow 69), Platt, Smallwood (c), Cook, Gilliead (Pereira 86), Banks, Chapman (Oliver 68), Stubbs, Clayton (East 68). Subs - Doyle (gk), Bola, Kelly.

Booking – Oliver (79)

Carlisle United: Holý, Barclay, Feeney (c), Mellish, Senior (Robinson 90+3), Moxon, Guy, McCalmont (Gibson 84), Armer, Edmondson (Garner 64), Dennis (Patrick 64). Subs - Kelly (gk), Whelan, Gordon.

Bookings – Moxon (37), Barclay (56), Armer (90)

It was a Tuesday evening at Valley Parade for the rearranged league meeting between these two sides.

And another disciplined and competitive performance saw the Blues extend their unbeaten run to six games, with substitute Jordan Gibson almost nicking it with a stunning shot deep into time added on.

United dominated the first half possession and they created the first chance of the day when Moxon put a cross in from the right flank. Armer got there at the back stick, but he couldn't get the direction he needed and it dropped wide of the post.

The Bantams had a run of corners but Holý brought the spell of pressure to an end when he came off his line to claim it.

Midfielder Callum Guy started to see plenty of the ball, and he picked out Edmondson on the edge of the area. A flick invited Edmondson to chase but the keeper was off his line to scoop it up.



Another searching United ball forward was trapped by Dennis and he shielded it before finding **Joel Senior** in support. He shaped to shoot but his effort was charged down.

Good work from Banks at the other end created space, and he fed it for Chapman to let one go. It was powerful, but it was always high.

The visitors kept the home side in their own defensive third and Armer looped a deep corner for **Kristian Dennis** to challenge for. It had Lewis beaten but it dropped wide of the mark.

Armer was a constant outlet and he twice had deliveries intercepted as he probed on the overlap, but things tightened up with McCalmont and Mellish thwarted by blocks as both defences did their jobs.

United kept coming and Edmondson clipped a header towards Guy, who fancied the shot. It was sliced and Lewis watched it on its way.

Ben Barclay then backed up the forward play before picking out Edmondson, but his header was straight at the stopper.



A wild rising effort from Chapman signalled the start of the second period but chances were few and far between as the Bantams probed without getting any purchase.



It became a real battle, but Andy Cook was close as he diverted a loose ball towards the nets. Feeney made a vital block that took the swirling attempt onto the bar.

The Cumbrians responded with a decent spell and a drive from Guy brought a free kick just 19-yards out when he was upended. Moxon found plenty of power, but it was always too high.



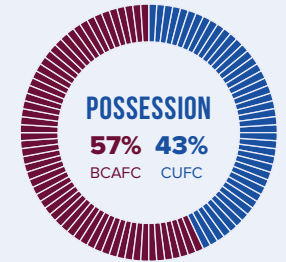
Both sides wanted the win, and a snapshot from **Joe Garner** wasn't too far away. Holý had to spread himself as Bradford broke, with Cook at tight angle as he tried to squeeze it under the dive.

Oliver was next to try his luck, but his header was misguided, and it was the Blues who nearly nicked it with the last kick of the game as

Gibson ripped into space. He connected with an absolute thunderbolt that smacked against the base of the post before being smothered.



MATCH STATS



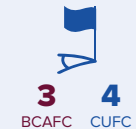
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SHOTS ON TARGET



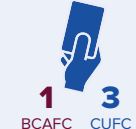
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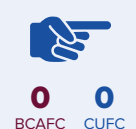
FOULS



BOOKINGS



SENT OFF



ATTENDANCE



COMPLETE RECORD

CARLISLE UNITED
v BRADFORD CITY

	H	A
1928/29	2-2	2-4
1937/38	2-0	0-4
1938/39	0-2	0-2
1946/47	4-3	2-2
1947/48	1-2	1-1
1948/49	3-2	2-1
1949/50	3-0	2-3
1950/51	2-1	4-2
1951/52	1-0	2-1
1952/53	4-4	2-7
1953/54	2-0	0-1
1954/55	1-0	0-2
1955/56	0-0	0-0
1956/57	1-4	2-3
1957/58	0-3	1-1
1961/62	2-4	2-3
1963/64	1-2	2-2
1977/78	1-1	2-2
1985/86	1-2	0-1
1995/96	2-2	1-3
2006/07	1-0	1-1
2013/14	1-0	0-4
2019/20	0-0	1-3
2020/21	3-1	1-0
2021/22	2-0	0-2
2022/23	1-0	0-0

(Carlisle United score shown first)

CUP MEETINGS

- 24 Nov 1951: Bradford 6 – 1 United (FA Cup)
- 11 Sep 1974: Bradford 0 – 1 United (League Cup)
- 30 Jan 1980: United 3 – 2 Bradford (FA Cup)
- 22 Aug 2006: United 1 – 1 Bradford (League Cup)
(United win 4-3 on pens)
- 15 Dec 2009: United 3 – 0 Bradford; FLT

Games Played: 57

Carlisle Wins: 20

Bradford Wins: 22

Draws: 15



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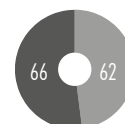
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MATCH FACTS & TOTAL CARDS

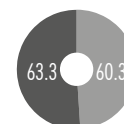
Carlisle are unbeaten in nine home games against Bradford in all competitions (W6 D3), winning six of the last seven including the last three in a row.



Following their 1-0 win in the first leg, Bradford are looking to win consecutive meetings with Carlisle in all competitions for the first time since December 1985.



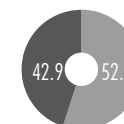
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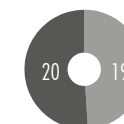
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GOALS CONCEDED



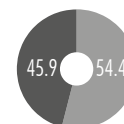
EXPECTED GOALS AGAINST



CLEAN SHEETS



SHOTS



AVERAGE POSSESSION %



SHOT CONVERSION RATE %



POINTS GAINED AFTER TRAILING



POINTS DROPPED AFTER LEADING

GOAL TIMES

	SCORED	CONCEDED		SCORED	CONCEDED
0-15	12	3	0-15	12	2
16-30	5	14	16-30	6	8
31-45	14	5	31-45	7	7
46-60	14	10	46-60	12	6
61-75	8	4	61-75	12	9
76-90	13	7	76-90	12	11

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SPOT THE BALL



CAN YOU TELL WHERE THE BALL IS IN THIS PICTURE?

