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## EditorsComment

A festive welcome to you all for this Boxing Day encounter with Colchester United.

Inside today's edition of STFC Magazine we speak to Jerel Ifil about life at SN1 and Dave Wallis takes a look back to the year that was 1989/90. We also take a look at other new stadiums from around the South of England, with the thoughts of Reading FC Chairman John Madejski on the transformation from Elm Park to the Royals' current home.

Let's hope for three points today before we make the trip to Saltergate in just two days time. Don't forget, if you are not going to the game then you can read a full match report first at [Swindontownfc.co.uk](http://Swindontownfc.co.uk) shortly after the full-time whistle.

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## Did you know ?

Among the players to represent both Swindon Town and Colchester United in recent years are Lloyd Opara, Richard McKinney, Martin Williams, Kevin Watson and Johnnie Jackson.



# Iffy Onuora



**Our last home game with Blackpool saw us take a point and whilst overall I thought we had more possession, we couldn't convert that into the chances.**

Goals change games and if we had got the early goal then it might have been a different story. Unfortunately that wasn't the case and we didn't do enough to win the game.

On the injury front, luckily we didn't pick up any injuries in the Blackpool game so fingers crossed, we should have a pretty full squad to choose from. At the time of writing, Christian Roberts could be in contention for today's game. As you will now know we had a behind closed doors game at Bristol City last week which was an opportunity to give the likes of Christian, Nicky

was the ideal situation to bring them up to speed.

The fixture calendar has presented us with a busy schedule over the festive period – as it always is. I sat down with the coaching staff well before Christmas came around and we planned out the days and weeks in advance to make sure we would be properly prepared for what is a compact time frame. With two home games and two away games we planned it in what proved to be a near military style operation. We also made allowances for Christmas and the fact that the away games we have are lengthy ones.

*"Coming back from injury it is sometimes difficult to bridge the gap between full scale training and first team games so it was the ideal situation to bring them up to speed."*

Nicolau and Kyle Lapham a game. Coming back from injury it is sometimes difficult to bridge the gap between full scale training and first team games so it

From a players point of view Christmas is just a normal working period and we have to work hard to make sure we get the most out of it.

The loan situation is upon us and I have had conversations with several players about their futures. I have spoken to Neale McDermott and I have indicated to him that I would like him to stay longer with us. He has done well during his time here and he is keen, but I am mindful that Fulham are his club and to an extent his future lies in their hands. As for the other players, Andy Gurney is back at Swansea City recovering from a niggling injury. At this stage I wouldn't rule him out of the Christmas period but we would hope to get him back to training sooner rather than later if possible.

I hope you have all had a great Christmas so far and once again thank you for all your support of the team and the club on and off the pitch.

Enjoy the game,

**Iffy Onuora**

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# Boardroom Talk

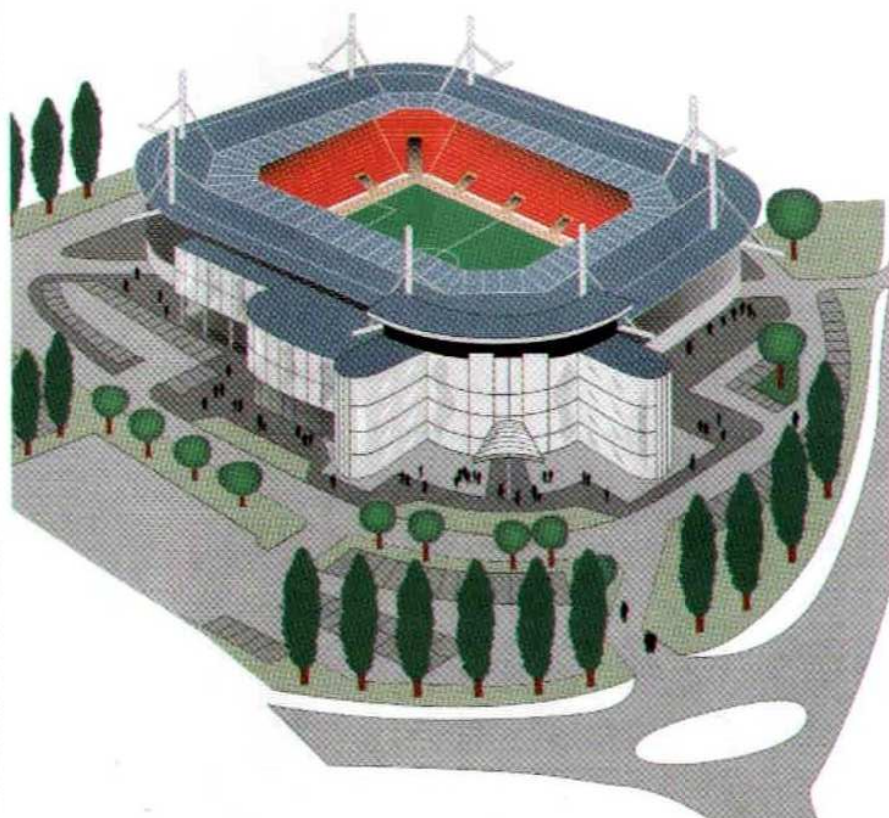


**G**ood afternoon, and welcome back to The County Ground for the traditional Boxing Day fixture.

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas Day, and Santa delivered what you were hoping for. On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to welcome the visiting Directors, Players and Supporters and wish them well for the rest of the season, with the obvious couple of exceptions.

I would like to start by thanking the fans for their excellent support recently, both at games, and in the backing you have given to the club in our efforts to stay and redevelop The County Ground. Firstly, the attendance of 5,766 for the Blackpool game on December 17, with not a great number of visiting supporters, was a real step in the right direction, numbers wise. At a time of year when attendances understandably dip, we were able to buck the trend, utilising the reduced adults prices and kid-a-quid scheme.

In addition we have received a tremendous number of 'Save Our Home' petition leaflets back into the club, which will be duly passed on to the relevant people. If you haven't signed the petition or written to your local councillor, MP or to the Swindon Advertiser, supporting our campaign to redevelop The County Ground, please do so as soon as you possibly can. Without the support of our fanbase, our attempts to stay and redevelop will be weakened, and we really need your support. Your local councillors details can be found at [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk), or alternatively you can support the fans' campaign at



[www.keeptowninswindon.org.uk](http://www.keeptowninswindon.org.uk).

In addition to the future of the club, we are talking about £45million of investment into The County Ground area, and thousands of pounds of lost money in the local economy each season if the club has to move from its present site. The new stadium/hotel complex will also provide around 120 jobs for local people, and this must be taken into consideration.

We cannot rest on our laurels under the protection of the Goddard Covenant either. It has been made clear to the club that one option open to the council is to let the lease run out and then buy the covenant out. We can only guess as to what the council will utilise the site for then.

Footballing clichés always include how crucial the Christmas period is. In our case it has never been truer. We have three real tests before the end of 2005, and I know we have a squad capable of beating anyone on their day- they just need to believe they can. Your positive, vocal support is vital and the players do respond to your backing. So please make some noise, shout your heads off and together we can aim to be out of the bottom four, come 5pm on New Years Eve.

Enjoy the game,

**Mark Devlin.**



## Town Players Visit GWH

**M**embers of the Swindon Town first team squad took time out after training last Tuesday afternoon as they brought some festive cheer to the Children's Ward at the Great Western Hospital.

First team players Gareth Whalley, Steve Jenkins, Christian Roberts, Jerel Ifil, Jack Smith, Hameur Bouazza, Stefani Miglioranza, Nicky Nicolau and Neale McDermott were all present at the event, along with Main Sponsors Nationwide, to hand out goody bags to the children on various wards.

The players handed round goody bags which included STFC items such as programmes, pencils,



pens, erasers, hats, scarves, teddy bears and also gifts from sponsors Nationwide such as flags, car stickers and pin badges.

More details and photos of the visit will appear in the next edition of STFC Magazine against Swansea City on New Years Eve.



## Friendly Workout

**A**Swindon Town X1 travelled to Bristol City last Wednesday afternoon in a behind closed doors game, with several Town players returning from injury.

The game was organized between Town Boss Iffy Onuora and City Manager Gary Johnson, with both fielding mixed sides.

Christian Roberts made a welcome return from injury with QPR loanee Aaron Brown also lining up against his former club at Ashton Gate, where the home side ran out as 2-0 winners.

Midfielder Nicky Nicolau continued the road back to full fitness as he played on the left hand side. There was also youthful look to the starting eleven, with Matty Bulman, Leigh Henry and Lukas Jutkiewicz taking part.

**Swindon Town:** Matty Bulman, Steve Jenkins, Kyle Lapham, Leigh Henry, Nicky Nicolau, Ben Wells, Gareth Whalley, Chris Taylor, Aaron Brown, Christian Roberts, Lukas Jutkiewicz  
**Substitutes:** Jon Stewart (GK), David Stroud, Gary Pryde, Scott Doe, Shane Garricks

## Book now for Poll and Sir Bobby

**S**windon Town Football Club are delighted to confirm that Graham Poll and Sir Bobby Robson as guest speakers at the club's next two Sporting Dinners.

In March 2006, our guest speaker will be Graham Poll, the top Premier League and FIFA World Cup football referee. Graham did speak at one of the Club Luncheon's last year, and gave an in-depth insight into the other side of the game.

The final Sporting Dinner of the season sees one of football's 'greats' coming to the County Ground. After months and months of chasing, the Club have finally managed to secure Sir Bobby Robson as our guest speaker. He will be joined on the night in May by another legend from the world of goalkeeping, Bob 'The Cat' Bevan.

Both of these nights are bound to sell out fast, so if you want to confirm your places for one, or both of these nights, then just give Sarah Mildenhall a call on 01793 333718, or email Mike Sullivan on mike@swindontownfc.co.uk now.



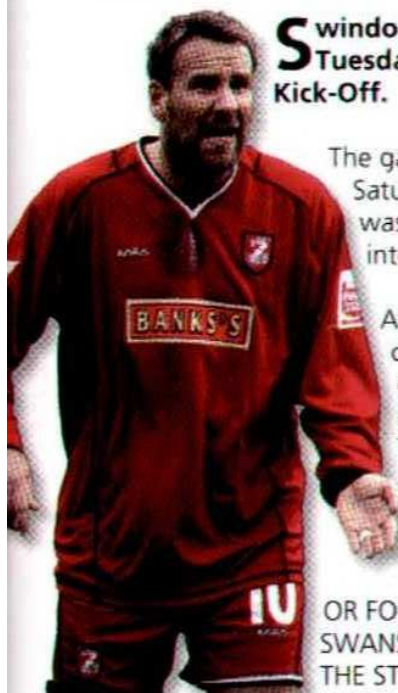
## Saddlers Date Confirmed

**S**windon Town will now face Walsall on Tuesday 17th January with a 7.45pm Kick-Off.

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday 7th January 2006 but that date was postponed after Walsall progressed into Round Three of the FA Cup.

After conversations between the two clubs, a new date has been set for the game and Swindon Town will now host Paul Merson's Walsall side on Tuesday 17th January with a 7.45pm Kick-Off, subject to Walsall not having an FA Cup replay.

FOR TICKET DETAILS FOR THIS GAME, OR FOR THE NEXT HOME GAME AGAINST SWANSEA CITY (31st December) PLEASE CALL THE STFC BOX OFFICE ON 0870 443 1894.



## Opening Times

The Club would like to inform supporters of the opening hours for both the STFC Superstore and STFC Box Office over the forthcoming days.

### STFC Box Office – 0870 443 1894

Monday 26th December  
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Tuesday 27th December  
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Wednesday 28th December  
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Thursday 29th December  
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Friday 30th December  
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Saturday 31st December  
9am – 1.15pm  
Sunday 1st January  
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Monday 2nd January  
TBC

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Thursday 29th December  
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Friday 30th December  
9am – 5pm  
Saturday 31st December  
9am – 12.30pm  
Sunday 1st January  
CLOSED  
Monday 2nd January  
CLOSED  
Tues 3rd January  
CLOSED  
Wednesday 4th January  
9am – 5pm



## Iffy Opens Angel Ridge

**O**n Friday 16th December, Iffy Onuora officially opened Bloor Homes' new showhome at Angel Ridge: an exclusive development situated on the grounds of the now-departed Princess Margaret Hospital.

"It's a wonderful property – fit for a king," smiled Iffy. "Even better, Angel Ridge is situated in one of Swindon's best locations. Bloor

Homes are a great supporter of Swindon Town and I'm delighted to launch this event."

"I strongly recommend people discover Angel Ridge for themselves," said John Lusty, Bloor's Regional Managing Director. "The development offers beautiful properties in a location with stunning hilltop views." To find out more, call 01793 520875.





# Swindon Town

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# Blackpool

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**S**windon and Blackpool played out another goalless draw for the second time this season, as reported first at [Swindontownfc.co.uk](http://Swindontownfc.co.uk)

Town entered the match off the back of their first away win at Rotherham and it was Swindon who started off the brighter of the two sides, with debutant Petr Mikolanda combining with Rory Fallon to set up a shooting chance for Hameur Bouazza, but the goal bound shot was well saved by the Blackpool keeper.

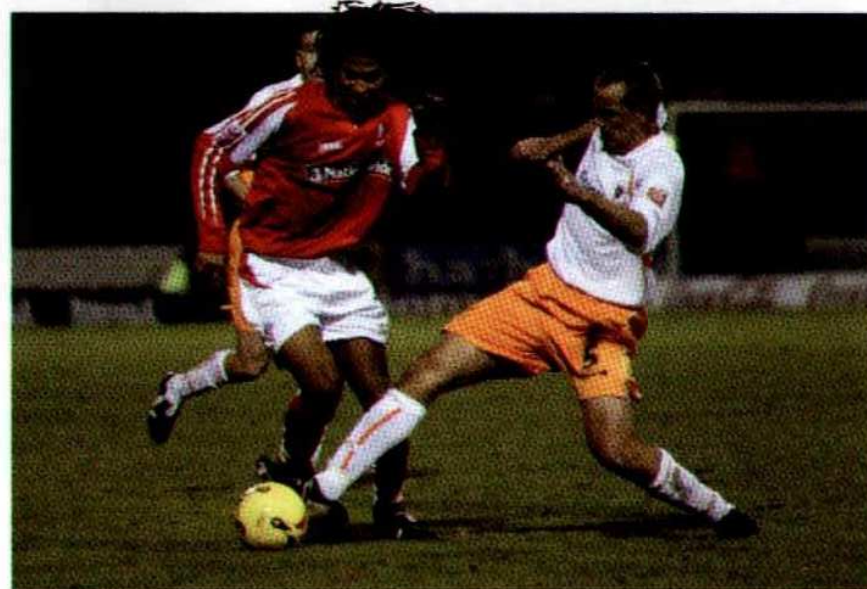
Iffy Onuora's men continued to press forward and it took Blackpool over seven minutes to mount an attack, which resulted in captain Peter Clarke heading the ball straight at Rhys Evans.

Petr Mikolanda wasted a gift-wrapped opportunity in the 11th minute when he side footed wide a Rory Fallon cross. At the other end, Keigan Parker was looking lively for the visitors and his shot forced a smart save from Rhys Evans.

Keigan Parker again came close for Pool as he stole possession and side-stepped the Town defence, before sending a curling shot from the edge of the area marginally wide.

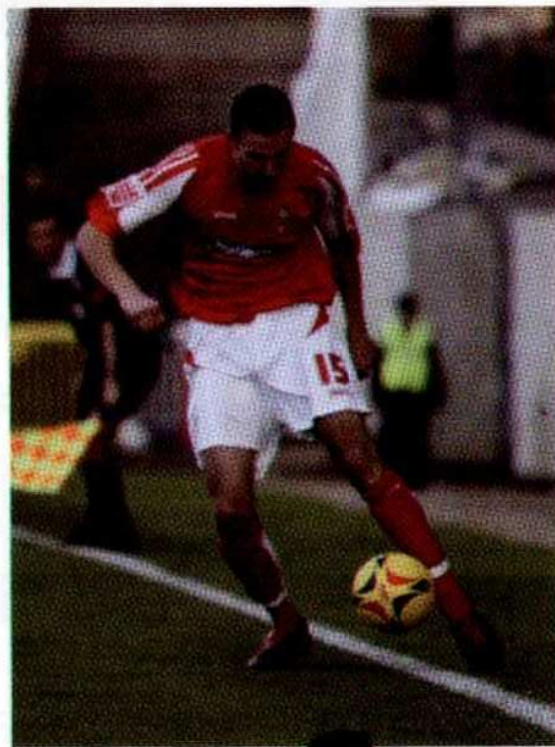
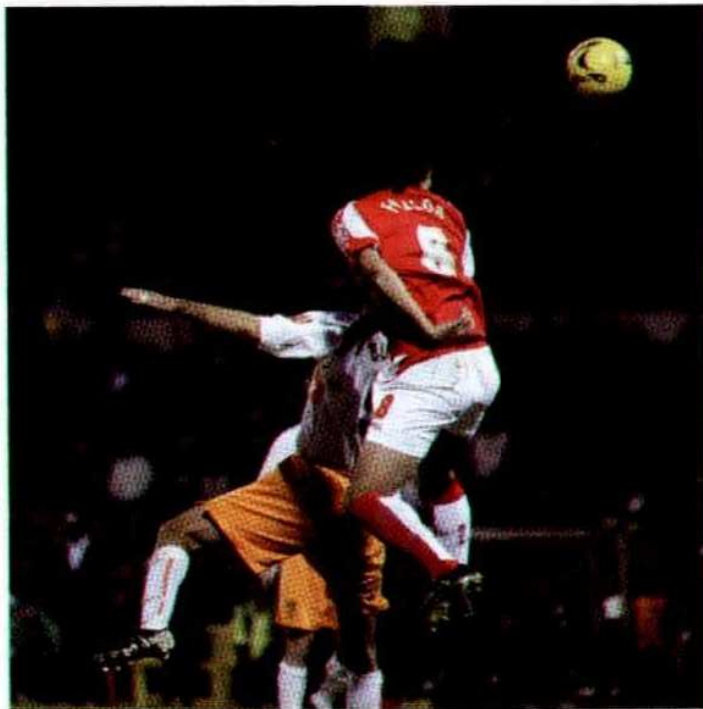
After the break Swindon wasted two free-kicks before veteran Jason Wilcox hit a superb dipping shot from 35 yards which Evans did well to tip onto the crossbar, from the resulting corner Ian Morris sent in a looping header just over.

