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CHAIRMAN DAVID CARDOZA

Good afternoon and welcome back to Sixfields for the start of a brand new season. I would like to welcome everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club, and congratulate them on their promotion to League One. I am sure that Swindon will bring a large following of supporters and today's game should have a cracking atmosphere to help get the season up and running.

If you did not make it to any of our pre-season games, this will be your first chance to see our new players in action. Stuart Gray has recruited some excellent players over the summer. Colin Larkin, Danny Jackman, Ian Henderson, Poul Hubertz, Danny Jones and Giles

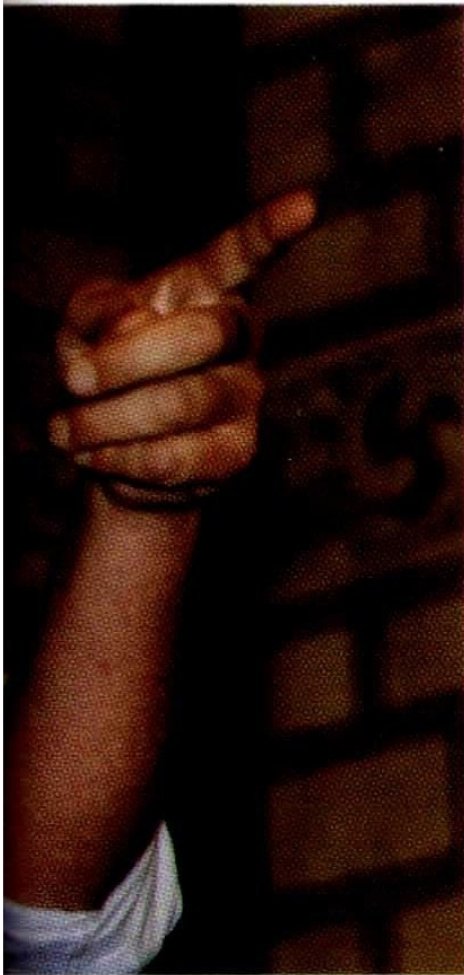
Coke are all welcome additions to the club and we wish them every success.

I expect an improvement in the service the club delivers this season and as part of a new scheme, each Saturday home game will have a special theme this season. Today is family day, and I am sure you will have noticed a number of events taking place outside the ground, specifically aimed at our younger supporters.

We are also working with the local media to ensure our games are promoted far more aggressively than they have been in the past. Not only are we taking out advertising in the Chronicle & Echo, but players are

out and about with the Northants 96 Thunders handing out ticket vouchers and helping to spread the word. In addition, you will notice the new fixture board as you walk towards the ground, advertising our next two home matches. There are also many other plans and schemes in the pipeline. We want to see Sixfields as full as possible, as often as possible.

Talking of Northants 96, we have reached an agreement that has seen them become the official radio station of the club. They have a huge listenership and they will help us promote the club to the whole of Northamptonshire. We have been delighted with the support they have offered us, and they are right behind



the club in our bid to be successful. The deal includes on air coverage, Jagger & Woody's seats competition, players out and about around Northamptonshire with the Thunders, Jagger & Woody as pitchside presenters, matchday music, car stickers and much more. Colin Paterson of Northants 96 and some of his team are here today, so we would like to welcome them and hope they enjoy their afternoon with us.

Other new schemes that I would like to briefly mention to you are the Cobblers Cash Back Scheme, where any local football club can earn £100 in commission for selling 20 tickets for a home game, the Team of the Week offer where a junior football team are given tickets to a home game and editorial coverage in Cobblers Jr and the matchday programme, plus we have link ups with the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs and

indooradventures.co.uk to help us encourage more children to our matches. Between them they reach more than 40,000 local children each year, and they will be helping us to try and encourage these to become Cobblers fans through inventive ticket offers. For more details on any of the above, please email gareth.willsher@ntfc.tv

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A reminder that we are offering supporters a special matchday hospitality deal at the Carling Cup tie with Millwall on Tuesday. For just £29.50 including VAT you can enjoy a West Stand ticket, a 3 course meal, entertainment, matchday programme and teamsheet, tea and coffee at half time, a cash bar facility and a chance to see the post match presentations. Plus, if you book you can enjoy money off your

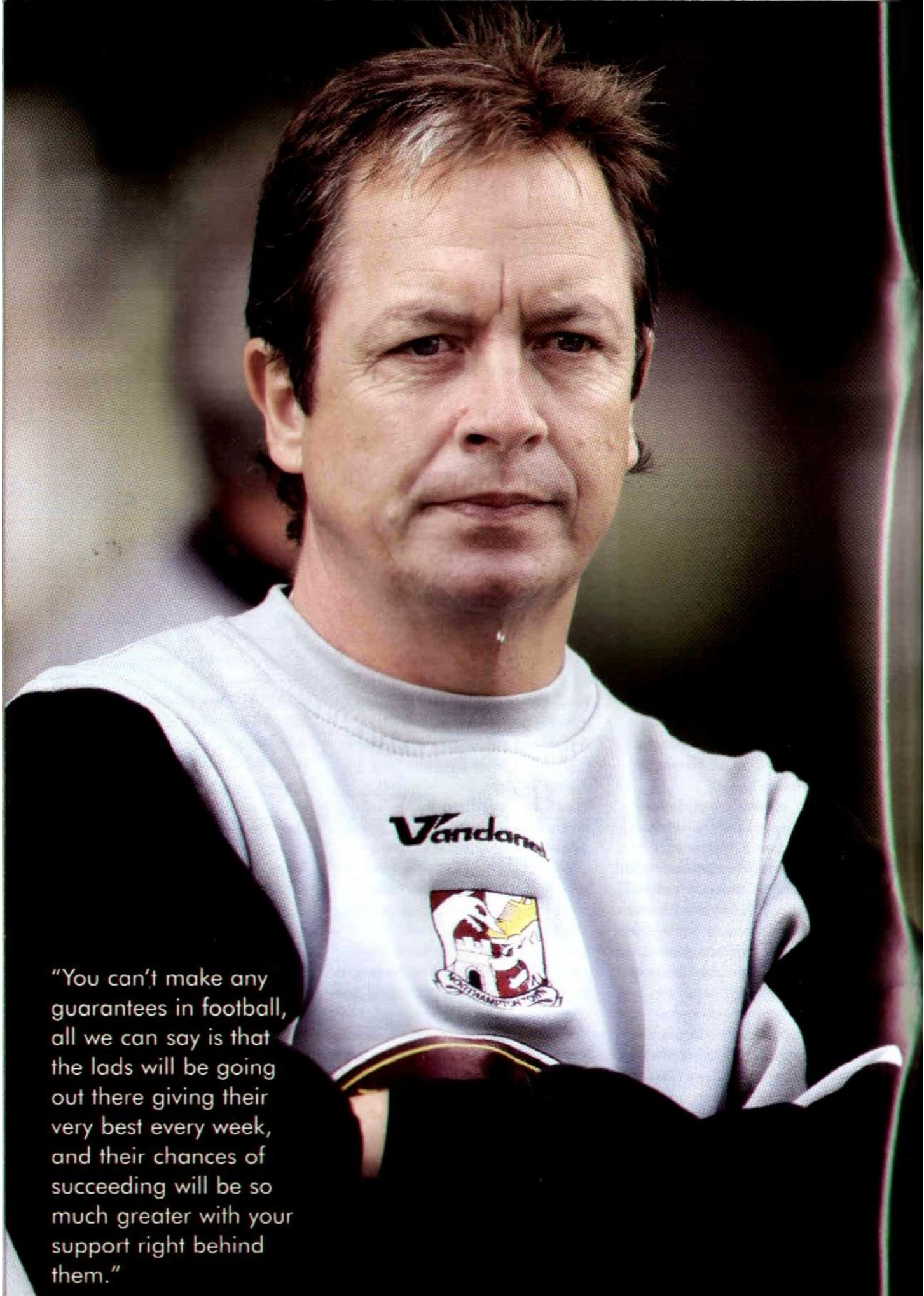
next matchday hospitality booking at any non-gold league game. Bookings are now being taken, so please email [Natalie Sutton](mailto:natalie.sutton@ntfc.tv) at natalie.sutton@ntfc.tv to register your interest.

We have sold more than 3,000 season tickets for the season and it would be wrong of me not to say a huge thank you to everyone who has purchased a season ticket. As I am sure you are aware, we are continuing to try and make football attractive to younger supporters and supporters under the age of 7 (equivalent to Year 2 or younger at School) can obtain a season ticket free of charge, providing they are accompanied by a paying adult. Please call 0870 822 1966 for more details.

I am confident that as a club we are leaner but more efficient than we were last season. Not everything will be perfect and there may be teething problems as some of our new partners bed in, but we are trying to do our best to take the club forward and work towards the re-development, of which there is an awful lot of talking going on behind the scenes at the moment.

Thank you for your support over the summer, let's make some noise today and get right behind the players. Enjoy the game, and we'll see you back here on Tuesday for the Carling Cup tie with Millwall.

Finally today, thank you to our programme sponsors Zedi Ltd. Zedi are big supporters of the club and manufacture most of the signage around Sixfields.



"You can't make any guarantees in football, all we can say is that the lads will be going out there giving their very best every week, and their chances of succeeding will be so much greater with your support right behind them."



MANAGER STUART GRAY

Good afternoon and welcome to Sixfields for today's visit from Swindon Town.

In extending a warm welcome to Paul Sturrock and his team, we know that we are in for a very difficult match today. I am sure that Swindon will be full of confidence, and will be looking to build on last season's promotion winning campaign. Paul has strengthened his squad with some new faces over the summer, and I know we will have to be at our very best to record the result we all want this afternoon.

The start of a new season marks a fresh start, and we certainly want to improve on last season's home record. The home form in the first part of the season was not as good as it could have been, and as we kept stressing to the players throughout the pre-season games, this is our patch and we should not be fearful or too respectful of any team coming here. We will give them the respect they deserve, but we also need to make this a very difficult place to come to.

Pre-season is always a long 6 week programme and the lads trained very hard and got through a lot of physical work. I was very pleased with their attitude, their willingness to work and their general professionalism throughout the pre-season campaign. Results are not important during pre-season, but generally ours showed up well, and it is always better to win a game of football than lose it, friendly or not.

We don't have too many new faces to integrate into the squad so that has helped those who are new to settle in. I think all of the new signings have improved us and have given us different options. I think they will also cause the opposition problems when we go forward.

Danny Jackman is a full back who I know well and he likes to get forward, rather like Jason Crowe does on the

right and I think you need width in any side. I am very pleased that the two full backs we have got will offer us that. Danny played a lot of games at his last 2 clubs and that shows he has made an impact and been a big influence at both Stockport and Gillingham. He was Player of the Year in his first season at Gillingham and I know they were very keen to keep him.

Colin Larkin is another player with a good pedigree. He began his career at Wolves and since then he has added a fair amount of experience despite still being relatively young. He has pace and he can move defences about. He enjoys going towards goal, he will stretch play and open up gaps.

Ian Henderson is a young player who played for England under 20s and has been on the verge of Norwich's first team for a few years. He can play up front or out wide on the flank and he has the pace and ability to fulfil either position. He is only in his early 20s but already he has made nearly 100 senior appearances at this level and in the Championship and he has the determination to do well.

Giles Coke has been working hard to overcome a knee injury and is progressing well. He is a young old fashioned box to box midfield player with two good feet and an excellent range of passing.

In Poul Hubertz we have added a physical presence to the forward line. Poul knows this league well having been with Millwall last season and I think he is a really good addition to our squad. He can hold the ball up well and he is a real presence for us up front.

Daniel Jones is a player I know all about having been at Wolves with Glenn Hoddle when we gave him his senior debut. He is a big, strong lad

with a lot of pace and he will give us some power going forward. He can operate wide on either flank and that will add to our options. He played 8 games in the side that made it through to the Championship play offs last season and I know he made an impact in the opportunities he was given in a squad full of quality.

I have said it before, but as far as I am concerned, keeping Jason Crowe and Chris Doig at the club this summer was like adding two extra new signings to the squad. They are both very good players and it is fantastic for the club that they re-signed to stay here.

I hope we are in for a good atmosphere today. The first day of the season at any ground generates a special atmosphere and I am sure the same will apply here today. The Swindon fans haven't had too far to travel, and I am sure that with a good travelling support here at today's game, we are in for an enjoyable occasion.

We have a hectic start to the season, with the possibility of 18 games before the end of October. With that in mind, the hard work that the players have put in, not just in the last 6 weeks but in sticking to their summer training schedule, should hopefully pay dividends. You can't make any guarantees in football, all we can say is that the lads will be going out there giving their very best every week, and their chances of succeeding will be so much greater with your support right behind them. We have a very young side, a side full of players who are strong, fit and determined to do well, and your vocal support will be a big help.

Please enjoy the game, and we hope to see you back here for the Carling Cup game with Millwall on Tuesday.

AROUND SIXFIELDS

MEET THE NEW BOYS



NAME:
Danny JACKMAN
DOB: 03/01/1983
POSITION: Left back
FORMER CLUBS: Aston Villa, Stockport County, Gillingham
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 2 years



NAME: Giles COKE
DOB: 03/06/1986
POSITION: Midfield
FORMER CLUBS: QPR, Kingstonian, Mansfield Town
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 2 years



NAME: Colin LARKIN
DOB: 24/07/1982
POSITION: Striker
FORMER CLUBS: Wolves, Kidderminster Harriers (L), Mansfield Town, Chesterfield
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 2 years



NAME: Poul HUBERTZ
DOB: 21/09/76
POSITION: Striker
FORMER CLUBS: Millwall
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 1 year



NAME:
Ian HENDERSON
DOB: 24/01/1985
POSITION: Midfield/striker
FORMER CLUBS: Norwich City, Rotherham Utd (L)
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: 2 years



NAME: Daniel JONES
DOB: 23/12/86
POSITION: Midfield
FORMER CLUBS: On loan from Wolves
LENGTH OF CONTRACT: Until January transfer window

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CHANGES

A few things will be a little different this season;

SEASON TICKET BOOKS

Season ticket holders are required to bring their season ticket book to each game and tear the relevant match number off in the presence of the turnstile operator. The number required will be selected at random for each game and will be displayed on approach to each turnstile.

MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Make sure you buy every copy of every matchday programme as a numbered voucher will be printed on the back page of each issue. Collect these vouchers, and they could prove valuable for you as the season progresses. They may give you the chance to win a great Cobblers prize, or if you are not a season ticket holder or member, they may help prove your attendance at

previous games should tickets be limited for future games.

MATCHDAY LOTTERY

Also make sure you get your 50:50 tickets this season, as they could provide you with your chance to show off your skills to the Sixfields crowd! As part of a new half time competition, three 50:50 numbers will be drawn out - in addition to the regular prizes - and the holders of these tickets will be invited onto the pitch. The challenge then is for those supporters to shoot a ball from the edge of the penalty area. Each supporter will have 3 attempts to hit the cross bar to try and win a signed Cobblers shirt. This competition will be run at all home games in the 2007/2008 season, but is subject to weather and pitch conditions. 50:50 tickets are on sale at all home games in the 2007/2008 season. Participation is at the individual's risk.

CAR PARKING

The same car parking arrangements apply as last season at a cost of £2.50 per car per game.

NO SMOKING

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COMMENTARY FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORTERS

Northampton Town Football Club has acquired a new set of commentary kit over the summer.

The new commentary equipment, which is made by Access Audio, will allow visually impaired supporters inside the ground to listen to full, uninterrupted commentary of every Cobblers home game.

Any supporter interested in using the new equipment or if anyone would just like to find out more information, should contact Elliot Stonhill at the club.

Elliot can be contacted on 0870 777 8198 or via e-mail - elliott.stonhill@ntfc.tv

Any supporter who is currently using an old commentary headset will need to have it replaced with a new one. Please contact Elliot to do this. The equipment can be hired free on a match by match or seasonal basis to anyone with a valid match ticket.

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Northampton Town have helped more than 1,000 schools, charities and fundraising organisations in the last 12 months.

The club, who are working hard at expanding our already extensive community programme, have been delighted to help well over 1,000 worthy causes in the last 12 months, an average of just under 20 every single week.

This assistance takes the form of supporting a fundraising raffle or auction, promotion of an event, attendance at a function or various other forms of support.

The club are proud of our commitment to working with and supporting many good causes in the local community and we look forward to helping more worthy causes in the next 12 months.

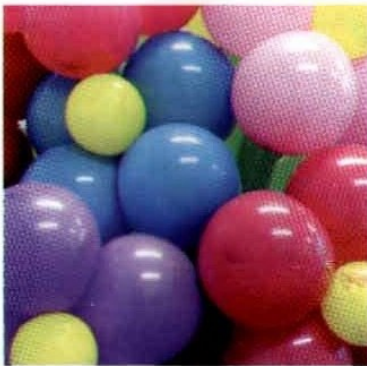
BUY A BALLOON

As part of the Family Day activities today, we are staging a Balloon Race to raise funds to help fight Motor Neurone.

Motor Neurone Disease leaves people unable to walk, talk or feed themselves. It kills 5 people every day and life expectancy is between 2 and 5 years.

The MND Association provides care and support and funds vital research into causes, treatments and a cure for MND

Supporters can buy a balloon for £2. All balloons are tagged, and the balloon that is returned from the furthest location wins;



1ST PRIZE

A Signed Northampton Town Home Shirt

2ND PRIZE

A Ticket Voucher for 4 people

The balloons will be released at half time today.

SIXFIELDS TRAVEL CLUB

We would like to say a very big thank you to Sixfields Travel Club for their sponsorship of the new season ticket wallets. To book away travel with the Sixfields Travel Club, please call Jenny on 01604 706401 or visit www.sixfields-travel-club.co.uk. Their first trip of the season is to Brighton next week, with coaches departing Sixfields at 9am, costing £12 adults and £10 concessions.

THE ANAGRAM QUIZ

Re-arrange the initial letters of the first 9 answers (surnames) to find the answer to question 10 which is the surname of a famous footballer.