BOOTS



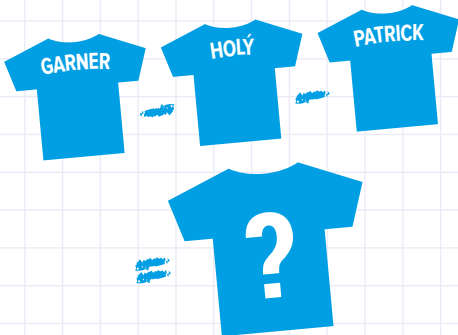
WHO DO THESE BOOTS BELONG TO?

HEAD MASH-UP



WE'VE MIXED UP THREE PLAYERS. WHO ARE THEY?

SQUAD NUMBER MATHS



ANSWERS
 Spot the Ball: A Boots: Omar Patrick
 Head Mash Up: Hair - Owen Moxon, eyes and nose - Paul Huntington, mouth - Ryan Edmondson
 Squad Number Maths: 30
 Find the Fox: p5 in the big photo, p15 in one of the photos, p28 on Olga, p43 in one of the photos, 54 in one of the photos

A QUICK QUIZ FOR THE KIDS

TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE GANG!

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6. WHAT DATE IS GUY FAWKES NIGHT?
7. WHAT ANIMAL DOES PORK COME FROM?
8. IN WHAT COUNTRY WOULD YOU FIND THE WHITE HOUSE?
9. WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS PENNE?
10. HOW MANY DAYS ARE THERE IN FEBRUARY DURING A LEAP YEAR?
11. IN WHAT COUNTRY MIGHT YOU FIND A PLATYPUS AND A WOMBAT?
12. WHAT IS SUPER MARIO'S BROTHER CALLED?
13. WHAT KIND OF CREATURE IS SHREK?
14. WHAT THREE COLOURS MAKE UP THE FRENCH FLAG?
15. WHAT BAND WAS HARRY STYLES IN BEFORE HIS SOLO CAREER?
16. WHAT KIND OF FOOD DOES A PANDA EAT?
17. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN IN THE WORLD?
18. WHAT PROGRAMME FEATURES TRAINS CALLED JAMES AND GORDON?
19. WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL IS A GREYHOUND?
20. HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE THERE ON A MATCH DAY TEAM SHEET?

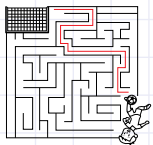
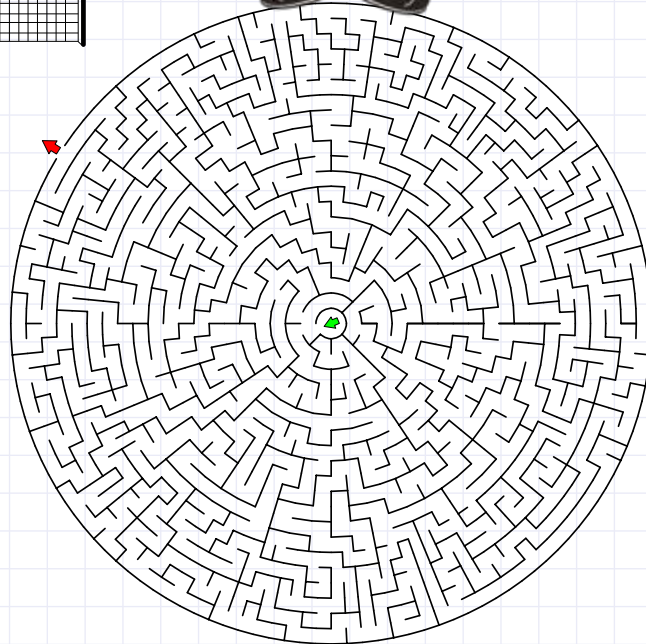
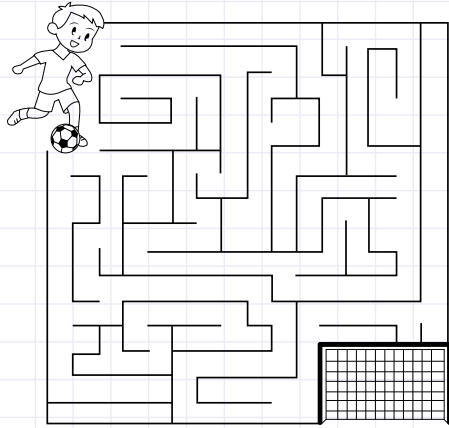


ANSWERS
 1. Eight 2. Andy 3. Berlin 4. Seven 5. Tennis 6. 5th November 7. Pig 8. The USA 9. Pasta 10. 29 11. Australia 12. Luigi 13. An ogre 14. Red, white and blue 15. One Direction 16. Bamboo 17. Everest 18. Thomas the Tank Engine 19. A dog 20. 36 (both teams + subs)

IT'S QUITE SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!