Town manager Iffy Onuora went for an all out attack as he brought on Ricky Shakes and a few minutes later Ashan Holgate, who were both involved in some good attacking play for the home side. Rhys Evans was again called into action with a great save from a close range header.



Photos: Chris Adams





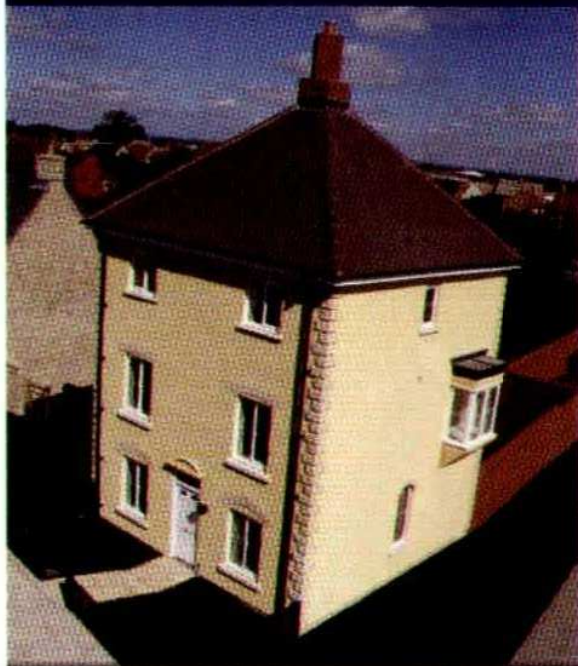
## Swindon Town vs. Blackpool

Goals	Cards	Sub'd				Goals	Cards	Sub'd
Evans			<b>Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1</b> Sat 17th December County Ground Kick Off 3.00pm Attendance: 5,766 Referee: T. Parkes			Jones		
Smith	■					McGregor		
O'Hanlon						Clarke		
Ifil						Butler		
Nicholas						Warrender		
McDermott		61'	<b>WATCH STATS</b> 9 Shots 10 2 On Target 4 11 Fouls 16 10 Corners 5 2 Cards 1 42% Possession 58%			Morris		
Miglioranza						Southern		
Pook						Doolan	■	
Bouazza		66'				Wilcox		
Mikolanda		55'				Parker		
Fallon						Murphy		
Heaton						Poggiacomi		
Jenkins						Grayson		
Brown		55'				Wiles		
Shaker		61'				Harkins		
Holgate	■	60'				Wright		





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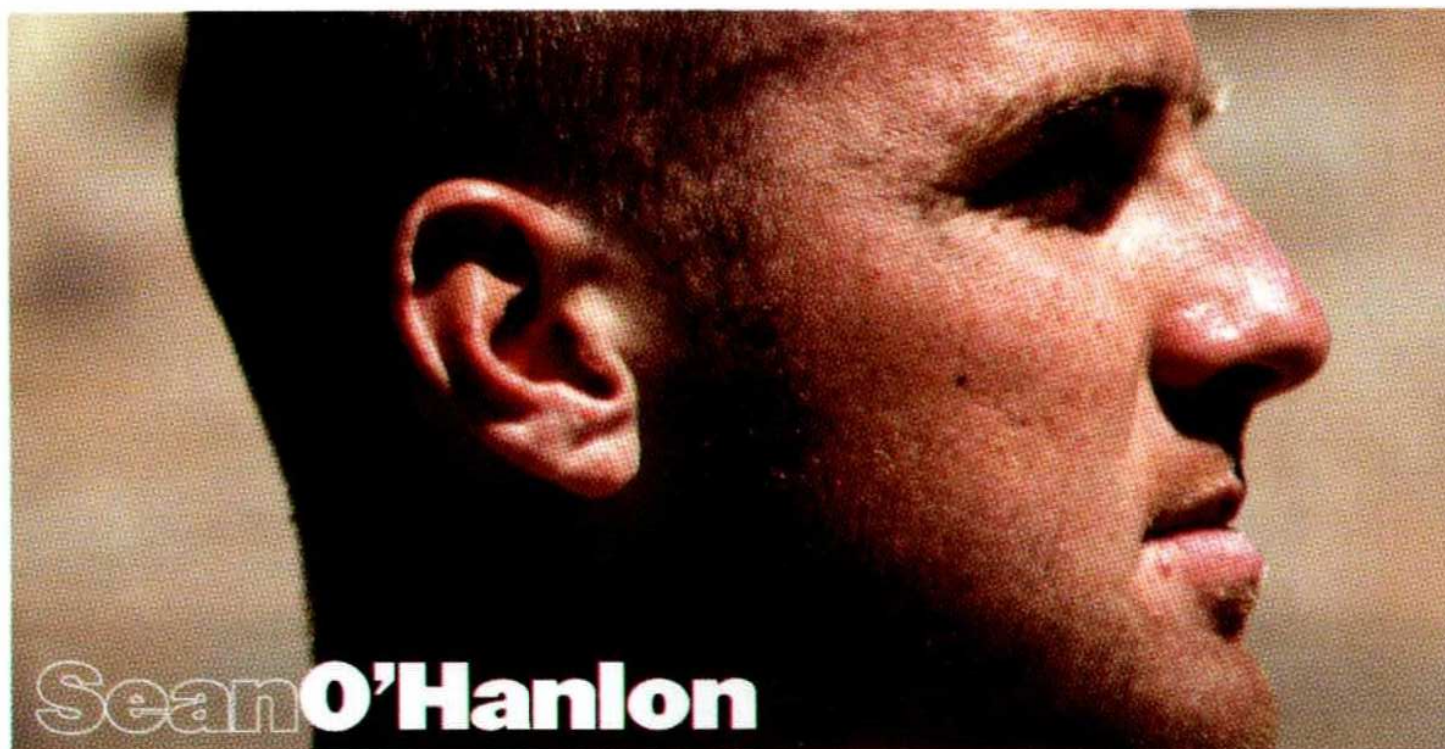
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## A warm Christmas welcome to you all for this home encounter with Colchester United at The County Ground...

Our last home game with Blackpool was a closely fought encounter and I think a point was probably a fair result. Both sides had chances to win the game and there were opportunities at either end.

As a defender it was pleasing to get another clean sheet. We have worked hard on the training ground in the weeks and months past and whilst we got lucky to some extent against Blackpool, collectively we feel we are making progress as a team.

The draw last weekend means that we have now reached 19 points – the key for us now is to turn those draws into wins and there is no better time to start that than today against Colchester United.

Jamie Cureton will not be part of the U's side today. Since joining Colchester on loan he has certainly impressed having banged

in a few goals. Colchester themselves have a decent squad and have progressed well this season as they currently find themselves in the Play-Off picture.

Off the field the squad have been busy over the past ten days or so. Firstly there was the Christmas Carol Service in Old Town which I attended with Rhys, 'Pooky', Andy Nicholas, Charlie, Kyle, 'Bully' and several others. A few days later members of the squad visited the Childrens Ward at the Great Western Hospital, which again was a nice occasion.

Thank you for all your support so far this season – let's hope we can finish this Boxing Day with a home three points.

Seano

## STFC WORLD

The week on STFC World...

### Wednesday 21st

Video highlights of the home encounter with Blackpool available online

### Thursday 22nd

Player interview direct from the training ground in the build-up to the U's visit

### Friday 23rd

Full pre-match interview from Manager Iffy Onuora ahead of today's game.

### Saturday 24th

Video archive of previous encounters with Colchester United, with some magnificent strikes on offer.

### Sunday 25th

Did you receive STFC World as a Christmas gift? If so, welcome on board!

### Monday 26th

Live commentary as Town take on Colchester at The County Ground.

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## Did you know ?

Swindon's biggest win against Colchester came in April 1963, when goals from Mike Summerbee, John Stevens (3) and Ernie Hunt (2) gave Town a 6-1 victory at The County Ground.



# Colchester United

Words: Dave Wallis



**It's a funny world when we find ourselves facing a team who features one of our own players amongst their top goal scorers...**

Jamie Cureton won't be available to play against us today, but his form since joining our visitors Colchester United a couple of months ago has been a revelation.

Without a strike to his name since joining Town from QPR in the summer, Jamie claimed seven in seven outings for the Layer Road outfit, a major contribution to helping the U's to fourth in the League One table.

But that's not the whole story. Chris Iwelumo has hit 11 in all and leads the scoring chart for the Essex club, while Greg Halford also has more than Jamie with eight.

All told, that makes today's visitors the form team of the moment. With five wins and a draw in the last six matches, United are racing up the table with their eyes on an automatic promotion spot. Today's game looks like being a stiff challenge.

One of the few results that went our way last weekend was Colchester's 2-0 win over MK Dons, but while we're still bottom of League One, the form table is kinder to us than our League position suggests.

With nine points from the last half dozen games and all five teams immediately above us three points ahead, what a Christmas present three points today would be.

## ONE TO WATCH: GREG HALFORD

**Greg Halford's 2004/05 season can only be described as 'fantasy football'.**

Having started the season at right back, he made the move forward in the Tranmere game and went on to score six in nine up front, including a hat-trick against Rushden & Diamonds.

He then went on to play in both central and right midfield, hitting

high standards in both positions. In his Colchester career Greg has played over 100 games scoring 26 goals and in recent months has attracted scouts from Championship and Premiership clubs with some impressive displays.





# Colchester United



## Last 5's

Season	League	Pos	FAC	LC
04/05	League One	15th	R4	R3
03/04	Division Two	11th	R5	R2
02/03	Division Two	12th	R1	R1
01/02	Division Two	15th	R1	R2
00/01	Division Two	17th	R1	R2

Date	Venue	F-A	Att.
01.01.05	County Ground	0-3	6,468
04.09.04	Layer Road	1-0	3,868
17.01.04	County Ground	2-0	6,014
15.08.03	Layer Road	1-0	3,339
29.03.03	Layer Road	0-1	3,787

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score
20.12.05	MK Dons LDV	A	W2-1
17.12.05	MK Dons	H	W2-0
10.12.05	Swansea City	A	D1-1
06.12.05	Hartlepool United	A	W1-0
03.12.05	Shrewsbury FAC	A	W2-1

Player	From	£
Jamie Cureton	Swindon	Loan
Mark Yeates	Tottenham	Loan
Dean Howell	Halifax	Free
Chris Iwelumo	Alemannia Aachen	Free
Marino Keith	Plymouth	Free

Player	To	£
Jamie Guy	Gravesend	Loan
Jamie Cade	Crawley	Free
G.Ndumbu-Nsungu	Darlington	Free
Bobby Bowry	Gravesend	Free
Liam Coleman	Torquay	Free

## The Squad

Vastly experienced goalkeeper **Aiden Davison** made his Football League debut back in the 1991/92 season whilst with Millwall, and he joined the U's after the summer departures of Simon Brown and Richard McKinney. Aiden played in the top flight for Bolton Wanderers and Bradford City. In 2004/05, during his first season at Colchester United, Aiden made 39 appearances. He has also taken on a coaching capacity to develop the career of **Dean Gerken** a highly-rated young goalkeeper who provides

back-up and joined The U's as a trainee three years ago.

Defender **Wayne Brown** joined the U's on a permanent basis from Watford in the summer of 2004, having impressed in a loan spell at the end of 2003/04. Wayne is a combative defender who is prepared to get stuck in where it hurts, he has done well in his displays to date and has formed a formidable partnership with **Liam Chilvers**, who is an important member of the defensive core in the U's team and he has been one of the star performers in 2005/06. **John White** broke into the first team

Probable Line-Up





after impressing in the reserves. A defender born and brought up in the Colchester area, the 19-year-old has shared left back duties with **George Elokobi**, with both players providing a strong physical presence.

**Sam Stockley** made the most appearances out of any of the Colchester United squad in 2003/04, the hard working fullback hardly missed a game, despite the 61-game strong fixture list. Sam had another consistent season in 2004/05, scoring on the opening day away at Sheffield Wednesday. Another virtual ever-present last season, missing only two games is former Town player **Kevin Watson**, a hard working midfielder with an eye for the killer pass. The Liverpool-born Midfielder **Neil Danns** initially signed on loan in September 2004 to cover the U's injury worries in that part of the team, but returned in December to sign permanently. Neil helped his team win 2-0 in their last league game against MK Dons, scoring the first goal of the game. Former County Ground Loanee **Mark Yeates** was Phil Parkinson's third and final summer signing as the U's boss once again dipped into the Premiership loan market to bolster his squad. Currently Contracted at Tottenham

Hotspur, the midfielder scored his first senior goal in the FA Cup win over Leamington. Colchester United's longest serving player **Karl Duguid**, now in his tenth year with the U's having made more than 250 appearances. Karl is a true crowd favorite, however Karl is still looking for his first goal of the season. Twice named Young Player of the Year, **Kem Izzet** is playing in his fourth full season with Colchester United having originally signed from Charlton Athletic at the end of the 2000/01 campaign.

Australian forward **Richard Garcia** turned 23 on the day of his Colchester debut against Swindon Town last season. He has already shown in his appearances to date that he possesses speed, strength and guile and will offer The U's another option going forward. Competition in the frontline has been fierce so far, with Town striker **Jamie Cureton** having scored seven goals so far, but he cannot participate in today's game due to a clause in the loan deal between the two clubs. Giant striker **Chris Iwelumo** became the U's first summer signing in 2005, when boss Phil Parkinson finally captured a player that he had been chasing for well over a year. He was part of the Brighton side that defeated Town in the 2003/04 Play-Offs.

## Phil Parkinson

**Phil Parkinson took charge at Layer Road in February of 2003 after finishing his 11-year playing career at Reading.**

Whilst with the Royals, Phil was renowned for being a fearsome tackler who led by example. After a trailblazing start to his managerial career, Parkinson had a more difficult season in 2004/05, with his plans and ambitions largely hindered by the loss of key players to injury.

'Parky' has guided the U's to plenty of cup success reaching the fourth round of the FA Cup and third round of the League Cup, knocking out Premiership strugglers West Brom along the way. Last year, the U's joined Chelsea in being one of two clubs not to concede three goals in any league fixture.

Now in his third full season in charge, Phil and his team are aiming for promotion.



- Colchester are planning to build a new 10,000 seater 'community stadium' at **Cuckoo Farm** in time for the start of the 2007/08 season. They have been at the 7,556 capacity Layer Road (pictured) since 1909 and have been looking to move home since the early 1980's.

## Interesting Facts...

- When The U's beat Leamington 9-1 in the FA Cup first round recently it equalled their **club record victory**, which was originally set against Bradford City in 1961.

- The clubs **most famous victory** however, came in 1971 when they

beat Don Revie's notorious Leeds United side 3-2 in an FA Cup 5th round tie.

- The **biggest transfer fee** ever received by Colchester is £2.25million, paid by Newcastle United for Lomana Tresor Lua Lua in September 2000.







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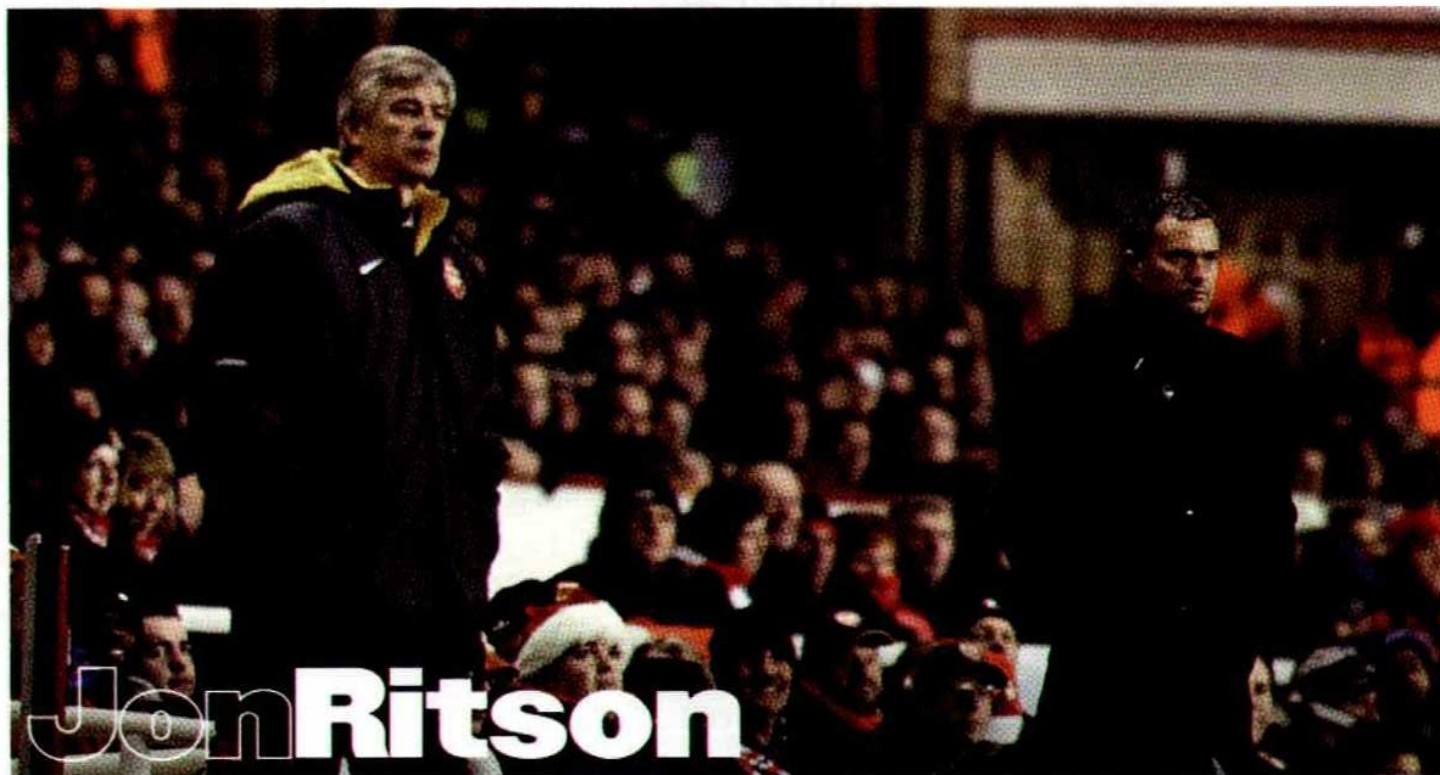
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**Colchester fans are probably cursing the Football League computer today in much the same way we'll be doing when heading for Chesterfield on Wednesday night.**

I have to agree with the gaffer's sentiments about the festive fixtures and the sheer nonsense involved.

