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# Talking Tactics

with Kenny Jackett

All of our focus and energies as a club must go into gaining as many points as possible in our efforts to get into the Championship.



It has been three and a half weeks since our last home game, a terrific 2-1 victory against Brentford. To say that the time since then has been eventful for us is an understatement as we have experienced a rollercoaster of emotions in a short space of time.

Starting at Gillingham the following Saturday, we were poor by our standards losing narrowly 1-0 in what was for me a scrappy game in which we set very little tempo to our play. When we went a goal behind we fell away rather than pushing on and we

finished the game falling away from the pace. Onto the two Cup games and our first half performance at Wrexham was excellent in which time we passed the ball very well and deservedly went in two goals ahead. We battled well in the second period to win the game and the F.A.W. Premier Cup for the second year running which is a good achievement considering the fact that we have only had one home game in two years in this competition. Carlisle at the Millennium Stadium was, I thought, a cracking match played at a fast pace with two high scoring teams that were both set on attacking. I was delighted with the result, performance and the fact that it was Swansea who scored the late goal to clinch the tie. The atmosphere at the end of the game with 30,000 Swans supporters cheering us on was one that I will never forget.

Turning our attention to tonight's game, this is the second of a crucial four game period in which our league campaign will be decided. I write these notes before our away game at Port Vale but we have no leeway to slip up in our chase for promotion. There are twelve points up for grabs within ten days as we can still finish anywhere from second to seventh place in the table. All of our focus and energies as a club must go into gaining as many points as possible in our efforts to get into the Championship. It is up to ourselves to put on a performance with energy, commitment and quality that can lift you into a passionate support of your team. If we do that, I know that we can work together towards achieving our goal tonight which is earning the three points.

Enjoy the game and get behind the boys.

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# Captain's Corner

with Roberto Martinez

League One has been a very tight affair this time round; with less than a month left in the competition, there are numerous teams aiming for automatic promotion and a huge battle to avoid relegation involving many other clubs.

Today we are facing a very exciting ninety minutes. This game represents our last tuesday night kick off of the fixture list, which give us a clear idea of the moment of the season we are playing in. After completing 40 games in the League, we are ready and looking forward to start the challenge of the last six games of the campaign, with a potential 18 points and a dream place of automatic promotion up for grabs at the end of it. We have been through well over ten months of excitement, good football and hard work to earn this position, to be able to fight to achieve our aim. Over this period we have matured and progressed as a Football Club, and now we must be ready, confident and positive to look forward to every single minute of football left in the final push of the season.

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affair this time round; with less than a month left in the competition, there are numerous teams aiming for automatic promotion and a huge battle to avoid relegation involving many other clubs. In such circumstances, a strong finish is essential to achieve our aim, and as a set of players and football club, we are ready for it.

We felt very proud of your magnificent support over the many events which have happened since the last time we were at our Liberty Stadium. With the cup commitments finished for the season, all our focus goes into tonight's encounter in what represents three huge points for both teams.

After painting Cardiff black and white, it's time to get back to the special atmosphere of the midweek game in Abertawe; for this, your voice is the key ingredient, and we always feel confident when it is behind us.

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# At Boardroom Level

with Huw Jenkins

Come what may, between tonight's game against Swindon Town and our last game away at Chesterfield I hope that you, like me are proud of what has been achieved this season.



Good evening and a warm welcome once again to the Liberty Stadium. Many thanks to all our supporters who made the long trip to Wrexham. Also to everyone who travelled to the Millennium Stadium to watch our Football League Trophy win against Carlisle United. I hope you all enjoyed both games and like me you're all looking forward to an exciting final run of games to see if we can push for automatic promotion or we may have to settle for a play-off spot in May.

Come what may, between tonight's game against Swindon Town and our last game away at Chesterfield I hope that you, like me, are proud of what has been achieved this season. Swansea City Football Club moved to a new home, our attendance figure has grown to around

14,000, we've spent over £1m in January to strengthen our playing squad and our commercial income has grown to over £1.5m.

I would like to feel that our supporters are happy that our football club is being run with our supporters thoughts and welfare very much in mind. Have no doubt this is your football club and at the moment, myself as Chairman and the rest of the Board are very privileged to be able to steer the club forward to the level we all feel we should have been at many years ago.

On the financial side we have just published the club's accounts for the year ending May 2005, which shows a net loss of £193,080, compared to a net profit of £137,581 the previous year. Total income during 2004/2005 increased by £244,087 but was offset by increased expenditure of £574,748, this was mainly down to costs incurred in the preparation for our move to the



Liberty Stadium and a substantial investment in the playing squad. This investment was made to give the club every chance for promotion from League 2. Our investment was needed to provide the catalyst for a great opening year in our new home at the Liberty Stadium.

Swansea City's change in fortune couldn't have been more dramatic. Moving away from one near disaster a few years ago, during which the club went through a C.V.A agreement with its creditors and only just surviving in our last game of the season against Hull City to stay in the football league. Finally, 2005/2006 should prove to be another year of continued stability, with our win

in the FAW Premier Cup and The Football League Trophy and to possibly be in the play-offs or promotion to the Championship, our team building will continue where ever we find ourselves next season.

Fingers crossed we will have recorded a win against Port Vale on Saturday and tonight's game against Swindon Town is another must win game to keep our momentum going. A warm welcome to all directors, players and supporters of Swindon Town. I hope you enjoy The Liberty Stadium experience, but not the result! Thank you all once again for your amazing support, it makes all the difference.

The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy for certain people connected with the club, and the directors would like to take this opportunity to thank them for helping in making the Football League Trophy Final a success.

With over 28,000 travelling Jacks descending on Cardiff, the club would like to thank Sian and her ticket office staff for all their

hard work and extended hours they spent satisfying ticket requests. Also a big thanks to Michelle and the club shop staff; Ugo and Julie Vallario and Julie Isaac for organising the 50 official coaches to Cardiff; Lyn Phillips, our Football Liaison Officer, for helping to organise the policing issues; and, not forgetting, you, the fans, for helping to make it a day to remember.

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# Commercial Break

with Lesa Hitchings – Commercial Manager at Swansea City

Good evening and a very warm welcome to all you who have travelled from both near and far to join us here at the Liberty Stadium. Our game here this evening against Swindon is the last Tuesday fixture at the Stadium for the Swans and I'm sure it has provided an opportunity for some who perhaps can't make a Saturday game due to work commitments to come along. So show your support for the Swans today by shouting or chanting "Come on the Swans"

Old and new faces alike, please take a little time to have a look at the wonderful packages we have here on offer for you at the stadium. There are deals to suit all budgets. Today for example we are providing a pre-match meal, which helps turn the game into a real family event. So hurry up and book it up as the end of the season is fast approaching us. If you require any information on the deals outlined below please do not hesitate in contacting me, contact information is below

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It was hoped to start selling the DVD from the Club Shop at the end of next week, but due to circumstances beyond the club's control the release has been delayed. Anyone who has pre-ordered and would like a refund should contact the club 01792 616604, despite the delay, it is still advisable for fans to pre-order while stocks last as the club hope to release the DVD asap.

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Please note that tickets for the West Stand cannot be purchased online! You will need to bring your confirmation e-mail with you. There is a administration charge of £1.50 per ticket.

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Remember, your tickets will only be posted out to you if booked four days in advance. All tickets booked after this cut off point must be collected from the ticket collection point at the stadium's ticket office on match days. You will need to bring the credit card you used to book the tickets with you as confirmation. The online or ticket booking line do not operate on match days.

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While tickets can be bought on matchdays from the stadium

ticket office or ticket outlets, (cash sales only) it is advised to make your purchase early to avoid large queues which could force you to miss the kick-off. Buying in advance would also guarantee which part of the stadium you would like to sit. The ticket office is closed on Sundays.

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**Manager** Iffy Onuora

**Born** Glasgow

**Playing Career** British Universities, Huddersfield, Mansfield, Gillingham, Swindon, Sheffield United, Tranmere, Grimsby (loan), Wycombe (loan), Gillingham (loan)

Iffy Onuora took over as manager of Swindon on September 26, 2005, following the departure of Andy King.

Onuora joined Swindon in October 2004 as Head of Youth Development and quickly made a positive impression with a swift promotion into management less than a year later.

As a player, Onuora scored an impressive 116 goals in 351 professional league starts. He started off his career with the British Universities before signing for Huddersfield in the summer of 1989. He enjoyed five successful seasons with The Terriers before switching to Mansfield, Gillingham and Swindon in March 1998. He moved back to Gillingham in January 2000, followed by spells at Sheffield United, Wycombe and Grimsby. Onuora's playing career came to an end with a move to Tranmere followed by a brief spell with Huddersfield Town towards the end of the 2003-4 season.

#### **Rhys Evans**

The promising young keeper joined Leyton Orient on a three-month loan deal in August 2002. He proved to be an excellent shot stopper and showed good command of his area. Rhys was unfortunate to pick up a leg injury, which cut short his period at Brisbane Road and saw him return to Chelsea.

Later in that season he made his debut for the England

Under 21 side against Serbia, but was eventually released by Chelsea.

Town manager Andy King swooped for the young stopper in 2003 to give first choice keeper Bart Griemink more competition. Since then Evans has been a regular between the posts.

#### **Sean O'Hanlon**

After impressing during an eight-game loan spell last season, Liverpool-born Sean O'Hanlon signed in March 2004 on a permanent basis from Everton.

Having come up through the youth ranks at Goodison Park, O'Hanlon left Merseyside in search of first team football and was a rock in the centre of defence towards the end of the 2003-04 season and is surely one of Town's brightest prospects.

#### **Jack Smith**

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005, Smith adds youthful experience to the Town side and arrives with a point to prove. Due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Brom he was thrust into the first-team spotlight at Watford and coped admirably, registering two goals - the first of which a 'Goal of the Season' contender at Sheffield United in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Having made his debut towards the end of the 2002/03 campaign, the 21-year-old younger brother of ex-Hornet Tommy made another eight further appearances last term.

#### **Nicky Nicloau**

(on loan to Hereford)  
The former Arsenal player who is equally at home in defence or in midfield signed from Southend in the summer of

2005. Spent eight years at Highbury after joining the club as a 12-year old and progressed through the ranks.

#### **Jerol Ifil**

The powerful defender joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with the club from 2002-04. Jerol became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004 and put in some solid performances during the following season. Following Matt Heywood's summer defection to Bristol City, Ifil has now pinned down a regular first team berth in the Town backline.

#### **Steve Jenkins**

Capped by Wales on 16 occasions, 'Jenks' was signed at the end of November 2004 and has provided added experience to the Town backline. After beginning his career at Swansea, he has also been with Huddersfield, Birmingham, Cardiff, Notts County and Peterborough. A reliable performer who made the right back slot his own during the latter part of 2004/5 and he has made a solid start to the new campaign.

#### **Gareth Whalley**

Signed for Swindon in July 2005 from Wigan on a free transfer. Originally a trainee at Crewe, Gareth made over 200 first-team appearances for them before signing for Bradford City in July 1998 for £600,000. Gareth was a regular during their two-season spell in the top flight and in March 2002 went back to Crewe on loan for a few months. Left Cardiff in September 2004

and joined Wigan and subsequently made nine appearances for The Latics in the march to promotion to the Premiership.

#### **Trevor Benjamin**

(on loan from Peterborough)  
The powerful Jamaican striker signed on loan until the end of the season from Peterborough in January. The 27-year-old has played at the highest level with Leicester City after a £1.5m move from Cambridge. His other former clubs include WBA, Norwich, Rushden & Diamonds, Coventry, Crystal Palace, Watford, Northampton, Brighton and Gillingham.

#### **Lee Peacock**

The striker signed a two-and-a-half year contract at Swindon in January on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. Peacock joined the Owls in July 2004 and made 57 appearances with nine goals. The 29-year-old Scot started his career at Carlisle before spells at Mansfield (£75,000), Man City (£500,000) and Bristol City (£600,000).

#### **Stefani Miglioranzi**

Miglioranzi is the product of the American College system. After a trial at Everton, he was signed by Portsmouth. The Brazilian-born American who holds an Italian passport, signed for Town in July 2003.

A classy player who always looks calm and collected. He has good body strength, which enables him to shrug off challenges. He also possesses a fine shot.

#### **Jamie Cureton**

A frontman with plenty of pace, Cureton lists his previous clubs as Norwich,

Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers and Pulsan Icons.

After completing his traineeship with Norwich, he returned to his home town of Bristol to bang in 78 goals in four seasons.

In August 2000 Reading captured his services before being lured to Korea to play for K-League club Pusan I-cons. Despite a lucrative deal, he never settled and joined QPR in February 2004. However, after making 46 appearances for Rangers, he joined Swindon in July 2005 on a two-year deal with a record of 134 strikes in 274 league starts. He has now settled into the side after a fruitful loan spell with Colchester United.

#### **Ricky Shakes**

A tricky winger with plenty of pace, Shakes signed from Bolton in a deal which also saw Charlie Comyn-Platt join the club.

Shakes spent time on loan with Bristol Rovers and Bury during the 2004-5 season and impressed manager Andy King

during a reserve game towards the end of the 2004-5 campaign.

He signed for Swindon in July 2005 and has now pinned down a regular place on the right wing and has hopes of a place in the 'Soca Warriors' squad, as Trinidad and Tobago head for the World Cup later this year.

#### **Matty Bulman**

After progressing through the youth ranks at the club, Matty fulfilled every youngsters dream when he was handed a professional contract with Swindon in July 2005.

He made his first team debut during this season's FA Cup defeat at Boston United, coming on as a substitute after Tom Heaton had been sent off after just 13 minutes of the game.

#### **Andy Nicholas**

(Defender)

'Nicho' joined Town in the summer of 2003 from Liverpool, where he came through the youth system but

struggled to break into the first team.