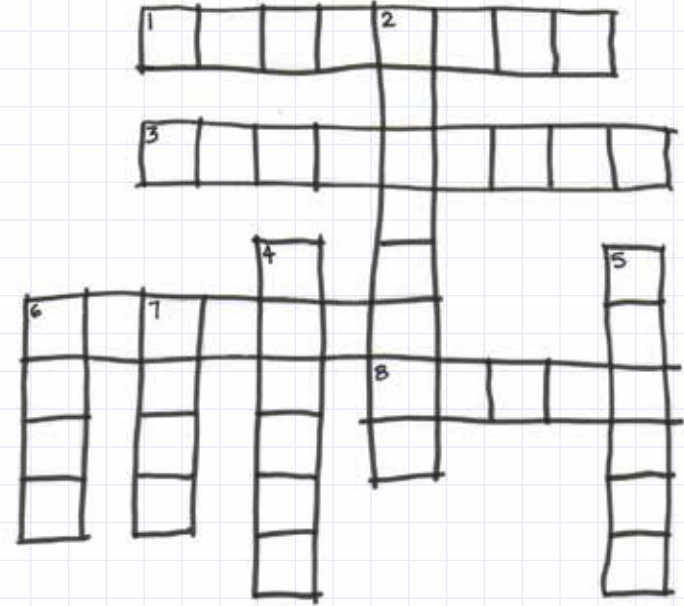
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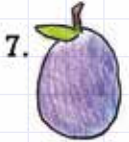
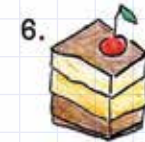
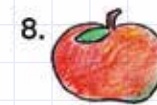
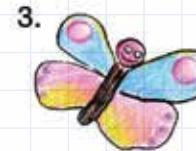
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ANSWERS
ACROSS: 1. LOLLIPOP 3. BUTTERFLY 6. CUPCAKE 8. APPLE
DOWN: 2. ICECREAM 4. SALAMI 5. CHEESE 6. CAKE 7. PLUM

MY MINI MATCH REPORT

CARLISLE UNITED V
BRADFORD CITY
SATURDAY 20 MAY 2023



NAME -

AGE -



THE FINAL SCORE

UNITED - BRADFORD

THE STARTING LINE-UP WAS



THE GOALS WERE SCORED BY



THESE PLAYERS WERE BOOKED



I WATCHED THE MATCH FROM



THE BEST PART OF THE MATCH WAS

MY MAN OF THE MATCH WAS



CLUB STATS PACK 2022/23



GOAL TALLY

LEAGUE: 66 FA CUP: 3 CARABAO CUP: 2 EFL TROPHY: 2 TOTAL: 73

FIRST GOAL

Played	53
Carlisle United score first goal	25
Opponents score first goal	20
No goals scored	8
United score first goal and win	20
United score first goal and draw	2
United score first goal and lose	3
United fail to score	15
Opponents score first goal and win	12
Opponents score first goal and draw	7
Opponents score first goal and lose	1
Opponents fail to score	20

IS THAT THE TIME ALREADY?

	0-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90
Conceded	3	15	7	11	6	13
Scored	13	7	13	14	11	15

FIRST HALF RECORD

Played 53 Won 19 Lost 12 Drawn 22

Second HALF RECORD

Played 53 Won 14 Lost 10 Drawn 29

HOW WE CREATED THE GOALS

Free Play 53 Corner 16 Free kick 0
Penalty 3 TOTAL 73

HOW WE SCORED THE GOALS

Header 15 Shot inside 44 Free kick 0
Penalty 3 Shot outside 10 Own goal 1 TOTAL 73

FORM GUIDE: HOME

Apr 29	Salford City	(SB2)	2-3
Apr 18	Stockport County	(SB2)	2-2
Apr 15	Northampton Town	(SB2)	0-0
Apr 7	Tranmere Rovers	(SB2)	2-0
Mar 18	Stevenage	(SB2)	0-0
Mar 4	Grimsby Town	(SB2)	2-0

WON 2 DRAWN 3 LOST 1 F78 A5

FORM GUIDE: AWAY

May 14	Bradford City	(PO1)	0-1
May 8	Sutton United	(SB2)	1-1
Apr 22	Barrow	(SB2)	1-0
Apr 10	Walsall	(SB2)	0-0
Apr 1	Leyton Orient	(SB2)	0-1
Mar 25	Gillingham	(SB2)	0-1

WON 1 DRAWN 2 LOST 3 F2 A4

PLAYER CAREER APPEARANCES FOR CARLISLE UNITED

PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		OTHER CUP		TOTAL		PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		OTHER CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals		Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Jack Armer	108 (4)	3	5	0	8 (2)	1	121 (6)	4	Callum Guy	125 (1)	3	4 (1)	0	5 (3)	0	134 (5)	3
Fin Back	18	0	0	0	1	0	19	0	Jayden Harris	3 (15)	0	0 (2)	1	4	0	7 (17)	1
Ben Barclay	13 (1)	1	0 (1)	0	1	0	14 (2)	1	Sonny Hilton	0 (7)	0	0	0	3	0	3 (7)	0
Lewis Bell	0 (2)	0	0	0	2 (2)	0	2 (4)	0	Tomás Holý	47	0	2	0	1	0	52	0
Nic Bollado	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	Paul Huntington	40 (1)	2	2	0	0	0	42 (1)	2
Gabriel Breeze	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Duncan Idehen	0 (2)	0	0	0	3	1	3 (2)	1
Ryan Carr	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Michael Kelly	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Taylor Charters	10 (27)	1	2 (4)	0	9 (3)	1	21 (34)	2	Max Kilsby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kristian Dennis	47 (15)	22	1	0	0 (1)	1	48 (16)	23	Alfie McCalmont	12 (5)	2	0	0	0	0	12 (5)	2
Jamie Devitt	83 (46)	21	4 (2)	1	15 (1)	1	102 (49)	23	Jon Mellish	139 (5)	20	8 (1)	3	9 (5)	2	156 (11)	25
Brennan Dickenson	42 (9)	3	1	0	2 (1)	0	45 (10)	3	Owen Moxon	46	6	2	0	2 (2)	0	50 (2)	6
Josh Dixon	0 (2)	0	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (4)	0	Omar Patrick	74 (27)	20	2	0	4	0	80 (27)	20
Ryan Edmondson	13 (1)	4	1	1	1 (2)	1	15 (3)	6	Jack Robinson	1 (6)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (6)	0
Jack Ellis	13 (1)	0	2	0	3	0	18 (1)	0	Joel Senior	16 (2)	1	0	0	0 (1)	0	16 (3)	1
Morgan Feeney	60 (6)	4	2	0	8	0	70 (6)	4	Tobi Sho-Silva	4 (17)	4	1 (1)	0	0	0	5 (18)	4
Sam Fishburn	3 (6)	0	0 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (10)	0	Scott Simons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Garner	71 (14)	28	4	1	1 (1)	0	76 (15)	29	Jack Stretton	9 (9)	2	0 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	12 (11)	2
Jordan Gibson	63 (22)	8	3 (1)	2	3 (4)	1	69 (27)	11	Corey Whelan	48 (13)	2	3	0	6 (2)	0	57 (15)	2
John-Kymani Gordon	8 (7)	2	0	0	0	0	8 (7)	2									