- 1) Name the only player to have been sent off in two different World Cup Final Tournaments?
- 2) Which Premiership team have played most matches at the Millennium Stadium?



- 3) In 2002 David Ginola joined which club?
- 4) Name Barnsley's home ground.
- 5) What was the name of the team who have just changed their name to Ebbsfleet United?
- 6) Sky TV's Martin Tyler and former England captain Bob Willis both played for this famous London non league soccer team.
- 7) Sir Alf Ramsey and Sir Bobby Robson both managed this club side.
- 8) This Zurich based team has won the Swiss championship a record 27 times.
- 9) Who is the only player to score for Liverpool in two different European Cup Finals?
- 10) He was voted PFA Young Player of the Year in 1988.

Answers:
 1) Rigobert Song, 2) Arsenal, 3) Everton,
 4) Colwell, 5) Gravesend and Northfleet,
 6) Cornhill Casuals, 7) Ipswich, 8)
 Grasshoppers, 9) Phil Neal, 10) Paul
 Gascoigne



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VINCENT WANTS A FLYING START

Source: www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk

Jamie Vincent insists Swindon can be a "surprise package" this season, claiming intense competition for places should inspire a League One play-off push.

Last season's stand-in skipper has been struck in pre-season by the scrap for a regular starting role he has on his hands.

Morecambe defender Chris Blackburn has become one of Paul Sturrock's defensive additions, following the arrival of former Plymouth man Hasney Aljofree.

With Jerel Ifil, Ady Williams, Andy Nicholas, Jack Smith and Sofienne Zaaboub also very much part of Sturrock's plans, the versatile Vincent knows the four defensive positions will be fiercely fought over.

New boys Craig Easton and Steve Adams have also joined the squad.

Vincent said: "People fighting for their places is only going to bring out the best in the team. From day one we are aware we have to prove our point and that hopefully will spur everyone on."

While the likes of Leeds United, Nottingham Forest and Oldham are being tipped by the experts as promotion favourites, Vincent is more than happy to stay under everyone's radar.

He points to the success of West Country rivals Yeovil Town as evidence League One novices don't have to struggle and is keen to do his talking out on the pitch.

He said: "We have to be looking at getting in the play-offs. I don't see why we can't anyway. Look at what Yeovil did last season.

"There is no point in just aiming for mid-table mediocrity because then that is what you will get, at best.

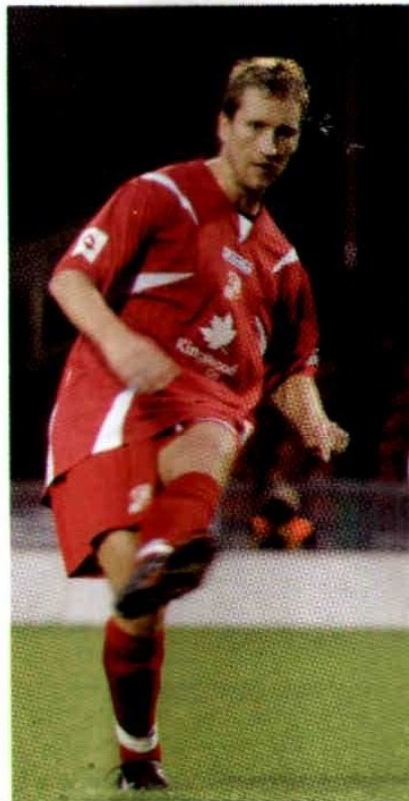
"We will go out there believing we can win every game we play and come the end of the season why can't we get in the play-offs?"

"It would be nice to be a bit of a surprise package in the league.

"We have the potential to do that. Winning promotion and then reaching the play-offs would be a great season for us all."

A quick-fire start to last season, six wins on the trot, instantly marked Town as promotion contenders and Vincent is looking for similar this time round.

"Of course we are all looking to start the season flying again," he said.



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TEAM NICKNAME:	The Robins
YEAR GROUND OPENED:	1896
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KIT MANUFACTURERS:	Lonsdale
HOME KIT COLOURS:	Red & White
AWAY KIT COLOURS:	White & Blue
OFFICIAL WEB SITE:	www.swindontownfc.co.uk
YEAR FORMED:	1881

HONOURS:

Division 2 - Champions	1995/96
Division 4 - Champions	1985/86
Football League Cup Winners	1969
Anglo-Italian Cup: Winners	1970
FA Cup: Semi-finals	1910, 1912

TEN YEAR LEAGUE RECORD:

1997/98	Division One	18th
1998/99	Division One	17th
1999/00	Division One	24th
2000/01	Division Two	20th
2001/02	Division Two	13th
2002/03	Division Two	10th
2003/04	Division Two	5th
2004/05	League One	12th
2005/06	League One	23rd
2006/07	League Two	3rd

OUR RECORD: W32 D18 L43

MOST RECENT MEETINGS:

2002/2003

Football League One | 08-03-2003
Northampton Town 1-0 Swindon Town

Football League One | 21-09-2002
Swindon Town 2-0 Northampton Town

2001/2002

Football League One | 02-02-2002
Swindon Town 2-1 Northampton Town

Football League One | 29-09-2001
Northampton Town 1-1 Swindon Town

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SWINDON TOWN FIXTURES 2007/08

AUGUST

SAT 11	A	NORTHAMPTON	FL1
TUE 14	H	CHARLTON	LGCP
SAT 18	H	LUTON TOWN	FL1
SAT 25	A	CHELTENHAM	FL1

SEPTEMBER

SAT 1	H	CREWE	FL1
SUN 9	H	YEOVIL TOWN	FL1
SAT 15	A	HARTLEPOOL	FL1
SAT 22	H	BOURNEMOUTH	FL1
SAT 29	A	MILLWALL	FL1

OCTOBER

TUE 2	A	SWANSEA CITY	FL1
SAT 6	H	GILLINGHAM	FL1
SUN 14	A	OLDHAM	FL1
SAT 20	H	TRANMERE	FL1
SAT 27	A	PORT VALE	FL1

NOVEMBER

SAT 3	H	DONCASTER	FL1
TUE 6	H	LEYTON ORIENT	FL1
SAT 17	A	LEEDS UNITED	FL1
SAT 24	H	BRISTOL ROVERS	FL1

DECEMBER

TUE 4	A	CARLISLE	FL1
SAT 8	A	SOUTHEND	FL1
SAT 15	H	BRIGHTON	FL1
SAT 22	H	HARTLEPOOL	FL1
WED 26	A	YEOVIL TOWN	FL1
SAT 29	A	BOURNEMOUTH	FL1

JANUARY

TUE 1	H	SWANSEA CITY	FL1
SAT 5	H	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1
SAT 12	A	WALSALL	FL1
SAT 19	H	NOTTM FOREST	FL1
SAT 26	A	CREWE	FL1
TUE 29	A	LUTON TOWN	FL1

FEBRUARY

SAT 2	H	NORTHAMPTON	FL1
SAT 9	A	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1
TUE 12	H	CHELTENHAM	FL1
SAT 16	A	NOTTM FOREST	FL1
SAT 23	H	WALSALL	FL1

MARCH

SAT 1	H	LEEDS UNITED	FL1
SAT 8	A	BRISTOL R	FL1
TUE 11	A	LEYTON ORIENT	FL1
SAT 15	H	CARLISLE	FL1
SAT 22	A	BRIGHTON	FL1
MON 24	H	SOUTHEND	FL1
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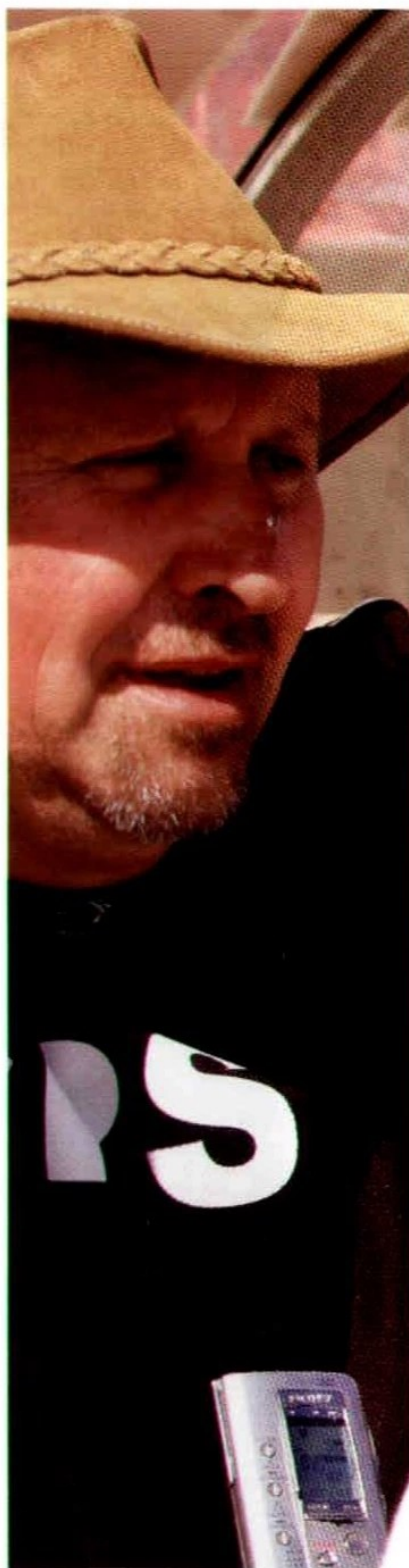
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SAT 19	H	PORT VALE	FL1
SAT 26	A	GILLINGHAM	FL1

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SAT 3	H	MILLWALL	FL1
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MEET THE BOSS: PAUL STURROCK



Paul Sturrock is the man in charge of Swindon Town. Sturrock is carving out an impressive CV as a manager following a glittering career as a player.

Sturrock arrived at Swindon having already achieved numerous successes as a manager - which includes winning the League One Play-Off final with Sheffield Wednesday.

A member of the successful Dundee United team of the early 80's, Sturrock picked up a league winners medal in 1983 and two league cup winners medals in 1979 and 1980. 'Luggy' as he was affectionately known, also appeared in the Uefa Cup final against Barcelona in 1987 where the Scottish side were defeated 2-1 on aggregate.

Born in Ellon, Aberdeenshire on October 10 1956, Sturrock was an integral part of United's success. He scored 171 goals in 576 appearances becoming United's best attacking player of all time and his skills put fear into the opposition. Sturrock was also a Scotland international star and if it wasn't for the presence of Kenny Dalglish, Frank McAvennie and Charlie Nicholas, he surely would have more caps and goals to his name.

After twenty years of dedicated service at Tannadice, he hung up his boots and began a coaching role. Four years later he finally made his first move into management by becoming the St. Johnstone manager and led the side to the first division title in 1997. When United came calling the following year the lure to manage his only other club was too hard to resist and he was back in charge at his spiritual home as manager of the Tangerines.

It was to be a short spell in charge at Tannadice - just two games into the 2000-01 season he resigned and left Scotland to begin life as a manager in



MEET THE TEAM

SWINDON TOWN

the Football League with Plymouth Argyle.

The Home Park fans quickly warmed to their new boss and he led the Pilgrims to the League Two title amassing 102 points and being named Nationwide Manager of the Year. In League One he guided them to eighth before a move to near neighbours Southampton. In three and a half years he instilled a style of play that would eventually lead Plymouth to the Championship which is where they continue to impress.

Sturrock took over at Southampton in March 2004 with his first Premiership game in charge resulting in an impressive 2-0 victory over Liverpool. However his time at St Mary's turned sour and after just 13 games in charge he left the Saints by mutual consent following a 3-2 win against Blackburn on August 24 2004.

The following month he took over as manager at Sheffield Wednesday and it was to be an impressive spell at Hillsborough. He was named manager of the month for November that season and soon lifted Wednesday from 14th to 4th in League One. The Owls made it into the play-offs and defeated Brentford in the semi-finals - with Town's Lee Peacock amongst the goalscorers over the two legs. Hartlepool United were the opponents in the showpiece final at Cardiff and victory sent 40,000 fans into wild celebrations.

Swindon Town are no strangers to success and with the experienced manager at the helm, automatic promotion back to League One was secured thanks to a point on the last day of last season against Walsall.

PHIL SMITH

Phil joined Swindon in late July 2006 from Crawley Town. Smith had made 74 starts for Crawley Town during a two-year stay, which followed a year's spell at Margate where he made 35 starts. A dependable customer, Smith slotted into become the number one for the remainder of the 2006-7 season following Peter Brezovan's unfortunate injury. Smith was a revelation in between the sticks, which included saving a penalty at MK Dons on New Year's Day and being named the PFA Fans' Player of the Month for December 2006.

JACK SMITH

Jack signed from Watford in the summer of 2005 and he added youthful experience to the Town side. Due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Bromwich Albion 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. He made 38 league starts for Town last season in a variety of positions including right back, left back and midfield. Last term he was in excellent form back at his preferred right-back position, also opening his goalscoring account for the club and has been a penalty taker on several occasions.

JAMIE VINCENT

Jamie Vincent arrived at the County Ground in the summer of 2006 hoping to make the left-back slot his own, and by the end of the campaign he had done far more than that. Made Captain following the injury to Ady Williams in February, Vincent also performed at centre-back and was a rock at the back throughout the campaign. Vincent began his football career as a trainee at Crystal Palace before making the switch to AFC Bournemouth, where he made over 100 appearances between 1996 and 1999. He then made a £500,000 switch to Huddersfield Town which was followed by an £800,000 deal which

saw him move to Portsmouth in 2001. Spells at Derby County and Millwall then followed.

MIGUEL COMMINGES

Signed in July 2007, Comminges first came to the attention of the Town boss during a scouting mission to France towards the end of last season. Born in Guadeloupe, France, the defender has previous experience with Amiens SC and then signed for Reims in 2003 and made a total of 74 appearances for the Second Division side. He has also represented the Guadeloupe national football team. Other French internationals from Guadeloupe include Pascal Chimbonda, Mikael Silvestre and Lilian Thuram.

HASNEY ALJOFREE

Experienced centre back who arrives at the County Ground with plenty of Coca-Cola Championship experience. Previous clubs include Bolton Wanderers, Dundee United and Plymouth Argyle, from where he signed for Swindon on a three-year deal in the summer of 2007.

CHRIS BLACKBURN

The 24-year old became the fourth central defender in Town's squad, with Hasney Aljofree, Jerel Ifil and Ady Williams also competing for the central berths. Chester-born Blackburn joined Morecambe in February 2004 on a short-term deal and eventually signed a new two-year contract to stay at Christie Park. After joining The Shrimps as a midfielder, he was then converted to a defender after an injury crisis. Over the course of the next season he shone in the backline, performing at right-back or centre back. During the 2005-6 campaign Blackburn's impressive performances caught the eye of the England National Game selectors and he was soon included in the England National Game line-up. Blackburn has also had spells with Northwich Victoria and following his return from holiday in India, has put pen to paper on a two-year deal with The Robins.

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SOFIENE ZAABOUB

Versatile left-sided player at home in defence or midfield, Zaaboub was new manager Paul Sturrock's first signing as Town boss. Having joined initially on a short-term contract, he has since signed a new deal to keep him at Swindon for another 18 months. He made his debut as a substitute against Carlisle United in the FA Cup and was a trialist at Sturrock's former club Sheffield Wednesday. Previous clubs include FC Brussels, Modena and St. Etienne.

ADY WILLIAMS

Named on-field Captain by former manager Dennis Wise in July 2006, Ady Williams brought a wealth of league and international experience to the club. Signed from Coventry City, the former Welsh International boasts successful spells with Wolves and Reading on his CV - just the credentials that helped set Town on their way to League Two success. His leadership skills were there for all to see during the first half of last season and his determined attitude was at the

forefront of Town's promotion challenge. A knee injury sustained against Hartlepool United in February developed into a serious setback, which saw the skipper undergo surgery that ruled him out of the remainder of the season. After a summer of rehabilitation, 'Willo' is now closing in on a return to full training.

CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Cardiff-born striker who joined Town in October 2004 in a £50,000 switch from local rivals Bristol City. He is an aggressive runner and adds much needed pace to the Swindon frontline. Formerly with Exeter City where he scored 18 goals in 67 league starts for the Grecians from 2000 - 2002. 'Robbo' enjoyed a solid season during 2006-7, finishing as top scorer with 13 goals and will be lining up in midfield this term after several sparkling displays on the flanks.

LEE PEACOCK

Lee Peacock joined Swindon Town on 20th January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. The

experienced front man started his career at Carlisle United as a trainee, but after scoring 11 goals in 52 appearances he made the switch to Mansfield Town in October 1997 for £75,000. It proved to be a productive spell with The Stags with 29 goals in 80 appearances attracting Manchester City who parted with £500,000 for his services. However, his time at Maine Road was not as successful as he would have liked due to injuries, but his next stop certainly was. A £600,000 move to Bristol City in August 2000 heralded the start of a successful four year spell at Ashton Gate. 54 goals in 131 league starts was the result of his stay with the Robins. Next up was Sheffield Wednesday, who he joined on a free transfer in the summer of 2004, on a free transfer. Peacock wasted no time in settling in at Town, scoring on his debut against AFC Bournemouth after coming off the bench in the 4-2 home win. However, he finished the season with just 11 starts to his name after a knee injury ruled him out of the final games of the campaign. After an end



JEREL IFIL

Powerful defender Jerel Ifil joined Town in the summer of 2004 after enjoying three loan spells with Town previously from 2002-04. Jerel became a fan's favourite during his brief stays in Wiltshire and signed on a permanent basis in June 2004, he has now exceeded 100 appearances for the club. In 2006-7 Ifil enjoyed his best season to date in a Town shirt, benefiting from the experienced Ady Williams alongside him at the heart of the defence and he scored the opener against Walsall on the last day of the season, helping Town secure promotion.



of 2005/6 season operation to cure the problem, Peacock enjoyed a solid pre-season and capped his start to the campaign with the winner at Hartlepool United on August 5. He finished the season in the heart of midfield, scoring a number of vital strikes on the road to promotion. Having worked with Manager Paul Sturrock before at Sheffield Wednesday, 'Peacs' has now been moved into a central midfield role.