I know there's no such thing as the 'perfect' Christmas programme but surely there's a way of sorting out a 'reasonable' one.

Anyway, enough of the Humbug attitude. I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas Day, the turkey cooked properly and the traditional family row was avoided.

Santa could only deliver a point against Blackpool and I trust he'll be more generous this afternoon.

Colchester United arrive in Wiltshire brimming with confidence. Their unbeaten run stretches into double figures and you have to think they'll fancy their chances of extending it. Still, all runs have to come to an end some

time and boy are we overdue a home victory.

Only Nottingham Forest, Yeovil and Bristol City have been sent packing 'wi nowt' (as we say in Yorkshire) and that has to change in 2006.

At least a certain Mr Cureton isn't allowed to play today. You know that he'd be certain to score. It'll be interesting to see how his future pans out in the New Year.

There is also the small matter of the numerous loan players at the County Ground. How many of those will be wending their way back to their respective clubs in the coming days and weeks?

Still on the festive theme, I wonder if Iffy and Phil Parkinson sent each other Christmas cards? Just how ridiculous is all this Mourinho/Wenger nonsense getting? What are they

going to have left to quibble about? They're only a step or so away from 'my dad's bigger than your dad'. Actually, it reminds me of that David Baddiel and Rob Newman sketch in the nineties, you know, the one where they play two old professors. 'See that.....that's you that is etc'.

Anyway, get behind the lads today (we don't want a repeat of Colchester's 3-0 win here on New Year's Day) and set ourselves up nicely for the trip to Saltergate.

This fixture marks the halfway point of the campaign of course. It's hardly been memorable (to say the least) but there's still a long, long way to go and hopefully a new year will bring happier times.

If you're not making the trek to Chesterfield then see you all back here for the New Year's Eve clash with Swansea (kick off 12.30).

Cheers for now,

**Jon**

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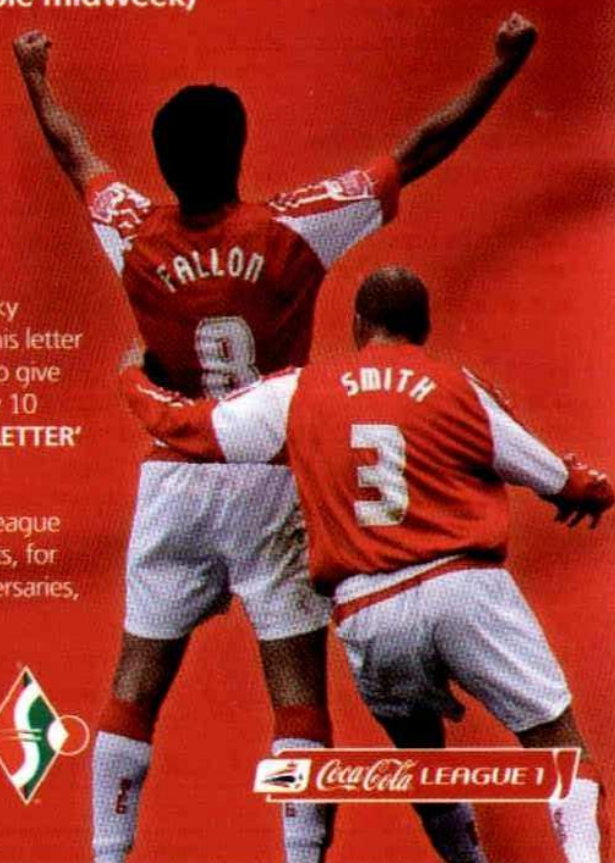
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## Seasons Greetings

Well here we are, just 24 hours on from the big day, when we were opening all our Christmas Day presents. I hope that Santa brought you all the things you put on your want list, and no doubt today's game will see the debut of some of those new shirts, jumpers, socks and other items from the STFC Superstore.

Going to a game on Boxing Day is a part of Christmas. However, if I am honest I prefer the old style fixture schedule that used to happen way back in the sixties. In those days, games were played normally on the Boxing Day, and the two sides would then meet again, for the return game just two days later. At times, the games would be local derbies, which would be a great help when making travelling arrangements (especially if you were travelling on public transport).

As a young lad, I will always remember the Christmas holiday of 1977. At the time I was going out with a young girl called Anita, and she knew that football played a big part in my life. So when I asked her if she would like to go with me to football on Boxing Day, she agreed, not really knowing as to what she was letting herself in for. I had hinted to her, that I was undecided as to which game to go for, as there were some games that I thought had great potential for entertainment. So in order not to be disappointed, I thought to myself, why miss out, why not see them all! The fact that I surprisingly failed to relay this message to Anita is another thing, but the fixtures, from the kick off time point of view, were particularly kind to me that year. The first game we saw was West Ham v Derby at Upton Park which kicked off at 11.00am. With the game finishing at 12.45pm and

West Ham winning by 3 goals to 1, it allowed us time to travel across from the East of London to see the North London derby at White Hart Lane between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal that was to due to kick off at 3.00pm. What a game this turned out to be. Tottenham going into a 2-0 lead, and then having defender Willie Young sent off, before goals from Liam Brady, and an explosive net busting free-kick from Malcolm MacDonald, saw the Gunners come back to salvage a 2-2 draw.

With Anita now happy that the day's football was over, and was free to go home and watch television programmes like the Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special and Upstairs Downstairs, you could imagine the look on her face at the Blackwall Tunnel in London, when instead of going home towards Kent, we drove in the direction of the East again. Why? Because Leyton Orient were at home to Wrexham and the game kicked off at 8.00pm at Brisbane Road. This was to be the final match of my hat-trick of games for the day. So here we were, no chicken or turkey in sight. Just the two of us sitting outside the ground having a luke warm hot dog with onions. Yes you're right, I really knew how to impress a girlfriend. The game finished 2-0 to the Orient, and by 9.45pm in the evening we were on our way home down the A2 towards Rochester and home.

So you see, Boxing Day without going to a football match would just not be the same to me. As for Anita, well let's just say once bitten, twice shy!

Happy Christmas to you all!

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**STFC Debut:** vs. Notts Co, 24/01/04  
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**STFC Debut:** vs. Oldham, 09/08/05  
**Apps:** 3(+3) **Goals:** 0

**Zoe Collman**

**Mark & Matt Francis**

**Jerell Ifil**

**Position:** Defender  
**Age:** 23 **D.O.B:** 27/06/1982  
**Height:** 6' 1" **Weight:** 12st 10lbs  
**Previous Clubs:** Huddersfield (loan), Watford  
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**Position:** Defender  
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**Position:** Forward  
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**Previous Clubs:** Yeovil (loan), Shrewsbury (loan), Barnsley  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Oldham, 15/11/03  
**Apps:** 45(+38) **Goals:** 22

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**???**

**Position:** N/A  
**Age:** n/a **D.O.B:** n/a  
**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** n/a  
**STFC Debut:** n/a  
**Apps:** n/a **Goals:** n/a

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**Stefani Miglioranza**

**Position:** Midfielder  
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**Previous Clubs:** Portsmouth  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Barnsley, 10/08/02  
**Apps:** 112(+10) **Goals:** 8

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**Jamie Cureton**

**Position:** Forward  
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**Height:** 5' 8" **Weight:** 10st 7lbs  
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**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 20 **D.O.B:** 25/01/1985  
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**Previous Clubs:** Bury (loan), Bristol Rovers (loan), Bolton  
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**Apps:** 57(+14) **Goals:** 2

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**Previous Clubs:** n/a  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Huddersfield, 30/04/05  
**Apps:** 2 **Goals:** 0

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**Charlie Comyn-Platt**

**Position:** Defender  
**Age:** 20 **D.O.B:** 02/10/1985  
**Height:** 6' 2" **Weight:** 12st 0lbs  
**Previous Clubs:** Wycombe (loan), Bolton  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Wycombe, 23/08/05  
**Apps:** 6(+6) **Goals:** 1

**Mr Keith Hutchens**

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**Christian Roberts**

**Position:** Forward  
**Age:** 26 **D.O.B:** 22/10/1979  
**Height:** 5' 11" **Weight:** 13st 0lbs  
**Previous Clubs:** Bristol City, Exeter, Drogheda (loan), Hereford (loan), Cardiff  
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**Previous Clubs:** n/a  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Boston, 15/10/03  
**Apps:** 28(+4) **Goals:** 1

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**Ben Wells**

**Position:** Midfielder  
**Age:** 17 **D.O.B:** 06/04/1988  
**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** n/a  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Huddersfield, 30/04/05  
**Apps:** (+4) **Goals:** 0

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**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** Southampton, North Leigh  
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**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** Basingstoke (loan)  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Huddersfield, 29/10/05  
**Apps:** 2 **Goals:** 0

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**Position:** Forward  
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**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** n/a  
**STFC Debut:** vs. Huddersfield, 30/04/05  
**Apps:** (+5) **Goals:** 0

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**Position:** Defender  
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**Height:** n/a **Weight:** n/a  
**Previous Clubs:** Bath City (loan)  
**STFC Debut:** n/a  
**Apps:** n/a **Goals:** n/a

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**Position:** Manager  
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**Previous Clubs:** Walsall  
**Playing Career:** Huddersfield, Tranmere, Grimsby (loan), Wycombe (loan), Sheffield United, Gillingham, Swindon, Gillingham, Mansfield, Huddersfield

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**Ian Woan**

**Position:** Youth Coach  
**Born:** 14/12/1967  
**Playing Career:** Shrewsbury, Syracuse, Columbus, Swindon, Barnsley, Nottingham Forest, Runcorn

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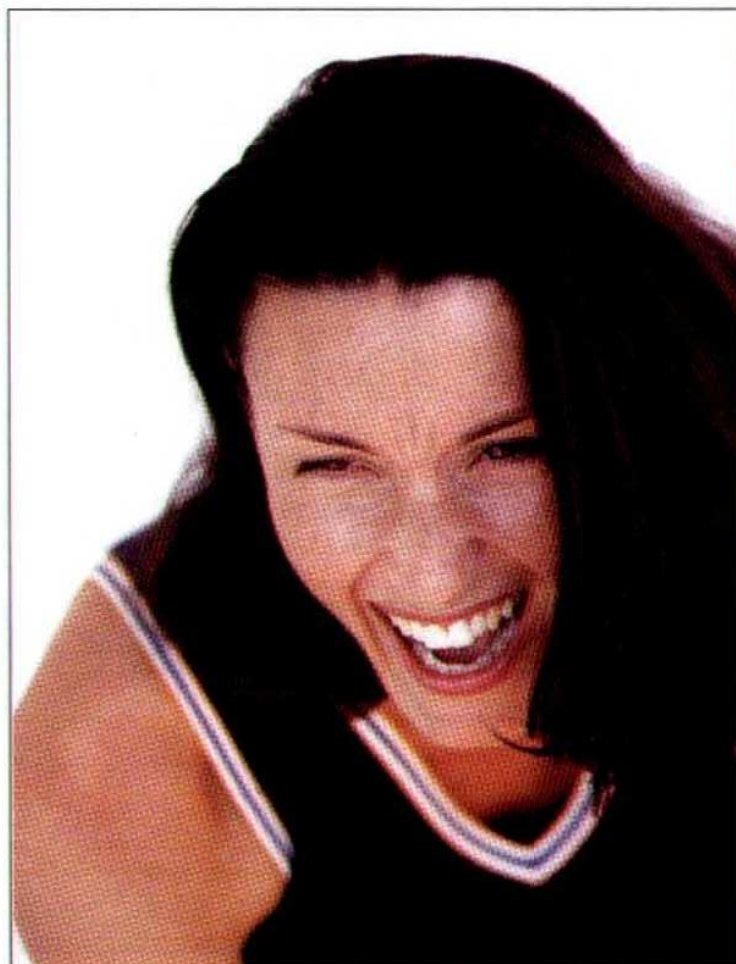


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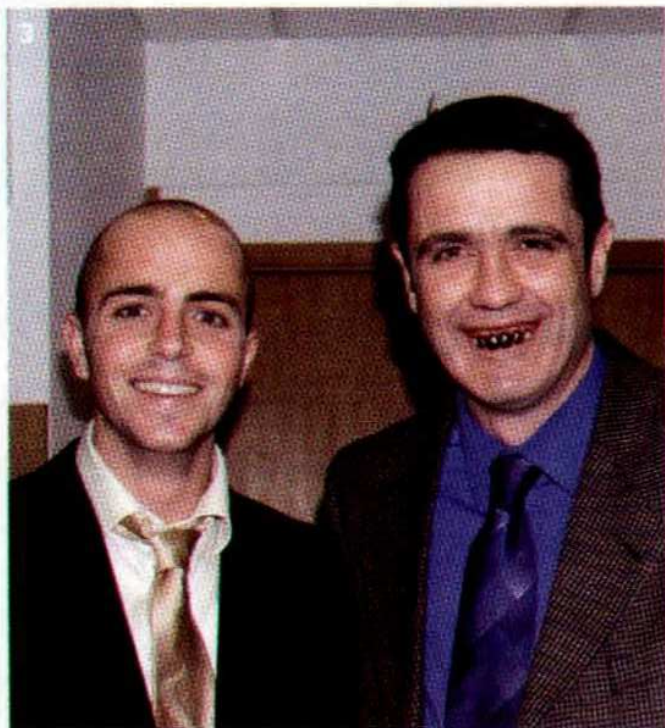
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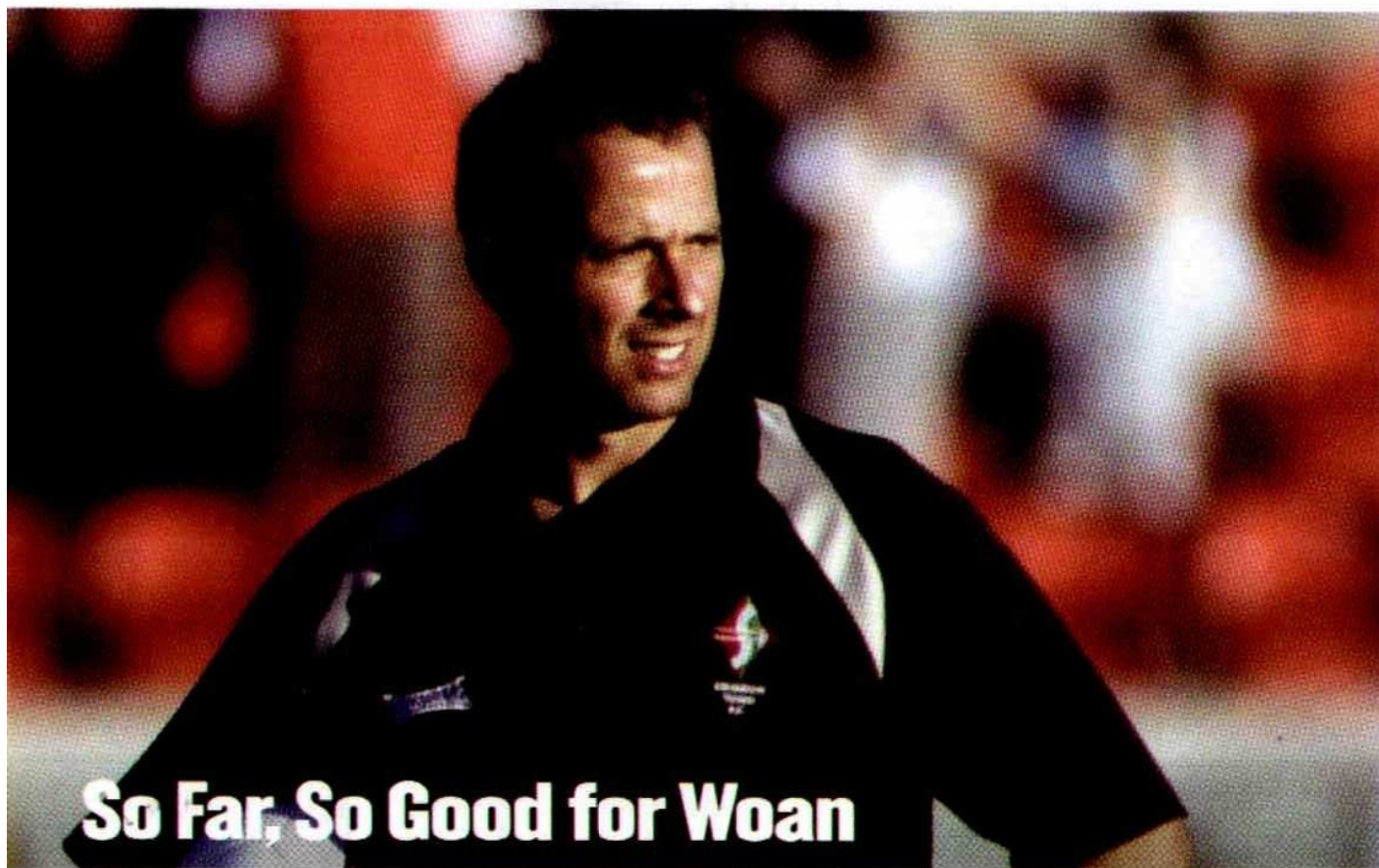
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**Coming into the New Year, I can reflect on the Youth Team's season so far. We have played seventeen league and cup matches and don't have bad record.**

We have won eleven, drawn four and only lost twice, so I can reflect positively on the first half of the season.