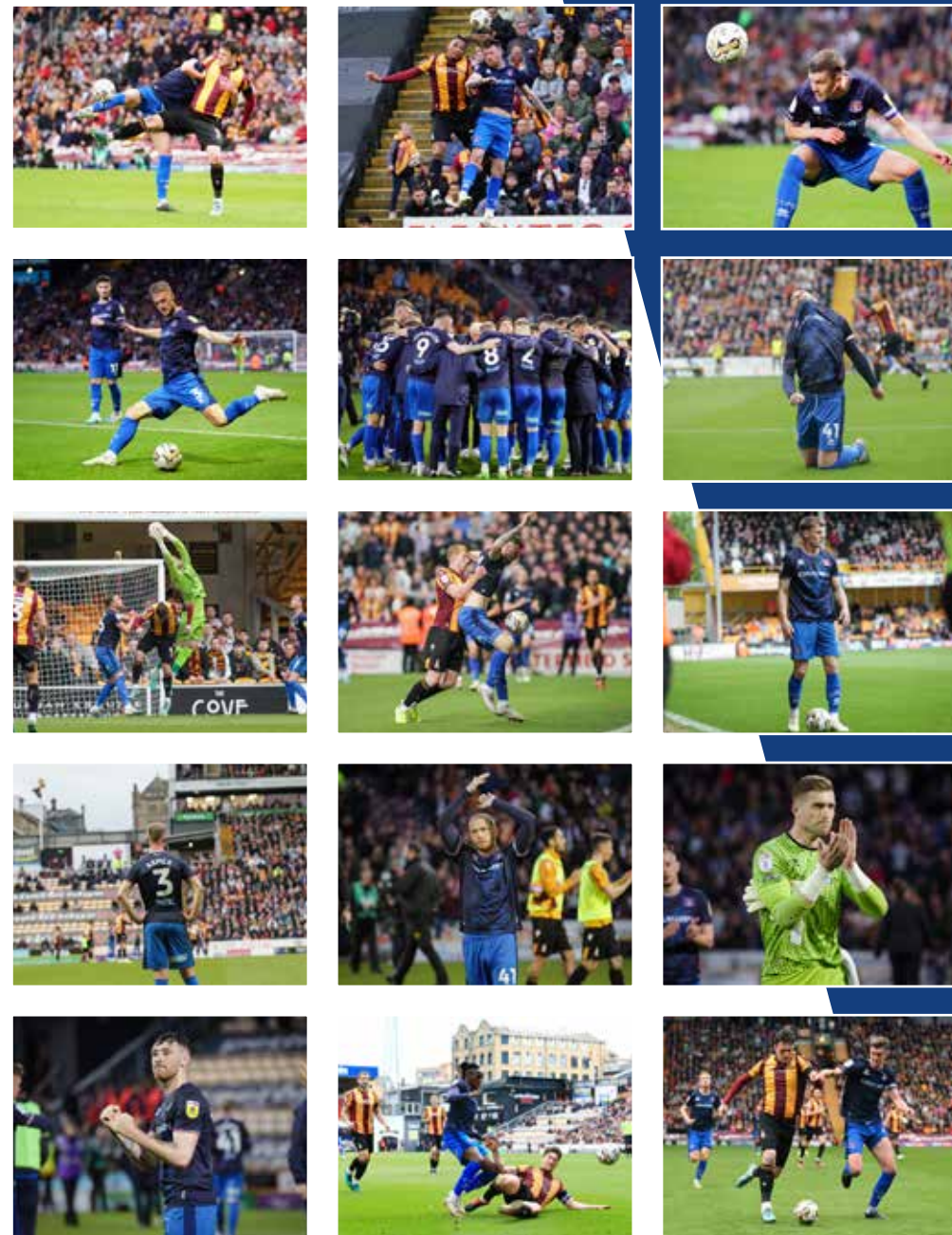
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AS AT 8 MAY 2023	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Leyton Orient	46	26	13	7	61	34	27	91
2 Stevenage	46	24	13	9	61	39	22	85
3 Northampton Town	46	23	14	9	62	42	20	83
4 Stockport County	46	22	13	11	65	37	28	79
5 CARLISLE UNITED	46	20	16	10	66	43	23	76
6 Bradford City	46	20	16	10	61	43	18	76
7 Salford City	46	22	9	15	72	54	18	75
8 Mansfield Town	46	21	12	13	72	55	17	75
9 Barrow	46	18	8	20	47	53	-6	62
10 Swindon Town	46	16	13	17	61	55	6	61
11 Grimsby Town	46	16	13	17	49	56	-7	61
12 Tranmere Rovers	46	15	13	18	45	48	-3	58
13 Crewe Alexandra	46	14	16	16	48	60	-12	58
14 Sutton United	46	15	13	18	46	58	-12	58
15 Newport County AFC	46	14	15	17	53	56	-3	57
16 Walsall	46	12	19	15	46	49	-3	55
17 Gillingham	46	14	13	19	36	49	-13	55
18 Doncaster Rovers	46	16	7	23	46	65	-19	55
19 Harrogate Town	46	12	16	18	59	68	-9	52
20 Colchester United	46	12	13	21	44	51	-7	49
21 AFC Wimbledon	46	11	15	20	48	60	-12	48
22 Crawley Town	46	11	13	22	48	71	-23	46
23 Hartlepool United	46	9	16	21	52	78	-26	43
24 Rochdale	46	9	11	26	46	70	-24	38