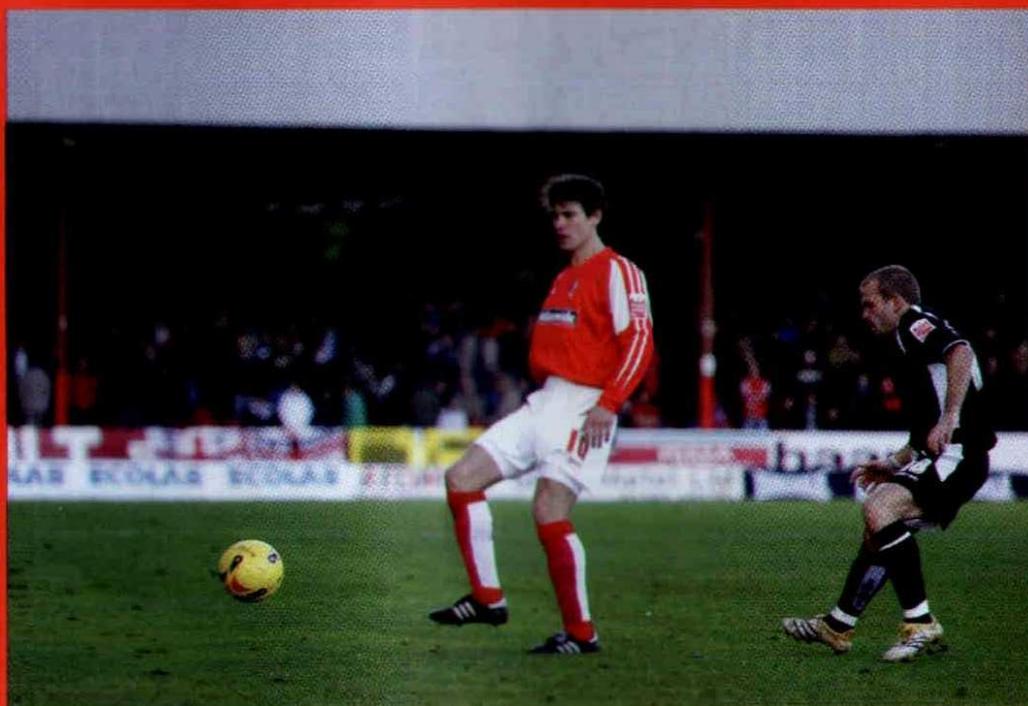
Despite making such a positive impression during the 2003-4 season, the 2004-5 campaign saw the defender struggled with injuries and was unable to gain a regular starting berth.

However, having arrived refreshed for the new season - 'Nicho' is now back in the squad under new manager Iffy Onuora.

#### **Kyle Lapham**

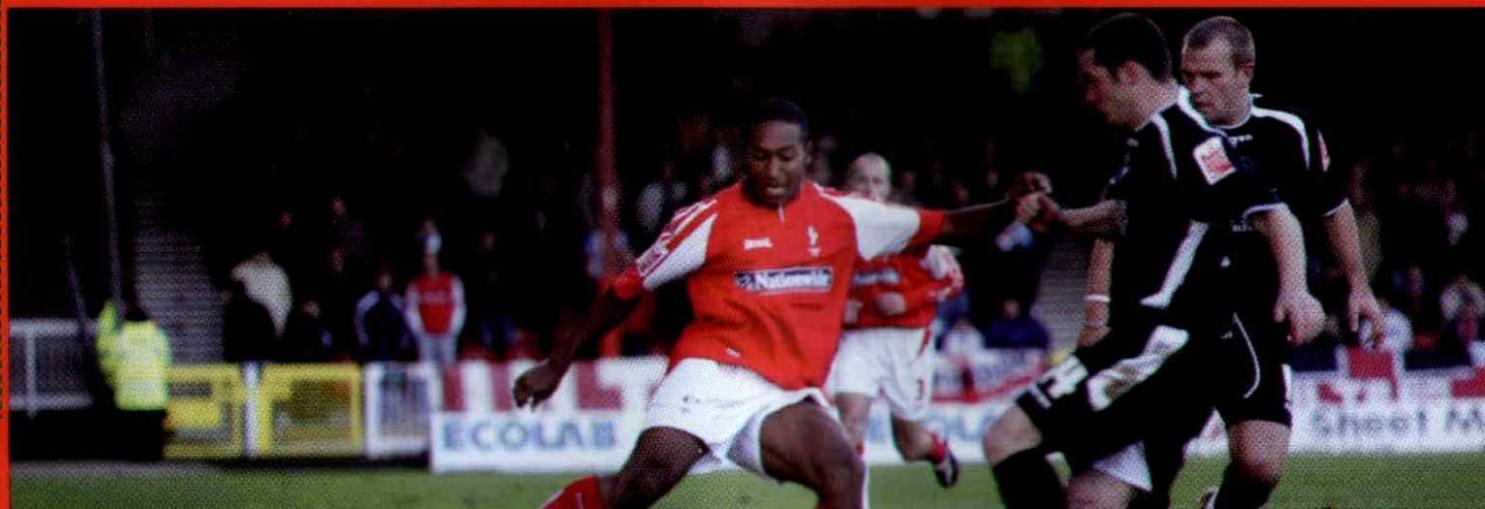
(on loan at Cirencester)

A tough-tackling local product, he progressed through the ranks and has made a number of



## **Swindon Town Player Biographies**

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# Swindon Town Player Biographies cont. 2005/2006

appearances for the reserve team last season before signing a professional one-year deal in the summer.

## Charlie Comyn-Platt

Charlie joined the Bolton Academy in the summer of 2002 after a long association with the club. The assured defender was called into the first team for the first time in September 2003, and he was handed his debut for the final nine minutes of the 3-1 Carling Cup win over Walsall. He also started both the club's FA Cup games against Tranmere Rovers, during the same season. He was loaned to Wycombe in mid-September 2004, making his debut in a 1-0 home defeat to the Swans and returned to Bolton after a month.

After being released by Bolton in the summer of 2005 he made the switch to The County Ground on a one-year contract.

## Christian Roberts

Cardiff-born striker who joined Swindon in October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City. He is an aggressive runner and

will add much needed pace to the Swindon frontline. Formerly with Exeter City.

## Michael Pook

An energetic 'box-to-box' midfielder, 'Pooky' signed a professional contract ahead of the 2005-6 season after some consistent performances for the youth team and reserves last term.

Scored his first senior goal in the home defeat by Wycombe and has been a regular in the first this season.

## Paul Smith

Experienced former Gillingham and Walsall midfielder who signed for Swindon in January 2005.

A player who was named Player of the Year seven out of his eight seasons at Priestfield, he will no doubt add steel and experience to the Town midfield.

## Ben Wells

One of three Centre of Excellence players who were signed on as first year scholars in June 2004. He was given a squad number in November 2004 and made the bench against Bristol City in the LDV Vans Trophy. Has been involved in the first team this season.

## Andy Gurney

'Gurns' rejoined Swindon on a permanent basis in January 2005 after failing to pin down a regular place in the Swans' starting line-up. A versatile player, he can operate anywhere along the backline or in centre of midfield and likes a shot on goal. He joined Swansea from Swindon on a free transfer in September 2004 and lists his other clubs as Torquay, Bristol Rovers and Reading.

## David Stroud

'Stroudy' is another of Town's team with County Ground connections, with his Father Kenny starring for Swindon. A skilful winger, he joined the Centre of Excellence before signing scholarship forms. He made his Town debut at Huddersfield in September and is a player with great pace and balance.

## Ashan Holgate

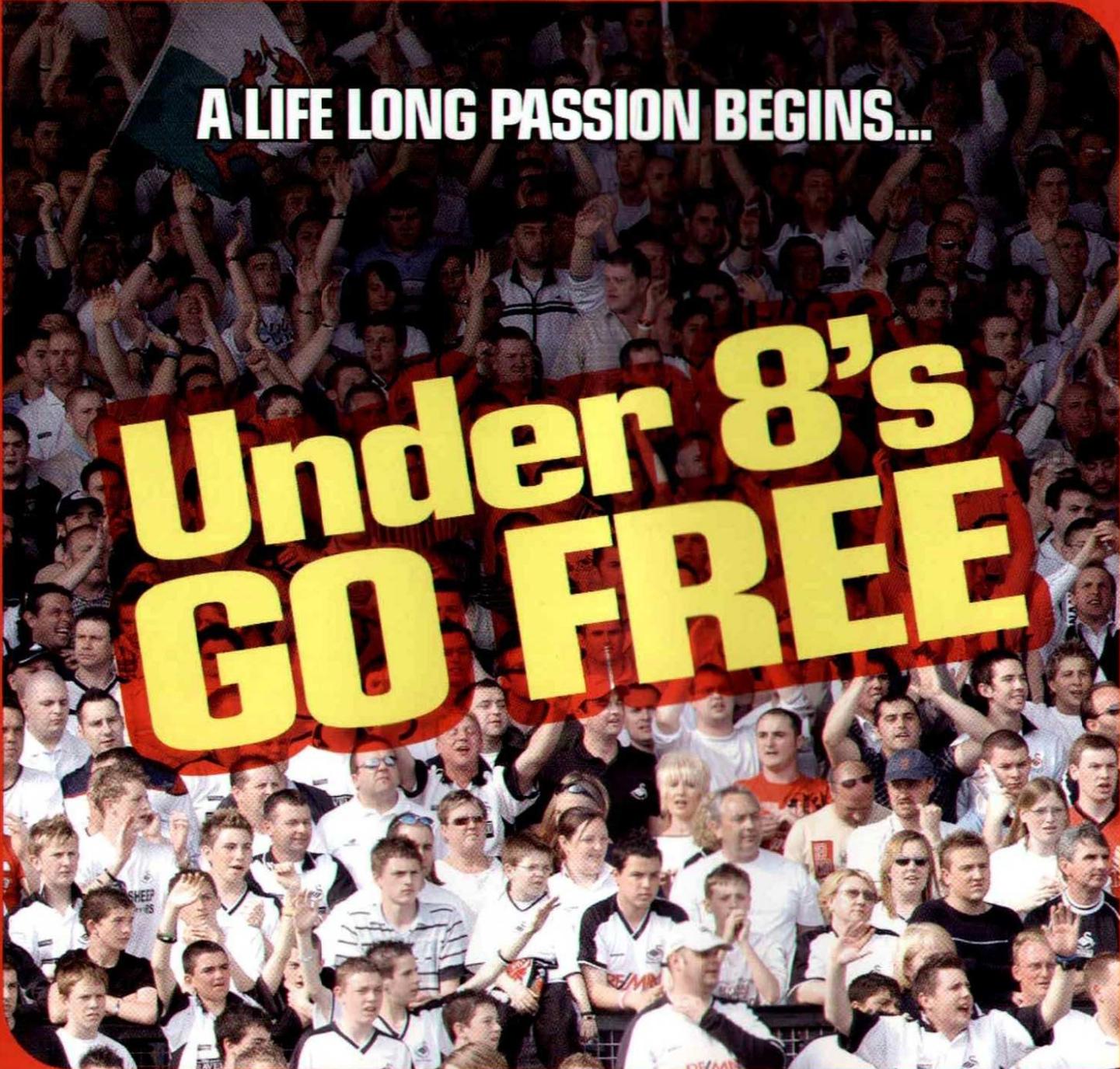
Tall, gangly figure who can operate as a striker or on the right of midfield. Scored on his senior debut against Millwall in pre-season 2004, after coming on as a substitute.

Made his first team debut this season, coming on as a late substitute in the FA Cup draw with Boston.

## Aaron Brown

The 25-year-old arrived from QPR on loan in November before making the deal permanent in January. Started his career with Bristol City, making 135 League appearances before moving to QPR in 2004 where he made just one start. He then made loan moves to Torquay before joining the ranks at Swindon.





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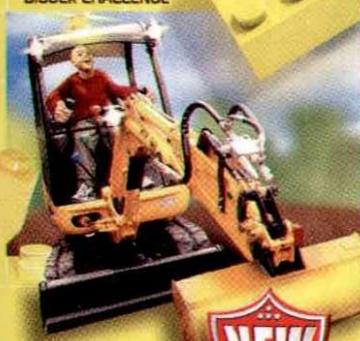
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# The Treatment Room

with Richie Evans

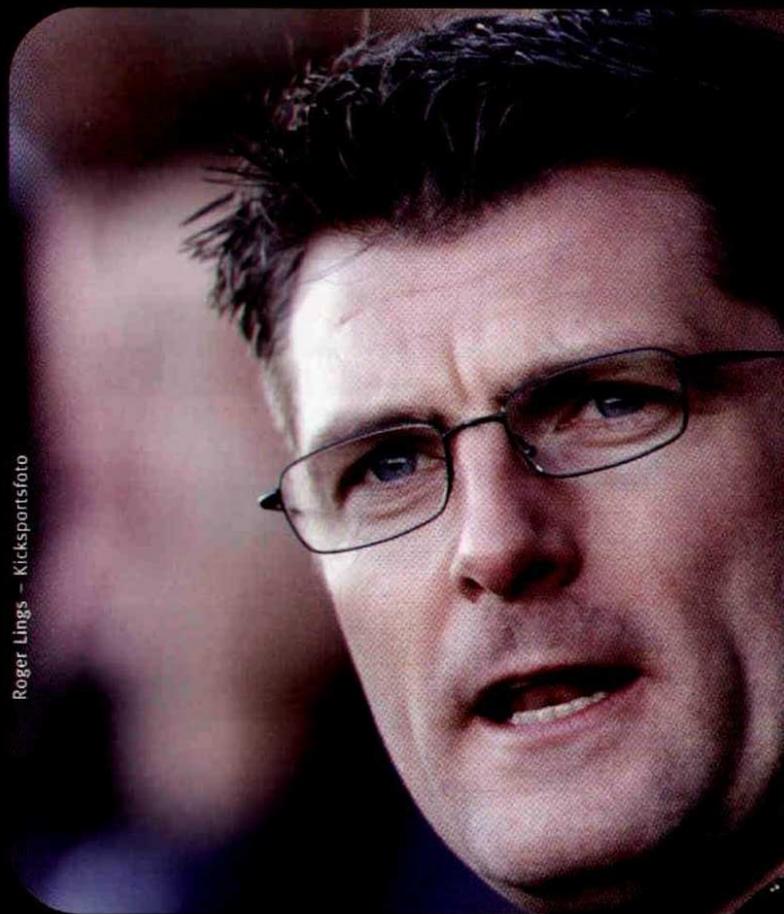
We picked up a few knocks from the game at the Millennium Stadium, but thankfully there was nothing too serious.