For our last game we entertained Hereford United. We ran out 5-0 winners in a comfortable game for our side. Unfortunately, with no disrespect to our opponents, this game offered little in the way of a test for us. Having said that it did give us the opportunity to improve fitness and gain more match practice. This was also a great chance to try out younger players and some players on trial with the club. We managed to get a good look at these players, where as maybe in another game we would not have been able to do this. Ben Wells, Scott Doe and Chris Allen all managed to get a goal with Lucas

Jukiewicz getting two. This win secured the double for us over Hereford United as we beat them earlier in the season 7-0, it also means we have extended the gap at the top of the table. Our next opponents are Oxford United - who are doing well in the league themselves, so hopefully this will offer a decent test for the lads.

Away from the league, we were disappointed to be knocked out of the F.A. Youth Alliance Cup which was the cup we won last season. However, the formation of the cup has changed this season into a league round robin style system and despite lost only one game in our 'league' it was a shame not to progress into the latter stages. We also had another disappointment

on the cup front when we were knocked out of the FA Youth Cup by Southend United, in what proved to be a closely fought encounter at Roots Hall. This was a game in which we fielded a very young side, but I have no doubt that the experience gained will serve those players well in the future.

On a positive note our performances in the league have been excellent and to be top of the league at this stage is fantastic. So all in all I am very pleased with the first half of the campaign. Hopefully we can keep this league form going and fingers crossed, we could be talking about some league success at the end of the campaign.

Enjoy the Game,

**Ian Woan**





Martin Allen

## Centre of Excellence

Good afternoon and welcome to this Boxing Day encounter with Colchester United here at The County Ground.

Unfortunately due to the winter season setting in, last weekends home and away matches were all cancelled. Frozen pitches mean that there will be no Centre of Excellence games programme until January in the New Year. Although we would have liked to have played these games, it allows all of our youngsters a chance to enjoy a well-earned rest and rejuvenate for January's games.

Every single player in the Centre of Excellence has been given a self-assessment form. The players will then fill out these forms and give them back to our coaches. We will then mark these forms and send them back out to our players. This gives us a great chance review exactly how the youngsters in the Centre of Excellence feel and it allows them to see what areas they are doing well in and what areas we think they could improve.

The youngsters in our Under 9 to Under 16 programme are also given a logbook. In this book, we ask all kids to write down all the activities they do outside of our Centre of Excellence programme. This allows us coaches to monitor their progress away from the specific games schedule.

Enjoy the game and I hope you enjoy the festive break.

**Martin Allen & Jeremy Newton**

### Reserve Fixtures 05/06

Aug 16	CHEL TENHAM	H	4-2
Sep 6	BOURNEMOUTH	H	7-0
Sep 21	Yeovil Town	A	2-1
Oct 5	Bristol City	A	0-3
Oct 10	Bristol Rovers	A	3-2
Oct 25	SALISBURY (WS)	H	1-0
Nov 15	CARDIFF	H	P-P
Nov 29	SWANSEA	H	8-0
Jan 10	Bournemouth	A	2pm
Jan 24	YEOVIL	H	2pm
Feb 8	Swansea	A	7pm
Feb 21	BRISTOL ROV	H	2pm
Feb 28	Cheltenham	A	7pm
Mar 7	BRISTOL CITY	H	2pm
Apr 4	PLYMOUTH	H	2pm
Apr 11	Plymouth	A	7pm
Apr 19	Cardiff	A	2pm



Ian Woan

### Youth Fixtures 05/06

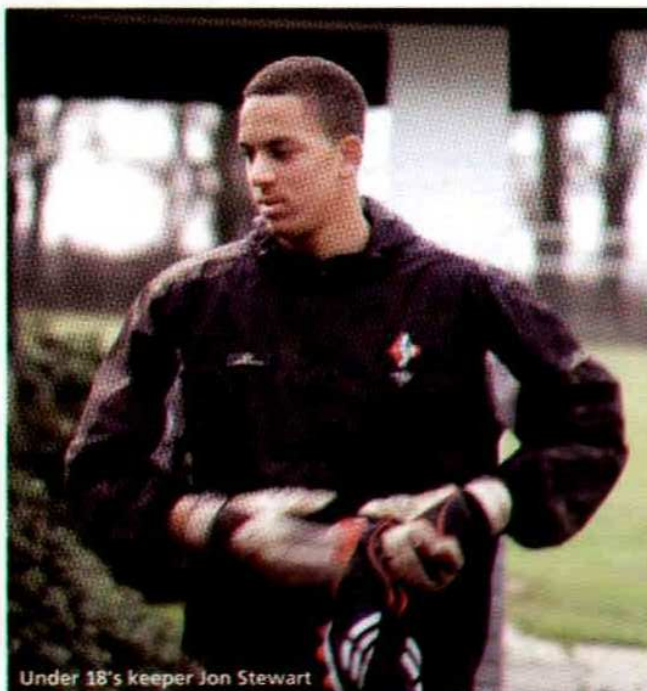
Aug 13	Cirencester	A	6-2
Aug 20	NEWPORT	H	0-0
Sep 3	Bournemouth	A	1-0
Sep 10	BRISTOL ROV	H	1-0
Sep 17	Swansea	A	2-2
Sep 24	Hereford (YAC)	A	7-0
Oct 1	Gillingham (YAC)	A	2-2
Oct 8	Oxford United	A	2-1
Oct 15	EXETER CITY	H	4-3
Oct 22	B' MOUTH (YAC)	H	0-1
Oct 29	Northampton (YAC)	A	2-2
Nov 5	SOUTHEND (YAC)	H	5-0
Nov 9	Newport Co (FAC)	A	4-3
Nov 19	PLYMOUTH	H	P-P
Nov 23	Southend (FAC)	A	2-3
Nov 26	Yeovil Town	A	3-2
Dec 10	Cheltenham	A	2-0
Dec 17	HEREFORD	H	5-0
Jan 7	OXFORD UTD	H	11am
Jan 14	Exeter City	A	11am
Jan 21	Plymouth	A	11am
Feb 4	YEOVIL TOWN	H	11am
Feb 18	CHEL TENHAM	H	11am
Feb 25	Hereford	A	11am
Mar 11	CIRENCESTER	H	11am
Mar 25	Newport	A	11am
Apr 1	BOURNEMOUTH	H	11am
Apr 8	Bristol Rovers	A	11am
Apr 15	SWANSEA	H	11am

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	6	5	0	1	24	8	15
Chelt'ham	6	4	1	1	14	9	13
Cardiff	5	3	2	0	11	4	11
Plymouth	5	3	1	1	13	10	10
Bristol C	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
Swansea	6	2	0	4	9	24	6
Yeovil	6	1	1	4	12	13	4
Bristol R	7	1	1	5	10	15	4
B'mouth	5	1	0	4	7	19	3

### South West Conference Table 19 12 05

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	10	8	2	0	26	10	26
Plymouth	9	7	1	1	34	11	22
Chelt'ham	11	6	3	2	31	13	21
Oxford	11	5	2	4	22	17	17
Yeovil	10	5	1	4	20	16	16
B'mouth	11	5	0	6	31	28	15
Newport	8	4	2	2	17	9	14
Bristol R	10	4	2	4	22	19	14
Exeter	11	4	0	7	27	36	12
Swansea	10	1	5	4	20	19	8
Cirencester	9	1	2	6	11	38	5
Hereford	10	0	0	10	6	51	0



Under 18's keeper Jon Stewart



# THE POOR RELATION?

Reading FC Chairman John Madejski's vision of moving Reading FC from the outdated and defunct Elm Park came true in the summer of 1998 when The Royals moved into the state of the art Madejski Stadium.

Whilst Swindon Town FC continue in their attempts to redevelop The County Ground, Reading are currently flying high at the top of the Coca-Cola Championship as they look for promotion to the Premiership.

There is no doubt that one of the major reasons for their success on and off the field has been down to their move to the magnificent Madejski Stadium, which is now the envy of all who travel along the M4 past Reading.

"It doesn't seem that long ago that the stadium was just a dream for myself and the supporters of the Club. The journey to Madejski Stadium was long and complicated, and many people worked extremely hard on what was a massive project," said Madejski.

"For 102 years, Elm Park was the home to Reading Football Club and whilst it served us well, there was no question that the old ground was out-dated, with no room for expansion and with facilities which fell well short of the standard required by the Taylor Report. In order to achieve all our aims and ambitions for the club and its supporters, we had to move to a new home. The final go-ahead for the stadium was given in April 1997. The Club's dream had become a reality.

"Since that day the club has experienced heartbreak and triumph both on and off the pitch, but with teamwork and co-operation between all parties involved, we can now enjoy watching the Royals play in a stadium which compares with those of football's elite.

"It was important to me to spearhead a project that puts the Club at the very heart of the local community and provides a facility both useful and available to everyone in the Thames Valley. The Madejski Stadium proves that sport, business and local government can all work together in harmony to give the community as a whole, facilities of which they can be very proud," said Madejski.



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Completed: **2005**



## SOUTHAMPTON FC

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Cost: **£32 million**  
Capacity: **32,500**  
Completed: **2001**







**HULL CITY**  
Ground Name: **Kingston Communications Stadium**

Cost: **£44 million**  
Capacity: **25,404**  
Completed: **2003**



**OXFORD UNITED**  
Ground Name: **The Kassam Stadium**

Capacity: **12,573**  
Completed: **2001**



**READING FC**  
Ground Name: **Madejski Stadium**

Cost: **£50 million**  
Capacity: **24,200**  
Completed: **1998**



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# Shaun Hodgetts

## A Boxing Day bonanza, a Christmas cracker, a feast of festive football!

Today's the day for a whole column to be written in clichés. It's worrying how easily I can lapse into that mode. Having had to meet a pre-Christmas deadline, I can't wax lyrical about the contents of Santa's sack in the Hodgetts' household but I'm sure we were all beaming from ear to ear with what we received!

So, the battle to beat the drop from League One! Let's remember it's marathon not a sprint and take one game at a time. They're all big matches but only have three points on offer every time. Colchester are the latest obstacle to overcome. In recent weeks they've gone up the table like a knife through butter, in part thanks to the goals of Jamie Cureton. He's let his feet do the talking after a loan transfer from the Town. As for his future, watch this space.

As for covering Swindon in

recent weeks, we've had the managerial merry-go-round and a revolving door for players, with eight temporary deals still in the melting-pot. Contracts are up for discussion. Are they worth the paper they're written on? What's in the small print? Is the devil in the detail?

All parties are still considering their options with regard to the club's proposed redevelopment of the County Ground, a potential gateway site, just like local rivals/near-neighbours/fellow M4 corridor club Reading. The Royals rule at the Madejski. The King is no longer on the throne here. Some say his successor was an Iffy appointment, but results are what matters and it's only been one defeat in nine outings, not including cup competitions. At least we can concentrate on the relegation scrap/dogfight now.

Worryingly in this article are many lines I've already penned this season, possibly without realising how little they really mean!

Still, let's hope football is the winner and that three points can provide a springboard to more success. Who'll be the hero of the hour and give us that belated present: a spectacular winning goal! Rory Fallon, again, or one of the midfield dynamoes linking up in support. Will there be a magic Ricky Shakes moment which catapults him into the World Cup thoughts of Trinidad and Tobago coach Leo Beenhakker. Did anybody recognise him in the crowd last weekend?

Merry Christmas! If family and other commitments mean you can't watch all the holiday action live, don't forget there's full commentary on every game and every goal on 103.6 FM BBC Radio Swindon, home of the football cliché, sometimes!

*"In recent weeks they've gone up the table like a knife through butter, in part thanks to the goals of Jamie Cureton"*





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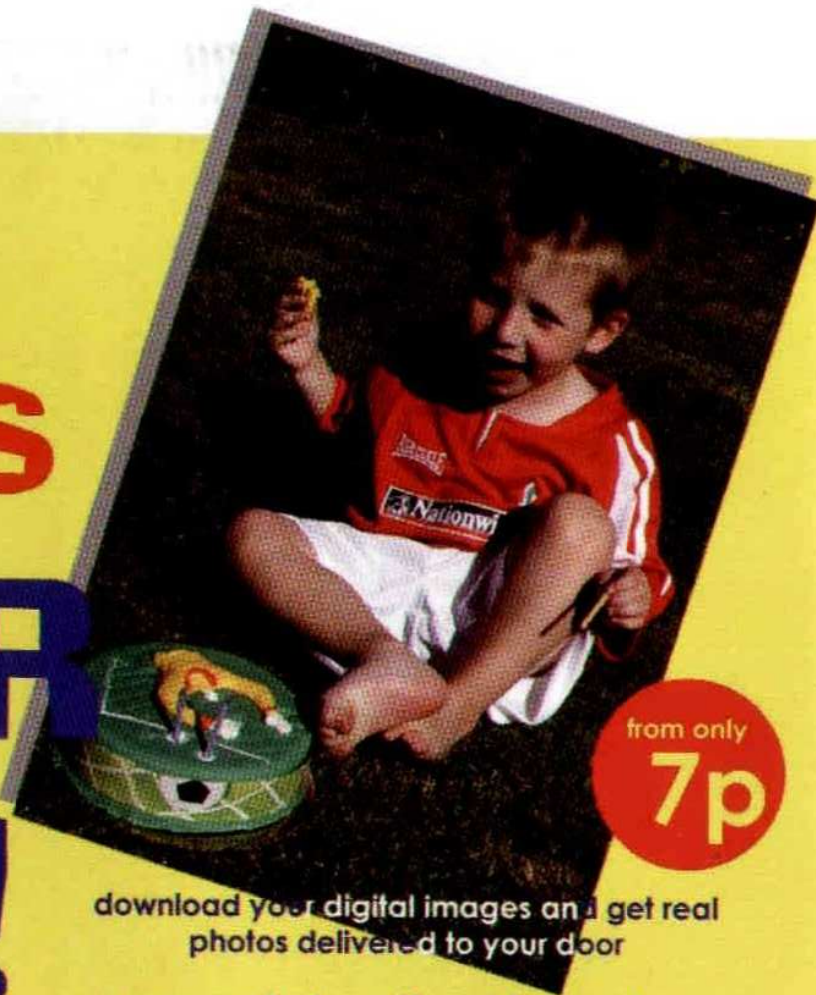




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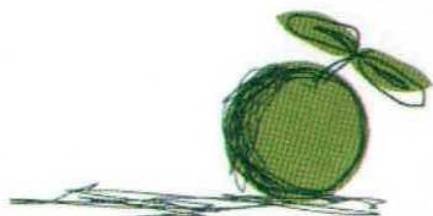


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# Box Fresh

FAMILY MAN JEREL IFIL IS LOOKING TO KICK-START  
TOWN'S SEASON WITH A WIN AGAINST THE U'S...