SEASON 2022/23 PLAYER RECORD

PLAYER	Lge Apps	Lge Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	Assists	Yellow	Red	Total Goals
Jack Armer	47	2	3 (1)		7	9		2
Fin Back	18		1		3	2		
Ben Barclay	13 (1)	1	1 (1)		1	3		1
Lewis Bell								
Nic Bollado	0 (1)		1 (2)					
Gabriel Breeze								
Ryan Carr		1						
Taylor Charters	7 (5)	1	5		3	1		1
Kristian Dennis	35 (10)	20	1 (1)	1	5	3		21
Jamie Devitt	0 (12)		1 (1)	1		2		1
Brennan Dickenson								
Josh Dixon								
Ryan Edmondson	13 (11)	4	2 (2)	2	1	3	1	6
Jack Ellis	11 (1)		5					
Morgan Feeney	29 (2)	3	3			4		3
Sam Fishburn								
Joe Garner	9 (11)	2				5		2
Jordan Gibson	30 (16)	2	3 (3)	1	5	7		3
John-Kymani Gordon	8 (7)	2	2		2	2		2
Callum Guy	46	3	2 (2)		2	7		3
Jayden Harris	3 (15)		4 (2)	1	1	6		1
Sonny Hilton	0 (7)		3		1			
Tomás Holý	47		3					
Paul Huntington	40 (1)	2	2		1	8		2
Duncan Idehen	0 (2)		3	1				1
Michael Kelly			3					
Max Kilsby								
Alfie McCalmont	12 (5)	2				2		2
Jon Mellish	43	6	3 (3)		3	11*	1	6
Owen Moxon	46	6	4 (2)		15	7		6
Omani Patrick	19 (14)	4	3		2	1		4
Jack Robinson	1 (6)					1		
Joel Senior	14	1				1		1
Tobi Sho-Silva	0 (8)			1 (1)				
Scott Simons								
Jack Stretton	9 (9)	2	3 (2)		2			2
Corey Whelan	18 (8)	2	5			4		2
Own Goal		1						1
TOTALS		66		7		88	2	73

*one awarded in abandoned game v Grimsby (16 Aug 22)





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Owen Moxon

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Chelsea Norris

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Jon Mellish

CARLISLE UNITED GOAL OF THE SEASON 2022/23

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Owen Moxon

CARLISLE UNITED PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE SEASON 2022/23

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CARLISLE UNITED SUPPORTERS' AWAY TRAVEL PLAYER OF THE SEASON 2022/23

Owen Moxon

CUSC LONDON BRANCH CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

Ryan Edmondson v Swindon

CUSC LONDON BRANCH PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Owen Moxon

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Owen Moxon

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Tobi Sho-Silva



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From everyone at Pirelli, we want to celebrate the great season Carlisle United FC have had and wish everyone at the Club the best of luck in today's game!

We hope all the supporters have a fantastic day!

UNITED LIFT FOURTH WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP



Carlisle United's Ladies lifted the Cumberland FA Women's County Cup in dramatic fashion, overcoming Penrith AFC Ladies in a sudden death penalty shootout at Frenchfields.

The two teams came into the contest closely matched, with just six points separating the sides in the league table and a single goal scored in the two league meetings this campaign; United edging a one nil win at Creighton in March and a goalless draw at Frenchfields last August.

The Carlisle team was boosted by the support of men's first team players Morgan Feeney, Mick Kelly, and Tobi Sho-Silva, with Feeney and Kelly delivering the final pre-match words to the Lady Cumbrians squad.



Women's County Cup Finals between these sides are typically tight affairs and the first half reflected this, with a closely fought 45 minutes ending goalless, the best chance for United coming in the closing seconds as Sharina Robinson sent an effort just wide.

It was not long before the deadlock was broken on the resumption, however, with Penrith taking the lead from open play just six minutes into the half. The lead was two seven minutes later as the woodwork come to United's rescue twice before the ball fell to the player in red to hit home.

The United response was almost instantaneous. Robinson won a free kick just after the hour mark and Captain Emma Blenkinship stepped up to curl an unstoppable shot into the Penrith net at the near post. The goal buoyed the blues, and it took only three minutes longer for parity to be restored. Another free kick was won wide on the left and this time Sammi Norman stepped up to take it on from longer range. Norman's perfectly floated ball into the box was met by the head of Robinson to send the ball goalwards and the game level.

After that flurry of four goals in 14 minutes the contest settled back into a more even tempo with both sides looking to consolidate their positions and United's newly named Manager's Player of the Season, Chelsea Norris, dominating her box with ever-increasing confidence. Each side would have one gilt-edged chance to win the tie late in the half with Penrith firing wide before Charlotte Murray saw a header bounce agonisingly wide as the clock ticked down.

Into extra time the game went but by this point there was a certain inevitability about the spot kicks which would follow. Nothing to choose between the sides after 120 minutes and United, who won their first Women's County Cup almost eight years to the day prior in a shootout, would have to go through penalties once again to lift their fourth crown. Norman and Blenkinship both converted their spot kicks and with Norris keeping out three of Penrith's efforts the contest went to sudden death. Robinson was next up to convert her effort before Penrith fired their sixth over the bar to cue the beginning of the celebrations for the contingent in blue.



Both sides more than played their part in a tight and closely fought encounter with the Lady Cumbrians eventually prevailing, leaving Janice Alderson to pick up the Player of the Match award before Blenkinship hoisted the trophy high into the cold night air.

Speaking about the result, United Manager Tracy Gannon said: *"I'm so proud of the entire team for what they've achieved this season, culminating in this victory. Last season didn't go as we hoped but they all stuck together, and Wednesday evening was a just reward for all their hard work and positive attitude. It was great to have Morgan, Mick and Tobi down supporting us and I have to mention Jamie Devitt as well who has been an amazing champion for us - we were sorry he wasn't able to make it and wish him all the best in his recovery. Finally, a big thank you to our primary sponsors, Bendles LLP Solicitors, who've been with us for many seasons now. Their unwavering support gives us the stability to be able to achieve nights like Wednesday and we really value our partnership."*



United add the victory to their previous Cumberland FA Women's County Cup wins in 2015, 2017 and 2018 and cap a season which has seen the team stick together and battle back from a difficult 21/22 campaign to record a solid mid-table finish in the league on top of their latest silverware.