BARRY CORR

After impressing during a three-month loan spell Barry Corr put pen to paper on a new two-year contract in June 2006, signing on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. The Irishman made his debut for the Town reserves against Bristol City on the same day he put pen to paper on the initial loan deal and netted on what was his first appearance in a Swindon shirt. Corr joined The Owls in April 2005 from Yorkshire rivals Leeds United after an initial trial spell with the Elland Road club. An industrious front man and with a 6'3 frame he certainly offers a physical presence in the strike force. He has also gained youth honours for the Republic of Ireland during his time with Leeds and had a loan spell with Bristol City earlier in the 2006-7 season. He made a goalscoring debut, hitting the second goal at Lincoln City on Sunday 25th March to earn a valuable win.

ANDY NICHOLAS

'Nicho' is now the club's longest serving player after joining from Liverpool in June 2003, where he came through the youth system but struggled to break into the first team. He was a regular in the Under 19's side at Anfield and won many plaudits with his performances at left back, which prompted Andy King to snap up the youngster. After working his way into the manager's starting line up with some hard work in training, he seized his chance to become a regular member of the side throughout the 2003/04 season and managed his first senior goal in a 4-2 win at Stockport in February. Despite making such a positive impression during the 2003-4 season, the 2004-5 campaign saw the defender struggle with injuries and he was unable to gain a regular starting berth, but impressed enough during the promotion run in to be awarded a

new one-year deal in the summer of 2007.

BLAIR STURROCK

Sturrock junior arrived at the County Ground in November 2006 to join up with Physio Dick Mackey for treatment following an injury which ruled him out of the latter stages of the 2005-6 campaign, when he was at Rochdale. The striker joined Dundee United as a trainee before spending time at Brechin on loan. Sturrock then had a three-year spell on the south coast with Plymouth Argyle making most of his appearances as a substitute. In 2004, Sturrock moved to Kidderminster, then onto Rochdale 9 months later where he hit six goals in fifteen starts. The Scottish striker netted three goals in seven starts during the promotion run in and signed a new two-year deal in July 2007.

ANDY CATON

A versatile player, 'Cates' joined Swindon Town as a first year scholar in June 2004 after spending some time with GLS Hellenic Premier Division side North Leigh where he was a prolific scorer. The son of the late Manchester City player Tommy, he came off the bench on the opening day of the 2003-4 season against Wrexham and scored to mark a fairytale start to his Swindon Town career. Since then he has continued his progression with the Under 18's side and reserves, as well as a number of first team appearances both as a left-winger and striker. Currently recovering from an ankle operation, he has been awarded a short-term contract until Christmas to prove his fitness.

CRAIG EASTON

Craig Easton arrived at the County Ground in June 2007 and adds further experience to the central midfield area. The former Scotland Under 21 International arrives at The County Ground with over 300 league appearances under his belt. Easton, 28, started his career at Dundee United where he came up through the ranks to make 162 league starts before departing in the summer of 2004. He then spent a year at Livingston before joining Leyton Orient in July 2005. In all he made 65 league starts in two seasons for Martin Ling's O's.





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THE MATCH

TODAY'S EVENTS AT SIXFIELDS....

12.noon - Family activities begin outside stadium. Planned activities include bouncy castle, face painting and sale of balloons ahead of release for MND Association.

12.45pm - See the Premiership clash between Sunderland and Tottenham live on NTFCTV in the Carlsberg Cafe.

1.30pm - Sixfields Stadium's turnstiles open. The Sunderland v Tottenham game is now viewable on the West Stand Concourse.

2.20pm - The players emerge from the tunnel for the pre-match warm up. Radio Cobblers begin pre-match build up.

2.55pm - The teams enter the field of play

3.00pm - Northampton Town v Swindon Town kicks off

3.45pm - Half time

3.46pm - The half time 50:50 draw, plus the MND Association balloon release

Followed by;
The Cross Bar challenge
Three 50:50 numbers will be drawn out - in addition to the regular prizes - and the holders of these tickets will be invited onto the pitch. The challenge then is for those supporters to shoot a ball from the edge of

the penalty area. Each supporter will have 3 attempts to hit the cross bar to try and win a signed Cobblers shirt. This competition will be run at all home games in the 2007/2008 season, but is subject to weather and pitch conditions. 50:50 tickets are on sale at all home games in the 2007/2008 season. Participation is at individual's risk.

Take in the half time scores from around the country, either viewed on NTFCTV on the West Stand concourse or on Radio Cobblers.

4.00pm
The second half kicks off

4.45pm
Full time. Ticket office open for 30 minutes

5.00pm
Enjoy a full time score round up on NTFCTV in the Carlsberg Cafe

5.20pm
See live coverage of the Championship clash between Wolves and Watford on NTFCTV.

WHEN YOU GET HOME - Log on to www.nffc.co.uk for the match report, the reaction of Stuart Gray plus listen to audio from the post match Press Conference on Cobblers World.

TEAM NEWS

The Cobblers main injury concerns throughout pre-season have been Chris Doig, Giles Coke and Brett Johnson. Johnson had a grain problem, while Coke has been working his way back to fitness after a knee injury last season. Doig missed the first half of pre-season but is now making good progress.

Joe Burnell has come through pre-season unscathed, having been out of action since the start of February, while should they be selected, Colin Larkin, Poul Hubertz, Danny Jones, Danny Jackman and Ian Henderson could all make their Northampton Town debuts today.

THE REFEREE

Born in May 1960, this afternoon's referee Mr Clive Penton from Sussex is one of the most experienced and respected on the National List. He started refereeing in 1986 in Brighton and progressed through the Isthmian League to become a Football League assistant referee in 1997. He was promoted to the Premier League list in 2000 and became a National List referee in 2001. Clive was an assistant referee in an FA cup semi-final game in 2000 and has also refereed the Isthmian League trophy final and the Sussex senior cup final. His last time with the Cobblers was a year ago when he took charge of our 1-0 win against Gillingham at the Priestfield Stadium, with Andy Kirk hitting the winner in the 23rd minute. The previous season he handled two of our games, both away from home. In November 2005 we lost 3-2 at Colchester in a Football League Trophy Southern Section match, Andy Kirk and Pedj Bojic netting the Cobblers goals that night. Two months earlier came the 1-1 Friday Night draw with Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park. David Hunt opened the scoring after 30 minutes before the home side levelled on the hour mark. His last visit to Sixfields came in August 2003 for the 1-0 win over Doncaster Rovers, with Lawrie Dudfield netting the winner in the 76th minute. The last Swindon match he handled was on New Year's Day when the Robins won 1-0 against Milton Keynes at the National Hockey Stadium thanks to a Lee Peacock goal. On Tuesday night he makes the long trip along the South coast from Sussex to handle the Carling Cup tie between Plymouth Argyle and Wycombe Wanderers.

COMING SOON

The Yeovil Town game on August 25 is **BANK HOLIDAY MADNESS**, and weather permitting the children's activities will be back!



COBBLERS:

Chris DUNN
 Jason CROWE
 Danny JACKMAN,
 Mark HUGHES
 Liam DOLMAN
 Sam AISTON
 Ryan GILLIGAN
 Bradley JOHNSON
 Andy HOLT,
 Andy KIRK
 Ian HENDERSON.

SUBSTITUTES:

Colin LARKIN
 James QUINN
 Joe BURNELL
 Danny MAY
 Joe HOWE
 Alex DYER
 Freddie AVILL
 Mark HAINES
 Nick THOROGOOD
 Sam MAUDE
 Shaun GOODALL.

BOOKED:

Kettering: none
 Cobblers: none

SENT OFF:

Kettering: none
 Cobblers: none

KETTERING MATCH STATS

(first half in brackets, match total out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (1) 3
 SHOTS OFF TARGET: (2) 5
 CORNERS: (0) 3
 FOULS: (6) 8
 CAUGHT OFFSIDE: (3) 4

COBBLERS MATCH STATS

(first half in brackets, match total out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (2) 4
 SHOTS OFF TARGET: (9) 14
 CORNERS: (4) 6
 FOULS: (8) 14
 CAUGHT OFFSIDE: (5) 8

ACTION REPLAY

KETTERING TOWN 0

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1

(Holt)

Date: 18th July 2007 | Venue: A-Line Arena | Pre-season friendly



Northampton Town continued their pre-season build up with a trip to Kettering Town. Mark Bunn was absent on compassionate leave, and he was replaced by Chris Dunn. Jason Crowe made his first start of the pre-season campaign, while Ian Henderson and Danny Jackman made their first starts for the club on UK soil.

The game kicked-off on a pleasantly sunny evening, with a healthy following of Cobblers supporters making the short journey to the A-Line Arena. In the early exchanges, Andy Kirk nearly opened the scoring in just the 2nd minute, finding space at the far post from a long Andy Holt throw, but his snap shot with his left foot from 12 yards flew over the bar. Just moments

later Kirk did have the ball in the back of the net, but unfortunately was adjudged to have strayed offside.

The hosts created a good chance of their own on 7 minutes after neat play down the left, and although Craig Westcarr connected well with his effort from the edge of the area, Mark Hughes threw himself in the way to make an excellent block. On 11 minutes Henderson was pulled back just outside the area and from the resulting free kick the defensive wall did it's job to deflect Bradley Johnson's attempt over the bar for a corner.

On 20 minutes, neat play from Andy Kirk and Sam Aiston released Ian Henderson, but his chip from the edge



of the area drifted over the bar. Andy Kirk went close again just 5 minutes later, running onto a well weighted through ball from Sam Aiston, but although his first time effort had the goalkeeper beaten, it went wide of the post.

Andy Holt out jumped everyone on the half hour mark from a Danny Jackman corner, but his looping header locked a little bit of direction and went over the crossbar. Holt nearly gave the Cobblers the lead moments later in unusual circumstances, Liam Dolman hooked a ball over his head back into the box after a corner had been half cleared, Holt beat the goalkeeper in the air, but his header bounced higher than usual, and clipped the crossbar on the way over.

On the stroke of half-time, Andy Kirk travelled from the half way line, and in using Sam Aiston as a decoy, created space and drove in a low shot from 25 yards, but Cameron Belford in the Kettering goal pushed the ball round the post to ensure the score remained 0-0 at the break.

Neither side made any changes at the interval, but it took a few minutes for the match to find the flow of the first

half. Ian Henderson thought he had given the Cobblers the lead on 51 minutes flicking the ball over the advancing goalkeeper having got on the end of a delicate Sam Aiston header into his path, but was foiled by the offside flag.

Moments later Bradley Johnson rattled the crossbar with a fierce free kick from 25 yards, and from the rebound Sam Aiston sent his half chance over the bar.

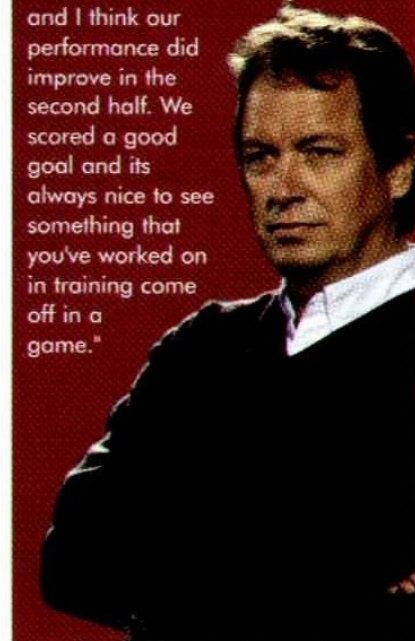
The Cobblers finally did have the lead on 57 minutes, Sam Aiston stood up an inviting cross to the far post which was powerfully met by the head of Andy Holt and sent into the net, giving him his 3rd goal in 3 pre-season matches.

As is almost now customary in pre-season matches, a plethora of substitutions midway through the second half affected the flow of the remainder of the match.

Mark Hughes was required to head off his line in the last minute from Jean-Paul Marna as the Cobblers went on to record a 1-0 win, but more importantly enjoy good preparation as the pre-season programme continued.

STUART GRAY SAID:

"We created some good chances but we perhaps lacked that little bit of belief and conviction at times. The most important touch you get on a football is the last one and in the first half at Kettering our last touch wasn't good enough. I said to the players at half-time that we needed to be a bit more positive and I think our performance did improve in the second half. We scored a good goal and its always nice to see something that you've worked on in training come off in a game."



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It might only seem like five minutes ago that the 2006-07 ground to a halt at Doncaster Rovers but the reality of it is that it was three months ago.

Yes, believe it or not, a quarter of a year has passed since the curtains were drawn on what was a largely satisfactory return to the third tier of English football.

Objective number one was achieved – the club remained in Coca-Cola League One without too many scares, something that is the primary target for just about every club that ever gets promoted.

So what's the mission this year? What will Stuart Gray have handed out as the briefing to the players in the Sixfields dressing room?

Given the strength of the division, the glass half empty section of the support will feel that anything above and beyond what the side did last year will represent a giant achievement.

Certainly when you look at the spending power of teams like Nottingham Forest – who shelled out £1m for two players in the summer – and the ability of clubs like Leeds United to draw talent, it looks like a tough league.

Many don't expect Leeds to do anything this season, but I wouldn't mind betting they somehow manage to extract themselves from the dire straits in

which they currently sail and soon start snapping up out-of-contract talent like it's going out of style.

The lure of playing at one of the true European football citadels will be a massive lure for professionals across the globe.

But what is Leeds' strength may also be their undoing – to coin a cliché so well-worn it is tattered, playing at Elland Road will be every team's cup final. Away from the division's 'big two', teams like Doncaster and Swansea have been throwing the cash about, although at the same time there has been something of a talent drain in league one.

It will certainly be a poorer place for the loss of people like Wes Houlahan and (as much as I hate to admit it) Billy Sharp, but the man whose absence is likely to be felt the most is Lee Trundle. Whenever the number 10 plays, controversy and conversation is never far away, whether it be about his silver boots, his weight, his latest hairstyle or his undoubted talent. Trundle will be sorely missed, and to think it could all have been so different had the Cobblers taken the option to buy him three years ago.

Fred Murray may or may not have signed for Leyton Orient by the time you read this, a transfer that should it go ahead will elicit a mixed response from this dark corner of the Sixfields press box.

Fred has probably been one of the most unfortunate players in the history of the club with his Achilles problems, and I'm sure many of you reading this will have written off the Irishman's chances of ever playing again.

That is not something Fred ever contemplated, and for that he deserves enormous praise. He is a model professional whose commitment to his chosen sport is unquestionable – if anyone deserves to stay in the game, it is Murray.

The only tinge of disappointment to this summer's revelations is that he now looks like resuming his career in a shirt that is not claret and white.

Finally, a quick note to say 'good luck' to all the amateur players across the town who are busy flogging themselves on park pitches in preparation of another season of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning joy.

My own club Real Roochers are already firmly in the swing of things and if ever you're at a loose end on a Sunday morning feel free to come along to pitch seven of the Racecourse to check us out.

To prove that I am a man who can take criticism as freely as I give it out in my match reports and player ratings, I am always happy to discuss my performances post-match, providing it is done in the Fiddlers on Wellingborough Road and over at least two pints.

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Membership Changes

From 1st September 2007 NTFC SL membership prices will increase to £4 for concessions, £7 for ordinary members and £12 for a family membership.

New members and renewals paid for by 31st August will be at last years prices.

From 1st September 2007 all memberships will be automatically placed into a prize draw, prizes and frequency of draws will be announced at the AGM.



Next Car Boot Sale - Sunday 26 August

The next car boot sale will be on Sunday 26th August, followed by Sunday 30th September and Sunday 28th October. The October event will be the last boot sale this year. We expect to continue in 2008, starting on the last Sunday in March.

The July boot sale wasn't subject to rain and raised funds for NTFC Supporters Limited / NTFC. Sellers interested in attending the next event should make their way to the entrance to Sixfields on the new Link Road and buyers should park in the West Stand Car Park (opposite KFC). Sellers are asked not to arrive before 8:30am and will be charged £5.00 for cars and £8.00 for vans, MPV's and cars with trailers. Strictly no Traders. Buyers to arrive from 10.00am

Parking for buyers is by voluntary donation and the money is normally used to support the club's Football in the Community scheme.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is our intention to hold the AGM on Thursday 8th November 2007 and it is expected that we will also have an open forum on this evening. Paperwork will be forwarded to members shortly.

OTHER NEWS

The kiosk at the bottom of the steps is moving to outside of the Carlsberg bar and will be attended by NTFC Supporters Ltd board members and helpers at every home game. If you have any queries or wish to pass on comments or suggestions to the Club, please come and speak to us. We'll usually be there an hour before kick off.

QUIZ EVENING - MONDAY 8 OCTOBER

We are hosting a quiz evening, with fish and chip supper - tickets £6 each available from Cheryl Byrne - tel. 01604 471779. Teams of 4-6 people required. Places are limited and sales will be on a first come first served basis.



CLIFF HOLTON

Club Historian Frank Grande profiles some of the most popular players ever to wear the claret and white. This list has been chosen by Cobblers supporters.

Northampton Town had just been promoted to Division Three but just could not score goals.

Cliff Holton, a prolific scorer at Watford, was in dispute with his club because of his limited training sessions due to business commitments.

The Cobblers manager Dave Bowen and Holton were old team-mates at Arsenal so a transfer of Holton to Northampton Town seemed an obvious solution.

Not to the Watford fans or press though! Cliff had attained hero status by scoring 42 goals for them during the 1959-60 season. Once the press heard rumours of a move they camped outside the club and his business premises.

He escaped through a window and met up with Dave Bowen, agreeing terms. That evening the Cobblers coach picked their new player up as they made their way to Crystal Palace and he repaid them with a hat-trick. He became the first Cobbler to score three goals on his debut since Ted Bowen in 1928.

He also set another record at the time by being the top scorer for two different league clubs (Northampton and Watford), a record he shares with Wally Ardon (Nottingham Forest and Rotherham) and Jimmy Greaves (Chelsea and Tottenham).