Words: Nick Judd

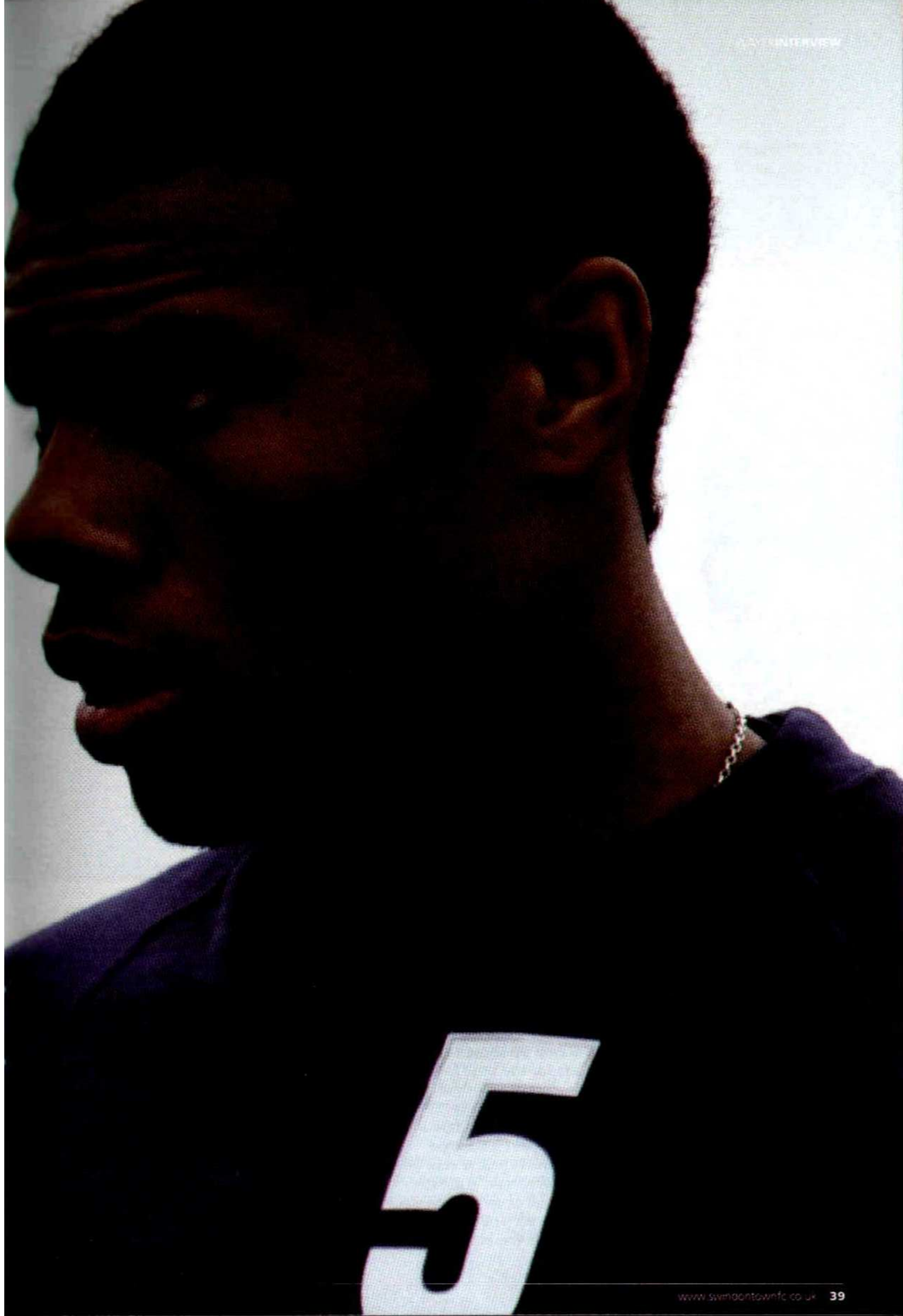
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**T**is the season to be jolly and all that, but with the Reds in desperate need of points there'll be no sentiment to dish out any gifts on the football field this afternoon.

Jerel Ifil has played a part in the defence's recent good form – and despite the fact that Town face some of the highest scorers in the league in the next four games – the 23-year old is looking to build a platform from which the club can grow in the new year.

STFC caught up with 'The Beast' at home and found him in relaxed mood. Well, until his screaming son came back anyway – sounds like it could be a noisy and "cluttered" Christmas.







**Before we get started, Merry Christmas Jerel! This is your second Christmas with the littl'un isn't it?**

Yeah that's right. Last year I don't think he really understood it all and we didn't understand him! But he's a year older now and he likes the tree, the lights and stuff.

**As a footballer you'll be busy over Christmas and New Year – is that more frustrating for you now you have a child?**

Last year was hard. We'd just had Christian and I was away Christmas Day. We're at home this year so it should be easier – I don't have to stay anywhere and it will be nice – I think Christmas should be spent with the family.

**Will Christian have**

**Great Western Hospital on Tuesday to visit some of the patients there, how was that?**

It was a huge reality check, to be honest. It just shows that people have bigger problems than you, that there are people worse off than yourself.

**Do you enjoy these sorts of responsibilities?**

I really enjoy it – when you're asked to do things like that it's a chance to give something back to the community you work for. I got chatting to one lad and I was really touched by his story – he just gets through his problems. My problems are insignificant in comparison.

**John Terry treated Chelsea's players to a Christmas do, Gary Neville**

**Moving on to football matters – it's not been very nice seeing the club bottom of the table at Christmas – how's the mood in the camp ahead of this busy period?**

After the last few games we've had we're a bit gutted that we're down there – we should have been getting three points instead of one on numerous occasions. We've had chances to build on the possession we've been enjoying, but with four games in two weeks we have a good opportunity to get a run going and get off the bottom – it's tight down there so we just need to put a run together.

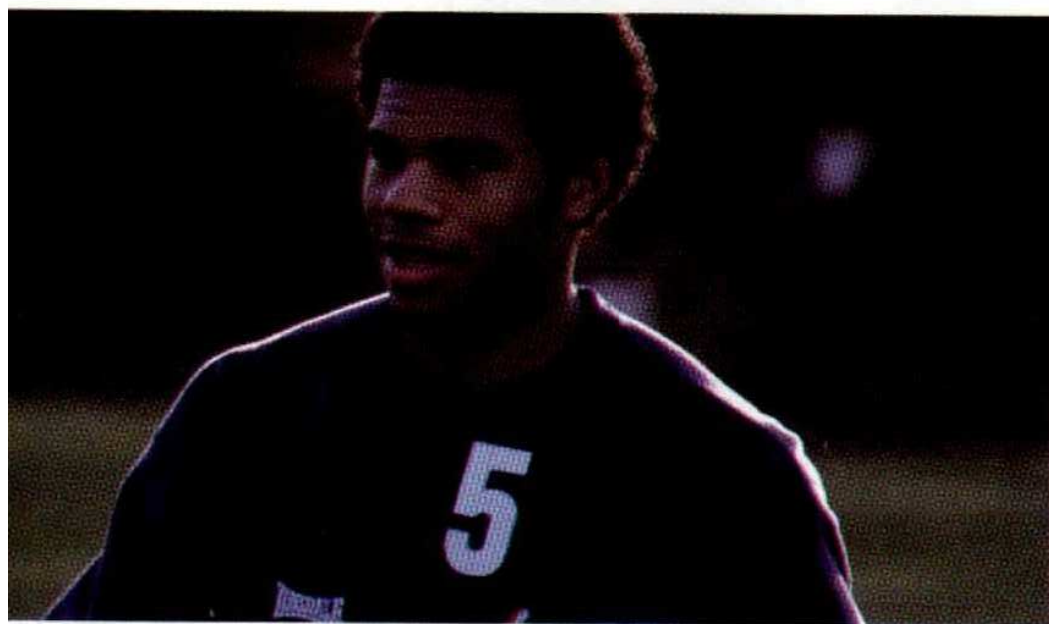
**Was there a feeling after last week's draw against Blackpool that we'd missed the boat on three crucial points?**

In a way, and we have to start capitalising on the good things we do. When you start strongly like we did you have to make the most of it otherwise the other team grows in confidence. Blackpool came into it more and more and the momentum went with them in the second half.

**Another clean sheet, albeit thanks to the help of the woodwork – was that pleasing?**

You need a bit of luck sometimes – and we're certainly owed a bit of luck! We've missed out in games we deserved to win and other teams have been fortunate to beat us.

**Has the defence been working hard to try and cut out the errors and inconsistency that has dogged us throughout the campaign?**



**received a Swindon shirt in his stocking?**

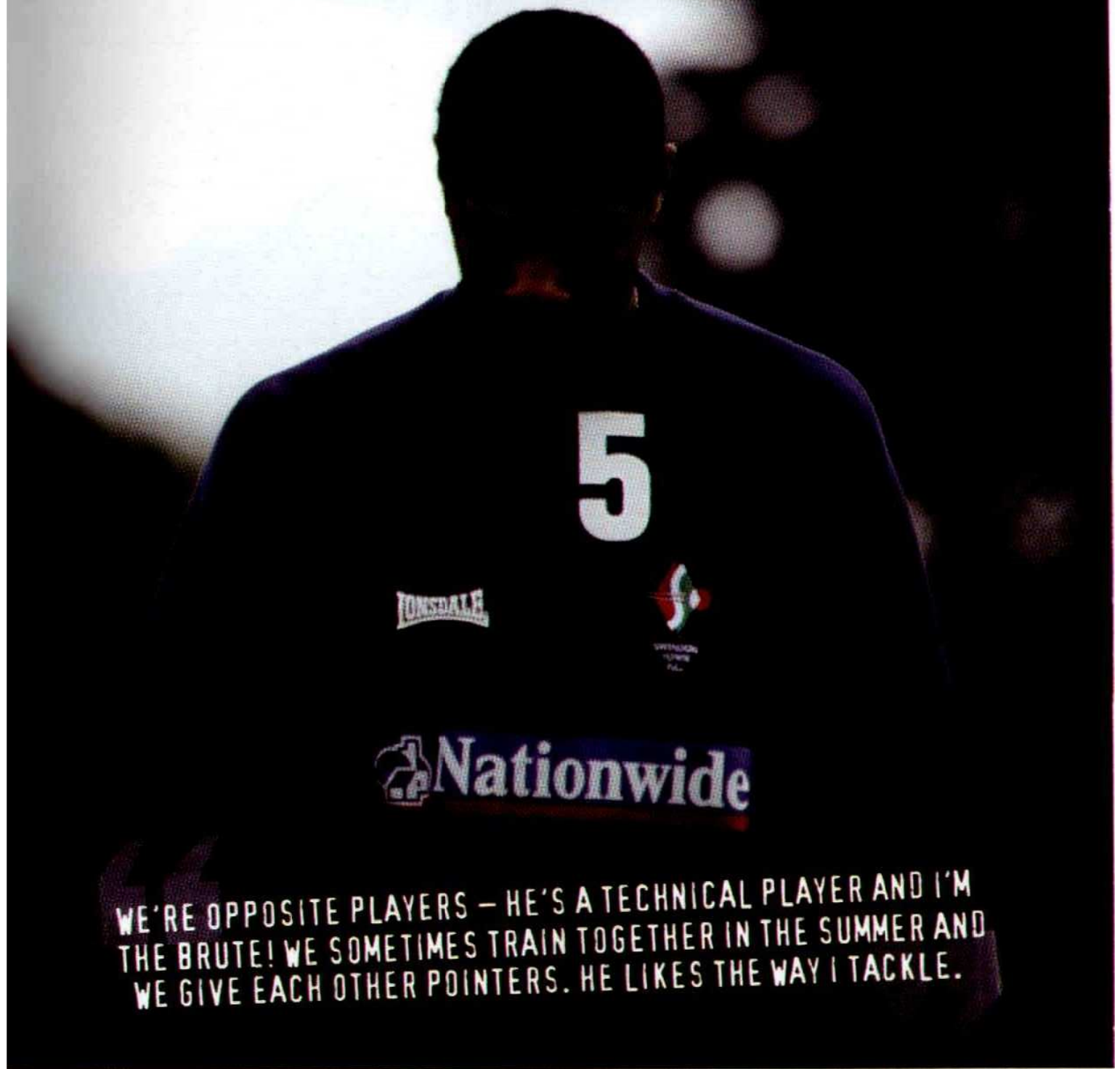
Well he's got the away kit – but he's growing out of that already! I'm sure he'll get spoiled this year – the missus will buy him presents, as will the Grandparents – more toys to clutter the house...

**You went down to the**

**at Manchester United – did Sean stump up some cash this year for the boys?**

No! We had our do after the Blackpool game in Windsor – it was a good team bonding exercise. I think these things are good for morale, it pulls everyone a bit closer – we all get to know each other that little bit more, you know?





WE'RE OPPOSITE PLAYERS – HE'S A TECHNICAL PLAYER AND I'M THE BRUTE! WE SOMETIMES TRAIN TOGETHER IN THE SUMMER AND WE GIVE EACH OTHER POINTERS. HE LIKES THE WAY I TACKLE.

We're always trying to improve – the Gaffer always points out things and he works on our bad tendencies. But we've been more solid recently and we can build on that.

**Your brother Phil is experiencing a similar situation in the Championship on loan at Millwall – how is he getting on?**

He's done OK. He's injured at the moment and so he's back at Spurs as a result.

But they like him down there at Millwall – he's played well and I've heard good things from his spell there. He's enjoyed playing first team football and has grown in confidence.

**Do you analyse his game when you watch him – did you ever do that when you were growing up?**

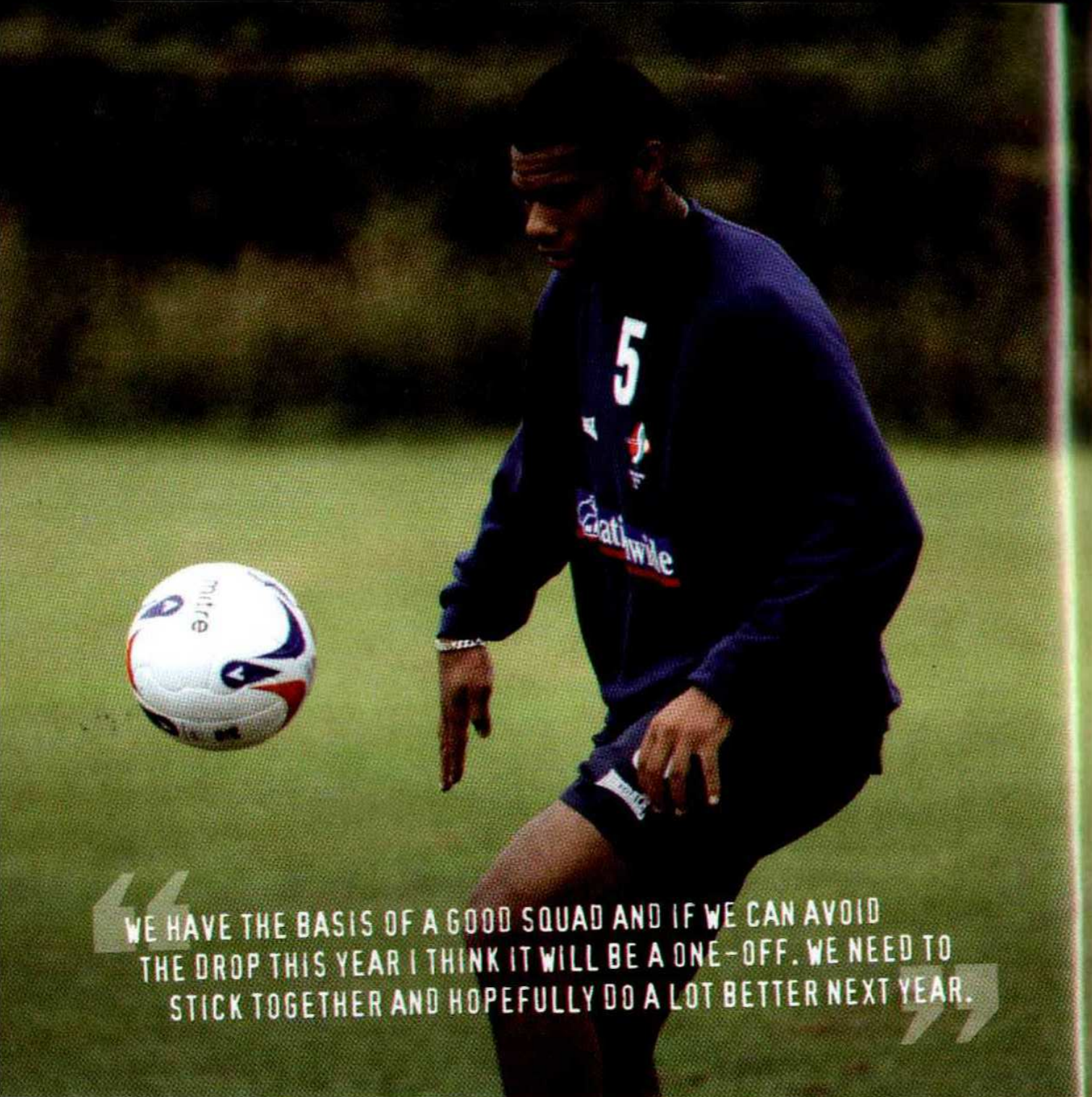
We're opposite players – he's a technical player and I'm the brute! He has a very good football brain and I would like to think I could learn

from that. I like to see what he does – his use of the ball in particular, that's certainly an area I would like to improve. We sometimes train together in the summer and we give each other pointers. He likes the way I tackle.

**Traditionally Swindon tend to do well on Boxing Day, with two tough games coming up it's imperative that that continues, isn't it?**

We need a win, for sure. The Gaffer told us that we'd lost





“WE HAVE THE BASIS OF A GOOD SQUAD AND IF WE CAN AVOID THE DROP THIS YEAR I THINK IT WILL BE A ONE-OFF. WE NEED TO STICK TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY DO A LOT BETTER NEXT YEAR.”

one in nine – but we need to start converting draws into wins.

**What do we know about Colchester? Other than that JC has been scoring left, right and centre for them, of course...**

I've not heard from him in a while – but they're a team in form – but we just have to do our job and not worry about what they might or might not do.

**It's often been said we do**

**better against sides towards the top of the table – do you think in playing three top sides over Christmas, it will actually help us?**

Hopefully – it could bode well for us – and if we can win against the top teams it will hopefully help build confidence for when playing the lower teams. If we can hit some good form we can then look to continue that against sides like Blackpool.

**Colchester, Chesterfield and Swansea have all**

**scored a lot of goals this term, how will the defence approach these games?**

We've watched highlights of them all and the Gaffer will prepare us – all you can do is make yourself aware of the attacking qualities they have.

**There's obviously a strong Watford element in the squad – will it be a shame to see Hameur leave in January.**

He's given us some pace and some energy, which helps.



Having someone like that helps create a bit of fear in your opponents – makes them think a bit more. It also gives us a bit of balance with the pace of 'Shakesy' and Christian on the right.