United Ladies first team's season may be at its end, but the club's newly formed Development squad continue their campaign in the Andrea Buggy Women's League throughout the summer, playing on Wednesday evenings in 9v9 games. With pathways available into the club's North West Women's League squad, any player interested in finding a home in United's welcoming and supportive squad is encouraged to contact tracy.gannon@carlisleunited.co.uk for details of training or an informal chat.

In the meantime, all at Carlisle United Ladies send their very best wishes and luck to their men's first team counterparts as they too look to lift silverware of their own in the League Two Play-offs - we're all right behind you lads!



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This afternoon's game brings to an end our season at home. With all of the games in the various competitions it's our 26th home match since the opening day win against Crawley, in front of 6,403 fans, back in July 2022.

After a narrow defeat at Valley Parade last Sunday, it is now the job of everyone to play their part and help drive the team into the play-off final. It will be amazing to see our fans packed into all sides of Brunton Park once again in what promises to be a fantastic occasion, and it's an opportunity to progress further and keep our season going.

The 22/23 season has to go down as our best campaign for over a decade. It's often said that things change quickly in football and that's certainly been the case over the last 15 months. Paul Simpson is special, make no mistake, he has masterminded and led a great season so far, with more to come. He has built a squad and group, very quickly, that is a strong force to compete with anyone in this division – as they showed last Sunday in the first leg. Their resilience and grit has been terrific.

If you had asked even the most optimistic fan at the start of the season whether we would be potentially 90 minutes away from Wembley, and 180 minutes away from League One, nobody would have forecast this. Having reached this point there is still all to play for nearly 10 months after the season kicked off. This is what football is all about.

It's also a good time to look back on some aspects of our season and reflect how far we have come.

The response of our fans and the wider community over the season has been fantastic. Attendances have grown through and ended at an average of 6,659.



That is a +34% increase on last year. We have seen young people coming back in big numbers again as the Warwick Road End match experience has become the place to be. The game today will be the largest gate since 2014/15. To have our last five League Two gates average nearly 9,600, and back-to-back gates of over 13,000, is a remarkable turnaround compared with 21/22.

Alongside the magnificent support on the terraces, we have seen fans coming to the stadium earlier to support and enjoy pre-match atmosphere in the Fan Zone. In its first year the Fan Zone has proved to be a real success and an enhancement to the match day. For example, anyone who was there at the Tranmere game, with all the attractions, cannot have been anything but impressed. We plan to make this bigger and better in 23/24.

We have worked hard to improve the bars, given the very tight cash constraints, and again we have seen trade improve significantly. This has only been possible by bringing the clubs catering and hospitality in-house. This arrangement is just finishing its second season and, again, is improving all the time. Match day catering takings from the Fan Zone and bars around the ground are +79% on 21/22.

Match day hospitality in the past has been confined to Foxy's. This season we have reopened other areas to increase our capacity and the range of options available. The refurbished Kingmoor Park Legend's Lounge has proved hugely popular, with lots of former players returning to the club. We also launched the 74/75 lounge, which has been a great addition on the match day.

Foxy's has enjoyed its best year on record and has been sold out every game in 2023 so far. For most games we have unfortunately had to turn fans away from fans, due to being full. Looking ahead to 23/24 we already have a waiting list on the executive boxes and provisional bookings are great, even at this stage.

This programme will also be the last club-produced programme and brings to a close one tradition of the match day. We can no longer justify financially a programme for every game. With the development of almost 24-hour football news across a whole host of different channels, it means there is not sufficient demand to justify the cost and time to produce it. I expect there will be one-off specials, and we are working with fan groups to see if an independent programme is an option in the future.

For 22/23 we changed our commercial team with Debbie and Kerry joining us for their first season. Again, commercially we have received terrific support from businesses in the city and community. With both long-standing and many new organisations backing the club, our commercial income for this season will be the best on record.



Like commercial, this season saw a new manager for our retail operations. Stef joined us for the kit launch and was immediately in at the deep end. The kit has proved to be a roaring success, even if the dark colour shade was a little controversial. News on the 23/24 kit will follow after the season ends.

Over the season the new ideas approach has helped make it a record-breaking year with income up around 40%. We are currently in the final stages of testing a new online e-store. We expect this to launch shortly and that this will bring a real improvement to the online shopping experience.



Also, in terms of IT, in May we changed our ticketing software arrangements. Fans may remember, going back to the start of the season, we experienced ongoing system issues. The timing - coming during the play-off selling period - was not ideal, although it was unavoidable for a number of important commercial and operational reasons. We hope the system will allow us to make improvements which will bring benefits to fans and improve the service. Feedback from fans so far has been good.

As we have progressed this season it also highlights the opportunities and challenges of the future. Regardless of the outcome today, we all must strive to continue to improve all aspects of the club on and off the field – which we will do.

The level of support and crowds, both home and away, and the growth in attendances, demonstrates the potential of the club better than any words can. The team has brought renewed pride and passion and reunited fans and community behind the club.

It gives us a great platform to push on in future ... but also, we have to remember this afternoon ... our season is far from over.

Play-offs make heroes and create legends in club history. Let's keep it going and make more club history!





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**SUNDAY 14
MAY 2023**

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Referee: Ross Joyce
Attendance: 20,575 (2,415)

Bradford City: Lewis, Halliday, Ridehalgh, Smallwood (c), Cook, Walker (Osadebe 65), Gilliead, Banks (Platt 7), Crichlow, Stubbs, Clayton (Derbyshire 87). Subs - Doyle (gk), East, Pereira, Nevers.

Goal – Oliver (79)

Carlisle United: Holý, Barclay, Huntington (c), Whelan, Senior (Gibson 85), McCalmont, Guy (Charters 69), Moxon, Armer, Patrick (Dennis 58), Garner (Edmondson 58). Subs - Kelly (gk), Robinson, Harris.