Everything is back to normal now after our fantastic Millennium Stadium experience. It really was a brilliant day and to come away with the Football League Trophy was just reward for months of hard work by the players and staff. Obviously preparation was a key factor for us to consider in the build up. And, in fairness to the players, they were determined to do everything they could to bring the trophy back to Swansea for the fans. The club offered them the opportunity to stay in a hotel in Cardiff on the Saturday night before the game, but they opted to stay in their own beds and prepare for the game as if it was a normal home fixture. Our little red Postman Pat van left with the kit and all the medical gear, including the hydration drinks and so on, at 8am ahead of the team. Once everything was set up in the dressing room we joined the rest of the team at the nearby hotel for the pre-match meal. As usual it was only a light meal, especially with kick-off at 1.30pm instead of the normal 3pm. There were plenty of beans, spaghetti, cereals, toast, fruit and fluids on offer. Once all the final details were completed it was off to the stadium. And the rest, as they

say, is history. We picked up a few knocks from the game at the Millennium Stadium, but thankfully there was nothing too serious. Garry Monk sustained a slight dead leg; Alan Tate picked up a bit of a groin strain, while Andy Robinson had to come off with a bruised ankle. All three have trained well this week and there shouldn't be a problem for tonight's game. It was also great to see Owain Tudur Jones come through two big cup finals in the space of five days. His return after three months out with knee ligament damage couldn't have been timed any better from his point of view. But he's deserved his two medals after staying focused and determined throughout his three months of rehab. Mind you, I did grimace a few times from the Millennium Stadium bench when Owain and Kristian O'Leary took a couple of big tackles. There was a huge sigh of relief when they came out the other end unscathed. Darren Way was bitterly disappointed not to be involved on the day through injury, but he's had to take a bit of a rest. The leg stress fracture he suffered before he joined us was giving him a lot of problems

and we had to reduce the intensity of his training. But he was back in training the latter part of last week and hopefully the rest will have done the trick, although at the time of writing he is also due to have a precautionary scan. With regards to our long-term casualties, Izzy Iriekpen has stepped up his work in the gym after his knee operation, but you still won't be seeing him again this season.

Steve Watt has been told he still can't do any pressure work by the consultant on his dislocated shoulder, so we are concentrating on his range of movement. Like Izzy, we are still looking at next season. Now with two trophies in the bag, it's time to focus fully on our third and final goal of the season – promotion to the Championship. Having had some light sessions for the first two days after the win over Carlisle, it's been business as usual with the players working hard to remain fully fit and focused on their next challenge. I know you'll be fully behind them.



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# Fallon But Not Forgotten

Swans striker Rory Fallon has paid tribute to the people who have stuck by him through his barren spell in front of goal. The New Zealander struck the crucial second goal to help the Swans lift the FAW Premier Cup in a 2-1 win at the Racecourse. It was his first goal in 10 games since signing for the Swans in a £300,000 deal from Swindon back in January - and lifted a huge weight off the shoulders of the 24-year-old.

"I'd like to thank the fans, the boys and the staff who have stuck by me," said Fallon. "I really needed that and hopefully there's many more to come. "When I've seen the fans around the city, they've been brilliant. That's why I took a bottle of champagne over to the supporters at Wrexham.

"I could only give it to one person, but that was just an attempt to say thanks. "It wasn't the best goal I've scored as I slipped just before I connected, but if I'd missed from there I think I would have hung up my boots.

"But as a striker you've still got to be in the right place at the right time. Now I'm looking forward to the game against Swindon.

"I'm confident the goals will start coming now I'm off the mark."

Swans boss Kenny Jackett and Fallon's fellow pros were just as pleased.

"That was a big night for Rory and he's done well," said Jackett. "He's still young and I know he is going to be a very good striker for Swansea."

Leon Britton added: "We've all been desperate for Rory to get off the mark and we are really

pleased for him. "All the lads have always believed in him and I'm sure that will be the first of many goals he'll score for this club."

## League 1 News

### The promotion contenders

#### Southend

Defender Efe Sodje is out for the rest of the season after scans showed he fractured his fibula against Bournemouth a week last Saturday. The 33-year-old is set to have an operation to insert a metal plate into his leg and will be out for at least three months.

The news will come as a huge blow to boss Steve Tilson, who is already without another experienced defender in Spencer Prior for the rest of the campaign due to medial ligament damage. Meanwhile, striker Freddy Eastwood admits he is brimming with confidence going into the final stretch of the season.

"We are in a great position and every match we go into I feel confident that I can score at least one goal," he said. "If I can keep doing that then I can play my part in helping us get promotion this season."

Barnsley Manager Andy Ritchie reckons Huddersfield are the best team in League One this season.

"You can only go on what you've seen and I thought the way they played against us at

our place was the best I've seen this season," he said. "But it's vitally important we concentrate on our own strengths because we need to be winning games at this stage of the season. We're drawing too many games at the moment but I'm hopeful we can finish strongly."

#### Brentford

Manager Martin Allen has admitted that a run of six games in three weeks has taken its toll on his squad.

"I have seen the signs of tiredness that comes with playing two games a week. It's been demanding, with the FA Cup run we have had a lot of games to squeeze in. After you've had three defeats, it's tiring, especially mentally. It's been a tough time recently, I tell you, and it was nice to get a bit of a rest with last week off."

#### Colchester

Boss Phil Parkinson claims the key to his side's success this season is the level of professionalism amongst the squad. The U's remain in the promotion shake-up and impressed millions with their FA Cup exploits, which culminated in a narrow fifth-round defeat by mighty Chelsea.

"The lads here are tremendous and their professionalism is brilliant," said Parkinson. "They work hard in training and get plenty of rest and they train like they are going to play - at a high tempo - and when we play like that we are unstoppable."

#### Huddersfield

Skipper Jon Worthington has dismissed all notion that Huddersfield appear to have an easier run-in than their rivals. "During the run-in it wouldn't matter whether we were playing the top six teams or the bottom six," he said. "We know they are all difficult games come the end of the season. Most of the teams we are due to play will be scrapping for survival. There are no easy games." Next up for the Terriers are Bournemouth and Chesterfield, with Walsall, Yeovil and Swindon all deep in the relegation mire. Manager Peter Jackson added: "A few weeks ago some of the fans were saying we would probably struggle to make the play-offs, but now we are clearly right in the frame for automatic promotion."

#### Oldham

Chief executive Alan Hardy has expressed his delight at the transformation Oldham have made under manager Ronnie Moore.

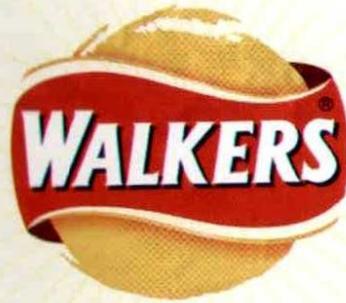
The former Rotherham boss has steered the Latics into a play-off spot, despite almost building from scratch during the close-season after rescuing them from relegation.

"We're delighted with the progress Ronnie has made," he said. "He was initially brought in last season to save us from relegation and he did that. He was then given a two-year contract, so we'll see where we end up at the end of this season."

Meanwhile, on-loan Oldham goalkeeper Lee Grant has expressed his desire to seal a permanent move after playing a key role in the Latics' promotion push.

Grant has made 11 appearances for Oldham since he moved from Derby in January.

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# SWINDON TOWN CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

**Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten Swindon Town 'Classic Campaigns' from 60 post-war seasons.**

**1962/63**

Swindon Town won promotion to the Second Division for the first time in 1962/63. Bert Head's young side won just one of their first six games, then top scorer Ernie Hunt netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Brighton. Cliff Jackson scored three times in a 4-3 win at Millwall and Jack Smith did likewise in a 5-0 victory over QPR as Swindon overcame the 'Big Freeze' to maintain their promotion challenge. They hammered Colchester 6-1 and clinched promotion with a 1-0 win at home to Shrewsbury. Keith Morgan and John Trollope were ever-present, while other stars included Mike Summerbee and Bobby Woodruff.

**1968/69**

Don Rogers starred as Swindon Town achieved an epic League Cup and promotion 'double' in 1968/69. Early pace-setters in the Third Division, they lost 1-0 at home to Watford in the title 'decider' watched by 28,898 and finished runners-up on goal average. Swindon defeated Torquay 2-1, Bradford City 4-3, Blackburn 1-0, Coventry 3-0, Derby 1-0 and Burnley 3-2 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-1 after extra-time in the Wembley final. Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith (Willie Penman), Peter Noble, Don Rogers.

**1969/70**

Swindon Town challenged strongly for promotion to the top-flight in 1969/70. Fred Ford replaced Danny Williams as manager and Arthur Horsfield was signed from Newcastle, starring as Swindon were among the early leaders. Peter Noble grabbed a hat-trick as they beat Charlton 5-0 and maintained their promotion challenge with a 14 match unbeaten run. Swindon finished fifth in the Second Division, their highest position at the time. They also defeated Blackburn 4-0, Chester 4-2 and Scunthorpe 3-1 in the FA Cup before losing 2-0 to Leeds United in the sixth round, then beat Napoli 3-0 in the Anglo-Italian Cup final.

**1979/80**

Bobby Smith guided Swindon Town to the League Cup semi-finals in 1979/80. Swindon had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Alan Mayes scored twice in an early 4-0 win over Brentford. They defeated Portsmouth 3-1, Chester 2-1, Stoke City 2-1, Wimbledon 2-1 and Arsenal 4-3 in the League Cup before losing 4-3 to Wolves in the semi-finals. Andy Rowland and Alan Mayes formed an exciting partnership as Swindon gained four successive wins, then trounced Bury 8-0. They took Spurs to an FA Cup fourth round replay but finished mid-table despite signing David Peach and Glenn Cockerill.

**1985/86**

Swindon Town stormed to the Fourth Division title with a record 102 points in 1985/86. Lou Macari's side made a poor start in the League but defeated

Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday en route to the Milk Cup fourth round. Kenny Allen arrived from Torquay and Dave Bamber from Portsmouth as Swindon soared to the top of the table with 14 wins in 16 matches. They set a club record of 13 consecutive home victories with a 3-1 win over Burnley and clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Mansfield. Charlie Henry and Colin Gordon scored 35 goals between them, while skipper Colin Calderwood was ever-present.

**1986/87**

Lou Macari plotted Swindon Town's 1986/87 Third Division play-off final triumph. Colin Gordon was sold to Wimbledon, while newcomers included Jimmy Gilligan, Mark Jones, Fraser Digby and Bristol Rovers pair Tim Parkin and Steve White. Six victories in eight games catapulted Swindon into the promotion race, then Jimmy Quinn returned from Blackburn and Phil King arrived from Torquay. They starred as Swindon gained seven straight wins and qualified for the play-offs in third position after remaining undefeated in their last 11 matches. Swindon beat Gillingham 2-0 in the play-off final replay after a 2-2 aggregate draw.

**1989/90**

Swindon Town won the 1989/90 Second Division play-off final but were denied top-flight status after an illegal payments scandal. Swindon had qualified for the play-offs the previous season and Ossie Ardiles replaced Lou Macari as manager. They soared into the promotion frame with seven wins in nine games including a 6-0 victory over Stoke and signed David Kerlake from QPR in November. Alan McLoughlin, Duncan Shearer and Steve White starred as Swindon maintained their challenge with just one defeat in 13 matches and finished in fourth position. They defeated Sunderland 1-0 in the play-off final at Wembley.

**1992/93**

Player-manager Glenn Hoddle was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992/93 First Division play-off final success. Swindon were early pace-setters and new signing Craig Maskell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Cambridge United. They went second after a 5-1 demolition of Notts County, then overcame a lean spell with Ross MacLaren's return inspiring a run of seven victories in nine games. Dave Mitchell netted three times in a 6-4 win at Birmingham and Swindon qualified for the play-offs in fifth position. They defeated Tranmere 5-4 on aggregate, then gained a thrilling 4-3 win over Leicester in the Wembley final.

**1993/94**

Assistant-boss John Gorman replaced Glenn Hoddle in charge as Swindon Town prepared for the 1993/94 Premiership campaign. New signings included Jan-Aage Fjortoft, Andy Mutch, Luc Nijholt and Adrian Whitbread, with Swindon starting with a 3-1 defeat at Sheffield United. They drew 0-0 at Norwich but despite signing Terry Fenwick and Keith Scott, were already facing relegation by the time they managed their first win 1-0 at home to QPR in November. Swindon completed the double over QPR and also beat Southampton, Spurs and Coventry as well as drawing against Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester United.

**1995/96**

Swindon Town stormed to the Second Division title under player-boss Steve McMahon in 1995/96. They had plummeted from the Premiership to Second Division and newcomers included Wayne Allison, Steve Finney and Mark Seagraves. Swindon were early leaders, winning seven of their first nine games, and Kevin Horlock netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at Bristol Rovers. They remained in pole position and took Southampton to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Ian Culverhouse and Mark Robinson were ever-present, while leading scorer Wayne Allison and Shaun Taylor also starred as they won the title by nine points.