**And does it help in terms of your mutual understanding having Jack Smith alongside you – having played together before?**

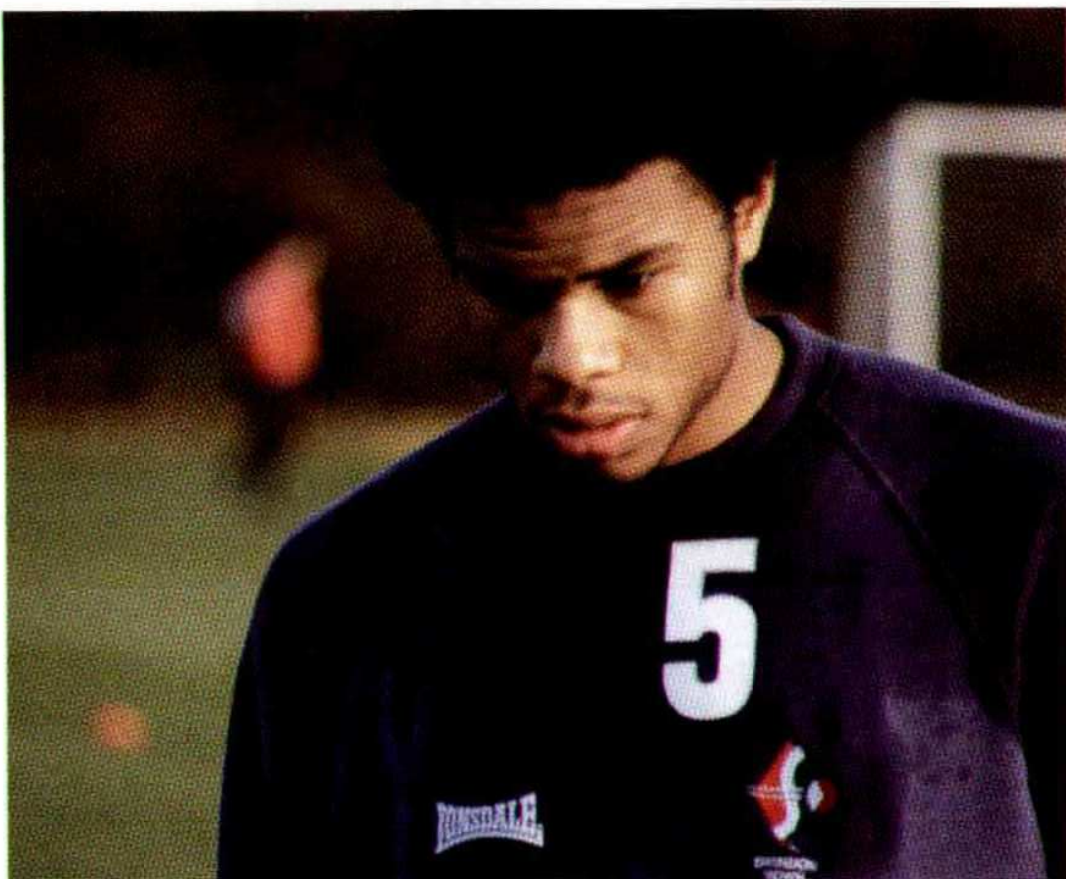
Certainly. It's one of the hardest things in football, getting teams and new players to gel and we know each other's game well. We talk a lot during the game and try and guide each other.

**Do you all talk about Watford still and how much contact do you have with your former club?**

We still talk to a few of the lads from our age group. One or two of the lads have kids the same age as my lad and they come over with their other halves. Hameur lives round the corner and he'll often come round, too – so we'll stay in touch when he goes back.

**The three of you share lifts to training – how does it compare to the days of going in with Sammy and Stef? It must make the journey a bit easier to have some company...**

We enjoy ourselves. Whoever doesn't drive normally sleeps on the way in the morning,



but on the way back we like to play this game in *The Sun*, called Birthday spread? You basically have to guess the ages of celebrities who have their birthday on that day, the closer you get the more points you get. Then you have to guess the age of a random reader, which is worth more points – it's good banter.

**Rory Fallon has been in terrific form this year – how pleasing is it to have him declare an interest in signing a new contract?**

It's always nice when your main players pledge their future to the team, it's good to keep the strength of the side intact – you don't want to lose your best players.

**As a player that craved league game experience as a youngster – how do you assess the youngsters coming through here at the County Ground?**

They're doing OK. It's hard to

"It's tough because if you make mistakes down at the bottom it can knock your confidence even more."

come into a struggling side because you can't express yourself. In our situation you have to be a bit conservative – everyone has a job to do whereas if we were at the top you could express yourself more. It's tough because if you make mistakes down at the bottom it can knock your confidence even more. But lads like David Stroud and Ashan Holgate, two off the top of my head, they've done well, been strong and done what's asked of them. They're neat little players.

**You're now a seasoned pro with 94 professional starts – where would you like to go from here?**

I just want to improve so my career improves. Firstly I want to escape this situation and build on this team next year. We have the basis of a good squad and if we can avoid the drop this year I think it will be a one-off. We need to stick together and hopefully do a lot better next year.



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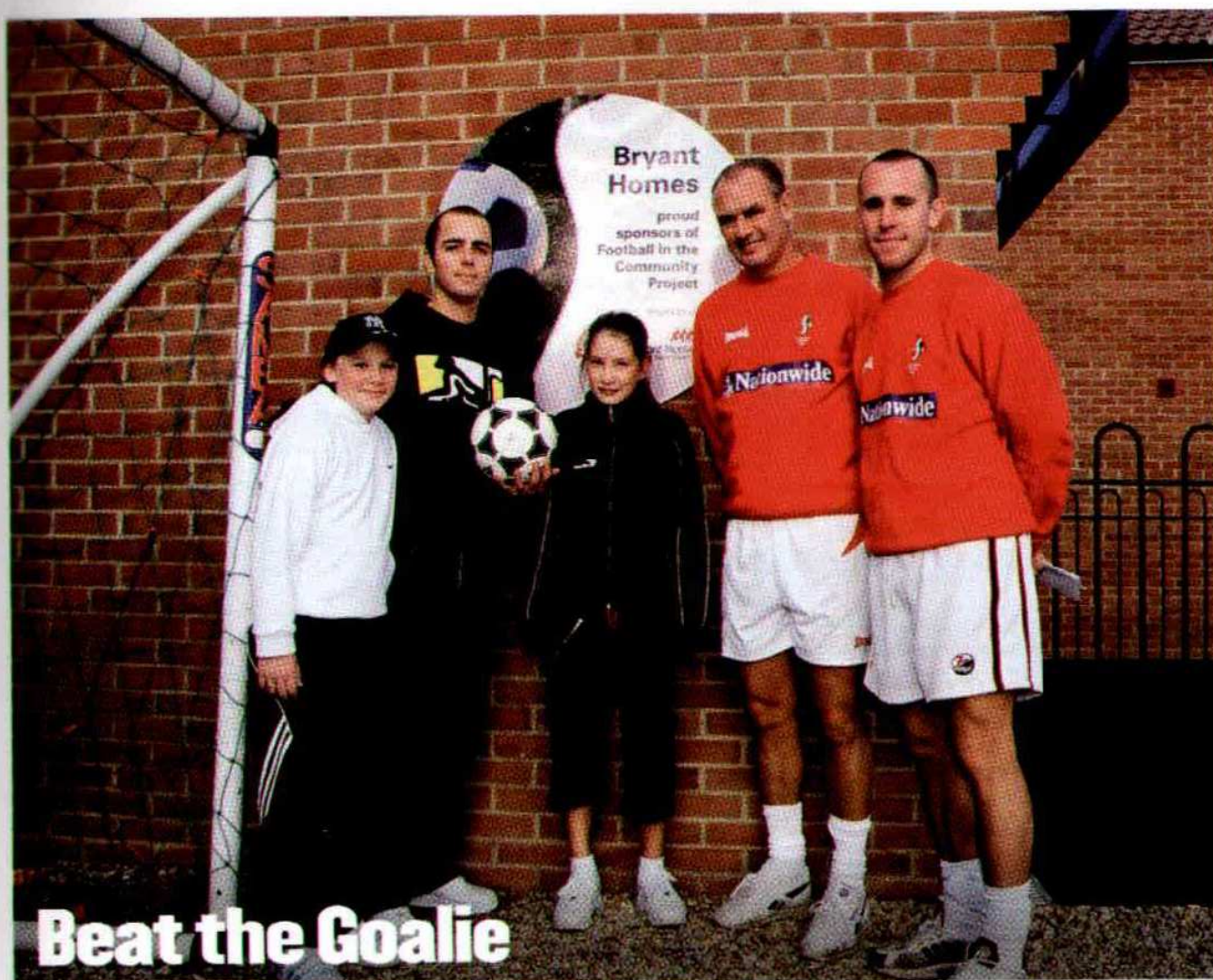




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## Beat the Goalie

**G**ood afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's Boxing Day encounter with Colchester United.

We hope you are all having a lovely Christmas and enjoying the break.

You may have seen in the local press that we held a 'Beat the Goalie' competition in association

with Bryant Homes at Challice Place. This was in conjunction with Haslimann Taylor and a good time was held by all.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children who turned up to support the event. Could we also take this opportunity to thank the Rachel Toppin from Haslimann Taylor for her support

throughout the year and we are very appreciative of the sponsorship deal we have with such a reputable company, in themselves and Bryant Homes. Could we also thank Jack Smith and Kyle Lapham appearing at the 'Beat the Goalie' competition.

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# Soccer Centres



**O**n Tuesday 13th December 2005, Swindon Town's Football in the Community Mini Soccer Awards night took place.

Over the last seven weeks the youngsters have been learning various new skills of the game under the tutelage of FITC Coaches Shane Hewlett, Luke Sharps and Adam Greaney and Andy McKinlay.

These sessions are a progression of the popular Tiny Tots sessions which has seen a steady stream of youngsters aged 3-years old through to 4 - 5 years of age. They prepare the children for life in the Soccer Centres which run for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

"The idea of the Mini Soccer Centres

is give the children a head start before they join the Soccer Centres. At the age of 5-years old, they then enter the next level and know the basics of the game.

"Whilst it is about improving their core skills, the emphasis is on enjoyment and simply having fun," said Soccer Centres co-ordinator Shane Hewlett.

Pictured above are some of the children that attended the Mini Soccer Awards which took place at the Dorcan Centre on Tuesday 13th December 2005.

For more details on the Swindon Town Football in the Community Soccer Centres just call Shane Hewlett on 01793 617718.

## Course Schedule

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	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

### Oasis (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

### Highworth (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

### Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

### Stratton

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	4.30-5.30	9-11yrs
Tuesday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-10yrs
Wednesday:	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
Friday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs

### Marlborough

Wednesday:	3.30-4.00	5-7yrs
	4.00-5.00	7-9yrs
	5.00-6.00	9-11yrs

### Ridgeway

Wednesday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	8-11yrs

### Clanfield

Friday:	5.00-6.00	7-9yrs
	6.00-7.00	10-11yrs

### Tidworth

Friday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

### Croft (Swindon Borough)

Saturday:	9.00-10.00	5-7yrs
	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

### Dorcan (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.30-6.15	4-5yrs
Tuesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
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# A Community Christmas

## OAP'S Christmas Lunch at STFC

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**S**windon Town Football Club held a complimentary Christmas lunch and entertainment at The County Ground on Thursday 15th December 2005.

Guests were treated to a three-course Christmas lunch of soup, a turkey dinner then Christmas pudding which was followed by a guest appearance from Father Christmas and Swindon Town Manager Iffy Onuora to hand out presents and a food goody bag to all OAP's in attendance.

The Midcounties Cooperative provided food goody bags and Swindon Town FC would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

**Midcounties Cooperative, Greenham, Bloor Homes, Wendy Godwin, Motorola, Triumph Int. Ltd, The Dolphin Hotel and Colt Cars Midwest.**

The OAP's arrived at The County Ground at 12pm and were welcomed with a Bucks Fizz reception which was followed by a Christmas blessing by the Club Reverend, Simon Stevenette.

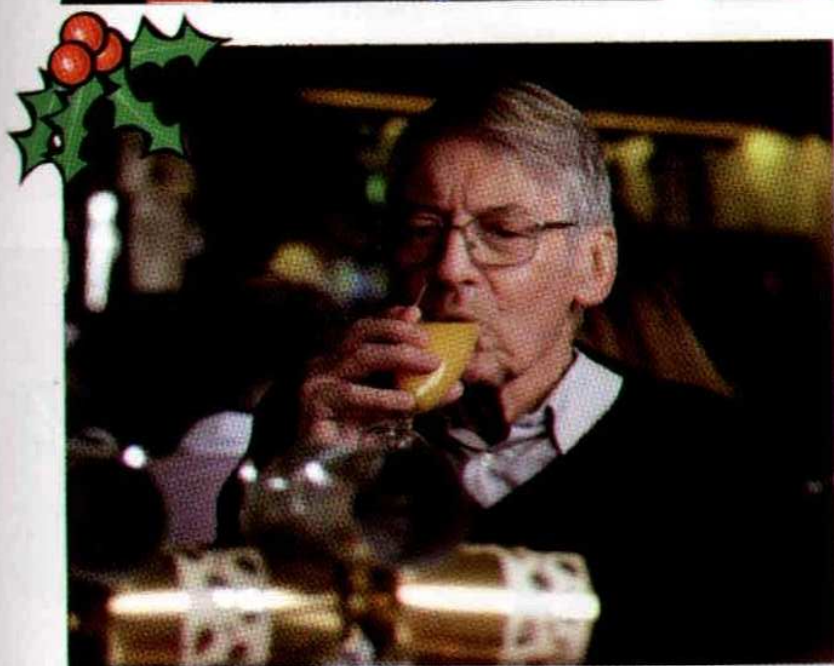
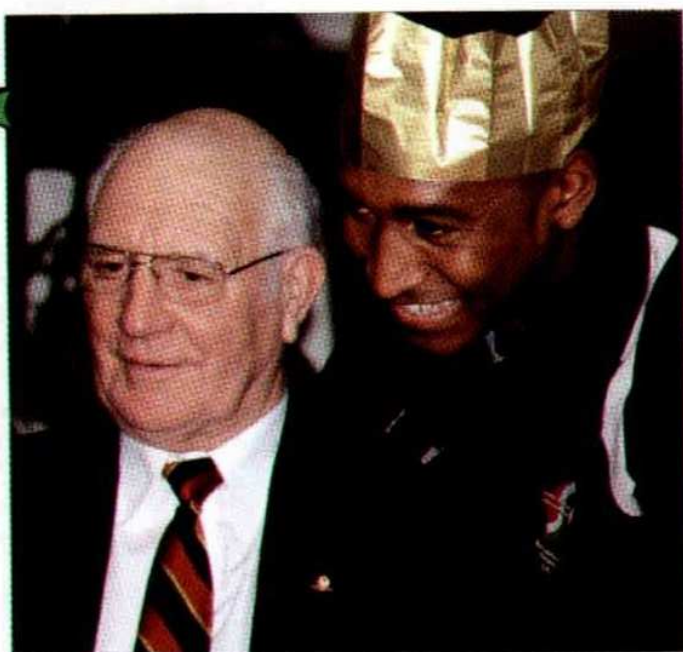
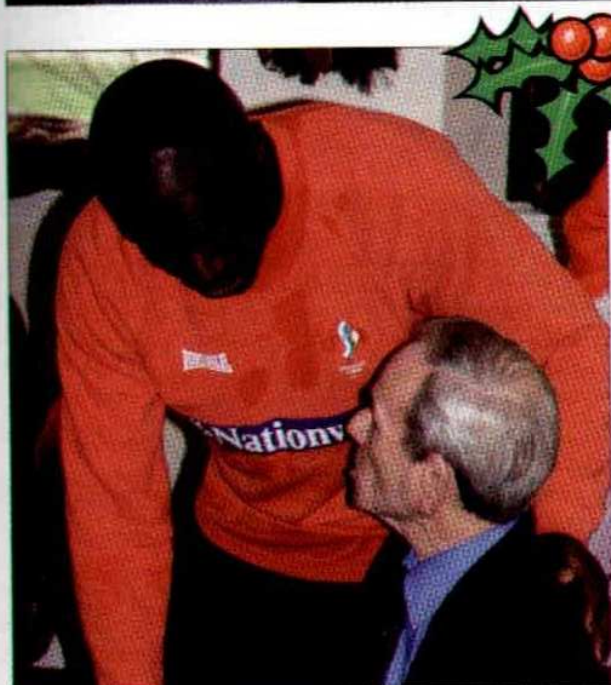
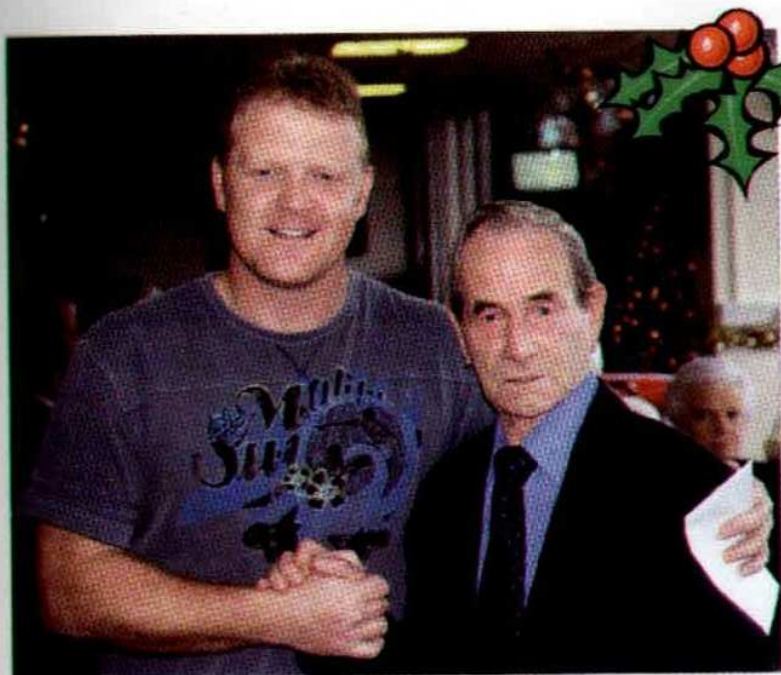
The complimentary three-course Christmas Luncheon was then served with first team players Andy Nicholas, Charlie Comyn-Platt and Ricky Shakes also in attendance.