Cliff had one of the most ferocious shots in football and admitted that he was lucky at Northampton to have players like Barry Lines who set so many of his goals up with pin point crosses.

Cliff had started life as a full back with Oxford City. Arsenal signed him and converted him to the position of striker. It was four years before he won a first team place but from then he never looked back.

He won a League Championship, an F.A. Cup runners up medal and represented London in the Inter Cities Fairs Cup match v Barcelona.

In all he made 216 appearances for Arsenal, netting 88 goals in all competitions. He also made 418 appearances for the reserve side netting 229 goals, all in an eleven year period.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN CAREER

NAME: Cliff Holton

BORN: Headington, Oxford,
29th April 1929.

POSITION: Centre forward

JOINED: September 1961

DEBUT: v Crystal Palace (Div.3)
3rd September 1961

FIRST GOAL: v Crystal Palace
(Div 3) 3rd September 1961

LAST GOAL: v Wrexham (Div.3)
24th October 1962

LAST GAME: v Southend (Div 3)
8th December 1962

LEFT: December 1962

HONOURS:

F. A. Cup runners up medal 1952
Division One Championship 1953
Division Three Championship 1963

DIED:

Alemeria, Spain 4th July 1996

His goals assisted Palace to promotion in 1964 but injury caught up with him and as he moved around other London clubs his games became less and less until he retired in 1968.

In later years he became a corporate host at Watford after selling his businesses and liked nothing more than playing golf.

It was while playing his favourite pastime in Spain that he suffered a heart attack and died.



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1951-52	ARSENAL			1	3 28	17 1	
1952-53	ARSENAL			1	1 21	19 4	3
1953-54	ARSENAL			1	12 32	17 2	1
1954-55	ARSENAL			1	9 8	1	
1955-56	ARSENAL			1	5 31	8 3	
1956-57	ARSENAL			1	5 39	10 6	1
1957-58	ARSENAL			1	12 26	4 1	
1958-59	ARSENAL			1	3 3	3	
	WATFORD	Nov 1958		4	15 30	9 3	
1959-60	WATFORD			4	4 54	42 7	3
1960-61	WATFORD			3	4 42	32 5	1 1
1961-62	WATFORD			3	18 3	1	
	NORTHAMPTON	Sep 1961		3	8 41	36 3	3
1962-63	NORTHAMPTON			3	1 21	14 3	1
	CRYSTAL PAL.	Dec 1962		3	11 26	12	
1963-64	CRYSTAL PAL.			3	2 43	20 2	3 1
1964-65	CRYSTAL PAL.			2	7 35	11 4	5 4
1965-66	CRYSTAL PAL.			2	11		
	WATFORD	May 1965		3	12 24	12 2	1
	CHARLTON	Feb 1966		2	16 18	7	
1966-67	LEYTON ORIENT	Jul 1966		3	14 44	17 3	1
1967-68	LEYTON ORIENT			3	18	1	1
	TOTAL				570 296	47 20	12 4



MOVING FORWARD TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Executive Director Tony Clarke writes;

In December of last year in the Millwall programme, I outlined our goals for the second half of the 2006/07 season. I am glad to say that we achieved all that we set out to achieve. Most importantly of course was to protect our League One status and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work of Stuart Gray, Sammo and Jim Barron and of course the squad for turning our season around and giving us something to cheer about and to look forward to for the coming season.

But I also outlined in those programme notes the need for the club to continue to make progress off the field and to continue to close the gap between our income and expenditure as a business. Unseen by matchday visitors, our staff have undergone a tremendous amount of change over the last few months. We have had to say goodbye to some staff who have given years of loyal service to the club. For some of our staff their roles have changed, I myself have reduce my input from 5 days to 3 days per week. The changes were tough but necessary and I hope you can appreciate why they were made and work with and support our staff as they adapt to their new roles. We have also had to look very carefully at our pricing structure and at how we can raise additional income. I appreciate that no one likes to pay more for anything, but I firmly believe that everything we have done is in the best interests of the club. And it is now paying dividends.

Over the last 3 years we have reduced our annual losses season by season and we are now just under £1.5m a year better off than we were then. We still, as a company, lose money, but we continue to move in the right direction. We are now much more in control of our own destiny and we are now able to plan ahead to the day we can move the club even further forward. But as we have often said, we cannot make

the next big leap forward without addressing the need to both expand Sixfields and to improve the facilities that we have to offer to football fans and the wider community.

For this reason the Chairman and myself have been busy working with the new administration on Northampton Borough Council to find a way forward. As a councillor I accept that I have an interest in that progress both as an employee of the club and as an elected representative in the town. We can and we will find a way forward. We have entered into negotiations in the spirit of trying to accept the difficulties on all sides and by recognising that the club has its part to play in finding solutions to the planning problems that have beset the project to date. I hope very much that by the time I write my new year column in the programme that I will be reporting some real progress on our development ambitions. I believe that now, as the Football Club and as a business, that we have a team on the pitch and off that is fit for purpose and able to succeed at this level.

But who wants to stay at this level? Everything we do, every decision we



make, every effort made is to drive us forward even higher. We can in time, make Northampton Town Football Club a fit for purpose Championship club. As we move forward during this season I hope you will see the fruits of our labour begin to pay dividends, and I also hope that your time spent at Sixfields is full of drama, excitement, goals and that you keep coming back for more.

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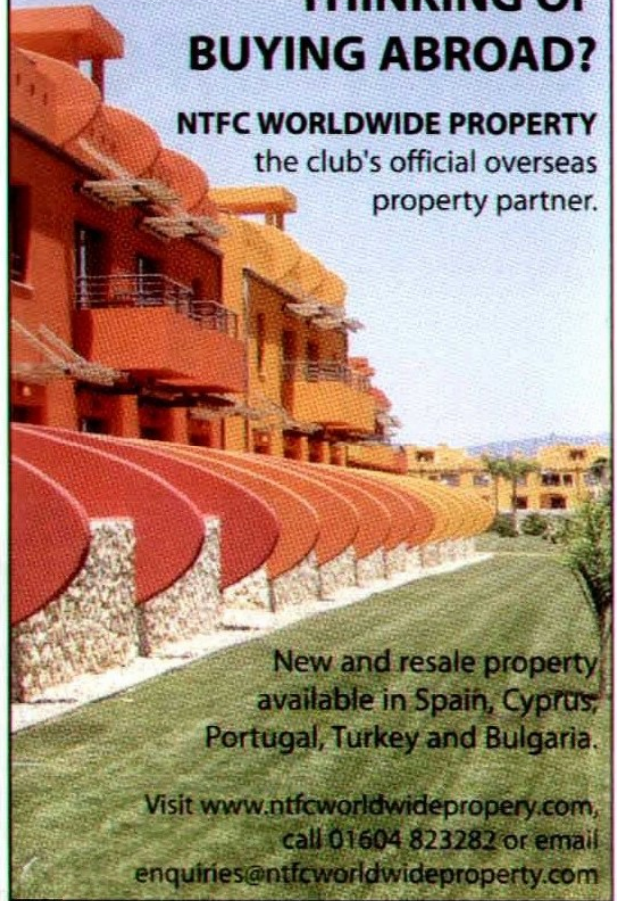
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THE GEOFF DOYLE COLUMN

GEOFF DOYLE is the Sports Editor of BBC NORTHAMPTON

Here we go then folks. Back for more. And this season League One looks even more appealing. So for a start I'll run through the teams and pick out some of my fancies.

We'll start with the favourites. Nottingham Forest are obvious choices but once again will be the team everyone wants to beat. Neil Lennon, Matt Lockwood and Kelvin Wilson will give them added bite but the pressure once more will be on Colin Calderwood who must be able to handle it. I think he will. They are top six certainties for me and I think after Play Off disappointment last time they will go up automatically.

Not as champions though, because I really like the look of Doncaster. Striker James Hayter has arrived from Bournemouth and will team up with the talented Paul Heffernan in attack which makes them strong. They have probably made the signing of the summer in League One by taking midfielder Richie Wellens from Oldham. Experienced goalkeeper Neil Sullivan has also been added to a strong looking squad which includes players of the calibre of Brian Stock and James Coppinger.

Luton will be there or thereabouts. The Hatters have signed Championship players in the form of Darren Currie, Paul Furlong, Paul Peschisolido, Don Hutchison and Chris Perry. Kevin Blackwell has a good reputation but they may lack cover in defence with Leon Barnett gone. Top six though.

Oldham did well last season and have also added experience. If strikers such as Craig Davies (a Cobblers target under John Gorman last season) and Michael Ricketts fire then they will be hard to handle. Chris Taylor is a winger who will get better and better and defender John Thompson from Forest is a decent signing.

Millwall are considered good bets after their end to the season but aren't my choice.

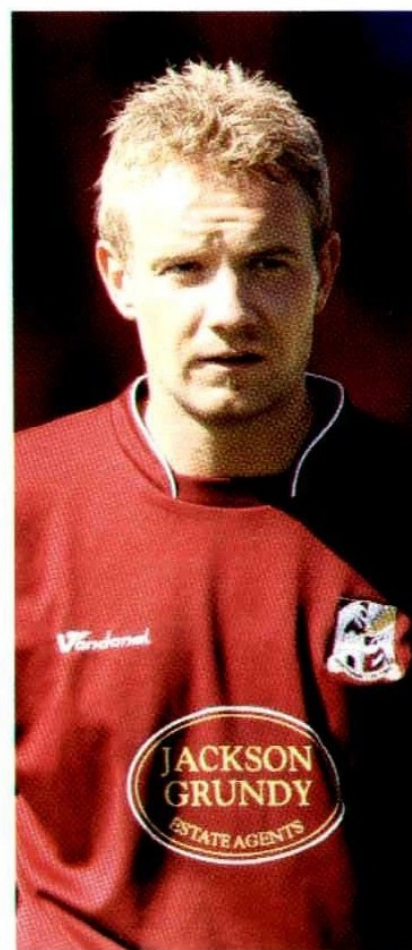
Swansea are another who appeal to many but they are less appealing without Lee Trundle and I'm not convinced with their manager Roberto Martinez. Southend will also miss their talisman Freddy Eastwood but I can still see them doing well and they have signed one of my favourite lower league wingers, Nicky Bailey.

A real outside bet for me is Leyton Orient. They have signed some interesting types including Brentford's Stuart Nelson, Yeovil's Paul Terry, Doncaster's Sean Thornton and Luton's Adam Boyd. They'll miss Alexander's goals and Lockwood but Martin Ling has made some shrewd signings.

Carlisle could struggle without the goals from Karl Hawley but they seem a fairly stable club and seem a midtable side. As do Crewe who will struggle without Luke Varney, last season's best striker in League One. They will now rely on Nicky Maynard to score them goals. Gillingham and Yeovil seem to have had the most player upheaval and are hard to call.

Of the others it will be nice to see striker Rickie Lambert again (one of my favourite strikers at this level) with Bristol Rovers. Other notable summer signings include Jo Kuffour at Bournemouth and Nicky Forster to Brighton.

I see Cheltenham, Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers, Walsall and Port Vale struggling this season. And Leeds's 15 point deduction will hit them hard. Before the



deduction, pundits felt they had a chance of winning the title. I wasn't so sure about that. They have lost most of their best players and starting on minus 15 I think they will really struggle to get away from the danger zone.

So what about Northampton Town? I reckon we can hope for a midtable finish with a hope of getting involved in the Play-Offs. Poul Hubertz (pictured) is an interesting acquisition and the loan signing of Daniel Jones helps. On paper, the Cobblers have a strong looking side but you wouldn't want them picking up too many injuries through the term.

Once again BBC Radio Northampton will bring you commentary of every away game and most home matches. Join us after today's match to discuss the action. Text me on 07786 200 0 10 with your thoughts and hear everybody else's views. Plus find out what the manager and players made of the action. On Tuesday we'll have commentary on the Carling Cup tie against Millwall and next weekend we'll be down in Brighton. Join us at 2pm for all the pre-match build up.



JACKSON GRUNDY THE JAGGER & WOODY COLUMN

Alright Cockers! We're Jagger and Woody from Northants 96.

You may have seen it this week on the club website, but Northants 96 is now the official radio station for the Cobblers. Over the coming season, we'll be giving you chance to win loads of free stuff from the club, you'll be able to read our thoughts on the season every home game in the official match programme and we'll now have additional coverage of the team on air, seven days a week. In addition to all that, we'll be making regular appearances on the pitch as the stadium hosts for all home games.

We're really proud that the radio station and the club are going to be working closer together to benefit the fans. We were with the team on Monday, when we came along for the official team photo. It was a great day and everyone seems really up for the new season. We're hoping the sun continues to shine on Sixfields.

On Monday afternoon the Thunders took Sam Aiston and Joe Burnell over to Riverside to give out ticket vouchers to today's game. That was a great success, and we know lots of fans enjoyed meeting the lads. If you are here today as part of that promotion, then welcome.

Each Monday, ahead of other weekend home games, some of the players will be out and about with the Thunders team, getting out and about in Northamptonshire.

Stuart Gray popped in to the show on Thursday morning. We always have a great time with Stuart and love having him on the air. It's great to see a manager building for the future with a young and talented squad. Stuart, and some of the squad, are going to be regulars on Northants 96, so listen out to hear what they have to say.



Good luck against Swindon today and have a listen to us on Monday morning from 6am on Northants 96!

You can hear Jagger & Woody on Northants 96 each weekday from 6am to 10am.

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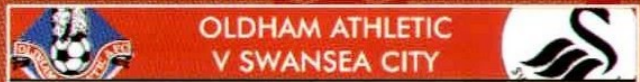


We preview this weekend's fixtures in League One.



CHELTEMHAM TOWN V GILLINGHAM

These two sides met for the first time in the league last season with the Gills taking four points from the two games. The Robins did well to avoid the drop last season but John Ward's side are once again the strong 5/4 favourites with Cobblers Bet to be relegated this time around.



OLDHAM ATHLETIC V SWANSEA CITY

With the highly-rated Chris Porter having joined Motherwell on a free transfer, the Latics have courted controversy this summer with the signing of former West Brom and Coventry striker Lee Hughes. Roberto Martinez will meanwhile be targeting a top six finish this season with new signing Darryl Duffy hoping to be among the goals.



CREWE ALEXANDRA V BRIGHTON

With the departure of Luke Varney to Charlton in the summer coupled with the fact that Dario Gradi is set to take more of a back-seat role this could be somewhat of a transitional season for the Alex. Brighton will be looking to new striker Nicky Forster and defender Andrew Whing to have an impact.



PORT VALE V BRISTOL ROVERS

A mid-table finish could once again beckon for Vale this season while following on from their play-off final success against Shrewsbury in May, Rovers would probably settle for a similar position. Perhaps Paul Trollope's best bit of business over the summer was getting former Cobblers loanee Richard Walker to pen a new deal at the Memorial Stadium.



DONCASTER ROVERS V MILLWALL

Both of these sides have been busy in the transfer market over the summer and with 10 new signings between them they have been priced up at 7/2 and 4/1 respectively to be promoted. James Hayter could be the key man for Rovers having made the move from Bournemouth while Darren Byfield and Neil Harris should again provide a stern test for any defence.



SOUTHEND UNITED V LEYTON ORIENT

Freddy Eastwood has gone to Wolves but the Shrimpers will still be aiming to make a return to the Championship at the first attempt. Martin Ling has made seven signings so far this summer with Wayne Gray, Stuart Nelson, Paul Terry, Tamika Mkandawire, JJ Melligan, Stephen Purches and Sean Thornton all joining the O's.



HUDDERSFIELD TOWN V YEOVIL TOWN

Former Barnsley and Oldham boss Andy Ritchie begins his first full-season in charge of the Terriers with a home game against last seasons losing play-off finalists. Aron Davies will be a big loss for the Glovers but the addition of former QPR midfielder Marc Bircham could prove to be a shrewd bit of business by Russell Slade.



TRANMERE ROVERS V LEEDS UNITED

Former Champions League semi-finalists Leeds take on Tranmere on the opening day of the season with Ronnie Moore's side looking to improve on their mid-table finish from last term. With Leeds having only just been given the green light to sign players, Dennis Wise has not really been able to strengthen as much as he would have wished, and they start the season with a 15 point deduction.



LUTON TOWN V HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Kevin Blackwell has added some real experience to his squad over the summer with the signings of defender Chris Perry and striker Paul Peschisolido. While the Hatters will be looking to make a swift return to the Championship, Danny Wilson will be looking to consolidate in League One following on the back of last seasons promotion.



WALSALL V CARLISLE UNITED

Saddlers boss Richard Money has gone for experience over the summer with Tommy Mooney, Paul Hall and Danny Sonner all moving to the Bescot Stadium while although Carlisle have signed Danny Graham from Middlesbrough they have lost Karl Hawley to Preston North End.



NOTTINGHAM FOREST V BOURNEMOUTH

Following on from the high profile signing of former Celtic midfielder Neil Lennon, Forest have been priced up as the 7/2 favourites to win the league. The Cherries on the other hand are rated 7/4 to be relegated by the bookies.

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FANS AROUND THE WORLD

We are looking for pictures of supporters wearing the club's shirts on their travels. Simply send us your pictures of you wearing your replica shirts to gareth.willsher@ntfc.tv and we will publish those on the official web site, in the match programme and where the wearer is a younger supporter, in Cobblers Jr. Please also include some brief details to go with the picture and we will help bring the images to a wider audience!

CHINA COBBLERS!

Pictured celebrating last season's League One survival is Adrian Liley, a Cobblers fan living in the city of Suzhou (just 45 minutes inland from Shanghai in China). He has lived there for the past 4 years, runs his own company and always listens in on Cobblers World every Saturday night at 11.00pm for the big game (That part of China is generally 8 hours ahead of the UK). He says it's difficult when there are games kicking off at 7.45pm UK time!

He does get back to the UK twice a year and always plans his two week trips to coincide with as many Cobblers games as possible, home and away.

Adrian used to watch all games home and away when he lived with his parents in Wellingborough while growing up in Northamptonshire. They still live locally and are avid Cobblers fans.

He always wears his Cobblers shirt around Suzhou on match days..... which is confusing here since claret is the colour of the local ping-pong side.