Swansea City 2  
Brentford 1

Coca Cola Football League One  
Friday, March 17, 7.45pm

The Swans hit top form with a rousing second-half display at the Liberty Stadium as a late winner from Andy Robinson fired their promotion bid right back on course.

Adebayo Akinfenwa had given the Swans a first-half lead only for Andrew Frampton to level the scores before the interval.

But Swansea put their foot right down on the gas after the break to grab the crucial three points in a thrilling promotion clash that saw Kenny Jackett's men move up a place to third in League One.

Jackett gave Wolves loan signing Keith Lowe his League debut in the heart of the defence as both sides took time to settle in such a crucial contest.

But it was the home side that made the crucial breakthrough in the 20th minute when good work from Robinson found Sam Ricketts in support down the left. The Welsh international delivered a great in-swinging cross which Leon Britton helped back across the face of goal for the in-form Akinfenwa to tap home his third goal in four games.

Although Swansea's confidence was growing with every pass, they were still finding it difficult to take full control as hard-working Brentford closed them down at every opportunity.

And with the Bees looking dangerous going forward, the equaliser duly arrived in the 31st minute when Martin Allen's side won a corner. Tabb delivered it and, like on too many occasions this season from dead-ball situations, Andrew Frampton was left with a free header.

But while Swans fans feared the worst at the interval, Swansea emerged for the second-half rejuvenated and in impressive form after Willy Gueret had produced a match-winning save from Paul Brooker early on.

Swansea took advantage of Gueret's heroics after a double substitution by Jackett in the 55th minute saw Rory Fallon and Adrian Forbes spark an impressive final 30 minutes as they injected a new drive into the Swans.

Fallon, desperate to end his goal drought, was in tremendous form as he came close early on with a fierce drive which skimmed the top of the bar.

With the crowd in fine voice, Fallon was denied his first goal for the club when the referee disallowed his header which clearly crossed the line.

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But as time looked to be running away from the Swans, it was Robinson who provided the spark of genius that earned the Swans maximum points when he was brought down on the edge of the area.

Robinson picked himself up to curl a fantastic 86th minute free-kick over the wall and beyond Nelson to give the Swans the lead again.

Right on the death Fallon rounded the 'keeper only to slip at the crucial moment and watch his shot hit the post.

Not that it mattered. Swansea had clinched a crucial win in their quest for promotion with a performance that had the crowd in raptures.

What they said...

Kenny Jackett

"Rory and Adrian made a big difference for us. The crowd lifted us, too, and Andy Robinson popped up with another vital goal. I'm delighted because it was a big performance in the second half. Their 'keeper made some good saves and their goal led a charmed life, but thankfully the breakthrough came in the end. Brentford are a very good side and games like that are won by little things. My players need to remember that. We have to build on this result and to do that we will have to be flat out in every game we play."

Kristian O'Leary

"That was a big win after a very

difficult week. Some of the boys have played three games in this past week, so to see how we finished this match and the way we worked for each other was great. It could possibly be the defining point in our season. We had to win this match. It was just superb. We were disappointed to concede from a corner again but, saying that, we out-passed them, out-ran them and with the amount of chances we had, we started to think 'are we going to score?'"

Martin Allen

(Brentford boss)

"We came here, gave it a go, gave a good account of ourselves but, in the end, it wasn't to be. We had chances to snatch a point after their late free-kick and if one of them had gone in we would have been safe and sound. The attitude was very, very good. We didn't play with any fear and we gave them a really good game. We have 10 games to go and we are right among it and what the other lot do who cares."

Wrexham 1

Swansea City 2

FAW Premier Cup Final

Wednesday, March 29, 6.00pm

Rory Fallon chose the perfect time to open his goalscoring account as Swansea City retained the FAW Premier Cup at the Racecourse.

The striker struck just before half-time to give the Swans a 2-0 lead at the interval after Danny Williams had put through his own net during a first-half Kenny Jackett's side dominated. Wrexham came back strongly after the break and pulled one back 11 minutes from time through Simon Spender.

But the Swans defended well for the final period to retain the



trophy and pick up the £100,000 prize to take into Sunday's Football League Trophy final against Carlisle at the Millennium Stadium.

The Swans boss picked a full strength side in a new 4-2-1-3 formation with Owain Tudur Jones making his return following a three-month absence through injury. It resulted in the Swans dominating early on with Andy Robinson and Leon Britton impressing throughout, while the home side looked to strike back on the counter-attack. Chances were rare early on, however, before Wrexham's in-form Matt Derbyshire combined well with Mark Jones before firing wide from the edge of the area.

But the Swans produced the perfect response as Robinson found Britton with a great through ball.

The midfielder delivered a dangerous cross from the right and Danny Williams saw his interception deflected beyond his own keeper Mike Ingham. Soon after, Lee Trundle's cross was only parried out by Ingham and Fallon was perfectly placed to add the finishing touch for his first goal since his £300,000 move from Swindon in January. But the Swans took their foot off the gas after the break as Wrexham always looked likely to pull a goal back as Williams went close with a header.

Willy Gueret pulled off two good saves from Sam Williams and Andy Holt before Sam Ricketts produced a timely tackle to deny Sam Williams.

The breakthrough did eventually come in the 79th minute when poor marking allowed Spender time to fire a right-foot shot beyond Gueret.

But Swansea showed enough experience to see the game out and lift the FAW Premier Cup

for the second year running and complete the first part of their three-pronged target.

#### What they said...

##### Kenny Jackett

"I thought we played really well in the first half and deserved our lead. We had our backs against the wall a bit in the second half, but I'm delighted we saw it through. We put out a strong side because we've got competition for places and people trying to earn places in the side at the business end of the season. Winning is a nice habit and we want to win as many games as we possibly can at Swansea and this is one competition that we targeted early on to try to progress in and do well. And I'm pleased to say that for the second year we've won it and it's a good start as we look to hit our treble target for the campaign."

##### Dennis Smith

##### (Wrexham manager)

"I wasn't impressed with our performance in the first half, but we looked tired and leggy and we have to play for 90 minutes. I spoke to them at half-time, but that shouldn't be necessary if you want to win things. It didn't look like the same team after the break, but that doesn't make me feel any better. If they can do it in the second half, they should be able to do it in the first half as well."

##### Swansea City 2

##### Carlisle United 1

##### Football League Trophy Final

Sunday, April 2, 1.30pm

Goals from strikers Lee Trundle and Adebayo Akinfenwa earned Swansea City their second trophy in the space of a week amid memorable scenes at the

Millennium Stadium.

Having picked up the FAW Premier Cup in five days previous, the Swans completed the double with a memorable 2-1 win over Carlisle in a tense Football League Trophy Final.

Nearly 30,000 Swans fans were in Cardiff to see skipper Roberto Martinez lift the trophy and take another step towards an unique treble with promotion from League One the next quest on Kenny Jackett's agenda.

Jackett opted for Owain Tudur Jones in the middle of midfield ahead of Martinez, while Rory Fallon and Tom Williams were both cup-tied.

Carlisle were without top striker Michael Bridges who was cup-tied, while manager Paul Simpson led his team out for their fourth final in 11 years full of confidence as they sat at the top of League Two.

It was Swansea who made the dream start, however, as they shot into a third minute lead through star-man Trundle.

A great sweeping ball from Leon Britton found Trundle in space on the left and the striker unleashed a fantastic volley into the far corner for a goal worthy of gracing any top stage. Carlisle hit back to force three corners in quick succession, but it was Swansea who enjoyed the better of the opening 30 minutes.

The Cumbrians were also dealt a scare in the 17th minute when goalkeeper Kieren Westwood was forced to receive five minutes of treatment when an accidental clash with Akinfenwa left him sporting a heavily bandaged head.

After the delay, Trundle's through-ball found midfielder Andy Robinson, but the fellow Scouser fired just wide from just outside the area.

Carlisle thought they had equalised in the 23rd minute

when top scorer Karl Hawley headed home a rebound after Derek Holmes' shot was blocked by 'keeper Willy Gueret. But the goal was ruled out for offside, much to the relief of the Swans fans.

Akinfenwa then forced Westwood to push his shot around the post, before Carlisle drew level five minutes from the interval.

Sloppy defending saw Holmes flick on a long throw by left back Zigor Aranalde and Murray arrived unmarked to head home from close range.

Carlisle could have even gone ahead before the interval, but Gueret made a great save at the feet of the dangerous Hawley. Swansea stepped it up a gear after the break and Akinfenwa fire a 25-yard effort just wide before Robinson and Akinfenwa forced Westwood into two fine saves.

But as the game looked to be heading into extra-time, Akinfenwa finally gained his reward for a gutsy display nine minutes from time when Trundle flicked the ball on. The big striker used his strength to force his way passed central defender Kevin Gray to fire a shot passed Westwood who managed to get a hand to his effort.

But the shot had enough power on it to trickle home and send the Swans fans into raptures as the roof nearly came off the Millennium Stadium.

As Swansea played the game out, Carlisle nearly delivered a body blow deep into injury time when substitute Glenn Murray and Hawley were both denied by great Gueret saves.

But it was Swansea's day – and how they celebrated. Now for promotion.

#### What they said...

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**Kenny Jackett**

"With the football we played in front of the Sky cameras and a massive crowd, we have certainly done Swansea proud by winning two trophies in the space of a week. We played some attractive stuff and we got the result we wanted. We made nearly 30,000 fans delirious at the end and it's a fantastic day for us. Of course getting promotion to the Championship is our priority, we've said that all along, and we have to go for a big finish now to see if we can get into the automatic places. Sometimes you can come to big finals and lose and it can put you on a downer, but hopefully this will spur us on."

**Lee Trundle**

"The supporters are different class, it was a great day and we won it for them. I love the big

occasions, as a footballer you want to play in games like this. I know what I'm capable of and have confidence in my own ability. Carlisle are a very good side and made it tough for us."

**Adebayo Akinfenwa**

"I'm ecstatic, Trundle got it to me and I just had to push it in. Carlisle were tough and took us all the way, but we just had to keep going until the end and the goal knocked the stuffing out of them. It's a beautiful feeling - I can't explain it - it's great for the fans and just the best day of my life."

**Roberto Martinez**

"It was a very proud moment for me to lift the trophy, but this is just the end of 10 months' hard work, not 90 minutes here. Now we want to get Swansea back where they belong and that

is in the Championship. This is a special club with special fans and I am very proud of the family that is Swansea City."

**Andy Robinson**

"It was unbelievable looking up into the stands and seeing all those Swansea fans. Coming to a stadium like this and winning a trophy in front of such a big crowd was something that I never dreamed of three or four years ago. It was a massive day for everyone involved with Swansea and the best thing was that we got the result."

**Willy Gueret**

"It's been a fantastic day for the players and the fans. But the priority now is to get promotion. To play in the Championship next season would be fantastic and I want the winning feeling again at the

end of the season. Then we can really celebrate."

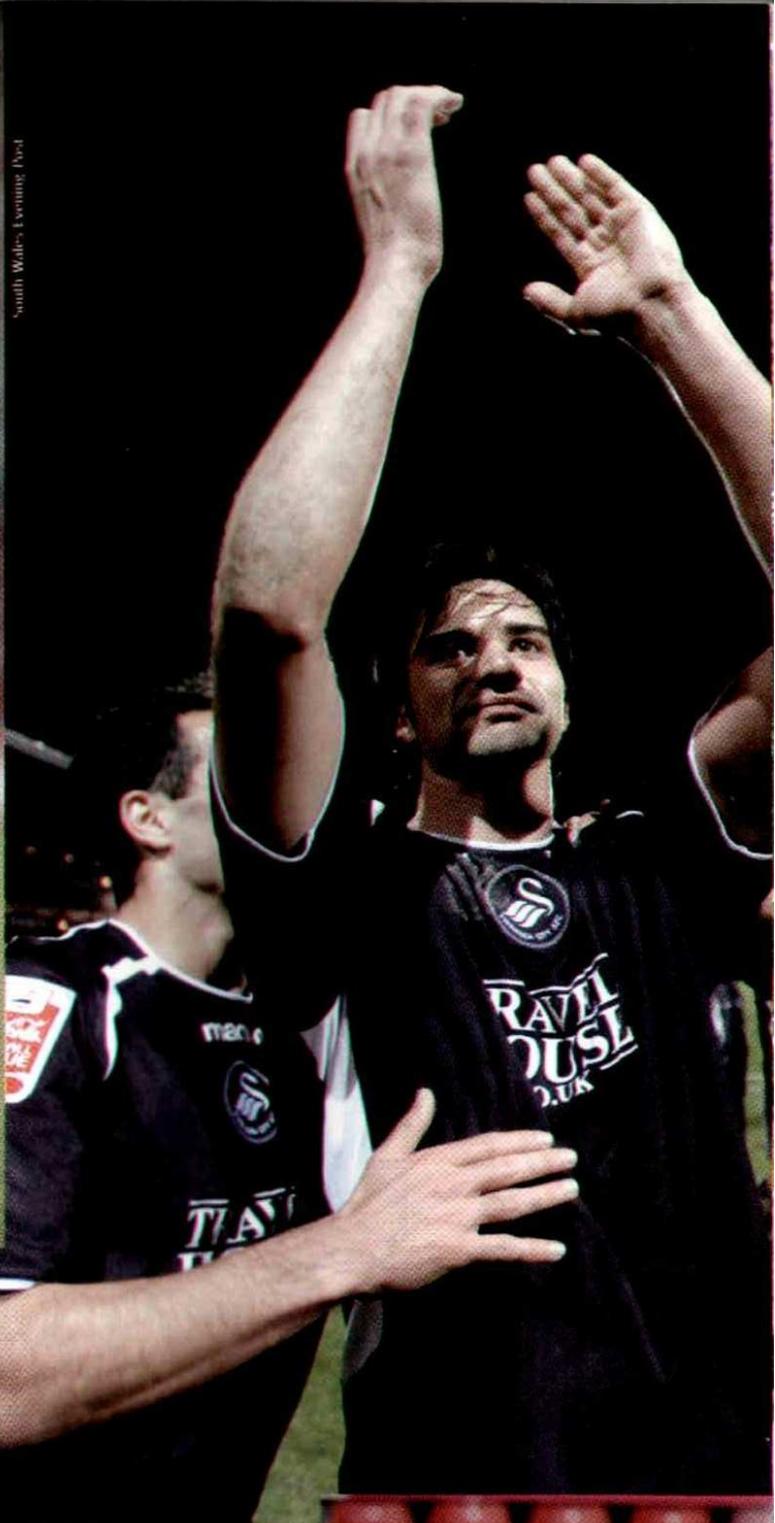
**Paul Simpson  
(Carlisle manager)**

"I told the players they've got nothing to feel down about. Yes, we wanted to win, but we should be proud of our achievements so far. The lads are really disappointed, gutted in fact, because we feel that we did enough over the course of the game to at least take it in to extra time. We had some good chances, and we felt a little disappointed with the second goal. There's a definite suspicion of handball, but I don't want to sound too bitter about it. Swansea are one of the top teams at the next level up and we are very aware that we still have to earn the right to get up there and play teams like that every week."