After lunch the guests in attendance were treated to a selection of carols sung by the children of Nythe Primary School.

Shortly before 2pm there was a guest appearance by Father Christmas who joined Manager Iffy Onuora in handing out a Christmas present to every OAP in attendance.










# In The News



A boeing 737 airplane crashes on the the M1 motorway near East Midlands airport, killing 46 people.

Manchester United FC are sold for £20m to Isle of Man-based property tycoon and former footballer, Michael Knighton.



Nintendo releases the portable hand-held GameBoy.

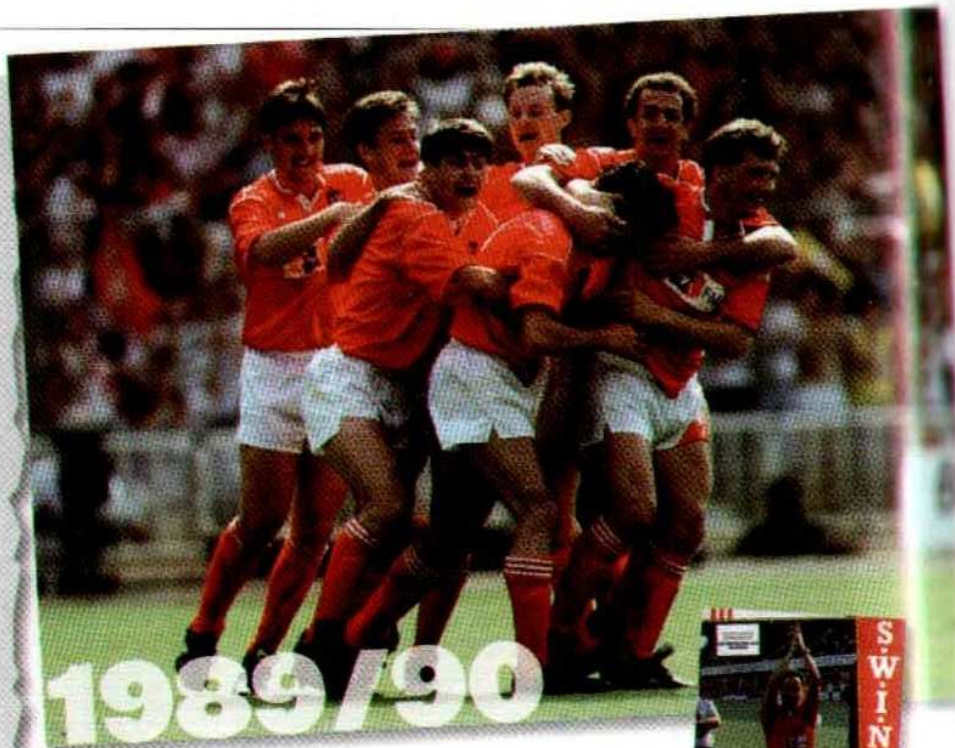
96 football fans are killed on the terraces at Hillsborough in Britain's worst ever sporting disaster. They are crushed to death during the FA Cup semi-final between Nottingham Forest and Liverpool.

The unmanned Voyager 2 spacecraft sends back the first close-up pictures of Neptune and its satellite planets.



Mike Tyson defeats Frank Bruno to retain the heavyweight title of the world.

East and West Germany celebrate as the Berlin Wall is breached after nearly three decades keeping East and West Berliners apart.



## Wembley Heroes denied Promotion

The summer of 1990 was the most traumatic that Town supporters have ever faced. A successful season had culminated in a victory at Wembley, but the celebrations were cruelly cut short.

The Division Two campaign started with a 2-0 home defeat to Sunderland, an irony that would become clear nine months later.

Eight games into the season, Town beat Plymouth 3-0 at the County Ground. It was only our second win and we'd

plummeted to the relegation zone. That started a run of seven wins in nine matches, followed by just two points in the next five games.

By Boxing Day though we were seventh and it was a case of grabbing a play-off place and holding on. From then on Town were never lower than fifth, and had a brief flirtation with second.

Leeds United were crowned champions on 85 points, beating Sheffield United to top spot on goal difference. Town finished fourth on 74, sandwiched between



## Top Films

Batman

Lethal Weapon 2

Look Who's Talking

Honey, I Shrunk the Kids



Back to the Future II

Ghostbusters II

The Little Mermaid

When Harry Met Sally





Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers, in the days when that didn't seem unusual.

Consecutive 2-1 play-off victories over Blackburn saw Town face Sunderland in the final where a deflected goal from Alan McLoughlin gave Town a hugely one-sided 1-0 win, and ostensibly promotion to the top flight

Then the Football League stepped in to relegate us to Division Three, before an appeal to the FA saw us returned to the Second.

The term 'financial irregularities' will still give Town fans sleepless nights and those that campaigned and marched in protest can today take credit for perhaps the only occasion when supporters were actually responsible for their club's promotion.



The key to on-field success had been a settled side. Colin Calderwood, Ross McLaren and Alan McLoughlin were all ever present, while Fraser Digby, Duncan Shearer, Steve White, Jon Gittens and Tom Jones all made 40 league appearances or more.

Rather less omnipresent, manager Ossie Ardiles made his last two appearances on a pitch,

coming on as substitute in the first two games of the season.

We had the usual, undefeated season against Oxford United, with a 3-0 home win and a 2-2 away draw, and November saw Stoke City despatched 6-0, with ex-Town man Dave Bamber helpfully scoring an own goal.

Duncan Shearer scored 20 League goals, Steve White 18 and Alan McLoughlin 12.

Colchester United meanwhile faced relegation by more traditional methods, finishing bottom of Division Four and condemned to a spell in the Conference.

With six draws in their first seven games, a 4-1 win at home to Maidstone was followed by seven straight losses. Never out of the bottom two after October, United hit the foot of the table in March

and stayed there to the end, eventually ending up six points adrift of Halifax Town.

Trevor Morgan, a man with both Bristol City and Rovers on his CV finished top scorer on just 12, and as that total included six from the penalty spot, it's not difficult to see why the U's struggled so.

Words: Dave Wallis

## Top Tunes

**Hand On Your Heart**  
Kylie Minogue

**You'll Never Stop Me...**  
Sonia

**Like a Prayer**  
Madonna



**Back To Life**  
Soul II Soul

**Swing the Mood**  
Jive Bunny

**Ride On Time**  
Black Box

**Too Many Broken Hearts**  
Jason Donovan

**Eternal Flame**  
The Bangles



**All Around The World**  
Lisa Stansfield

**You Got It (The Right Stuff)**  
New Kids on the Block



## On this day...

**26th December 2004**

**Thousands suffer in Asian tsunami**

Massive sea surges triggered by an earthquake under the Indian Ocean have killed over 10,000 people in southern Asia, with many more feared dead.

A wall of water fanned out across the Indian Ocean at high speed and slammed into coastal areas with little or no warning.

## On the Box

**The Simpsons**

**Birds of a Feather**

**Challenge Anneka**

**Press Gang**







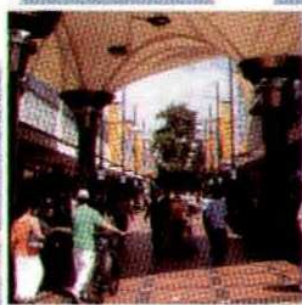
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# Supporters Club

<http://www.go.to/swindontown>



Welcome back and we hope fans have had a great Christmas day. In just five days time we will be back again for the visit of high-flying Swansea City for what we hope will be an lunchtime jamboree. Don't forget to note the early kick-off time, otherwise you will miss the game!

## Half-Time Draw

The winner from the match against Blackpool was Mr. Innes from Bordon in Hampshire. His winning ticket number 919 paid £335.

## Away Travel

By now hopefully fans wishing to travel will have booked for Chesterfield. The next away game after that is the longest of the season, as on the 2nd January we travel to Hartlepool.

### Departing:

West Swindon 7.00am

County Ground 7.15am  
Ermin Street 7.30am

### Fares

Adult £26  
Under 15's £24

Supporters Club membership discount off of these prices £2

## Pounds 4 Points

Although we only gained single point against Blackpool it helped us pass one milestone with our fund for youth development that has now passed the £1,000 barrier. A productive period over Christmas on the field, will not only improve our league position but also raise this fund to an even higher level.

## Stadium Help

Don't forget if you haven't yet written to your local councillor about "Keeping Town in Swindon" and in support of the present



proposals then please do so. The Supporters Club, Trust STFC and those behind the Loud and proud campaign are working together to raise the profile of the Football Club's attempts to improve facilities at the County Ground and keep the Football Club in Swindon. Every fan can help and play their part by writing to the Council or completing one of the postcards that are available.



### Current Total

£ 1008

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Anonymous	2.00	Peter Toddington	1.00	Karen Bedwell	0.50
Kim Young	1.00	David Toddington	1.00	Eva Hutchins	0.50
Chris Weavers	1.00	Cassie & Jake Sumpter	1.00	Pauline Cox	0.50
Paul Bartlett	1.00	Adrian Doug & Graham Smith	1.00	Mark Davies	0.50
Olive & Michael Spearman	1.00	Anne Wilkes	1.00	Bradley Carter	0.50
Iris Higgs	1.00	R M Jones (Builders)	1.00	Rod & Hilda Shepard	0.50
David Barry	1.00	The Fox, Denchworth	1.00	Anonymous	0.50
Kirsteen Fraser	1.00	Simon Bayliss	1.00	Bruce Lockhart	0.50
Knightsleep, Southampton	1.00	Jerry Walsh	1.00	L J & C A Cannings	0.50
Nick & Lisa Munton	1.00	STFC Disabled Group	1.00	Nigel & Sarah	0.50
Hanney Reds	1.00	Wendy Beaver	0.50	Ann Alder	0.50
Pearl & Barbara	1.00	Mike Dean	0.50	<b>Total Per Point</b>	<b>£54.50</b>

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# YOU CAN HELP REBUILD OUR FUTURE!

Simply remove or copy this page completing the petition below and return it to the Club as instructed.



# SAVE OUR HOME!

## TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Swindon Town Football Club are currently in negotiations with the Council over the redevelopment of the County Ground, their home for over 100 years. If these negotiations fail there is a real danger that the Town could lose its only professional Football Club. Such an outcome would be a disaster for both the Town and the Club. Over 150,000 fans visit the County Ground every year, bringing millions of pounds into the Town. Swindon Town Football Club makes a massive contribution and provides real benefits to the Swindon community, in particular with the younger generation. If this contribution is lost it will leave a major hole in the Town's facilities. The fact is that a Town of Swindon's size and status deserves a professional Football Club.

Swindon 2010 - Taking Control of our Future is a document that Swindon Borough Council have published, detailing the Council's 50 promises that have been made to the people of Swindon. The Council have promised 'to revitalise our sports and leisure facilities' and 'to establish Swindon as a centre of sports excellence'.

Also, last November Swindon Borough Council unanimously passed a motion in full Council to work with Swindon Town Football Club to redevelop the County Ground.

In light of the above promises I, the undersigned, urge the Borough Council to facilitate the redevelopment of the stadium and do everything they can to keep the club within the Borough. This will, together with the proposed upgrading of the Cricket Club to County standard and Athletic Club to Olympic standard fulfil the Council's pledge to establish Swindon as a true centre of sports excellence and provide the Town with the sporting facilities its residents deserve.

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Please return this Petition to Willie Carson, Chairman, Swindon Town Football Club. By Post: County Ground, County Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2ED. By Fax: 01793 333703



# Copa Ibiza

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## We're going to Ibiza!

Swindon Town FC will be travelling to Ibiza for a pre-season tour ahead of the 2006/07 campaign... and Town supporters are being invited to come along!

The club will be taking part in the 'Copa Ibiza 2006' between 17th - 20th July 2006 in a three team tournament.

As well as the opportunity to watch Town in the sun, fans choosing to go on the trip will also be able to take part in a number of other activities including a one-day supporters football tournament.

The Swindon Town Supporters' Package includes the following:

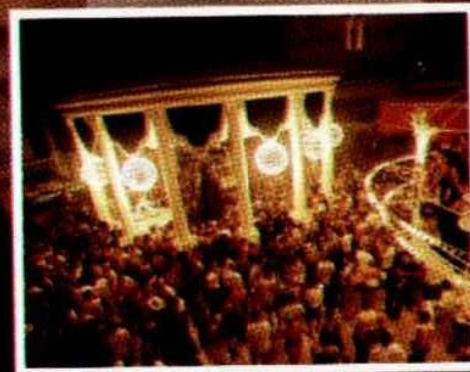
- \* Flights
- \* Airport / Hotel coach transfers
- \* Seven nights accommodation
- \* Match tickets
- \* Resort service
- \* One-day football tournament
- \* Presentation evening
- \* Free sports quiz and inclusion into the prize draw



Supporters should note that the San Antonio Stadium, the ground of SD Portmany - where the games will be played - has a limited capacity of 1500 people.

Fans will only be able to gain entry to the games by booking on this official package deal. Match tickets are included in the price and **cannot be purchased separately**. There will be no facility to pay on the gate on matchdays.

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# THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS



Darren Bent and Nathan Ellington are banging in goals in the Premiership. Jimmy Bullard and Teddy Sheringham are playing starring roles for their newly-promoted clubs. And Reading's Steve Sidwell is on course to be gracing the top flight next season.

What do these players have in common? They were all among the '50 Top Football League Players' in last April's edition of *FourFourTwo* magazine. And now, following the success of that survey, The Football League has announced a

glittering annual awards ceremony to champion the achievements of its players and clubs.

The Football League Awards will be handed out at the London Hilton on March 5 2006, when *FourFourTwo* will also announce its annual 'Top 50 Football League Players' to coincide with our April edition - and now's your chance to get involved.

For details of how to nominate someone for the 'Fan of the Year Award' and to vote for the 'Best Away Ground', visit [www.fourfourtwo.com](http://www.fourfourtwo.com) or check out your matchday programme.

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- ★ League 2 Player of the Year
- ★ Young Player of the Year
- ★ Top Apprentice Award
- ★ Goal of the Year
- ★ Most Admired Club
- ★ Community Club of the Year
- ★ Fan of the Year
- ★ Best Club Sponsorship
- ★ Best Club Marketing Campaign
- ★ Best Kit Design
- ★ Matchday Programme of the Year
- ★ Best Club Website
- ★ Best Away Ground - voted for by fans
- ★ Contribution to Football



For more information on The Football League Awards contact [nicky.lusignani@haynet.com](mailto:nicky.lusignani@haynet.com)





with Andrea Garratt



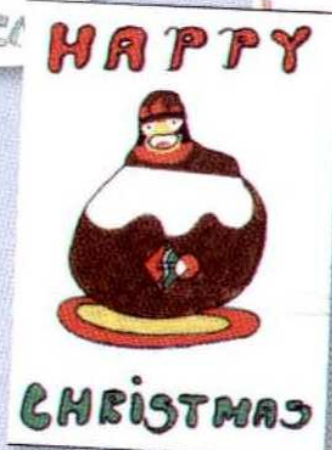
Billy Langham



Jason Tidd



Scott  
Langham  
WINNER!



Chloe Tuck



Hannah Clinch

## Welcome JR's

**Good afternoon and welcome to all the Junior Robins here today.**

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas Day yesterday and are looking forward to a belated Christmas present with the Town collecting all 3 points against Colchester in this Boxing Day fixture.

At the time of writing these notes we were still days away from the Junior Robins Christmas disco so

a report and photos regarding this event will be in a future programme. It's been a reasonably quiet first half to the season for Junior Robins, although we've travelled to Bournemouth and MK Dons and hosted our second 'Meet the Players' night. Due to lack of response, our trip to Old Trafford had to be cancelled, though I'm hoping to run a coach next year either to Manchester United or Chelsea. We had our annual Christmas card competition with the entries shown on this pages and

many thanks to all who entered.

Other events happening during the second half of the season will be a reciprocal to Swansea who we meet here on Saturday, a trip to a Premiership club and another 'Meet the Players' night. Details for all of these will be in the programme and on the website.

Enjoy the game and have a great holiday break.

**Andrea.**

Contact Andrea on **01793 525619** or email [andrea@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:andrea@swindontownfc.co.uk)





## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Ainscow  
Jade Woodhouse  
Ben Davies  
Ben Madley

# UNDER 7's GO FREE AT STFC!

## WORDSEARCH COMPETITION

Find the hidden words relevant to today's visitors with the exception of one, which is listed but not in the grid. All correct entries will be put in a draw and the winner will receive an autographed photo of the player of their choice...

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WAYNE BROWN  
KARL DUGUID  
MARINO KEITH  
CHRIS IWELUMO  
DEAN GERKEN  
GEORGE ELOKOBI  
LIAM CHILVERS  
DEAN HOWELL  
RUSSELL POND  
RICHARD GARCIA

GREG HALFORD  
NEIL DANNS  
KEVIN WATSON  
GARETH WILLIAMS  
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JAMIE GUY  
JOHN WHITE  
GARRY RICHARDS  
ROBBIE KING  
SAM STOCKLEY

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## TODAY'S MASCOTS



**Jamie Pidgeon** celebrated his 12th birthday on Christmas Day and he plays football for Ferndale and his school team Ridgeway.