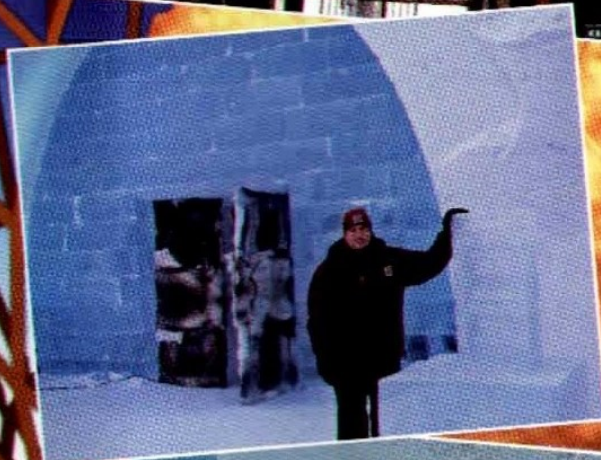
Adrian hopes to be at Sixfields today before heading back to China!

A CHILLY COBBLER!

This is Cobblers fan Paul Wallage at the Ice Hotel in Kiruna, Sweden. It was -20 degrees C!!

ON THE FERRY!

Cobblers fans Yvonne and Julie Weatherley are pictured on the ferry from Oban, Scotland to the Isle of Mull.



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QUESTION TIME

ANDY HOLT

This is the feature where any supporter of any age you get the chance to ask any question you wish to any Cobblers player. We will feature a different player each issue, and all we need from you is your name and town/area and your question.

We begin the series in this issue with some of our questions for Andy Holt.

When sending in your question please bear in mind that fans of all ages read the programme and refrain from using foul, abusive or unsuitable language or asking an unsuitable question.

While we may not be able to get every question answered, we will do what we can.

Please send any question you may have in to elliott.stonhill@ntfc.tv. The deadline for questions is 10 days before the day of each programme.

Gemma, aged 9 from Standens Barn in Northampton asks, ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW SEASON?

Yes very much so. Its been a long time since we've had a game now and I think all the lads are really excited and just can't wait for the first game.

Simon, aged 11 from Kingsthorpe asks, HOW WAS PRE-SEASON?

I think pre-season went well. The Gaffer gave us a fitness programme to stick to over the summer and I think that really helped. Having that fitness programme meant that we weren't starting from scratch when we came back in for pre-season and that was a real benefit.

Ian, aged 7 from Daventry asks, HOW WAS IBIZA?

When you say to people you're going to Ibiza they think it is going to be really easy and a bit of a holiday but we worked really hard over there. We trained two or three times every day

out there and we worked really hard on our fitness and we also did a lot of specific work with the ball and on formations. The days were long but the games gave us a chance to get some time out on the pitch which was good.

Paula, aged 12 from Bugbrooke asks, HOW DO YOU THINK THIS SEASON IS GOING TO PAN OUT?

I think we have got a really good set of lads here already and we showed at the end of last season what we can do. I think we can take a lot from how we ended last season where as if you finish the season badly you just start the new season afresh.

Stephen, aged 14 from Kettering asks, HOW ARE YOU FINDING YOUR NEW ROLE IN THE TEAM?

I am thoroughly enjoying it. I played as a wing-back last season where as this season I am operating on the left hand side of midfield. That gives me the opportunity to get forward a lot more and hopefully I will be able to capitalise on that by getting some goals. Playing there I know I am going to get chances its just a case of making sure that I take them when they come along. Having Danny Jackman playing behind me will really help as well because I know that I can really rely on him, he is a great left-back. I think we will work well together down the left and that can only help the team. In addition, Danny Jones has now arrived from Wolves and that will increase competition down the left hand side which can only be a good thing from the Gaffer's point of view.

Peter, aged 8 from Hunsbury asks, WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BE CHALLENGING AT THE TOP?

I think the league is a lot stronger than it was last year and I think there will be a lot of teams up there challenging. The three teams that have come down, Leeds, Southend and Luton will all be strong and then you have got the likes of Nottingham Forest, Doncaster, Oldham, Swansea and even Yeovil as well. I think it will be very tight again in the middle of the table where a win can maybe take you up seven or eight places.

James, aged 15 from Blackthorn asks, DO ANY GAMES STAND OUT FOR YOU?

Leeds, I have never played at Elland Road so I am looking forward to going there and obviously the Forest games stand out as well because of the Colin Calderwood connection.

Sam, aged 10 from Weedon asks, WHAT MUSIC ARE YOU INTO AT THE MOMENT?

I'm not really into anyone specifically, my music taste is quite eclectic really, I'll just listen to whatever is on.

Paul, aged 8 from Weston Favell asks, WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME AT THE MOMENT?

I'd have to say 24. Before I came to Northampton I'd never seen it but one of the lads lent me the DVD box sets and now I'm hooked. Apparently Prison Break is the next thing I should get into!



"The three teams that have come down, Leeds, Southend and Luton will all be strong and then you have got the likes of Nottingham Forest, Doncaster, Oldham, Swansea and even Yeovil as well."



Jason
Crowe

REACHING OUT...

A round up of some of the work the club is undertaking to maximise attendances at Sixfields..

FREE CHILDREN'S TICKETS AND COVERAGE IN THE MATCH PROGRAMME!

Northampton Town are looking for junior teams in and around Northamptonshire to take part in a new feature in the match programme and Cobblers Jr this season.

The club want to feature a different under 16 children's team each week in the new look Cobblers Jr and the matchday programme. The feature will include your team photo, squad list, information about your club and more.

On the day you are featured in the programme your team will receive 15 free child tickets and 3 free adult tickets to the game.

Relatives and supporters are welcome to buy extra tickets for the game. Northampton Town will make sure you are seated with the other members of the group.

To nominate your team for this new feature, please email gareth.willsher@ntfc.tv

COBBLERS WORK WITH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS

Northampton Town Football Club has joined forces with local youth charity Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC) to promote the work of youth clubs across the county.

As an incentive for clubs to take advantage of the support and advice available from the association, each newly affiliated club for the 2007-08 year will receive free tickets for members to a Cobblers home game.

Promotions officer Adam Pope explains how this came about, "The Chronicle and Echo recently included an article about our newly launched programme for the coming year and we received an email from the Cobblers the next day expressing their support for the work we undertake with the county's youth and offering to help in any way they could.

"What organisation would not want to work with the area's leading professional football club? Especially a club with such a good record of supporting





community projects as Northampton Town. We hope that many clubs will take advantage of this offer to discover the tremendous benefits of belonging to NAYC both through the training we provide, help with setting up clubs day to day administration and the events provided throughout the year. We also hope that they will become faithful Cobblers supporters!"

MORE YOUNG FANS THAN EVER BEFORE!

The number of junior season ticket holders at Sixfields each season is growing, and a record number of more than 500 under 16s have secured their season ticket for this season.

Season tickets are FREE for under 7s, £60 for under 10s and from £100 for under 16s.

With the club's community work reaching 50,000 local children each year, an estimated 60,000 young people reading Cobblers Jr each week in the Northampton Chronicle & Echo, and with the club increasing the number of school and community visits undertaken by players, an awful lot is being done to attract the supporters of tomorrow.

Membership of the Clarence Club is also reaching record levels, with more than 500 young fans now signed up.

So, with a young looking squad beginning to take shape and increasing numbers of young supporters at Sixfields, the future is hopefully looking bright both on and off the field.

For more details, please call 0870 822 1966.



NATIONALLY RECOGNISED

This week the club were delighted to be named as one of the Football League's Fans of the Future clubs, recognising excellence in work to attract young supporters, not only in the past, but on going. More details in a future issue of the matchday programme

COBBLERS JOIN FORCES WITH LOCAL CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Northampton Town have teamed up with indooradventure.co.uk, a children's play area in Northampton, to offer free tickets to Sixfields for all children who have their birthday party or are invited to a birthday party at either Hullabaloo or Laser Zone.

Between them, Hullabaloo and Laser Zone entertain around 30,000 under 16s at parties every year, and included in every party bag for every child will be a voucher for one free under 16 ticket to a non-gold home league game of the child's choice.

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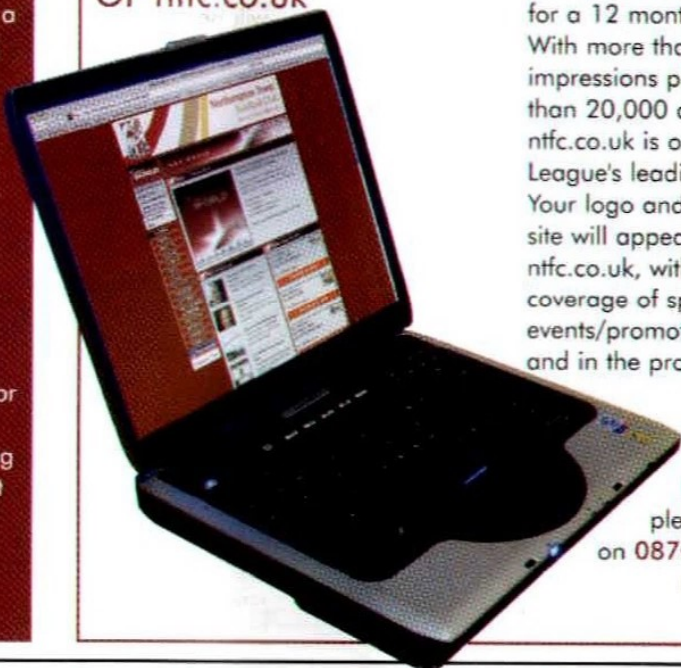
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"This partnership goes way beyond a sponsorship deal, and both



companies will work together to help promote each other," said Chairman David Cardoza.

"As an example and through the deal, Jackson Grundy will acquire children's playing shirts to distribute to families with children who are moving into Northamptonshire. It will be a case of saying welcome to Northamptonshire, and welcome to Northampton Town Football Club.

"We would like to say a very big thank you to Nationwide. They have been big supporters of the club for 9 years and we thank them for that, but now we look forward to working with Jackson Grundy."

HALF TIME ENTERTAINMENT

Make sure you get your 50:50 tickets this season, as they could provide you with your chance to show off your skills to the Sixfields crowd!

As part of a new half time competition, three 50:50 numbers will be drawn out - in addition to the regular prizes - and the holders of these tickets will be invited onto the pitch.

The challenge then is for those supporters to shoot a ball from the edge of the penalty area. Each

supporter will have 3 attempts to hit the corner flag to try and win a signed Cobblers shirt.

This competition will be run at all home games in the 2007/2008 season, but is subject to weather and pitch conditions. 50:50 tickets are on sale at all home games in the 2007/2008 season. Participation will be at the individual's risk and the club will not accept responsibility or liability for any injury, howsoever caused.

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Collect these vouchers, and they could prove valuable for you as the season progresses. They may give you the chance to win a great Cobblers prize, or if you are not a season ticket holder or member, they may help prove your attendance at previous games should tickets be limited for future games.

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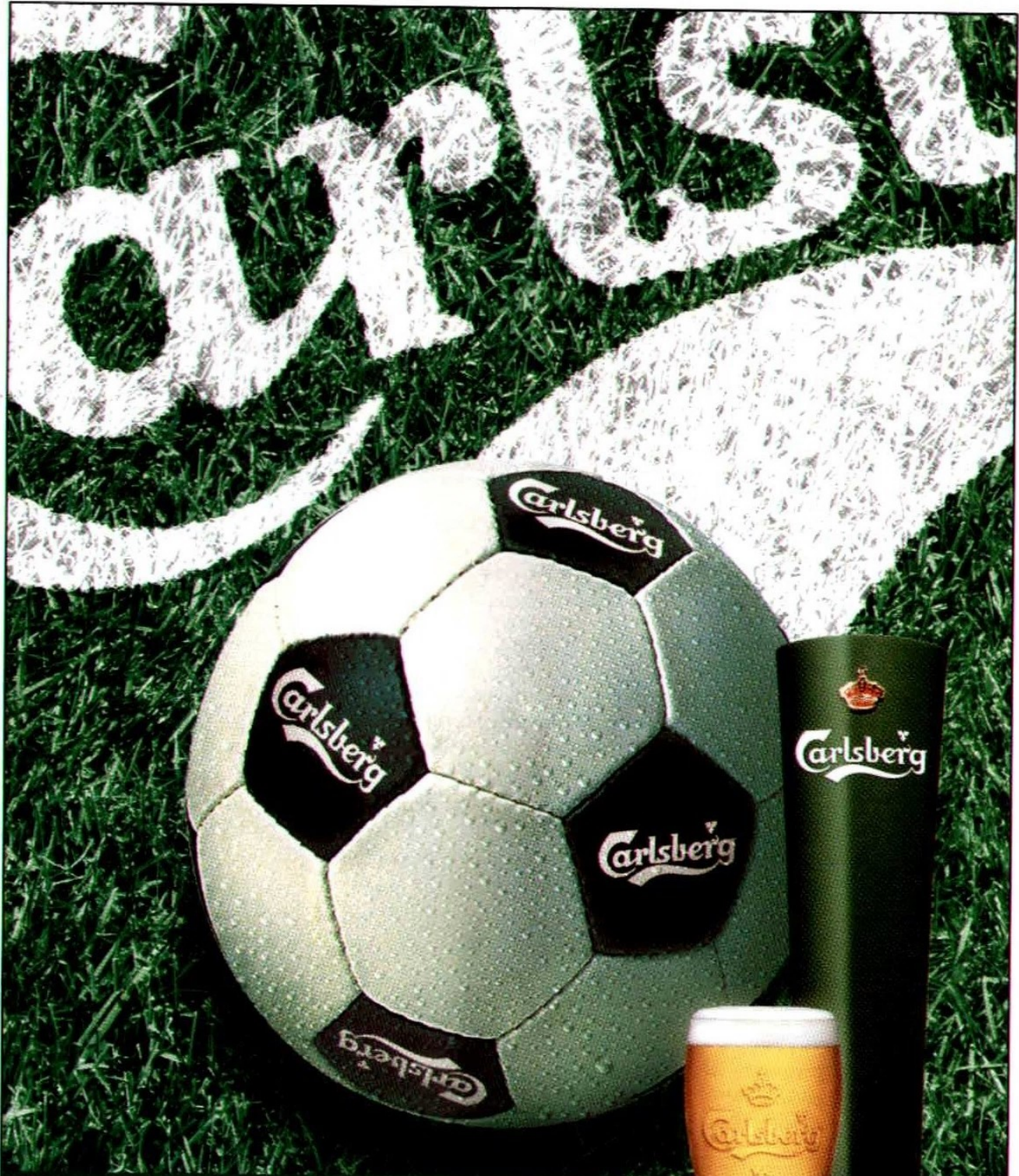
LATEST COBBLERS CASH POT WINNING NUMBERS DRAW 118

1st Prize	97
2nd Prize	103
3rd Prize	1
4th Prize	6

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LOOKING BACK

SWINDON TOWN

(Quinn)

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NORTHAMPTON TOWN

(Massey 3, Jeffrey, Syrett)

5



Date: Sunday 8th May 1983 | Venue: County Ground | Division 4 | Attendance: 1,983

The pre-match build up suggested that this was to be an end of season game played out between two mid tables sides who had nothing to play for.

This could well have been the case but for an incident after just seven minutes that changed the game.

Mark Heeley of the Cobblers and Swindon defender Mike Graham both went up for the same ball. Jim Allan, the Swindon keeper, thought he could get in-between the two players to collect the ball but his error of judgement ended up with him injured in the penalty area as he was crushed between the two men while Steve Massey poked the ball into an empty net to give Northampton an early lead.

Prolonged treatment to Allan ended with him being supported off the field and taken straight to hospital. He was to spend the night there as specialist in the morning diagnosed bruised ribs.

Striker Andy Rowlands went in goal and Jimmy Quinn came as substitute to take his skipper's position up front.

Rowlands was unlucky when he tried to save a 25 yard shot from Dave Syrett. He tried to catch the ball in his arms but it bounced off his chest and into the path of Northampton midfielder Peter Denyer who set Massey up for his second goal.

Before half time Jimmy Quinn gave the Robins hope as he brought the score back to 2-1, but during a seven minute second half spell the Cobblers put the game out of reach.

Syrett started the goal glut when he headed a Paul Saunders corner into the net after 68 minutes.

Two minutes later Billy Jeffrey wrong footed Leigh Barnard for number four. Five minutes after that defender Paul Batty allowed a Steve Massey shot to go through his legs. He agonisingly watched as the ball hit the post and rolled into the net.

It was Northampton's first win at the County Ground, Swindon against the Robins for 19 years. It was also the first time Northampton had scored five goals away from home since beating Romford 5-1 in the F.A. Cup in November 1960!

THE TEAMS

SWINDON TOWN:

Jim Allan (Jimmy Quinn)
Colin Bailey
Kevin Baddeley
Paul Batty
Charlie Henry
Mike Graham
Howard Pritchard
Leigh Barnard
Paul Rideout
Andy Rowlands
Brian Hughes.



NORTHAMPTON TOWN:

Peter Gleasure
Barry Tucker
Ian Phillips
Paul Saunders
Aidy Burrows
Mark Heeley
Billy Jeffrey
Peter Denyer
Dave Syrett
Steve Massey
Peter Coffill.



Goalscorer Dave Syrett





ACTION REPLAY

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1

(Kirk, pen)

COVENTRY CITY 1

(Best)

Date: 21st July 2007 | Venue: Sixfields | Pre-season friendly

COBBLERS:

Mark BUNN
Jason CROWE
Danny JACKMAN
Bradley JOHNSON
Mark HUGHES
Liam DOLMAN
Ian HENDERSON
Joe BURNELL
Colin LARKIN
Andy KIRK
Andy HOLT

SUBSTITUTES:

Sam AISTON
Chris DUNN
Ryan GILLIGAN
Danny MAY
James QUINN
Alex DYER
Joe HOWE

BOOKED:

Cobblers: none
Coventry: none

SENT OFF:

Cobblers: none
Coventry: Elliott

COBBLERS MATCH STATS

(first half in brackets,
match total out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (4) 8
SHOTS OFF TARGET: (3) 6
CORNERS: (2) 3
FOULS: (9) 15
CAUGHT OFFSIDE: (0) 0

COVENTRY CITY MATCH STATS

(first half in brackets, match total
out of brackets)

SHOTS ON TARGET: (6) 9
SHOTS OFF TARGET: (4) 4
CORNERS: (4) 6
FOULS: (5) 17
CAUGHT OFFSIDE: (3) 6

Northampton Town welcomed Coventry City to Sixfields for their first home pre-season friendly.