Bookings – Whelan (8), Garner (32)

United were at Valley Parade in front of the Sky TV cameras on Sunday night as the teams came together for their League Two play-off semi-final first-leg meeting.

Both sets of fans were up for it with a fantastic atmosphere to accompany the build-up and the blowing of the first whistle, but there were clear nerves to be doused as passes and clearances went astray through the opening exchanges.

Moxon was excellent with a sliding challenge inside his own box as Banks looked to break through, but there were huge appeals for a penalty at the other end when United broke. Senior and McCalmont had an overload, and it was the midfielder who surged onwards. He appeared to be dragged to the floor by Crichlow when he spun into the danger area but the referee ignored the appeals.

Tenacity from Senior right in front of the away fans earned a free kick, and Moxon placed it to send it in. It fell nicely for Barclay and Armer, who both leaped to meet it, but a touch from the pair of them took the sting out of it and Lewis was able to drop down to gather it.



An instinctive volley from **Joe Garner** ← clipped the top of the bar as he linked with Patrick on the right flank, but the whistle had gone for a handball during the build up.

The Blues were undone on 18 minutes when another ball forward brought a cushioned header on the 18-yard line. That left Walker in space, and he was able to take a touch before drilling it underneath the stranded Tomáš Holý.

A way through for Garner, Armer and Patrick was shut down as they tried to stay tight and find a hole, and it was almost perfect football as Moxon and Garner linked moments later to carve a way through. A slightly heavy touch allowed the tackle to be made.

Bradford got forward in numbers on the half hour with Smallwood at the forefront in midfield. He threaded a pass to Cook, and he clipped it to the back stick as he looked for support. It was cleared, but Walker and Banks were alert and they recycled the move. The lively Walker was a whisker away as he rifled it just past the upright from a very tight angle.

Carlisle played more eye-catching stuff as they moved the ball out of their own half at pace. Guy picked out Moxon, and he spread it wide to McCalmont. Blue shirts split left and right, and it was fed back for Moxon to cross. That was put behind for a corner, and there was controversy as a flick from the set piece struck Stubbs and went behind. It bounced a yard wide, but the away team were incensed when a goal kick was given.

McCalmont was felled just before the break as he tried to skip free down the left, and Moxon was once more on free kick duty. It was met by

Whelan at the back post but he was on the stretch and he was disappointed to see it rise high.

A deflected Cook shot brought a corner with just 22 seconds on the second half clock, but that was cleared by Huntington.

McCalmont sent one right at Lewis on the volley after a long throw from Barclay had been nodded his way, and Carlisle had numbers to spare when Smallwood misplaced a pass in midfield. McCalmont rolled it for Garner to take on but he was quickly closed down.



A pulsing run from **Ryan Edmondson** ← gave Carlisle a corner as he had it robbed off his toe, and the away fans thought they'd equalised as Whelan jumped to meet the Moxon inswinger. It was on target but it lacked power and Lewis was comfortable as he stepped across to claim it.

Carlisle had a real chance to level things up on 68 minutes when Crichlow tried to shield a ball out of play. Edmondson was having none of it, and he used strength to wrestle the ball into his path. He managed to strike low and under Lewis, but Armer was disappointed as he arrived late to rattle it into the side netting.

Whelan was on the end of yet another Moxon corner, but it was off the top of his head on this occasion and it looped high over the target.

The Cumbrians should have been on the scoresheet on 75 minutes when Armer whipped a beauty into the mix from the left wing. Edmondson lost his marker, but he somehow put his close range header on the dive over when it looked like he was about to spark the celebrations.

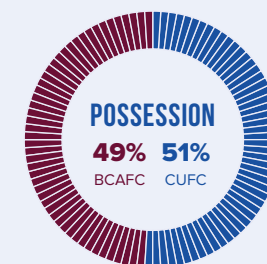
United kept knocking on the door, but the creaking back line somehow survived the scares, as Whelan, Armer and Senior sent testers into the box.

A late chance came the way of the Blues when Dennis was played clean through by Charters, but Lewis was off his line smartly to close things down. The striker was forced wide and his effort on the spin sailed past the nets.

There being no further incident of note it was left as all to play for in the second leg next Saturday.



MATCH STATS



TOTAL SHOTS

10 BCAFC 9 CUFC



SHOTS ON TARGET

2 BCAFC 2 CUFC



CORNERS

5 BCAFC 3 CUFC



FOULS

7 BCAFC 7 CUFC



BOOKINGS

0 BCAFC 2 CUFC



SENT OFF

0 BCAFC 0 CUFC



ATTENDANCE

20,575
2,415 CUFC





Good afternoon and welcome to today's game.

As we approach the last home fixture in what has been a fantastic season for our 1st team on the pitch. We would like to thank Paul Simpson and all the players for their support off the pitch at our community events.

The community engagement has been brilliant and has help cement Carlisle United into all areas of the local and wider community.

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This summer we will be travelling around the county delivering fun football activities to children aged 5-11 years old at our popular soccer schools. We will visit Carlisle x3, Wigton x2, Penrith, Keswick, Maryport & Whitehaven.

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COMMUNITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

This seasons community player of the year is Tobi Sho-Silva. Tobi has been outstanding this season at all the events he has attended. Always engaging with everyone he meets and has been a great ambassador for the club.

Congratulations Tobi!

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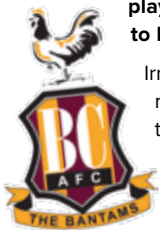
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Here we are again with another set of play-offs and a chance of promotion to League One.

Irrespective of last Sunday evening's result at Valley Parade, United and the Bantams have it all to play for, with a trip to Wembley as the first part of the prize.

Approaching my 80th year, my memories of football's highlights are like the piano notes in that famous **Eric Morecambe/Andre Previn** ↓ sketch. I remember all the right matches but not necessarily in the right order.



Somewhat our last appearance in the play-offs seems in the distant past and yet it was just six years ago. I remember those Exeter City games, although I followed them via BBC Radio Cumbria on the internet.

We had the drama of coming from behind in the first leg here at **Brunton Park** ↓. Masterly substitutions by Keith Curle yielded two goals in three minutes (71 and 73) from John O'Sullivan and Shaun Miller to level it at 3-3.