**Samuel King** is celebrating his 9th birthday today. He attends Westlea Primary School and plays for Shaw. His favourite player is Christian Roberts.



**Josh Bird** is 8 years old and is a Swindon fanatic. His favourite player is Rhys Evans and he enjoys playing football and playing on his computer.



**Luke and Charlie Archer** are season ticket holders and have supported Swindon since they were very young. They both attend Shaw Ridge Primary school. Their favourite player is Rory Fallon and this mascot package was a Christmas present from their Grandma.



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## Study Centre hosts Robot Finals

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Over a 100 students took part in this year's competition. Their teams had to design build and program a Lego robot to overcome a series of challenges on the competition table. This years theme Ocean Odyssey and among the challenges a robot had to free a dolphin, salvage items from a container and rejoin a damaged pipeline.

In addition to the robots competition the teams had to make two presentations, the first about how they had designed, built and programmed their robot to overcome the challenges and the second on how they would use robots to help protect the marine environment. The teams were also judged on how well they worked as a team and there were prizes for team work, best robot design, best research project, highest score and against all odds

for the team that had overcome the most difficulties on a challenging and demanding day.

The students and teachers all voted the day a huge success.

"I was on the winning shell team at yesterdays competition and I just wanted to say thank you so much, from me and the rest of my team and it was the best day of our lives and we just enjoyed the whole experience. Thanks again." - Poppy D.

"A huge thanks for organising today. The children had a fantastic day, and the atmosphere was great - everybody supporting one another. Well done for all your hard work." - Nythe Annihilators

The Shell team now goes on to represent Swindon in the National final at Loughborough University in January and we are sure they will do very well.

**Martin Turnbull**



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## Booking Info

### Opening Hours

The Box Office is open from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Matchday Saturdays from 9am to Half-Time, and Full-Time to 5:30pm. Non matchday Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Midweek matches from 9:00am to 8:30pm and full-time to 10:00pm.

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	Advanced	Matchday	Advanced	Matchday	Advanced	Matchday
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Junior	£7.00	£9.00	£9.00	£9.00	£4.00	£4.00
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## Away Tickets...

### vs. Chesterfield



#### Recreation Ground

Wednesday 28th December '05  
Coca-Cola League One  
Kick-Off 7.30pm

#### Seated Ticket Prices

Adult	£17.00
OAP	£11.00
Child	£11.00

All tickets are pay on the day. Terrace tickets will be available at a cost of £15 for adults, £8 for OAP's and £5 for children. There is no student discount. OAP must be over 60. Children under 15. ID/proof of age may be required.

### vs. Hartlepool United



#### Victoria Park

Monday 2nd January 2006  
Coca-Cola League One  
Kick-Off 3pm

#### Ticket Prices

Adult	£18.00
OAP	£9.00
Student	£9.00
Junior	£9.00

All tickets are pay on the day. Student tickets to be obtained from the Hartlepool United club shop on production of a valid student card. OAP must be over 65. Juniors under 19. ID will be required for all concession tickets.

### vs. Gillingham



#### Priestfield Stadium

Saturday 14th January 2006  
Coca-Cola League One  
Kick-Off 3pm

#### Ticket Prices

Adult	£15.00
OAP / Student	£13.00
Junior	£12.00

All tickets are pay on the day. OAP must be over 60. Juniors under 18. ID/proof of age may be required. More details will be available in the new year, check [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk) for details.





## NEXT HOME

### vs. Swansea City

Saturday 31st December 2005  
Coca-Cola League One,  
The County Ground, 12.30pm



**The long haul through 2005 will be just about over when our next match takes place at the County Ground in five days time. New Year's Eve sees the arrival of Swansea City, who will perhaps offer us our stiffest challenge as we look to move away from the bottom of the table.**

City have had a great first half of the season after promotion to League One last May. Top of the table they have lost just four times in the opening 22 games.

Perhaps the best indication of the Swans' strength come for the goal difference statistics. With a massive 21 goals to the good, you don't get such a wide margin without both consistent goals scoring and defending.

So last weekend's 2-1 defeat at Doncaster Rovers may have been seen as a bit of a shock. Defender Sam Ricketts equalised Michael McIndoe's penalty, but the Swans succumbed to an 84th minute winner from ex-Bristol City striker Paul Heffernan which sealed the points for the home team. City had played all bar eleven minutes with ten men after Kevin Austin was shown a red card.

Lee Trundle (pictured) is League One's top scorer with 17 goals and speculation surrounds his future as the January transfer window is set to open. The Swans have been reported ready to pay him £1m a year to keep the lethal marksman at the Liberty Stadium, but both Southampton and Sheffield United have expressed their interest in the striker.

At the time of writing, 31st December was due to be Andy Gurney's last day as a Swindon Town player as his temporary move from the Welsh club comes to an end.

Out with the old and in with the new. 2006 will need new resolve to drag us away from the wrong end of the table.



## NEXT AWAY

### vs. Chesterfield

Wednesday 28th December 2005  
Coca-Cola League One,  
Recreation Ground, 7.30pm



**It seems rarely does a match go by without Town being pitched against and a favourite Robin of the past and 28th December will be no different.**

We take the haul up to Derbyshire for a League One encounter with Chesterfield, and leading the line for the Spireites will be the Chief. Allison's name might be Wayne, but his appetite for continuing to bang in the goals at the age of 37 certainly isn't waning.

Now in the 18th season of his career, Allison is at his eighth club and is just three goals away from a career total of 200 League goals, 36 of which came in 122 games for Town between July 1997 and November 1999.

He's got seven already this season and will need careful watching, as will Paul Hall who is club top scorer with eight.

The Spireites are enjoying an impressive season, lying in 7th place in League One, a full ten places higher than last season's finish. A 1-1 draw at high flying Brentford last weekend kept Roy McFarland's team in with a shout of a play-off place.

At home, Chesterfield's record suggests a stern test ahead. Five wins and a draw out of the last six matches at Saltergate is amongst the best form in League One.

This will be the first meeting between the two clubs this season. With the teams at opposite ends of the table, the points on offer will be valuable for both teams for different reasons.



## STFC2005/06

FIXTURES, STATS  
& APPEARANCESKick-Off 3:00pm Saturday  
7:45pm midweek unless  
otherwise stated

## League One Table 21.12.05



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swansea	22	12	6	4	47	26	42	+21
2 Brentford	22	11	7	4	35	23	40	+12
3 Huddersfield	22	11	7	4	36	28	40	+8
4 Colchester	22	10	7	5	31	22	37	+9
5 Barnsley	22	10	6	6	33	22	36	+11
6 Southend	22	10	6	6	34	24	36	+10
7 Chesterfield	22	10	5	7	36	32	35	+4
8 Doncaster	22	10	3	9	29	25	33	+4
9 Bournemouth	22	9	6	7	28	25	33	+3
10 Nottm Forest	22	9	4	9	27	26	31	+1
11 Walsall	22	8	6	8	32	32	30	0
12 Oldham	22	8	6	8	30	35	30	-5
13 Bradford	22	7	8	7	23	21	29	+2
14 Hartlepool	22	8	5	9	24	27	29	-3
15 Scunthorpe	22	8	4	10	37	42	28	-5
16 Port Vale	22	8	4	10	22	27	28	-5
17 Yeovil	22	8	4	10	27	34	28	-7
18 Gillingham	22	7	5	10	19	31	26	-12
19 Rotherham	22	5	7	10	25	29	22	-4
20 Tranmere	22	5	7	10	24	29	22	-5
21 Blackpool	22	4	10	8	28	35	22	-7
22 MK Dons	22	4	10	8	24	31	22	-7
23 Bristol City	22	6	4	12	25	40	22	-15
24 Swindon	22	4	7	11	22	32	19	-10

## League One Fixtures Monday 26th December 2005

1 WWW	Barnsley	VS	Hartlepool	1 WLLW
2 WWDW	Brentford	VS	Swansea	1 WWDW
3 WWLD	Gillingham	VS	Bristol City	1 WLLW
4 DWL	Nottm Forest	VS	Doncaster	1 WLLW
5 DLDW	Oldham	VS	Bradford	1 DLDW
6 WLD	Port Vale	VS	Blackpool	1 DLDL
7 WLL	Rotherham	VS	Huddersfield	1 DLDW
8 WLLW	Scunthorpe	VS	Chesterfield	1 DLDW
9 DDL	Southend	VS	Milton Keynes	1 DDL
10 DWL	Swindon	VS	Colchester	1 WLLW
11 WDLW	Walsall	VS	Tranmere	1 DLDW

Played Friday: Yeovil vs Bournemouth

## STFC Player Appearances &amp; Goals 2005/06

	League			Cup			Total		
	aps	gls	y/r	aps	gls	y/r	aps	gls	y/r
EVANS, Rhys	8	0	0	-	-	-	8	0	0
O'HANLON, Sean	17	2	4/0	4	0	1/0	21	2	5/0
SMITH, Jack	18	0	3/0	2	0	1/0	20	0	4/0
NICOLAU, Nicky	3(2)	0	0	(1)	0	0	3(3)	0	0
IRIL, Jerel	18(1)	0	5/2	4	0	1/0	22(1)	0	6/2
JENKINS, Steve	8(3)	1	4/0	4	0	1/0	12(3)	1	5/0
WHALLEY, Gareth	14(1)	0	1/0	3	0	0	17(1)	0	1/0
FALLON, Rory	19	9	3/1	3(1)	2	1/0	22(1)	11	4/1
MIGLIORANZI, Stefani	12(1)	0	2/0	1	0	0	13(1)	0	2/0
CURETON, Jamie	6(4)	0	0	(2)	0	0	6(6)	0	0
SHAKES, Ricky	8(8)	0	0	2(1)	0	0	10(9)	0	0
NICHOLAS, Andy	11(2)	0	0	4	0	0	15(2)	0	0
COMYN-PLATT, Charlie	4(3)	0	1/0	2(3)	1	0	6(6)	1	1/0
ROBERTS, Christian	4(13)	3	2/0	4	1	1/0	8(13)	4	3/0
POOK, Michael	20	0	2/0	3(1)	1	0	23(1)	1	2/0
COLLINS, Patrick	13	0	2/0	-	-	-	13	0	2/0
McDERMOTT, Neale	8(4)	2	0	2(1)	0	1/0	10(5)	2	1/0
HEATH, Colin	8(3)	1	2/0	3	0	0	11(3)	1	2/0
HEATON, Tom	14	0	1/0	5	0	0/1	19	0	1/1
GURNEY, Andy	9(1)	1	5/1	3	1	0	12(1)	2	5/1
BQUAZZA, Hameur	10	1	1/0	2	1	0	12	2	1/0
STROUD, David	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
HOLGATE, Ashan	(1)	0	1/0	(2)	0	0	(3)	0	1/0
MIKOLANDA, Petr	1(3)	0	0	-	-	-	1(3)	0	0
BROWN, Aaron	1(3)	0	0	-	-	-	1(3)	0	0

Other Appearances: Tony Thorpe, 8(+2), 10; Matt Bulman, 11; Alan Reeves, 11(+1); Ben Wells, 1(+3); Nicky Summerbee, 1.

Date	Opponents	Res	Att	Vis	Pos	Referee
Sat Aug 6	Barnsley	A	0-2	9,358	635	23rd A.Leake
Tue Aug 9	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	2-3	5,123	324	24th P.Armstrong
Sat Aug 13	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	2-1	8,201	2,498	19th A.D'Urso
Sat Aug 20	Blackpool	A	0-0	4,661	539	19th N.Miller
Tue Aug 23	WYCOMBE WANDERERS (CC1)	H	1-3	3,976	417	x P.Taylor
Sat Aug 27	YEOVIL TOWN	H	4-2+	6,973	1,342	14th P.Walton
Mon Aug 29	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-1	7,557	249	14th E.Ilderton
Sat Sep 3	Walsall	A	0-1	5,392	325	16th T.Kettle
Sat Sep 10	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	1-2	4,785	533	20th M.Fletcher
Sat Sep 17	Bournemouth	A	1-2	7,276	709	22nd B.Knight
Sat Sep 24	BRADFORD CITY	H	2-3	4,590	292	23rd A.Bates
Tue Sep 27	Doncaster Rovers	A	0-1	5,282	201	24th N.Miller
Sat Oct 1	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-3	5,536	900	24th J.Singh
Sat Oct 8	PORT VALE	H	1-2	4,531	189	24th P.Melin
Sat Oct 15	Brentford	A	0-0	6,969	762	24th P.Walton
Tue Oct 18	STEVENAGE BOROUGH (LDV1)	H	2-0	1,771	60	-> D.Whitstone
Sat Oct 22	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	1-1	4,972	384	24th S.Dorr
Sat Oct 29	Huddersfield Town	A	1-1	11,352	307	24th A.D'Urso
Sat Nov 5	BOSTON UNITED (FAC1)	H	2-2	3,814	300	- B.Curson
Fri Nov 11	BRISTOL CITY	H	2-1	7,804	1,215	24th A.Hall
Wed Nov 16	Boston United (FAC 1r)	A	1-4	2,467	181	x B.Curson
Sat Nov 19	Port Vale	A	1-1	4,108	229	24th R.Styles
Tue Nov 22	Peterborough United (LDV2)	A	1-2	959	112	x P.Taylor
Sat Nov 26	BARNLEY	H	0-3	5,422	276	24th D.Deadman
Sat Dec 3	Rotherham United	A	1-0	3,537	210	23rd E.Ilderton
Sat Dec 10	Oldham Athletic	A	2-2	5,354	220	24th C.Oliver
Sat Dec 17	BLACKPOOL	H	0-0	5,766	220	24th T.Parkes
Mon Dec 26	COLCHESTER UNITED	H				3.00pm
Wed Dec 28	Chesterfield	A				7.30pm
Sat Dec 31	SWANSEA CITY	H				12.30pm
Mon Jan 2	Hartlepool United	A				3.00pm
Sat Jan 14	Gillingham	A				
Tue Jan 17	WALSALL	H				
Sat Jan 21	BOURNEMOUTH	H				
Fri Jan 27	Southend United	A				7.45pm
Sat Feb 4	DONCASTER ROVERS	H				
Sat Feb 11	Bradford City	A				
Tue Feb 14	GILLINGHAM	H				
Sat Feb 18	ROTHERHAM UNITED	H				
Sat Feb 25	Nottingham Forest	A				
Sat Mar 4	TRANMERE ROVERS	H				
Sat Mar 11	Yeovil Town	A				
Sat Mar 18	Colchester United	A				
Sat Mar 25	CHESTERFIELD	H				
Sat Apr 1	Swansea City	A				
Sat Apr 8	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H				
Sat Apr 15	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H				
Mon Apr 17	Scunthorpe United	A				3.00pm
Sat Apr 22	BRENTFORD	H				
Sat Apr 29	Bristol City	A				
Sat May 6	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H				







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Socks: Red



## SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Iffy Onuora

1	Rhys EVANS
2	Sean O'HANLON
3	Jack SMITH
4	Nicky NICOLAU
5	Jerel IFIL
6	Steve JENKINS
7	Gareth WHALLEY
8	Rory FALLON
10	Stefani MIGLIORANZI
11	Jamie CURETON
12	Ricky SHAKES
13	Matty BULMAN
14	Alan REEVES
15	Andy NICHOLAS
16	Kyle LAPHAM
17	Charlie COMYN-PLATT
18	Christian ROBERTS
19	Michael POOK
20	Patrick COLLINS
21	Ben WELLS
22	Andy CATON
23	Neale McDERMOTT
25	Colin HEATH
26	Tom HEATON
27	Andy GURNEY
28	Hameur BOUAZZA
29	David STROUD
30	Ashan HOLGATE
31	Petr MIKOLANDA
32	Aaron BROWN
33	Leigh HENRY



## COLCHESTER UNITED

Manager: Phil Parkinson

1	Aidan DAVISON
2	Greg HALFORD
3	Stephen HUNT
4	Neil DANNS
5	Wayne BROWN
6	Kevin WATSON
7	Karl DUGUID
8	Gareth WILLIAMS
9	Marino KEITH
10	Kemal IZZET
11	Chris IWELUMO
12	Pat BALDWIN
13	Dean GERKEN
14	Mark YEATES
15	Jamie GUY
16	George ELOKOBI
17	John WHITE
18	Liam CHILVERS
19	Garry RICHARDS
20	Dean HOWELL
21	Robbie KING
22	Russell POND
23	Mark COUSINS
24	Jamie CURETON
25	Sam STOCKLEY
28	Richard GARCIA

### Today's Match Officials

	Referee: K A Friend
	Assistant 1: J Farries
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	Fourth Official: S Creighton

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Swindon Town vs.  
**Swansea**

**Saturday 31st December**  
Coca-Cola League One  
The County Ground  
K.O. 12.30pm

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Swindon to win	6/4
Colchester to win	6/4
Draw	9/4

Swindon to win by 1 goal	13/2
Swindon to win by 2 or more	25/1
Score draw	11/2
Colchester to win by 1 goal	13/2
Colchester to win by 2 or more	25/1

### First Scorer

Fallon	6/1	Iwelumo	5/1
Bouazza	6/1	Keith	13/2
Roberts	13/2	Hullford	8/1
Mikolanda	13/2	Yeates	9/1
Holgate	8/1	Garcia	10/1
Shakes	10/1	Watson	12/1
Miglioranza	20/1	Danns	12/1

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