Despite heavy rain in the 36 hours before the game, the pitch was in perfect condition. Chris Birchall had the first shot of the afternoon, but his 3rd minute free kick from twenty five yards curled harmlessly over Mark Bunn's cross bar.

2 minutes later Mark Hughes got in a brave block to deny Kevin Kyle from close range. The Scottish striker met the resulting Birchall corner with a powerful header, only for a combination of Mark Bunn and Danny Jackman to block the ball on the line.

Ian Henderson was forced to leave the field with a head wound on 8 minutes having been caught by a high boot from Julian Gray. Sam Aiston was his replacement.

The Cobblers almost had the lead on 10 minutes. Andy Holt won the ball back twenty five yards from goal and found Colin Larkin. He released Andy Kirk with a neat reverse pass but the Cobblers striker was foiled by a fine block by on rushing keeper Demitrios Konstantopoulos.

Mark Hughes headed a Danny Jackman corner just over the bar on 16 minutes, while Konstantopoulos saved a shot from Sam Aiston moments later.

Hughes was in blocking action for the second time on 20 minutes, sending a header from Kevin Kyle behind for a corner. The Sky Blues had the lead from that flag kick, with Leon Best volleying home Chris Birchall's corner.



Julian Gray forced a diving save out of Bunn on 28 minutes, while moments later the Cobblers keeper made another good stop, pushing away Kyle's header from a Birchall cross.

Colin Larkin fired a shot on the turn over the bar nine minutes before the break after patient build up work from Holt and Jackman, while shortly afterwards a fizzing Bradley Johnson free kick from around twenty five yards just grazed the cross bar.

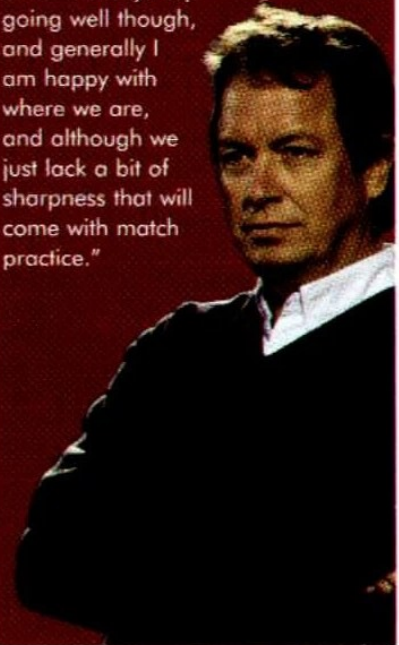
One of a host of substitutes to enter the field came close to a goal on 65 minutes, but Michael Mifsud's shot hit the post and bounced back into play.

Both sides continued to make changes, before a moment of pre-season drama on 71 minutes. Keeper



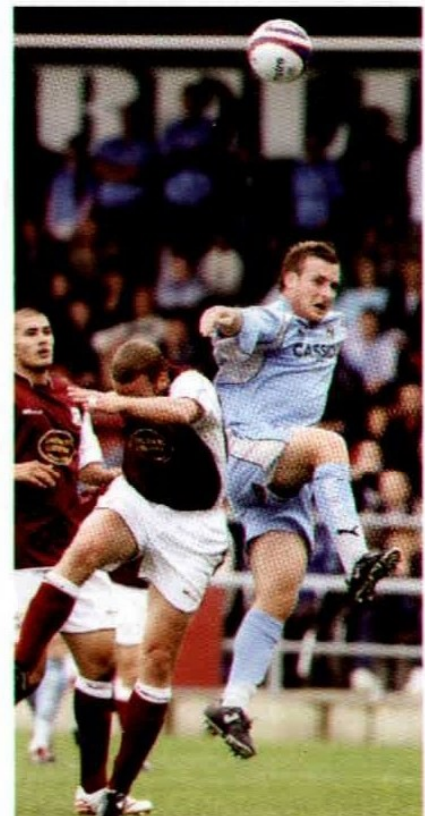
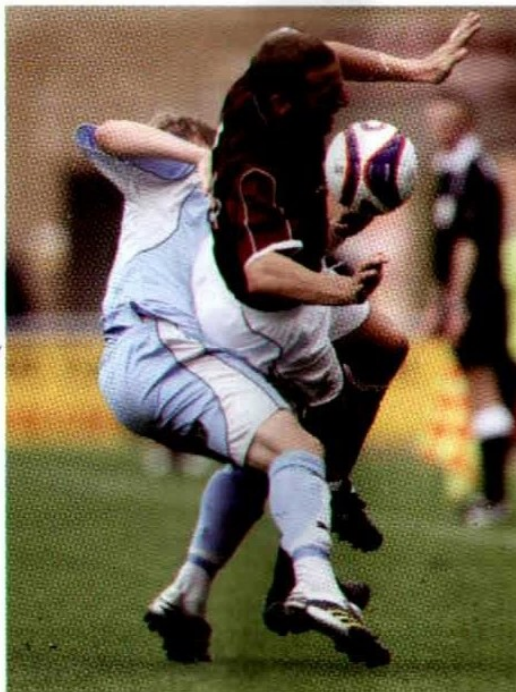
STUART GRAY SAID:

"It was a good work out for us. We were facing a quality side but I thought in the first half we showed them too much respect. We said at half time that we needed to be closer to them and get tighter to them. I was disappointed we started slowly. This is our patch and we should not be fearful or too respectful of any team coming here and we said that to the boys at half time. The boys kept going well though, and generally I am happy with where we are, and although we just lack a bit of sharpness that will come with match practice."



Konstantopoulos and Elliott Ward got into a muddle on the edge of the Coventry area and Cobblers trialist Joe Howe picked up the loose ball twenty five yards from goal. With the keeper stranded, Howe sent in a shot that was handled on the line by the recovering Ward, stopping a certain goal. He was sent off for denying a clear goalscoring opportunity as Andy Kirk scored from the spot.

An enjoyable pre-season game that always had an edge to it therefore ended level, meaning the Cobblers maintained their unbeaten pre-season build up.



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So here we are, back for another season at Sixfields and what will the next nine or so months have in store for us? The summer break has seemed a long one this year, with no World Cup or European Championships to break up the holiday period.

This season we look forward to the visit of some fallen giants, and former European sides Leeds and Forest will be back in town and we have a local derby with Luton to look forward to.

The Cobblers Fans Team, the Shoemakers, have been back in training and are also looking forward to the new season. With the lack of pitches and many fans being on holiday until the autumn months, the season can sometimes be a slow start on the pitch for the fans, so I'll reflect on last season.

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

The Shoemakers played 15 full matches and a further 5 at the annual Cambridge Tournament, winning 8, drawing 3 and losing 9.

The best results came over our good friends from East London, Leyton Orient's Orienteers. They were beaten 7-0 at the Racecourse and 6-0 on their own patch, but despite both defeats, they remained upbeat and are looking forward to welcoming us back in a few weeks time. The sweetest victory had to be the 4-1 result over Peterborough's Posh.net which brought an end to our season. The game was a little closer than the scoreline suggested, but it's the result that counts!

PLAYERS AND GOALS

Fans team football survives on the have a go attitude and commitment of a handful of loyal fans. Last season Chris Marriott, Steve Marley, Ian Errington, Rob Ellam, Tom Robinson and Martin Holmes all clocked up 15 or more appearances and goalkeeper Ben Trasler played 16 matches despite moving to Nottingham last summer. Manager Anthony Collett only missed one game through injury, but made his 80th appearance against Posh. As part of being club organiser, I had to play in all of them to avoid any stick about my commitment!



FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2006/07

20th Aug 06	Waterloo Warriors (Norwich)	CT	0-0	
20th Aug 06	Poshdotcom (Peterborough)	CT	0-0	
20th Aug 06	Fulbourne Sports	CT	1-1	Wimpress
20th Aug 06	Kitsonian (Cambridge)	CT	3-0	Marley, Ellam (2)
20th Aug 06	Skooters	CT	0-2	
27th Aug 06	Internet Foxes (Leicester)	A	1-6	
16th Sep 06	Tranmere Rovers	H	2-1	McDonald (2)
14th Oct 06	ASB (QPR)	H	2-4	Gregory, Holmes
28th Oct 06	Millwall	H	1-6	Marlow
18th Nov 06	Iron Filings (Scunthorpe)	A	2-6	Holmes, McDonald
25th Nov 06	Orienteers	H	7-0	OG, Errington, Collett, Richard (3), Holmes
30th Dec 06	Millwall	H	2-5	Collett, Holmes
13th Jan 07	Carlisle	H	3-2	Fletcher, Marriott, Holmes
27th Jan 07	Oxford	H	3-1	Holmes, Robinson, Fletcher
24th Feb 07	Internet Millers (Rotherham)	H	2-4	Collett, Marlow
3rd Mar 07	Bristol Rovers	A	6-8	Collett, Sean (3), Marriott (2)
10th Mar 07	Nottingham Forest	H	1-3	Marriott
31st Mar 07	Cobblers Indep Supp Club	H	4-1	Marriott, Fletcher (2), Holmes
7th Apr 07	Orienteers	A	6-0	Fletcher (2), Holmes, Kennedy, Ellam, Marley
21st Apr 07	Posh.net	H	4-1	Fletcher, Marlow (2), Holmes

Top scorer last season was Richard Fletcher who banged in 10 goals including a hat-trick against Orienteers. Fletch just beat Martin Holmes to the golden boot, Holmes weighed in with nine.

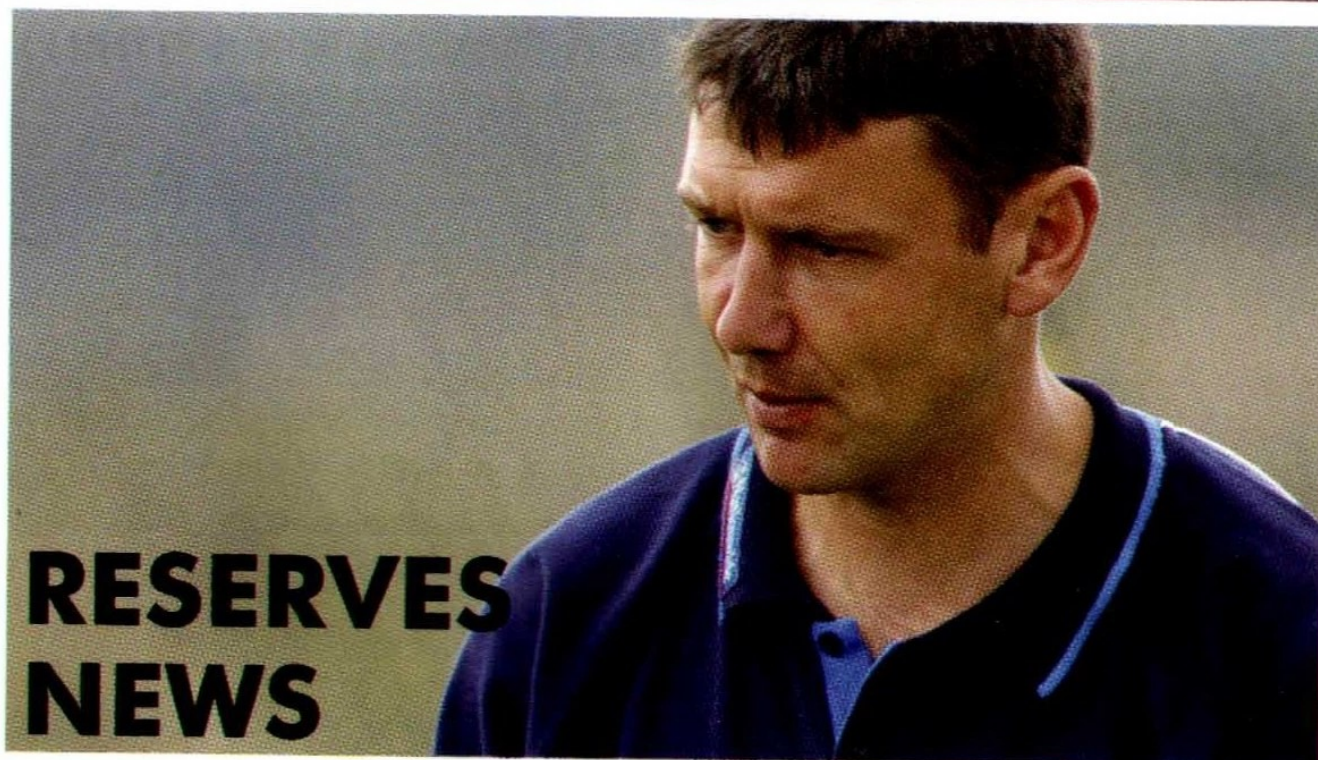
PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Following a vote at the end of season night out, congratulations go to Martin Holmes (pictured) who is the 2006/07 player of the season. Holmes scored

some spectacular goals and was 100% committed to the cause. A close runner up was James Boddington who played on the unwanted left midfield position for most of the season.

Anyway, here's to a successful season for everyone involved with the club.

Up the Cobblers
Mark Kennedy
Shoemakers Secretary



RESERVES NEWS

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS LEAGUE

2007/2008 PONTINS HOLIDAY COMBINATION EAST

Tue Aug 21	IPSWICH TOWN	14:00
Wed Sep 12	Grays Athletic	19:00
Tue Sep 18	LUTON TOWN	14:00
Mon Sep 24	Milton Keynes Dons	19:00
Tue Oct 23	SOUTHEND UTD	14:00
Wed Oct 31	Stevenage Borough	19:00
Tue Nov 13	PETERBORO' UTD	14:00
Mon Nov 19	Norwich City	19:30
Tue Dec 11	COLCHESTER UTD	14:00
Tue Dec 18	MK DONS	14:00
Tue Jan 8	Southend United	14:00
Tue Jan 15	STEVENAGE BORO'	14:00
Mon Jan 21	Peterborough United	19:00
Tue Feb 5	Colchester United	14:00
Mon Feb 18	Ipswich Town	19:00
Tue Feb 26	GRAYS ATHLETIC	14:00
Tue Mar 18	Luton Town	14:00
Tue Apr 1	NORWICH CITY	14:00

Home Games in BOLD CAPITALS

Peterborough United and Grays Athletic are the new names on the Northampton Town reserve team schedule for the Pontins Holiday Combination fixtures Eastern Division for 2007/2008.

The Posh return to reserve team football after a year out, while non-league Grays are first time inclusions. The Cobblers will continue to compete in the Eastern Division, which now has 10 teams, and lines up as follows:

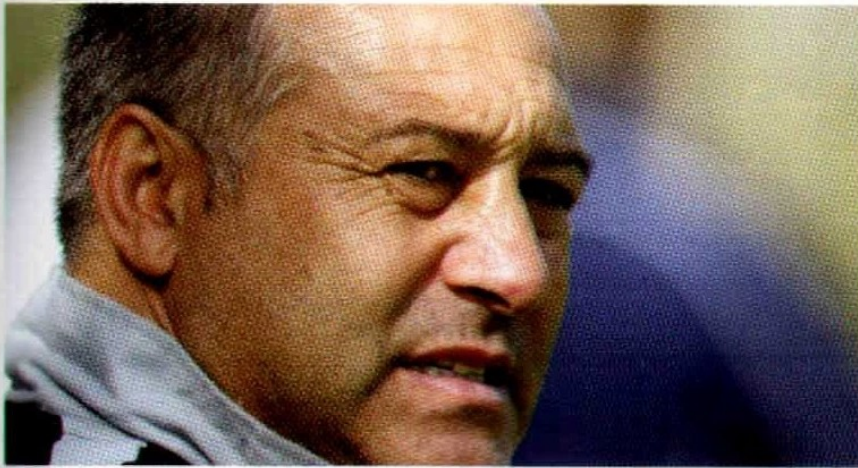
Colchester United
Grays Athletic (Newly elected)
Ipswich Town
Luton Town
Milton Keynes Dons
Northampton Town
Norwich City
Peterborough United (Re-elected)
Southend United
Stevenage Borough

Charlton Athletic and Watford were newly elected to the Pontins Holiday Combination after leaving the FA Premier Reserve League, but they will be competing in the Central Division.

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Once again, all season ticket holders are entitled to free admission to all reserve team home games.





GEOFF HARROP WRITES

Good afternoon and welcome to Sixfields.

Despite much speculation over the summer, our youth department is certainly alive and kicking. The Chairman, Board of Directors and Ciara Barkey, our Commercial Manager have been working tirelessly over the past few months seeking sponsorship from local businesses, and giving us the financial support to develop the next Mark Bunn, Danny May, Brad Johnson and Chris Dunn.

During the season we will be highlighting our business partners.

Our youth team will again be proudly sponsored by Starting Off Recruitment. Mr Dale Willis and the Starting Off team are based in Northampton and Kettering, and they have been the catalyst behind our success.

Youth team coach Sean Parrish will introduce his squad over the coming weeks, so I'll take this opportunity to wish our new intake every success and am sure they will be a credit to our club.

As for the Centre of Excellence, our pre-season fixtures could not have been any harder. Games at Birmingham, Derby, Spurs, Arsenal, Ipswich and Manchester United are mouth watering to say the least and I'm sure come September 1st, we will be ready for our Centre of Excellence season's fixtures.