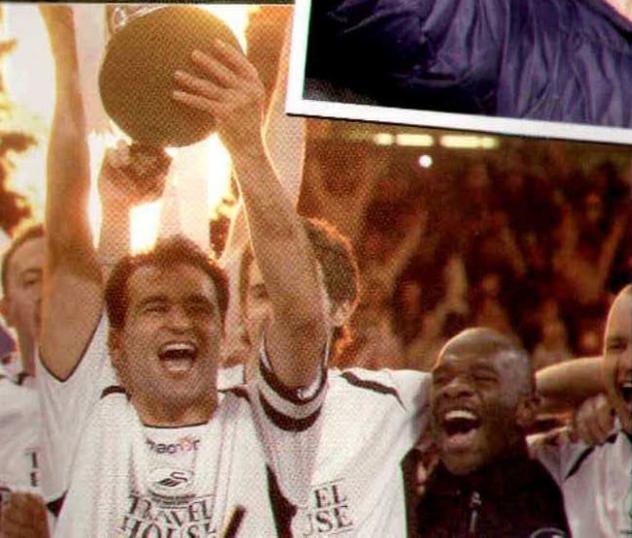


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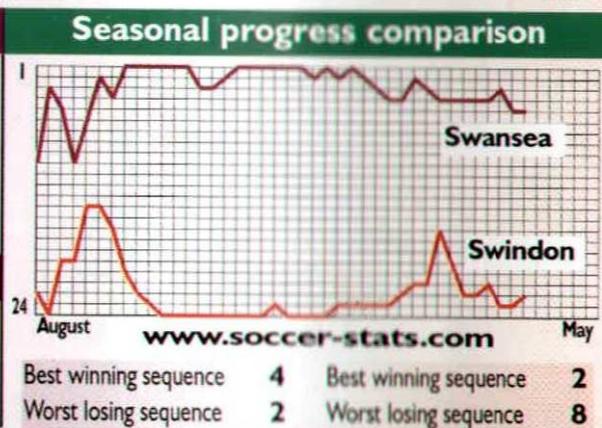


# Swansea City v. Swindon Town



### Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Port Vale	A	2-3
Gillingham	A	0-1
Brentford	H	2-1
Walsall	H	1-1
Barnsley	A	2-2
Huddersfield	H	2-2



### Last 6 results

Opponents	H/A	Score
Hartlepool	H	1-1
Chesterfield	H	2-0
Colchester	A	0-1
Yeovil	A	0-0
Tranmere	H	1-2
Nottm Forest	A	1-7

### Swings

Won when Behind	1
Drawn when Behind	8
Drawn when Ahead	1
Lost when Ahead	8

### Swings

Won when Behind	2
Drawn when Behind	5
Drawn when Ahead	4
Lost when Ahead	3

### Discipline

Red cards	7
Yellow cards	75
Fouls committed	604
Average per game	15.1

### earlier this season

0-0

Attendance	Referee
8,985	Russell

Booked	Sent Off
O'Hanlon	none
none	none

Evans, Gurney, Ifil, Smith (Jenkins 39), Nicholas, O'Hanlon, Miglioranz (Comyn-Platt 83), Brown, Holgate (Bouazza 57), Shakes, Fallon

Gueret, Ricketts, Monk, Iriekpen, Britton, Tudur-Jones (Goodfellow 46), Martinez, McLeod, Akinfenwa, Trundle (Forbes 62), Robinson

### Discipline

Red cards	5
Yellow cards	62
Fouls committed	532
Average per game	13.3

### Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	5
Scored from corner	4
Conc from free kick	6
Conc from corner	8

### Set piece goals

Scored from free kick	5
Scored from corner	6
Conc from free kick	9
Conc from corner	6

### Strike ratio

Shots on target	250
Goals scored	69
% shots scored	27.6
Divisional rating	8



### Strike ratio

Shots on target	171
Goals scored	41
% shots scored	24
Divisional rating	12

### Top scorer

**Lee Trundle**

Goals Scored	20
Games Played	31
Points Won	16

### Top scorer

**Jamie Cureton**

Goals Scored	7
Games Played	25
Points Won	6



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# Away day special



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It seems like an age since we last played a home game and what a cracker that was against Brentford.

The reviews of the last few away days start two weeks ago when two coach loads ventured up to deepest darkest Kent via the M4 and M25, arriving in Gillingham via a couple of missed turns by about 1pm.

Most of us made our way to The Livingstone Arms near the ground which afforded us a fantastic welcome, though others made for a British Legion club up the road where the drinks were cheaper and the welcome still as good. A visit to the chippie later and we reached the away end of Priestfield Stadium to be greeted by an open-air stand held up with scaffolding!

To the left of us was a new main stand which housed executive boxes and the dug outs etc, opposite which was a smaller stand. At the other end was another stand holding much of the vocal support of the home side.

Our stand had a good view until the heavens opened and we were soaked, although stewards brought out some plastic mac things to help the lucky few of us who grabbed one. The stewarding on the day was good in fairness, but the rest of the away end was reminiscent of grounds from a few years ago. Enough has been said about the performance on the day.

Needless to say there was no man of the match award made by the bedraggled support who could not wait to get home to dry off.

Just under two weeks ago four

coaches left Swansea for the first part of the cup double against Wrexham in the FAW Premier Cup a tournament that has been demeaned over the years as a waste of time - until the final is reached of course.

Having had a break in Oswestry en route we arrived at the Racecourse in plenty of time for the early kick off for TV purposes. Over 360 Swans fans swelled the crowd up to 2900 hardy souls with the roadside new stand being closed on the night. Swans fans were very noisy throughout proceedings, even though there were a crowd of local youngsters to our left who tried to make intelligent noises occasionally. The stewards were very friendly and helpful, although again the facilities left a bit to the imagination.

The lads won through after a few scares on the way and it was great to see Rory Fallon score his first goal for us...at last! Having watched the presentation, a very happy Swans support made their way back to their modes of transport for their journeys home. Part one of the double was complete. On to a week last Sunday - a day that was talked about in Swansea for many days with great expectancy. 50 coaches wound their way around the Liberty waiting to pick up their passengers and although we were due to leave by 9.30am, the last one didn't leave until 9.55am for the short hop to the Millennium Stadium. We were parked up on the south side of the city within 10 minutes walk of the centre. Hordes of black and white clad fans of all ages walked along in an excited

frame of mind as coach after coach arrived behind us. Mary Street with its cafes and pubs seemed to be the centre of attention with traffic banned and Swans and Carlisle fans mingling on the street. Queues had formed at most hosteleries, though I would think that everyone had their thirst quenched where needed. Although rain was forecast it did not come, although the wind was very gusty. On arriving at the ground we found the roof of the stadium closed. Was it because of the wind? With over 28,000 Swans fans and 13,500 Carlisle fans in the ground, the atmosphere was noisy to say the least. Many flags were draped over the front of the stands indicating where supporters had come from.

There is no doubt that this stadium is one of the best in the world and Swansea fans treated it like home on the day, out-singing the opposition for most of the game. The team made us very proud on the day by winning this Football League

- and so did the supporters in the city before and after the game disproving all the rumours that had abounded before the game. After the presentation mark two we started making our way back to the coaches and cars that had brought us to the Stadium ready for the trip back down the M4 to celebrate. Thanks to all those that helped to run the coaches on this brilliant day your help as always was very much appreciated. The next stage of the treble is the more difficult one, but who knows as there are a lot of points left to play for. Let's get behind the team today, as we know we can.

**Details of our Away matches are below.**

**Until next time**

<b>Blackpool</b>		fixture is all ticket
Fixture	Blackpool v Swansea City	15-04-06
Departure Time & Place	Morrison X	7.00 am
	Quadrant	7.15 am
Price	Members	£16.00
	Non-Members	£18.00
<b>Oldham Athletic</b>		fixture is pay on the turnstile
Fixture	Oldham Athletic v Swansea City	22-04-06
Departure Time & Place	Morrison X	7.00 am
	Quadrant	7.15 am
Price	Members	£16.00
	Non-Members	£18.00

# HEAD TO HEAD HEAD TO HEAD

## SWANSEA V SWINDON TOWN

Season	Date	Home	Score	Away	Competition
2005/2006	Sat 31 Dec	Swindon Town	0 - 0	Swansea City	League One
2000/2001	Sat 17 Mar	Swindon Town	1 - 1	Swansea City	Division Two
	Tue 17 Oct	Swansea City	0 - 0	Swindon Town	Division Two
1995/1996	Sat 10 Feb	Swansea City	0 - 1	Swindon Town	Division Two
	Wed 10 Jan	Swindon Town	3 - 0	Swansea City	Division Two
1978/1979	Sat 14 Apr	Swindon Town	0 - 1	Swansea City	Third Division
	Tue 26 Dec	Swansea City	1 - 2	Swindon Town	Third Division
1977/1978	Tue 16 Aug	Swindon Town	2 - 1	Swansea City	League Cup
	Swindon Town won 5-2 on aggregate				
	Sat 13 Aug	Swansea City	1 - 3	Swindon Town	League Cup
1969/1970	Tue 02 Sep	Swansea City	1 - 3	Swindon Town	League Cup
1966/1967	Sat 18 Mar	Swansea Town	2 - 2	Swindon Town	Third Division
	Sat 22 Oct	Swindon Town	4 - 0	Swansea Town	Third Division

Season	Date	Home	Score	Away	Competition
1965/1966	Sat 05 Feb	Swindon Town	2 - 2	Swansea Town	Third Division
	Sat 28 Aug	Swansea Town	1 - 1	Swindon Town	Third Division
1964/1965	Wed 23 Sep	Swansea Town	3 - 1	Swindon Town	League Cup
	Tue 15 Sep	Swansea Town	4 - 0	Swindon Town	Second Division
	Tue 08 Sep	Swindon Town	3 - 0	Swansea Town	Second Division
1963/1964	Sat 18 Apr	Swindon Town	2 - 1	Swansea Town	Second Division
	Sat 07 Dec	Swansea Town	3 - 0	Swindon Town	Second Division
1948/1949	Sat 07 May	Swindon Town	1 - 0	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Thu 30 Sep	Swansea Town	4 - 0	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1947/1948	Sat 13 Mar	Swindon Town	1 - 0	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Sat 25 Oct	Swansea Town	1 - 0	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1924/1925	Sat 27 Dec	Swindon Town	0 - 2	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Sat 30 Aug	Swansea Town	2 - 0	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1923/1924	Sat 05 Jan	Swindon Town	1 - 0	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Sat 29 Dec	Swansea Town	1 - 1	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1922/1923	Sat 09 Dec	Swindon Town	2 - 1	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Mon 02 Oct	Swansea Town	5 - 0	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1921/1922	Sat 01 Oct	Swindon Town	1 - 0	Swansea Town	3rd Div South
	Sat 24 Sep	Swansea Town	1 - 3	Swindon Town	3rd Div South
1920/1921	Sat 07 May	Swindon Town	0 - 0	Swansea Town	Third Division
	Mon 02 May	Swansea Town	1 - 1	Swindon Town	Third Division

# DREAM TEAM...

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects a post-war Swindon Town 'Dream Team' with the help of several Town supporters and club officials.

**FRASER DIGBY** England U-21 goalkeeper who was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he moved to Swindon in September 1986 and featured in that season's promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as they qualified for the play-offs in successive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games before joining Palace in August 1998, then played for Barry Town.

**ROD THOMAS** Welsh international right-back who was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was a key figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games prior to joining Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977 and subsequently had spells with

Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

**JOHN TROLLOPE** Long-serving left-back who holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals

in 770 League games for Swindon, he was coach before managing them between November 1980 and March 1983, then their youth-team boss.

**GLENN HODDLE** Former England international midfielder who was player-manager as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, then won the FA Cup in two consecutive seasons and the UEFA Cup in 1984. He moved to Monaco in July 1987 and

helped win the French title in 1987-88, becoming Swindon's player-boss in August 1991. Scoring once in 64 League games, he left to take charge of Chelsea after the 1992-93 play-off final triumph and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and now Wolves.

### COLIN CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender who was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He also helped to win promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993 and subsequently played for Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He is now managing Northampton Town.