Having won 3-2 at St James' Park in match 46 of the season, hopes were high that we could repeat that result. I was in a hotel at Glasgow Airport that Thursday night hoping for a few hours sleep before a 4am check-in.

Exeter doubled their lead to 2-0 after 79 minutes and we thought it was all over. Jason Kennedy (81) and O'Sullivan (90) rekindled our dreams but **Jack Stacey** ↑ snatched a winner for Exeter in the fifth added minute.

As we have seen this year, a whole season is often decided by the finest of margins, not just with draws and single goal wins or defeats but with shots hitting the post and referees having to make instant decisions on a potential hand ball or foul in the penalty box. As TV coverage of the Premier League has shown, VAR doesn't always come up with the decision anticipated by most viewers.

The National League staged the first set of play-offs this season and the single match format produced plenty of drama. With Wrexham having claimed the automatic promotion spot to return to League Two after a 15-year absence, **Notts County** → and Chesterfield were in pole position for the semis, awaiting the winners of the prelim ties.



Boreham Wood and Bromley came through despite away games to the higher ranked Woking and Barnet.

On the Sunday of Coronation weekend, Notts County found themselves 2-0 down to Boreham Wood at half time. 2-1 behind going into stoppage time, their fans surely thought it was all over for another year, but County produced a 90+6 equaliser and a winner in the last minute of extra time.

A few miles away at Chesterfield, Bromley took the lead on 45+8. With the Kent side down to 10 men, the Spireites looked to have won with two second-half goals, but Bromley shocked them with an equaliser after 90+9 minutes.

Those Qatar World Cup referees certainly set some precedent! Chesterfield's extra man was maybe the telling factor in extra time and they duly booked their Wembley place. It seems to me that we get very few 3-2 games for most of the season, but vital later games and the play-offs instil real urgency in both teams and produce more end-to-end attacking.

Next day I followed the last set of League Two fixtures and after the frustration of seeing Carlisle briefly down to seventh place in the 'as it stands' table, we at last snatched an equaliser at Sutton while Gillingham netted a penalty kick at Salford. Retaining fifth spot, although a disappointment after being second or third for a couple of months, at least earned us the perceived advantage of playing away in the First Leg.

Now a wee history lesson! The Football League started in 1888/9 with a Second Division introduced in 1892/3. For six seasons, promotion was on offer only via Test Matches, but the top two Second Division teams usually prevailed against the bottom two of Div1 and two up, two down became the norm for nearly 80 years.

For almost forty years, only the champions earned promotion from Division 3 North to Division 2 and then suddenly, or so it seemed at the time, in 1958, we had new Third and Fourth Divisions with four teams swapping places. Carlisle soon reaped the benefit, finishing fourth in 1962, a point ahead of Bradford City. During the dreadful winter of 1963 United played not a single League game after the Christmas games with Watford until a trip to Bristol City on February 23. Losing 11 of 21 games in 14 weeks we headed back to Division 4.

The finest of margins divided the top teams in April 64, with the title settled by Goal Average. With both teams on the 60-point mark, Gillingham's goals were 59-30, Carlisle's 113-58. If goal difference had come a bit sooner we would have won by a country mile! Workington with 59 points and Exeter with 58 also went up but Bradford City on 56 missed out again.

After all those years with the same Div3N opponents, the Brunton Park fans could now watch several new teams each year. 1964/5 ended in triumph as 8 wins in the last 11 games and 60 points earned the club's first ever league title, just ahead of Bristol City and Mansfield Town who also won promotion to the Second Division with 59 points.

That season heralded Carlisle United's most successful decade and the club achieved a new high in 1966/7 finishing third in Div2. No promotion that time but seven years later they became the first club to benefit from the introduction of three up three down. The play-offs came in for the first time in 1986/7 and after a few tweaks, follow a pattern that is almost certain to put the fans of the four clubs through the most extreme highs and lows of emotion.

Despite all Carlisle's ups and downs - okay mostly downs - of the past 40 odd years the team still attracts impressive numbers of supporters home and away. Let's enjoy the excitement of this semi and if we go to the Wembley final, we'll take the Brunton Roar with us and cheer Simmo's boys on to further glory. Come on you Blues!




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12 May 2008: Leeds 1 - 2 United (Graham, Bridge-Wilkinson)

15 May 2005: United 0 - 2 Leeds



2 May 2005: Aldershot 1 - 0 United

6 May 2005: United 2 - 2 Aldershot (Livesey, Billy)
United won 5-4 on penalties

14 May 2005: Stevenage 0 - 1 United (Murphy)



14 May 2017: United 3 - 3 Exeter (og, O'Sullivan, Miller)

18 May 2017: Exeter City 3 - 2 United (Kennedy, O'Sullivan)



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Congratulations to **Vesta Wealth Man of the Match**, **Owen Moxon**, who was presented with a bottle of champagne.

A big thank you to our hospitality guests in Foxy's Restaurant from the Salford City game - it was fantastic to see you all there.



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1	Tomáš Holý				
2	Joel Senior				
3	Jack Armer				
4	Owen Moxon				
5	Morgan Feeney				
6	Paul Huntington				
7	Jordan Gibson				
8	Callum Guy				
9	Ryan Edmondson				
10	Omar Patrick				
11	Brennan Dickenson				
12					
13	Gabriel Breeze				
14	Kristian Dennis				
15	Taylor Charters				
16	Tobi Sho-Silva				
17	Corey Whelan				
18	Josh Dixon				
19	Sam Fishburn				
20	Jack Ellis				
21	Scott Simons				
22	Jon Mellish				
23	Lewis Bell				
24	Max Kilsby				
25	Finley Back				
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28	Jamie Devitt				
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33	Jack Robinson				
34	Kai Nugent				
35	Alfie McCalmont				
36	John-Kymani Gordon				
41	Joe Garner				

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1	Harry Lewis				
2	Brad Halliday				
3	Liam Ridehalgh				
4	Yann Songo'o				
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