At present, WD40, Dalepak, Howden Kitchens and Hartwell have sponsored our teams aged 9-15, but we are still a couple short and hope this can be addressed before the Centre of Excellence season commences in September.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Our trial days have been confirmed, they are;

TUES 21ST AUGUST

U9 and U11 10am-12 noon
U12 and U16 1pm-3pm

WED 22ND AUGUST

U11 and U13 10am-12 noon
U14 1pm-3pm

These trials are by invitation only, so get your letters in if you genuinely believe you are the next David Beckham and dream of playing at Sixfields!

We are actively looking to recruit some extra assistance for our coaching staff, UEFA level 2 or 3 qualifications are a must, please contact Geoff Harrop, Head of Youth on 07894 614816.

SEAN PARRISH WRITES;

Hello and welcome back to the start of another new season.

The summer break is always shorter now than ever before. When you cross that line and become part of the coaching staff, you realise just how short as things need sorting out and making sure everything is in place before the pre-season can begin.

We welcomed 9 new first team scholars to the club along with the 8 second years from last year as the pre-season got underway. Stuart Gray took two boys along on the first team tour of Ibiza, which was a great opportunity for Shaun Goodall and Alex Dyer to impress the staff, and just goes to show that the Gaffer is not afraid to involve any of our scholars here with the first team. Pre-season has been really successful with wins against Birmingham, Telford and Reading with all the squad playing their part.

The old cliché of results not being of importance is correct but our performances have been good, helping us achieve good results.

UNDER 18S FIXTURES

Sat Aug 18	Rushden	A
Sat Aug 25	In Service Training	
Sat Sep 1	Peterborough United	H
Sat Sep 8	Barnet	A
Sat Sep 15	Rushden (SC1(1))	H
Sat Sep 22	Peterboro' Utd (SC1(2))	A
Sat Sep 29	South Cup 1(3)	
Sat Oct 6	Wycombe (SC1(4))	H
Sat Oct 13	Cheltenham (SC1(5))	A
Sat Oct 20	Exeter City (SC1(6))	H
Sat Oct 27	Hereford Utd (SC1(7))	A
Sat Nov 10	Gillingham	H
Sat Nov 17	Luton Town	A
Sat Nov 24	South Cup 2	
Sat Dec 1	Wycombe Wanderers	H
Sat Dec 8	Colchester United	A
Sat Dec 15	Brentford	H
Sat Jan 5	QPR A	
Sat Jan 19	Leyton Orient	A
Sat Jan 26	In Service Training	
Sat Feb 2	Brighton & HA	A
Sat Feb 9	Southend United	H
Sat Feb 16	Rushden and Diamonds	H
Sat Feb 23	South Cup 3	
Sat Mar 1	Peterborough United	A
Sat Mar 8	Barnet	H
Sat Mar 15	Gillingham	A
Sat Mar 29	Luton Town	H
Sat Apr 5	Colchester United	H
Sat Apr 19	Wycombe Wanderers	A
Sat May 3	In Service Training	

UNDER 16S FIXTURES

Sat 1 Sep	Brentford	A
Sat 8 Sep	Luton Town	H
Sat 15 Sep	Q.P.R.	H
Sat 22 Sep	Peterborough Utd	A
Sat 6 Oct	Gillingham	A
Sat 13 Oct	Southend Utd	H
Sat 20 Oct	Brighton & HA	A
Sat 3 Nov	Leyton Orient	H
Sat 10 Nov	Rushden	A
Sat 17 Nov	Wycombe W	H
Sat 1 Dec	Colchester Utd	A
Sat 8 Dec	Luton Town	A
Sat 15 Dec	Cambridge Utd	A
Sat 5 Jan	Brentford	H
Sat 12 Jan	Q.P.R.	A
Sat 19 Jan	Peterborough	H
Sat 26 Jan	Cambridge Utd	A
Sat 2 Feb	Gillingham	H
Sat 9 Feb	Southend Utd	A
Sat 16 Feb	Brighton & HA	H
Sat 1 Mar	Leyton Orient	A
Sat 15 Mar	Rushden & Diamonds	H
Sat 29 Mar	Wycombe W	A
Sat 12 Apr	Colchester Utd	H

Please come along to Moulton College on Saturday mornings when we play at home (11.00am K.O.) to support our boys and spot one or two stars of the future. Further details and fixtures can be found at www.nffc.co.uk or on this page.

Here's to a successful season.

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CLARENCE THE DRAGON



Welcome to the first game of the season.

A new season, a new kit and some new players.

Everything is possible. We could win everything this year or we could win nothing. We could go up down or stay where we are. I reckon that this is the most exciting day of the year.

The other exciting new thing is that I now have a myspace page. There is more info on this page, but if you are on myspace please add me as a friend. I currently have 21 friends and I want more!

Enjoy today's match, and welcome back.

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True or False

Here are a few statements about today's opponents. Are they true or false? Answers on this page.

1. During the recent wet weather Swindon's training ground was flooded. The players were told to bring their swimming trunks instead of their boots.
2. In 1969 Swindon won the League Cup, beating Arsenal in the final.
3. Swindon used to have a steam train on their badge

Today's Visiting Mascot

Swindon's mascot is Rockin' Robin. He is the only mascot who fancies himself as a bit of a superhero. Just look at his costume!



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I have recently set up a myspace page. Throughout the season I will write blogs, post pictures and jokes. Basically whatever I think of. You can send me ideas for the programme page, questions, jokes, or whatever else you fancy. But of course before you can do that you will have to become one of my myspace friends.

So visit my page at www.myspace.com/clarentfc (you can also access it via my page of ntfc.co.uk) and sign up to be my friend.

Swindon True or False answers
1 False - As it!
2 True, 3 True



Colin Larkin is here to wish the following Clarence Club members a very Happy Birthday during August;

Thomas Davies

Mitchell Digby

Jack White

Matthew Smith

Lana Greatorex

Amy Clayson

Oliver Stanford

Evie Collyer

Curtis Spencer

Charlie Spencer

Jake Heyworth

Alistair Goldsmith

Matthew Goldsmith

Carrick Freeland

Madison Connor

Joshua White

David Chambers

Sean Millar

Harry Baker

Aiden Mandley

Alasdair Townsend

Ben Arnold

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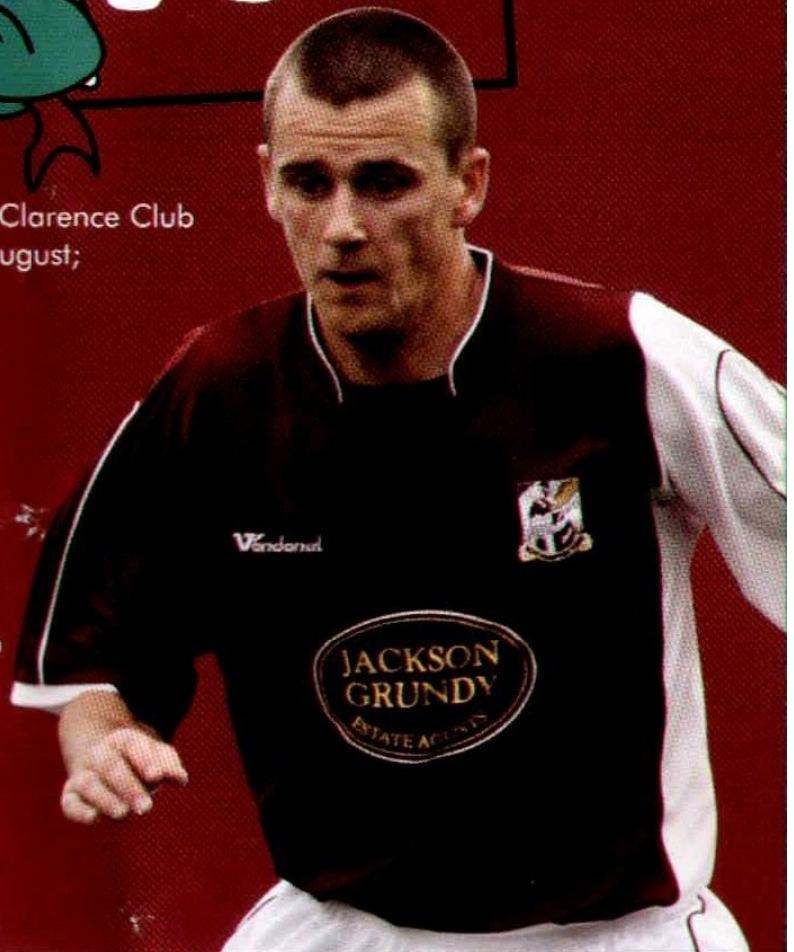
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Bottom from left:
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Away match booking forms have been processed and are ready for collection.

Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders only at one per person until

close of business after today's game.

Any remaining tickets will go on sale to members only at one per person from 10am on Monday until close of business after the Millwall Carling Cup tie. (All sales subject to availability). Any remaining tickets will go on unlimited general sale at noon on Thursday August 16th. All sales will cease at 3pm on Friday August 17th. (All sales subject to availability). No tickets will be on sale on arrival at the Withdean Stadium.

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The stadium is located two miles away from the town centre and is just off the London Road (A23). There is no parking allowed within a mile of the ground, due to matchday restrictions in place around the stadium (one of the conditions that was agreed for allowing Brighton to play there).

BY TRAIN

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LOOKING BACK



5 YEARS AGO
Northampton Town lost debutant striker Darryn Stamp after just 17 minutes in a 1-1 opening day draw with Crewe. Neil Sorvel opened the scoring for the visitors after 30 minutes. The Cobblers, with four other debutants in the side, namely Lee Harper, Jerry Gill, Paul Trollope

and Paul Harsley, had to wait until three minutes from time before Marco Gabbiadini equalised. Swindon completed a 3-1 victory over Barnsley with ex Cobbler Sam Parkin helping himself to a hat-trick, including a penalty, on his Robins debut.

10 YEARS AGO
The Cobblers went down 0-2 at home to Bournemouth with two well-taken goals from Jamie Vincent and Steve Fletcher, both goals coming in a six-minute spell. It was hard luck on a Cobblers side that saw David Brightwell, Carl Heggs, Ray Van Dulleman and David Seal make their debuts. Andy Woodman played his 100th league game for the club. Swindon beat Crewe 2-0. The scorers were Wayne Allison, later the subject of a £800,000 move to Huddersfield, and Steve Finney. Finney's goal came from the penalty spot.



15 YEARS AGO

The Cobblers started the season with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Gillingham at the Priestfield Stadium. Lawrie Osborne opened the scoring for the home side, with Steve Brown scoring the Cobblers equaliser on 22 minutes. Debutant Morrys Scott then netted just prior to half time to put the Cobblers ahead. Mark O'Connor brought the score back to 2-2 but player manager Phil Chard netted the winner in the dying moments, having come on as substitute ten minutes earlier. Five of the Cobblers side were youth or ex youth team players. Swindon's player manager Glenn Hoddle gave Swindon the best of starts, scoring the only goal in the win against Sunderland. Future Cobblers manager Colin Calderwood was in the Swindon team, while another future boss, John Gorman, was the Robins coach.



20 YEARS AGO

What a start to the season! A 5-0 victory over Chester City away from home! Trevor Morley started the scoring with Phil Chard and Russell Wilcox adding first half goals. Dave Longhust and Dave Gilbert finished off the scoring in the second half. Phil Chard celebrated his 300th league appearance in this victory. Swindon went down 0-2 at Bradford City. Their substitute Charlie Henry was a loan player at the Cobblers the season before.

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CC6TD/07	Caroline Chisholm	24 August	£10	F
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At half time in the recent Coventry City game, the Multi Disabled Championship team were presented with their county team T-Shirts from the Northants F.A.

The team won the regional competition beating teams from the East Midlands region, including Leicester City, Notts County, Derby County & Lincoln City.



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8th September	- Colchester United	(A)
15th September	- IPSWICH TOWN	(H)
22nd September	- MK Dons	(A)
29th September	- Shrewsbury Town	(A)
6th October	- Norwich City	(A)
13th October	- OXFORD	(H)
20th October	- Lincoln City	(A)
3rd November	- Luton Town	(A)
10th November	- CAMBRIDGE	(H)
17th November	- COLCHESTER UTD	(H)
1st December	- Ipswich Town	(A)
8th December	- MK DONS	(H)
15th December	- NORWICH CITY	(H)
19th January	- Oxford	(A)
2nd February	- Cambridge	(A)
9th February	- SHREWSBURY TOWN	(H)
16th February	- LINCOLN CITY	(H)
23rd February	- Colchester United	(A)
1st March	- IPSWICH TOWN	(H)
8th March	- MK Dons	(A)
15th March	- Norwich City	(A)
5th April	- OXFORD	(H)
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MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles six leading Swindon Town managers



SAM ALLEN

Sam Allen gave Swindon Town outstanding service in various capacities. Previously a clerk in the GWR offices, he spent seven years as a Swindon director before becoming their secretary-manager in July 1902. He made several shrewd signings and guided Swindon to the Southern League championship in 1910-11 and 1913-14, also twice leading them to the FA Cup semi-finals. Taking Swindon into the Football League in 1920, he plotted further FA Cup runs and remained in charge of team affairs until becoming secretary only on the arrival of Ted Vizard in April 1933. He held that post until his death on New Year's Day 1946.

DANNY WILLIAMS

Danny Williams guided Swindon Town to a promotion and League Cup 'double' in 1968-69. A former wing-half, he turned professional with hometown Rotherham in October 1942 and starred in their 1950-51 Third Division (North) title triumph. He made a club record 459 League appearances for the Millers before becoming trainer-coach in July 1960, then was manager prior to taking charge of Swindon in August 1965. Leaving the County Ground in July 1969 to manage Sheffield Wednesday, he then managed Mansfield Town before rejoining Swindon as boss from March 1974 until May 1978. He now lives in Bournemouth.

GLENN HODDLE

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle plotted Swindon Town's 1992-93 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Spurs in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

BERT HEAD

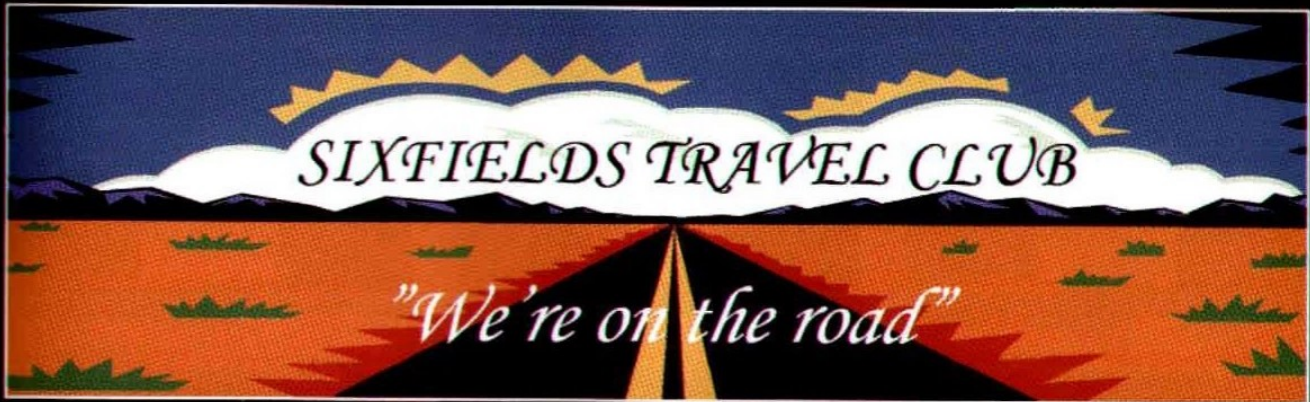
Bert Head plotted Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Signing professional for Torquay United in October 1936, the defender moved to Bury in February 1952 and was assistant-boss before becoming Swindon's manager in October 1955. He produced several fine players including Mike Summerbee, Ernie Hunt, Don Rogers and Rod Thomas before returning to Bury as manager in August 1965. Appointed Crystal Palace's boss in April 1966, he guided them to the top-flight for the first time in 1968-69 and had a spell as general manager. He was later manager and director at Bath City and died in February 2002.

LOU MACARI

Former Scotland international midfielder Lou Macari managed Swindon Town to the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He won all three major Scottish honours with Celtic before moving to Manchester United in January 1973, featuring in three FA Cup finals including their 1977 triumph. Joining Swindon as player-boss in July 1984, he also guided them to promotion in 1986-87 and Second Division play-offs in 1988-89. He left in July 1989 to manage West Ham and briefly Birmingham before leading Stoke City to the Second Division title in 1992-93. Rejoining Celtic as boss, he later managed Stoke again and Huddersfield Town.

STEVE McMAHON

Former England international midfielder Steve McMahon managed Swindon Town to the Second Division title in 1995-96. Initially with Everton, he joined Aston Villa in May 1983 and moved to Liverpool in September 1985. He starred as they won the League Championship three times and FA Cup in 1989, then reunited with Peter Reid at Manchester City. Appointed Swindon's player-boss in November 1994, he made 42 League appearances and remained in charge until September 1999. He managed Blackpool to promotion in 2000-01 as well as two LDV Vans Trophy final triumphs, since coaching Australian side Perth Glory.