**SHAUN TAYLOR** Influential central defender who was ever-present alongside Colin Calderwood as Swindon Town reached the Premiership in 1992-93. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was the sole ever-present player in their 1993-94 Premiership campaign and also featured in the 1995-96 Second Division title triumph. He netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground before moving to Bristol City in September 1996 where he has become development coach.

**MIKE SUMMERBEE** Brilliant winger who was capped eight

times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of domestic and European honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Subsequently with Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, he is a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

**ERNIE HUNT** England U-23 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading marksman in four successive seasons including their 1962-63 promotion triumph. Born locally, he signed professional at the County Ground in March 1960 and netted 82 goals in 214 League games for Swindon prior to joining Wolverhampton Wanderers in September 1965. He was top scorer as they regained top-flight status in 1966-67 and subsequently played for Everton, Coventry City, Doncaster Rovers and Bristol City, featuring in their 1973-74 FA Cup run. He ran the Full Pitcher pub in Ledbury and then became a window cleaner.

**PAUL RIDEOUT** England U-21 international striker who was Swindon Town's leading goalscorer in two consecutive seasons. He was Swindon's youngest League player at 16 years 107 days against Hull City in November 1980 and netted 38 goals in 95 League games while at the County Ground before joining Aston Villa in June 1983. Moving via Italian club Bari to Southampton in July 1988, he rejoined Swindon

on loan in March 1991. He had spells with Notts County and Glasgow Rangers prior to joining Everton in August 1992 and was an FA Cup winner in 1995, then played for several clubs in China and Tranmere Rovers.

**PETER NOBLE** Versatile favourite who was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with Consett, he joined Newcastle United in November 1964 and played top-flight football before moving to Swindon in January 1968. He scored twice in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success and netted 62 goals in 216 League outings prior to joining Burnley in June 1973. An FA Cup semi-finalist in 1973-74, he was twice ever-present for the Clarets and leading marksman in 1978-79.

He subsequently played for Blackpool and has since run a sportswear business in Burnley.

**DON ROGERS** England U-23 international winger who scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as Swindon won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall for the Robins. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

## Records & Results

### At Swansea City (17)

Results	Total	%
Swansea City	7	41.18
Swindon Town	5	29.41
Draws	5	29.41

Goals	Total	Av.pg
Swansea City	31	1.82
Swindon Town	18	1.06

### At Swindon Town (16)

Results	Total	%
Swindon Town	10	62.50
Swansea City	2	12.50
Draws	4	25.00

Goals	Total	Av.pg
Swindon Town	23	1.44
Swansea City	9	0.56

### On Neutral Ground (0)

Results	Total	%
Swansea City	0	0.00
Swindon Town	0	0.00
Draws	0	0.00

Goals	Total	Av.pg
Swansea City	0	0.00
Swindon Town	0	0.00

### Overall (33 matches)

Results	Total	%
Swansea City	9	27.27
Swindon Town	15	45.45
Draws	9	27.27

Goals	Total	Av.pg
Swansea City	40	1.21
Swindon Town	41	1.24

### Records

Highest Aggregate:	5	Swansea T	5 - 0	Swind T	22/23
Highest (Swa) score:	5	Swansea T	5 - 0	Swind T	22/23
Highest (Swi) score:	4	Swind T	4 - 0	Swansea T	66/67

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O'r diwedd! Cyfeirio ydw i at gol gyntaf Rory Fallon i Abertawe yn y fuddugoliaeth o 2-0 dros Wrecsam yn rownd derfynol Y Cwpan Cenedlaethol ar Y Cae Ras bron i bythefnos yn ol. Cyn y gem honno, roedd Fallon wedi chwarae mewn un gem ar ddeg i dim Kenny Jackett – gan ddechrau naw ohonyn nhw – ac wedi methu a sgorio. Roedd hi'n sefyllfa ddigalon i'r ymosodwr o Seland Newydd ar ol i Abertawe dalu £300,000 i wrthwyncwyr heno – Swindon – amdano ym mis Ionawr ac 'rwy'n siwr bod Fallon yn teimlo bron mor rhwystredig ag ymosodwr Lerpwl Peter Crouch y llynedd. Wnaeth Crouch ddim sgorio yn ei ddeunaw gem gyntaf i glwb Anfield ar ol i'r clwb dalu £7,000,000 i Southampton amdano yr haf diwethaf.

Roedd hi'n hyfryd gweld Fallon, ei gyd-chwaraewyr a thim rheoli Abertawe yn edrych mor hapus ar ol ei gol hirddisgwyliedig yn Wrecsam, ac roedd hi'n hyfryd hefyd bod yn Stadiwm Y Mileniwm wythnos i'r Sul diwethaf. Trueni mawr bod dathliadau rhai o aelodau tîm Kenny Jackett wedi tynnu llawer o'r sylw oddi wrth eu buddugoliaeth nhw o 2-1 dros Gaerliwelydd yn rownd derfynol Tlws Y Cynghrair Pel-droed.

Gem heno fydd gem gyntaf chwaraewyr Jackett yn Stadiwm Liberty ers y fuddugoliaeth o 2-1 dros

Brentford bron i fis yn ol. Mae hi'n hanfodol bwysig iddyn nhw gael canlyniad cystal heno

#### GARETH BLAINEY

As Rory Fallon prepares to face his former Swindon team-mates for the first time since his £300,000 transfer in January, B.B.C. Wales football commentator Gareth Blainey reflects on the striker's long-awaited first goal in twelve games for the Swans in their 2-0 F.A.W. Premier Cup win at Wrexham nearly a fortnight ago. Fallon can surely sympathize with Liverpool striker Peter Crouch who failed to score in his first eighteen games for the Anfield club



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# Sportstime Camp Lawn

### Y tymor hyd yma

Rhaid dweud bod y tymor cyntaf yn y stadiwm newydd wedi bod yn llwyddiannus i Abertawe hyd yn hyn â dechrau gwyth gan guro Tranmere, Bristol City (wrth gwrs), Barnsley, Blackpool, Yeovil, Chesterfield ac Oldham. Pa gefnogwr na fyddai'n hapus iawn â hyn ddwy flynedd yn ôl? Gwelais lawer o berfformiadau da gan Leon Britton, Lee Trundle, Alan Tate a'r tîm yn gyfan gwbl.

Roedd llawer o bobol yn credu fod dyrchafiad awtomatig ar fin digwydd, ond wedyn daeth tymor y Nadolig a chyfnod gwael â llawer o anafiadau, felly roedd rhaid i Abertawe wario'n fawr yn ystod y ffenestr drosglwyddo. Dyna beth wnaethon nhw, gyda Tom Williams, Steven Watt, Rory Fallon, Darren Way a Leon Knight i gyd yn cael eu hychwanegu at y tîm llwyddiannus yma. Ond a yw e wedi gweithio?

Gobeithio mai'r ateb yw...ydy, gydag Abertawe ar y ffordd 'nôl i'w llyfrdd arferol a'r chwaraewyr newydd i gyd yn perfformio i'w potensial mwyaf. Roedd dechrau gwyth i fywyd un dyn newydd gydag Abertawe, wrth i Leon Knight sgorio tair gol yn ei gem gyntaf yn erbyn MK Dons. Roedd hefyd yn ddechrau da i Tom Williams â'i berfformiadau addawol yn chwarae pell da i'r blaen, ond roedd ei gerdyn coch yn ddigon i ddangos fod pawb yn cael cyfnodau gwael weithiau. Ond i Tom roedd yn gyfnod digon hyr oherwydd daeth yn syth yn ôl i'w

ffordd wych arferol. Yn fy mam i mae'r chwaraewyr eraill yn dangos eu bod nhw yn ddigon da i fod yng Nghynghrair 1, gyda Rory Fallon yn gwneud llawer o wahaniaeth i'r ymosod gyda'i daldra a'i gryfder yn yr awyr. Mae rhedeg di-baid Darren Way yn dangos ei safon uchel - gwario da gan y clwb unwaith eto. Mae'r cyn-chwaraewr o Chelsea, Steven Watt, yn dangos ei fod yn ddigon da i roi llond bol o ofn i unrhyw ymosodwr, felly ar y cyfan rydym wedi cael perfformiad cystal ag y gallai unrhyw gefnogwr obeithio amdano.

Ond ni fyddai hyn yn bosibl heb ein rheolwr tawel Kenny Jackett a Kevin Nugent ac aelodau eraill o'r tîm hyfforddi, felly daliwch ati ac ymlaen i Bencampwriaeth Coca Cola y tymor nesaf! C'mon Abertawe! Gan Chris Beynon

### The season so far

I have to say that this first season in the new stadium has been a very successful one for Swansea, by beating Tranmere, Bristol City (of course), Barnsley, Blackpool, Yeovil, Chesterfield and Oldham. How many supporters wouldn't have been happy with this two seasons ago? I've seen lots of great performances by Leon Britton, Lee Trundle, Alan Tate and the team as a whole. Many believed that an automatic promotion was on the cards, but then the Christmas term came, and we had a poor period with many injuries, so Swansea had to spend a lot of money during the

transfer window. That's exactly what they did, with Tom Williams, Steven Watt, Rory Fallon, Darren Way, and Leon Knight all being added to this successful team. But has it worked?

We hope the answer is...yes! Swansea are back to their winning ways, and the new players are all performing to their full potential. One had a fantastic start, with Leon Knight scoring three goals in his first game against MK Dons. Tom Williams also had a good start, with promising performances and accurate passing to the forwards, but his red card was enough to show that everyone has an off day from time to time. Tom was soon back on form, however. The other players have also shown that they're good enough to be in the First Division. Rory Fallon has made a big difference to the attack with his height and strength in the air, and Darren Way's non-stop running has shown his quality – another good spend by the club! Steven Watt, the ex-Chelsea player, has shown that he's good enough to raise fear in the heart of any attacker. On the whole, we've had performances that are as good as any supporter could have asked for. But this wouldn't have been possible without our quiet managers Kenny Jackett and Kevin Nugent and other members of the coaching staff, so keep it up and on to the Coca Cola Championship next year! C'mon the Swans! By Chris Beynon (right)





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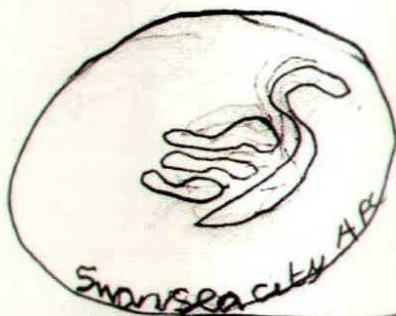
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This week, we again have a fabulous drawing of our Welsh international Sam Ricketts (with that beard!). The drawing, by seven-year-old Jordan Griffiths from Bridgend captures a few of the features of Sam, including the mysterious facial hair. I think Sam needs to get back to the gym, it looks like he's blown up a bit! Keep them coming in...

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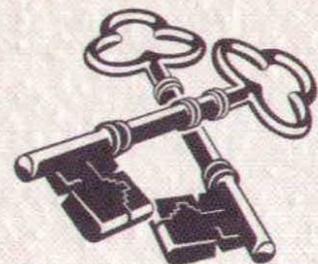
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# Youth

with David Moss



Recruitment was my main priority when I joined the club because if we can get the best players at a young age then everything else should fall into place a lot easier.

I'm pleased to announce that Gwyn James has joined the club as Head of Youth Recruitment. It's a massive boost for the club as Gwyn comes with a vast amount of experience, contacts and knowledge.

Although Gwyn still lives in Bishopston, he has spent the last 14 years working for Merseyside giants Everton and Liverpool. Having spent eight years at Everton, he has been top youth scout at Liverpool for the last six years, travelling all around Britain and Europe in search of the best young talent.

In any youth programme, recruitment is the most important part of the club's development. If the recruitment is not right from the start, then it is unlikely to work further up the club structure.

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To attract someone of Gwyn's experience to the club is a massive boost.

(There will be more on Gwyn in the next programme). On the footballing front, I've spent the last three weeks looking at various trialists in readiness for next season. We played Cheltenham at home on March 25 and although we lost 3-1, it was a worthwhile exercise.

We had three trialists in from Ireland - a striker, midfielder and centre-half. Although the striker got injured after 25 minutes and his situation is currently on hold, I saw enough of the young centre-half to invite him back for another look.

We played very well for 75 minutes of the game and scored a very good goal through Keri Morgan. But they equalised just before the interval and we conceded two more in the last five minutes through poor concentration.

We then travelled up to Oxford the following week where we lost 3-2 despite taking the lead through Nat Papperal and Keri Morgan.

But, again, it wasn't really about

the result as we had a few more trialists and youngsters on show. The left-back, James Birgen, from Derby did very well again and he's been offered a scholarship with the club.

David Cornell, our Under-15 'keeper, also did extremely well. In fact, he was the big plus for me that day considering he's still young.

I've also offered a scholarship to another Derby youngster, Dion Chambers, who plays in the centre of midfield.

I saw him at the recent exit trials and he's done really well in the last three games for us. He's got the physical presence, professional attitude and character that I'm looking for as far as this club is concerned.

I'm also talking to Welsh Under-17 goalkeeper Callum Hawthorne with regards to a scholarship. At the moment, however, he's also being pursued by Premiership Fulham and one or two other clubs. I'm hoping to persuade him that his future lies with Swansea City and convince him that his first team development will be quicker with us than in the Premiership. On the more unpleasant side of

Both have been excellent people to work with. They have great characters and attitude, but unfortunately Kenny Jackett feels that at this stage of their development he can't see them making the massive step up to the first team.

Perhaps a few years ago when the club wasn't as strong squad wise they would have made it, but the jump from Youth to first team is huge, especially with the chance of Championship football awaiting us.

I'm sure both players will want to prove to the club that they made the wrong decision to let them go and I wish them well for the future. They've both been superb.

## Centre of Excellence

The CofE fixtures have now finished and apart from a few friendlies, the managers of each age group are currently finalising their retained lists for next season.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in the CofE programme for their help and hard work this season. I think it has been a huge success and we can only go from strength to strength.



the game, Youth team players Matthew Thompson and Rhys Williams have been informed that they won't be offered professional contracts next season.

*Pictured at the Liberty Stadium after agreeing to sign Centre of Excellence forms for the club's Under-13s is Sam Rose-Miles and his family. Congratulations Sam.*

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### Programme Award



Swansea City's matchday programme has been voted one of the best in the game. The Football Programme Directory named The Swan as the third best in League One and in the top 20 throughout the Premiership and Football League – topping the likes of Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea. The programme, which moved to a new A4 size to mark the club's first season at the Liberty Stadium, is edited by Jonathan Wilsher and designed by Huw Cooze and Martin Lee Grugel at Visions Creative in Swansea.

A decision on the size of next season's programme has yet to be confirmed. "The quality of the entries this season were very high," explained David Stacey, editor of the Football Programme Directory. "It took our panel of judges over a week of deliberation before they could announce the winners." Southend were voted the best programme in League One, with Scunthorpe as runner-up. The overall winner of programme of the year was Charlton Athletic who also walked away with the Premiership crown, while Coventry's were top in the Championship and Lincoln in League Two.

### On The Ball

Swans ballboy Jack Roberts for Fairwood was on a recruiting mission when he went on a recent holiday to the Dominican Republic. Here he is trying to convert two locals into Swans fans at Punta Cana Airport.

### United We Stand

Swans fans have been showing their colours in New York – in front of the United Nations Building in fact.

Martin Phillips from Dunvant took his two children, Nicola and Thomas, on holiday to New York and Vermont recently. He took time out of his trip to the Big Apple to have his picture taken with Nicola in their Swans shirts.

Martin's father, Tom Phillips, was a former director and vice-chairman of the Swans between 1971 and 1984. He sadly passed away in 1986.



## Questions & Answers

*This is a new feature where your questions can be answered. Please send your questions to; David Morgan at Swansea City AFC, Liberty Stadium, Morfa, Swansea SA1 2FA. The best question will feature in the Matchday Magazine...*



### Q&A

**Q** Why can season ticket holders only buy one ticket each for an all ticket away fixture, but you can buy up to four when the tickets go on general sale?

**A** With so many season ticket holders, we have to try and ensure that as many of them have the chance of securing a ticket for an away match. By restricting sales to one ticket per season ticket holder, it is hoped that more season ticket holders will get a chance to purchase a match ticket. Of course a season ticket holder can always purchase additional tickets when they go on general sale (if any are left unsold).

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**What's It Like** The gods of the fixture list must have been smiling on the Swans fans for this one – Blackpool on Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Delays in building the new South Stand mean away fans will be in a temporary, uncovered stand. It's a bit like a stand at a golf course, rather than at a football ground, and has a capacity of 1,860. With only small portacabin toilets, and a full house, expect to cross your legs for two hours. The catering facilities aren't much better as they're in a small wooden building with one narrow opening to get your food and drinks and just one person served at a time. The better news is that the leg room is pretty good and you get a good view of the pitch as you're close to it. With an open stand and a cold wind off the Irish Sea, dress sensibly, thermal hula skirts may be the order of the day. Cost of entry (by ticket only, from the Liberty Stadium): £14 for adults, £7 for under-18s and £10 for senior citizens.

**Pubs and Grub** Where to drink in Blackpool? Let me think... Just about anywhere. The 'No 1 Bar', is a Working Mens Club, right by the away supporters entrance to the ground on Bloomfield Road. It's very welcoming and away fans are allowed in for a small fee – get there early though. 'The Bloomfield' is right by the ground (surprise, surprise!). 'The Tangerine Club' is where most of the home fans hang out, should be safe enough

# Travelling Jacks

by Steve Griffiths

For further information visit [www.footballgroundguide.co.uk](http://www.footballgroundguide.co.uk)  
This fixture is all ticket for Swans fans

though. The famous 'Manchester' is on the corner of the Promenade and Lytham Road. 'The Waterloo', is on the corner of Bloomfield Road and Central Drive. Most Swans fans will be up there for the weekend (like me!) so plenty of chance to pick your favourite pub before the game.

### Directions, Parking & Train

After the M5 joins the M6. Leave the M6 at Junction 32. Follow the M55 into the outskirts of Blackpool and continue straight along this road until you see the ground on your right. The ground is about half way between the Pleasure Beach and

the Tower and about a quarter of a mile from the south shore. Large pay and display car parks are across the road from the ground. There is extremely limited street parking

nearby for those who arrive early enough. By train. The closest railway station to the ground is Blackpool South and is a 10-minute walk. However most trains stop at Blackpool North, which is two miles away. Call 'taxi' or the number 11 bus from the bus station across the road. Buses to Lytham St Annes pass the end of Bloomfield Road and run every eight minutes. Get off at 'The Bridge House' pub and walk down Lonsdale Road to the ground.

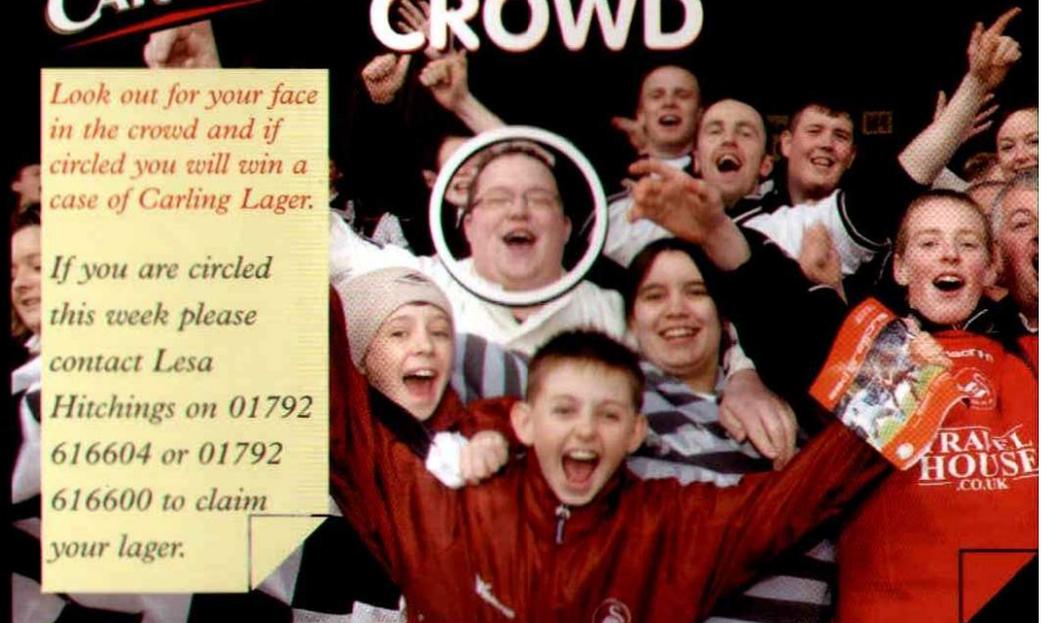


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Sat 6 Aug	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3:00	1-0	W	16733	679 3 10
Tue 9 Aug	COLCHESTER UNITED	A	7:45	2-1	W	2950	418 6 3
Sat 13 Aug	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	A	3:00	1-3	L	10304	495 6 5
Sat 20 Aug	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	3:00	1-2	L	12744	548 6 10
Tue 23 Aug	READING CARLING CUP 1ST	A	8:00	1-3	L	7601	579 - -
Sat 27 Aug	WALSALL	A	3:00	5-2	W	5745	903 9 5
Mon 29 Aug	BARNSELY	H	3:00	3-1	W	12554	313 12 2
Sat 10 Sept	BRISTOL CITY	H	3:00	7-1	W	13662	616 15 4
Tue 13 Sept	MK DONS	A	7:45	3-1	W	4798	672 18 1
Sat 17 Sept	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A	3:00	2-2	D	4743	678 19 1
Sat 24 Sept	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H	3:00	1-1	D	18212	1280 20 1
Tue 27 Sept	BOURNEMOUTH	A	7:45	1-0	W	5750	675 23 1
Sat 1 Oct	BLACKPOOL	H	3:00	3-2	W	13911	231 26 1
Sat 8 Oct	YEOVIL TOWN	A	12:30	0-1	L	7578	1530 26 2
Sat 15 Oct	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3:00	0-0	D	14029	239 27 3
Tue 18 Oct	TORQUAY UNITED LDV 1	A	7:45	3-1	W	1025	89 - -
Sat 22 Oct	ROTHERHAM UNITED	A	3:00	2-2	D	4056	352 28 3
Sat 29 Oct	CHESTERFIELD	H	3:00	5-1	W	13264	250 31 2
Sat 5 Nov	STOCKPORT FA CUP 1ST	A	3:00	0-2	L	2978	150 - -
Sat 12 Nov	SOUTHEND UNITED	A	2:00	2-1	W	7511	1434 34 1
Fri 18 Nov	YEOVIL TOWN	H	7:45	2-0	W	19288	1150 37 1
Tue 22 Nov	RUSH & DIAM LDV 2	H	7:45	4-0	W	5321	32 - -
Sat 26 Nov	TRANMERE ROVERS	A	3:00	2-2	D	7518	733 38 1
Tue 6 Dec	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	H	7:45	2-0	W	13207	98 41 1
Sat 10 Dec	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3:00	1-1	D	13230	197 42 1
Tue 13 Dec	PETERBOROUGH LDV QF	H	7:45	3-1	W	5474	33 - -
Sat 17 Dec	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	3:00	1-2	L	7159	353 42 1
Mon 26 Dec	BRENTFORD	A	1:00	1-2	L	9903	2100 42 2
Sat 31 Dec	SWINDON TOWN	A	12:30	0-0	D	8985	3150 43 1
Mon 2 Jan	PORT VALE	H	3:00	0-0	D	14747	254 44 2
Tue 10 Jan	MK DONS	H	7:45	3-1	W	11922	42 47 1
Sat 14 Jan	BRADFORD CITY	A	3:00	1-1	D	7521	386 48 2
Tue 17 Jan	RHYL FAW PREMIER CUP QF	A	7:00	1-0	W	617	- - -
Sat 21 Jan	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3:00	1-1	D	13960	116 49 2
Tue 24 Jan	WALSALL LDV SF	H	7:45	2-2	W	6670	199 <small>Points with 0-5 on pen.</small>
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Tue 31 Jan	GILLINGHAM	H	7:45	1-2	L	14357	210 49 4
Fri 3 Feb	BOURNEMOUTH	H	7:45	1-0	W	12034	412 52 2
Wed 8 Feb	CARMARTHEN TOWN FAW	A	6:00	3-2	W(FT)	-	- -
Sat 11 Feb	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	A	3:00	2-1	W	19132	2020 55 3
Tue 14 Feb	BRADFORD CITY	H	7:45	1-1	D	11028	160 56 4
Sat 18 Feb	SCUNTHORPE	A	3:00	2-2	D	4352	227 57 4
Fri 24 Feb	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	7:45	2-2	D	13110	381 58 4
Sat 4 Mar	BARNSELY	A	3:00	2-2	D	9743	367 59 4
Tue 7 Mar	COLCHESTER UNITED LDV	H	7:45	1-0	W	7285	260 - -
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Sat 6 May	CHESTERFIELD	A	3:00				

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## Football Experiences

Ron Knuszka, Supporters Trust Chairman, is pictured being interviewed by Scott Rees, Luke Allen, Sam Martin and Rebekah Hunter at Mayals Primary Primary School regarding football experiences and current involvement with Swansea City FC. The interview is to be included as a record of football 'at this time' and is to be included in an oral history of football at the National Archives at Aberystwyth.



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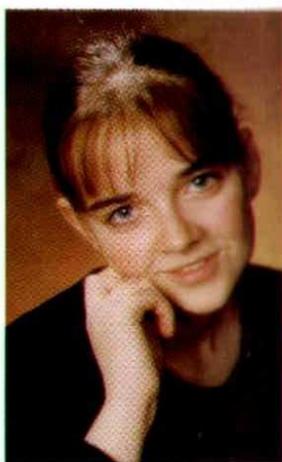
## CSV & MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

It was great to see our efforts applauded at the London Awards event. We didn't win, but it was a privilege to be included in such a great list of worthy initiatives.

### SWINDON JUNIOR FAN CLUB

A big welcome to the JUNIOR ROBINS. Swindon Town's faithful youngsters join us today following our very enjoyable Cygnet Shuttle to Swindon earlier in the season. Have a great day...apart from the result of course...and best of luck for the rest of the season.

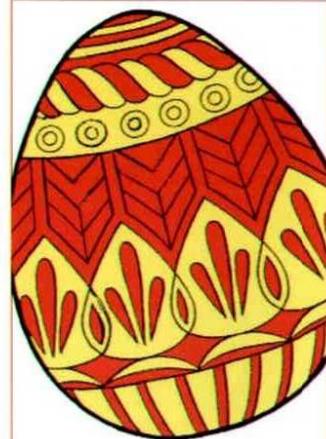
## LLINOS AIMS FOR THE TOP!



Llinos Rees-Williams saw her first Swans game at the Vetch 17 years ago, when she was just 3 yrs old. In the next few weeks, the former Lewis Girl's school pupil will join the Armed Forces where she begins her training as an ammunition technician. Having left school with six A level's, Llinos is now poised to leave Mam, Ruth, Dad, Phil and Springer Spaniel Holly and exchange the Ystrad Mynach family home for her exciting new life in Warwickshire.

I would like to join her parents, Gareth and all her friends at The Crown Pontllanfraith in congratulating her and wishing her every success in her chosen career. I hope Llinos enjoys enough 'leave' to visit the Liberty Stadium from time to time.

## EASTER COURSES



Ring 01792 616607 to book girls or boys onto the following Easter Football Courses. Don't forget... ALL abilities welcome!

- PORTHCAWL  
TUES 18TH TO FRI 21ST APRIL
- BAGLAN B&G CLUB  
MON 24TH APRIL TO 28TH APRIL
- PENTREHAFOD COMP TUES  
18TH TO FRI 21ST APRIL AND  
MON 24TH TO FRI 28TH APRIL
- OLCHEFA COMP  
TUES 18TH TO FRI 21ST APRIL AND  
MON 24TH TO FRI 28TH APRIL



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## Lucozade Sport... Good Sports!

We will once again be running the LS-GS awards on our Easter Courses. The GOOD SPORT awards are provided by Lucozade and go to the course participants who show good attitude, help out, show respect to other players or add to the enjoyment of the course through their efforts.



Bob Morgan  
 Cygnet Co-ordinator  
 01792 616608

# PRINCIPALITY Cygnet Club 2005/2006



## Deep Panic Brings out the best from Deep Pan!

Deep Panic brings out the best from Deep Pan! When Sophie Davies won the Pizza Party Prize for March she was over the moon, but, shock...horror...Sophie's birthday was literally just days away! Would she have to wait a whole year before enjoying her prize? Not likely! The Cygnet department and the staff at Deep Pan Pizza pulled out all the stops and organised her party for 10 (plus an extra 7!), within days. Sophie and her friends had a fantastic time as you can see from the pics her mum sent in. Well done to big Swans fan Sophie and a BIG thank you to the management and staff at Deep Pan Pizza Parc Tawe.



## A TRUE SWANSEA JACK



We welcome Jack Tizard-Varcoe along to tonight's game as our 100th Cygnet member. Jack will be presented with a host of goodies to mark the occasion. Well done Jack!

**1000**



### HOME & AWAY

Jacob Sutch is a Cygnet member from Llantwit Major who has recently celebrated his 9th birthday. Hi Jacob!

Callum Mansell and Olivia Usher collect their CYRIL'S SEAT prizes from Cyril whilst Alex Thomas was far too young and sent his dad to collect his soft toy.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hello...and a belated Happy Birthday to Cygnet member Rhys Roberts



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Take home a huge Cyril or Cybil today! Simply text the number above with your name, stand and seat number. You will only be charged at your normal text rate and you must have the bill payers permission.

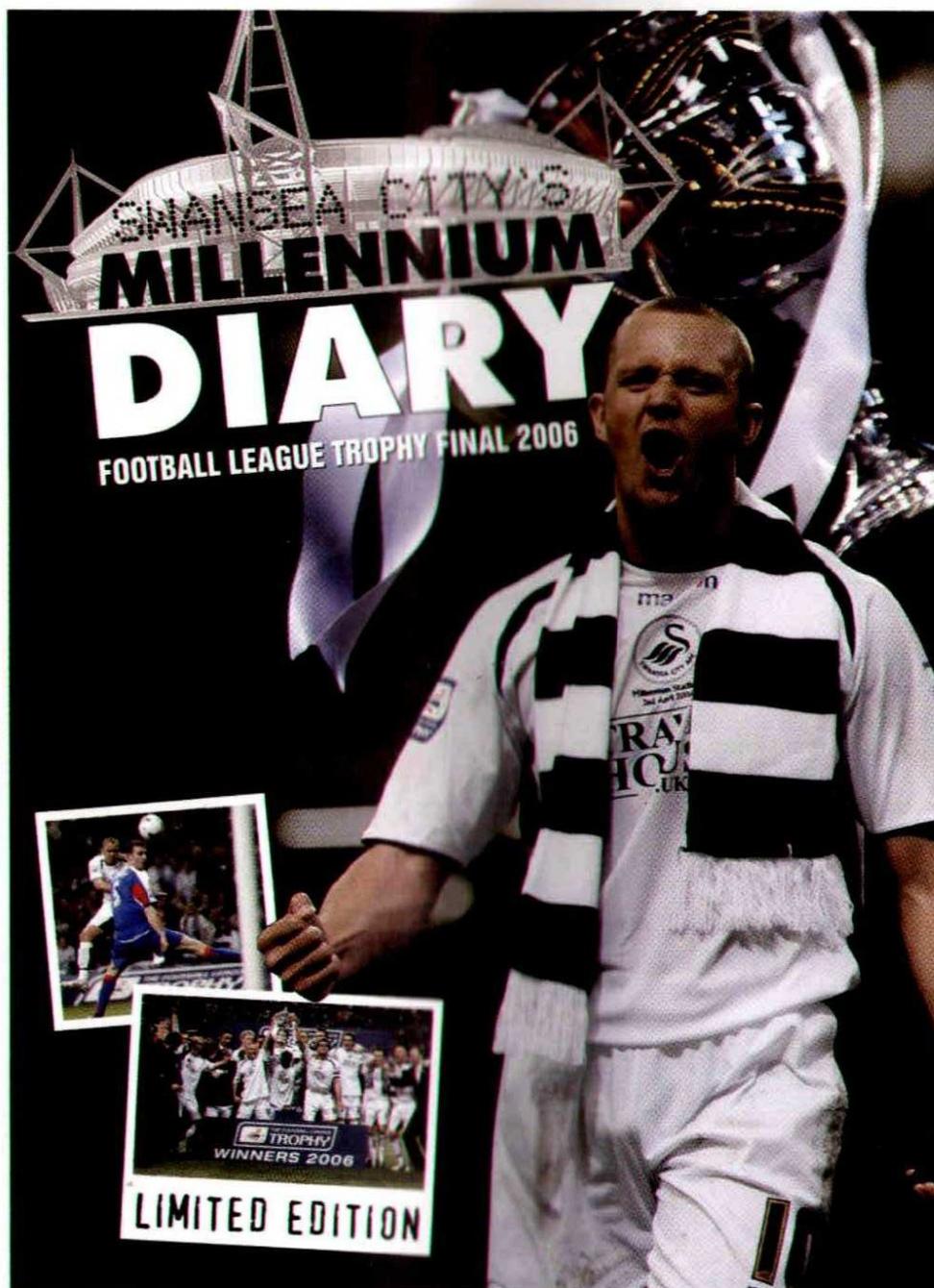
**RULES** 1. Open to current Principality Cygnet members only. (Details will be verified) 2. Send only one text (there is NO advantage to sending more!) 3. Register your details BEFORE kick-off 4. FITC decision is final.



Joss Thomas 15/04	James Lewis 08/04	Curtis Thomas 10/04	Thomas Goodwin 11/04	Morgan Butler 12/04	Catrin Humphreys 08/04	Rhodri Stranaghan 10/04	Sean Radford 11/04	Shane Wright 09/04	Lewis Demster 13/04	Liam Corcorn 12/04	Thomas Amos 06/05	Ivan Heycock 05/04
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Player/Team	Total
Freddy Eastwood	
Southend	22
Lee Trundle	
Swansea City	21
Billy Sharp	
Scunthorpe	19
James Hayter	
Bournemouth	19
Dean Windass	
Bradford City	19
Chris Greenacre	
Tranmere	18
Chris Iwelumo	
Colchester	18
Izale McLeod	
M K Dons	17
Andy Robinson	
Swansea City	16
Luke Beckett	
Oldham	16
Adehayo Akinfenwa	
Swansea City	15
Rory Fallon	
Swansea City	15
Steve Brooker	
Bristol City	14
Andy Booth	
Huddersfield Town	14
Paul Heffernan	
Doncaster	14
Andy Keogh	
Scunthorpe	14
Jamie Cureton	
Swindon Town	14
Neil Dams	
Colchester United	14
Paul Hall	
Chesterfield	14

Team	Home					Away					GD	Pts	
	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
Southend	41	12	6	2	36	14	10	5	6	31	23	+30	77
Brentford	41	10	6	5	33	21	9	6	5	30	24	+18	69
Huddersfield	41	13	6	2	38	21	5	8	7	28	32	+13	68
Colchester	40	12	4	4	34	21	6	7	7	15	16	+12	65
Swansea City	40	10	8	2	38	18	6	7	7	31	30	+21	63
Barnsley	41	11	9	1	35	17	5	6	9	19	23	+14	63
Oldham	41	12	2	6	30	19	6	7	8	25	33	+3	63
Nottm Forest	41	13	4	4	37	13	4	6	10	23	33	+14	61
Doncaster	41	9	6	6	28	19	7	3	10	21	30	0	57
Bristol City	41	10	6	5	35	20	5	4	11	23	38	0	55
Port Vale	41	9	4	8	27	25	6	5	9	17	25	-6	54
Bradford City	41	6	8	6	24	23	6	9	6	22	22	+1	53
Gillingham	41	12	4	5	29	19	2	7	11	12	36	-14	53
Chesterfield	41	6	6	8	28	29	7	7	7	29	32	-4	52
Scunthorpe	41	7	8	6	34	31	6	5	9	29	38	-6	52
Tranmere	41	7	8	5	32	24	5	7	9	16	20	+4	51
Yeovil Town	41	7	7	6	23	20	6	3	12	24	35	-8	49
Bournemouth	40	7	9	4	21	15	4	6	10	22	32	-4	48
Blackpool	41	8	6	6	28	23	3	8	10	22	35	-8	47
Rotherham	41	7	6	7	28	23	4	7	10	19	34	-10	46
Hartlepool	40	5	9	6	23	25	5	6	9	14	24	-12	45
Swindon Town	40	9	4	7	30	27	1	9	10	11	30	-16	43
Walsall	40	7	6	6	24	27	3	7	11	19	35	-19	43
MK Dons	41	7	8	6	25	22	2	5	13	14	40	-23	40

## LEAGUE TABLE GOAL SCORERS AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Team	Average Attendance
Nottingham Forest	19,566
Swansea City	13,940
Huddersfield Town	12,976
Bristol City	11,489
Barnsley	8,867
Bradford City	7,902
Southend United	7,613
Tranmere Rovers	7,104
Yeovil Town	6,655
Gillingham	6,589
Brentford	6,583
AFC Bournemouth	6,243
Doncaster Rovers	6,191
Swindon Town	5,820
Oldham Athletic	5,741
Blackpool	5,648
Scunthorpe United	5,585
Walsall	5,357
Rotherham United	5,170
Milton Keynes Dons	5,134
Chesterfield	4,793
Port Vale	4,706
Hartlepool United	4,670
Colchester United	3,844

# EXTRA TIME

## Pass Gates

Supporters are reminded that pass gates are available to all stands, if they are unable to use the turnstiles due to any disability. Please ask a steward to show you to the nearest gate to your seat number located on your ticket.

## Important Information

Supporters using the East Stand will have to turn right when leaving at the end of the game in order for the visiting supporters to be able to be put on their coaches as soon as possible.

## Points For Fans

Full season ticket holders are reminded that they must show their plastic membership card as well as produce their match voucher at the turnstiles. No admission will be allowed unless they are in possession of voucher and card.

## Car Park Safety

Vehicles using the stadium car park will not be allowed to leave for up to 30 minutes after the final whistle, to allow supporters on foot to leave safely. Police and stewards will inform drivers when they can move their cars.

## Exile Fans

If any away League match is made all ticket for Swans fans, there's no need to panic if you

live outside the area.

You can either phone the ticket line and order your ticket by credit card or post a cheque (made payable to SSMC) along with a self addressed envelope and any relevant voucher etc., and your ticket will be posted out to you.

## Forthcoming Fixtures

Tickets are now on sale for the away trip to Blackpool on Easter Saturday, April 15. The club has already sold over 1400 tickets from its allocation of 1900. The match is all ticket. Tickets for Swansea's home games against Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 17 (3pm), and Southend on Saturday, April 29, (3pm) are also now on sale. The ticket office opening hours have now returned to normal after the Football League Trophy Final. They are open Monday to Friday 10am - 6pm and Saturday 10am - 4pm.

## Oldham Tickets

Fellow promotion hopefuls, Oldham, have confirmed that Swans fans can pay at the turnstile at Boundary Park on Saturday, April 22. Entry is £22 for adults; £12 for oaps (over 65) and under-16s; £3 for under-12s. Supporters will be able to save £1 (except under-12s) on the entry fee if they purchase tickets in advance from the Liberty Stadium ticket office.

There is no limit on the number of tickets each supporter can purchase with Swansea being allocated 4,599 seats. Disabled fans should phone Judith Lane on 0871 2261690.

Car parking is available at the ground. Follow the signs from the A627(M).

Tickets are now on sale from the usual outlets for Swansea's home games against Rotherham on Monday, April 17 (3pm) and Southend on Saturday, April 29.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Gemma Sumbler who celebrated her 1st Birthday on April 6th with Lots of Love from Mummy, Daddy and Lucy.

Belated Birthday wishes to John Evans from all the family.

## You're Takin A Liberty

Below is Kieran Williams, an avid Swans fan on a recent vacation in Battery Park, New York. Kieran is standing next to the Statue of Liberty, as she takes a mid-afternoon stroll through Manhattan. The picture was sent in by Kierans' Mother, Dawn Williams.



## Jordan's back!

They say that Swansea City fans will go to extraordinary lengths to follow the Swans, well that was certainly the case where seven-year-old Jordan Griffiths was concerned.

Despite feeling ill, Jordan made the trip from Bridgend to watch the Swans in action against Colchester last month for his birthday. But by half-time he was so ill that he had to return home, missing the second-half and another Swans victory. The following day he was admitted to hospital with pneumonia, although he did manage a big smile when he found out that the Swans had won. Jordan, pictured here, is at today's game and we hope he has now fully recovered.

His favourite players are Lee Trundle, Leon Britton and Sam Ricketts.



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