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MASCOT

**Mark BUNN****01**Date of Birth: 16/11/84
Position: Goalkeeper
Previous clubs: none (from youth)

Fran

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Position: Defender
Previous clubs: Brentford (L),
Crystal Palace (L), Arsenal,
Portsmouth, Grimsby Town

Paul

Caroline Cooke - MK Cobbler
Oran Newberry**Danny JACKMAN****03**Date of Birth: 03/01/83
Position: Defender
Previous clubs: Aston Villa,
Cambridge United (L),
Stockport County, Gillingham.Sixfields
Hungry Horse

Tommy O'Reilly

Mark HUGHES**04**Date of Birth: 09/12/86
Position: Defender
Previous clubs: Everton,
Stockport County (L)Carol & Christopher
HowardJohn Hastings
Phil Jones**Chris DOIG****06**Date of Birth: 13/02/81
Position: Defender
Previous clubs:
Nottingham ForestPaul and Steve Burdett
Kerry Davey**Giles COKE****07**Date of Birth: 03/06/86
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs: QPR,
Kingstonian, Mansfield Town

Suzanne and Carl

Andy KIRK**08**Date of Birth: 29/05/79
Position: Striker
Previous clubs: Glentoran,
Hearts, Boston UnitedRoger Marlow
Tommy O'Reilly**Colin LARKIN****09**Date of Birth: 24/07/82
Position: Striker
Previous clubs: Wolves,
Kidderminster Harriers,
Mansfield Town, ChesterfieldMin & Owl Yelvertoft Cobblers
Jackie & Ian, St Neats Cobblers**Sam AISTON****10**Date of Birth: 21/11/76
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs:
Newcastle United, Sunderland,
Chester City (L), Stoke City (L),
Shrewsbury Town,
Tranmere Rovers**Andy HOLT****11**Date of Birth: 21/04/78
Position: Defender/midfield
Previous clubs:
Oldham Athletic, Hull City,
Barnsley (L),
Shrewsbury Town (L), Wrexham

Cobley Desborough

Ian HENDERSON**12**Date of Birth: 24/01/85
Position: Midfield/striker
Previous clubs: Norwich City,
Rotherham United (L)Barry, Jenny,
Alan & Ronnie

Tommy O'Reilly

Chris DUNN**13**Date of Birth: 23/10/87
Position: Goalkeeper
Previous clubs: none (from youth)



Joe BURNELL

4



Date of Birth: 10/10/80
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs: Bristol City,
Wycombe Wanderers



Brett JOHNSON

15



Date of Birth: 15/08/85
Position: Defender
Previous clubs:
Aldershot, Gravesend (L),
Grays Athletic (L)



Danny MAY

16



Date of Birth: 19/11/88
Position: Defender
Previous clubs: none (from
youth)



Bradley JOHNSON

17



Date of Birth: 28/04/87
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs: Cambridge
United, Gravesend (L),
Stevenage Borough (L)



Ryan GILLIGAN

18



Date of Birth: 18/01/87
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs: Watford



Liam DOLMAN

19



Date of Birth: 26/09/87
Position: Defender
Previous clubs: none (from
youth)



Joe HOWE

20



Date of Birth: 22/01/88
Position: Defender/Midfield
Previous clubs: MK Dons



Danny JONES

21



Date of Birth: 23/12/86
Position: Midfield
Previous clubs: On loan
from Wolves



James QUINN

22



Date of Birth: 15/12/74
Position: Striker
Previous clubs: Birmingham City,
Blackpool, Stockport Co. (L),
West Brom, Notts Co. L, Bristol
Rovers (L), Willem II, Sheffield Wed.,
Peterborough, Bristol City (L),
Scunthorpe United (L)



Poul HUBERTZ

23



Date of Birth: 21/09/76
Position: Striker
Previous clubs: Millwall



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Life as a sportswriter takes many twists and turns and only last week I completed an interview I never dreamed of having. I have chatted to Muhammad Ali, quizzed John McEnroe and discussed sport on air with Michael Parkinson – but I never reckoned to be given an audience by a dragon. And on top of that a dragon who does not speak – and, just for the record, does not breath fire.

Getting to meet Cobblers' mascot Clarence the Dragon took some negotiating. I tried phone calls, e-mails and messages and finally the word came back. "Be in the Carlsberg Cafe at 1.15pm and you will be contacted." I waited, and waited and finally came a tap on the shoulder. A moment or two more and I was ushered into the presence of a remarkable character with a fascinating tale to tell.

Just how we communicated I have sworn not to reveal but suffice to say an interpreter was found and all became clear. First I wanted to know just how Clarence has become such an important part of life at Sixfields, and an incredible story unfolded.

"When the excavation work was in full swing to create the stadium," passed on Clarence's aide, "A large egg was uncovered deep in the ground. Everyone was puzzled but finally Barry Stonhill, at that time the club chairman, decided to take it home. He kept it safe, but nothing happened. So it was taken to the Tesco bakery at Weston Favell to be hatched. Eventually the shell began to crack and out I came.

"Of course I was very tiny and had to be nursed carefully in my special den at the ground. But Dragons grow fast and while that was happening a remarkable thing happened. The club ran a competition asking children to draw what they saw as a mascot for the club and would you believe it one little girl handed in a picture that was just like me. It had to be the winner and was chosen from that competition in the Chronicle & Echo and Clarence's eventful career had begun.

"All of that was nearly ten years ago and I remember making my first appearance for a game against Arsenal in the old reserve division. I was very nervous but it was just a trial run and I made my League debut at a match with Wrexham. It was wonderful the way the children reacted to me from the start with no signs of fear, and

that is how it has been ever since."

Naturally I wanted to hear about Clarence's favourite adventures, his meetings with mascots from other clubs – some of whom have acquired bad reputations – and his appearances away from Sixfields.

He was happy to tell me how he appeared on television on the Ant & Dec Show and met Robbie Williams, how he saw the Queen at Pride Park, Derby County's new ground, and entertained at England Under-21 internationals, again at Pride Park. He is proud to recall the days he spent filming at the old Wembley Stadium for a special feature when insurance company Axa were sponsoring the FA Cup.

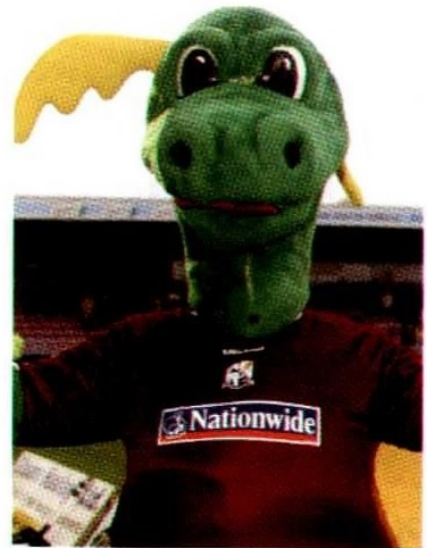
So what about his fellow-mascots? Has he clashed with Cyril the Swan from Swansea or Millwall's Lennie the Lion? Clarence has no big dramas to reveal but many memories.

"I have met Cyril several times particularly for the Mascot Grand National at Huntingdon Racecourse and he has been fine. I think we all get on pretty well really and the only problems I can remember have been with Peter Bunny from Peterborough. He can be a bit full of himself and step outside the Mascot Code of Conduct. And yes, there really is a Code of conduct and there is a special Mascot Book where you will find all of us.

"I reckon the most famous of us has to be H'Angus the Monkey from Hartlepool because he has made national headlines. He was actually voted in as Mayor of Hartlepool on a platform of 'Bananas for All'. It sounds a joke but I believe it led to a change in the system for local government elections.

"At times I think things can be taken too seriously – like times when mascots have been encouraged to fight each other – mock fights some of which got serious - but that is something I would not do. Here at Northampton the idea is to have fun and show the children how to act in a sporting way, win lose or draw.

"I think it works because Clarence has been popular, so much so that at one stage Clarence products were the biggest seller in the club shop. I have many wonderful memories of life at Sixfields – like gaining promotion, and



all the parties we have, especially around Christmas. What I like best is seeing the children up to 16 years old enjoying themselves.

"I often think that schools these days tend to take the competitive edge out of life while here we learn to demonstrate how to compete, take whatever comes and keep smiling.

"Of course some things stand out, like my wedding day when Bernie, the Saints' mascot was my best man, or the time I got arrested. I went to open a fete at Duston and was squirting water – some of it all over the village policeman. It was an accident, of course, but he put me in the back of the police van for a bit.

"I love all those extra things, such as going to schools and interacting with the children or opening fetes but it is always good to come home to Sixfields. People often ask how I came to be here and I do have an answer.

"My egg was laid in the days when there were bold, bad knights and dragons roamed the land. If I was born then I would probably have lived in Northampton Castle just down the road, but that is not there any more and those days are long gone.

"So, my egg was buried at Sixfields which is now my castle and when I'm not in going about keeping people happy I sleep in the custody cells the police have under the West Stand, with the door unlocked of course. I see my main task as protecting all the children and making sure that everyone has as much fun as possible. So, when you see me today just give me a smile and a wave – and enjoy your day!"



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Disabled junior £10.00 + carer free

GOLD GAMES

WEST STAND

Adult £22.00
Senior/student* £18.00
Under 16s £15.00
Under 7s FREE
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Disabled adult £16.00 + carer free
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DAVE BOWEN STAND

Adult £22.00 (£19.00)

Senior/student* £18.00 (£15.00)
Under 16s £15.00 (£13.00)
Under 7s FREE (FREE)
If purchasing more than one gold game at same time figures in brackets.
Disabled adult £16.00 + carer free
Disabled junior £13.00 + carer free

ALWYN HARGRAVE STAND

Adult £21.00
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- n Please keep gangways and exits clear.
- n It helps the club and our neighbours if you leave the stadium and surrounding area quietly after the match.

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PERSISTENT STANDING IN SEATED AREAS

Persistent standing in seated areas is dangerous, selfish and illegal.

DANGEROUS: All seated stadia have viewing areas that are purpose built for seated accommodation. The fact that they are designed for seating renders them unsafe for standing as the angle of the step is far steeper than that for standing accommodation.

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STATS/RESULTS 2007/08



COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2007/08													
		Home					Away						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	-/+ Pts
1	Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Bristol Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Cheltenham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Crewe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Doncaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Gillingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Hartlepool	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Huddersfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Leyton Orient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Luton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Millwall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Northampton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Nottm Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Oldham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Port Vale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Southend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Swansea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Swindon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Tranmere	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Walsall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Yeovil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Leeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15

Leeds deducted 15 points

PLAYER APPEARANCES/GOALS

	2007/2008		NTFC		CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Mark BUNN	0	0	49	0	49	0
Jason CROWE	0	0	93+2	5	255+31	14
Danny JACKMAN	0	0	0	0	131+23	7
Mark HUGHES	0	0	17	2	21+2	2
Chris DOIG	0	0	94+2	3	161+19	4
Giles COKE	0	0	0	0	66+16	7
Andy KIRK	0	0	66+27	25	171+87	77
Colin LARKIN	0	0	0	0	169+66	47
Sam AISTON	0	0	15+7	0	192+83	10
Andy HOLT	0	0	36+3	2	305+58	25
Ian HENDERSON	0	0	0	0	49+48	7
Chris DUNN	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe BURNELL	0	0	28+1	2	223+29	6
Brett JOHNSON	0	0	5+8	0	5+8	0
Danny MAY	0	0	2+1	0	2+1	0
Bradley JOHNSON	0	0	24+9	5	24+9	5
Ryan GILLIGAN	0	0	18+33	4	18+33	4
Liam DOLMAN	0	0	2	0	2	0
Joe HOWE	0	0	0	0	0+1	0
Daniel JONES	0	0	0	0	9	0
James QUINN	0	0	8+14	1	301+92	82
Poul HUBERTZ	0	0	0	0	15+23	10

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DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	F-A	ATT.	PTS	POS
Sat Aug 11	SWINDON	CCL1	H			
Tue Aug 14	MILLWALL	CCUP1	H			
Sat Aug 18	Brighton	CCL1	A			
Sat Aug 25	YEOVIL TOWN	CCL1	H			
Tue Aug 28		CCUP2				
Sat Sep 1	Leyton Orient	CCL1	A			
Tue Sep 4		JPT1				
Fri Sep 7	DONCASTER	CCL1	H			
Sat Sep 15	Bournemouth	CCL1	A			
Sat Sep 22	HUDDERSFIELD	CCL1	H			
Tue Sep 25		CCUP3				
Sat Sep 29	Tranmere	CCL1	A			
Tue Oct 2	Millwall	CCL1	A			
Sat Oct 6	PORT VALE	CCL1	H			
Tue Oct 9		JPT2				
Mon Oct 15	Luton Town	CCL1	A			
Sat Oct 20	CHELTENHAM	CCL1	H			
Sat Oct 27	Oldham	CCL1	A			
Tue Oct 30		CCUP4				
Sat Nov 3	SOUTHEND	CCL1	H			
Tue Nov 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	CCL1	H			
Sat Nov 10		FACUP 1				
Tue Nov 13		JPT3				
Sat Nov 17	Crewe	CCL1	A			
Sat Nov 24	WALSALL	CCL1	H			
Sat Dec 1		FACUP2				
Tue Dec 4	Swansea City	CCL1	A			
Sat Dec 8	CARLISLE	CCL1	H			
Sat Dec 15	Nottm Forest	CCL1	A			
Fri Dec 21	BOURNEMOUTH	CCL1	H			
Wed Dec 26	Doncaster	CCL1	A			
Sat Dec 29	Huddersfield	CCL1	A			
Tue Jan 1	MILLWALL*	CCL1	H			
Sat Jan 5	Leeds Utd	CCL1	A			
Sat Jan 12	HARTLEPOOL	CCL1	H			
Sat Jan 19	Gillingham	CCL1	A			
Fri Jan 25	LEYTON ORIENT	CCL1	H			
Tue Jan 29	BRIGHTON	CCL1	H			
Sat Feb 2	Swindon Town	CCL1	A			
Sat Feb 9	LEEDS UTD*	CCL1	H			
Tue Feb 12	Yeovil Town	CCL1	A			
Sat Feb 16	GILLINGHAM	CCL1	H			
Fri Feb 22	Hartlepool	CCL1	A			
Sat Mar 1	CREWE	CCL1	H			
Tue Mar 4	Bristol Rovers	CCL1	A			
Sat Mar 8	Walsall	CCL1	A			
Sat Mar 15	SWANSEA CITY	CCL1	H			
Fri Mar 21	NOTTM FOREST*	CCL1	H			
Mon Mar 24	Carlisle	CCL1	A			
Sat Mar 29	Cheltenham	CCL1	A			
Sat Apr 5	LUTON TOWN*	CCL1	H			
Sat Apr 12	Southend	CCL1	A			
Sat Apr 19	OLDHAM	CCL1	H			
Sat Apr 26	Port Vale	CCL1	A			
Sat May 3	TRANMERE	CCL1	H			

* GOLD GAME,

KEY: CCL1 = Coca Cola League 1, FAC = FA Cup, CUP = Carling Cup, JPT = Johnstones Paint Trophy



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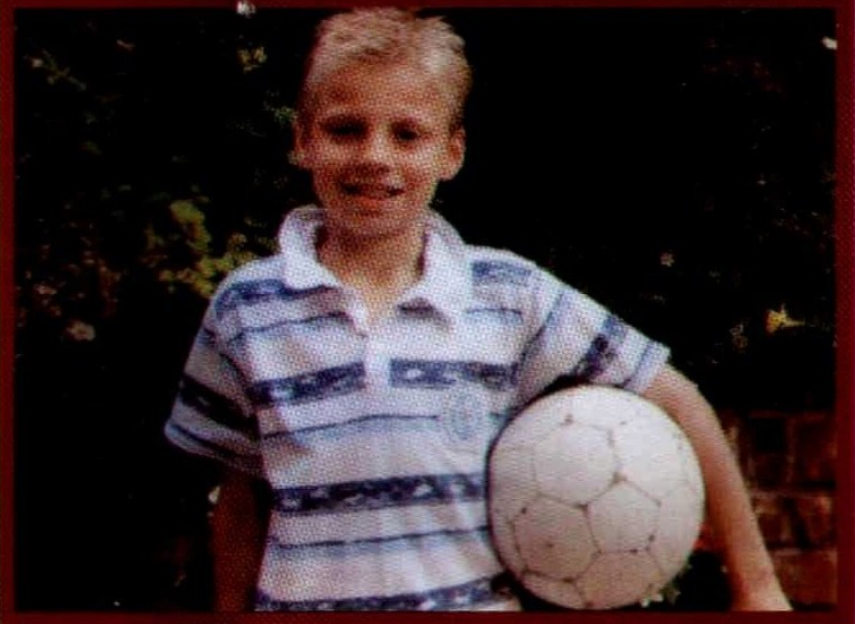
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WELCOME MISS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE!

We would like to welcome Sophie Harris, Miss Northamptonshire and a Miss England finalist, to today's game.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Jordan Cox lists his hobbies as football, most sports, cars and Playstation. His favourite player is Jason Crowe.





Next at Sixfields

MILLWALL

Tuesday August 14 2007 | Carling Cup first round | Kick off 7.45pm

IN THE NEWS

Millwall boss Willie Donachie has been busy in the transfer market over the summer so far bringing in a quintet of new signings.

The Lions have spent £150,000 on Derby's Ryan Smith with the winger signing a two-year contract at the New Den.

The 20-year-old moved to Pride Park last summer, joining the Rams for an undisclosed fee from Arsenal - where he had failed to make a league appearance. He only started five league games for Derby last season, and had a six-game loan spell at Millwall in the spring.

Millwall have also signed left-back Andy Frampton from relegated Brentford for an undisclosed fee.

Frampton was one of the longest-serving players at Griffin Park, having arrived from Crystal Palace in October 2002, and made 164 appearances for the club.

Scott Barron has also moved to Millwall following his release by Ipswich Town. Barron, 21, who can play on the left side of defence or midfield, is a graduate of the academy at Portman Road and made 17 appearances for the Tractor Boys.

Earlier on in the summer Donachie made a double swoop to sign striker Gary Alexander and midfielder Danny Spiller.

Alexander, 27, opted to leave Leyton Orient at the end of his contract while, 26-year-old Spiller - who had been linked with a move to Charlton - rejected the offer of a new contract at Gillingham.

On the down side Millwall have lost Tony Craig, 22, to Championship side Crystal Palace.

Left-back Craig, a Lions youth team product who made his debut at the age of 16, has joined the Eagles for an undisclosed fee.

David Amoo has meanwhile left the Millwall academy to join Liverpool for an undisclosed fee.

Amoo, 16, was a prolific scorer for the South-East London club's youth team and his signature was highly sought after. The forward was close to a first team call up at Millwall with the youngster considered as one of the best prospects at the Lions academy.

* After being released by Millwall at the end of last season, left-back Jack Obersteller has signed a one-year deal with League Two side Wycombe Wanderers.

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THE LAST TIME WE MET

Tuesday 23rd January 2007 | Sixfields | Coca-Cola League One

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 3 MILLWALL 0**GOAL:**McGleish
Holt

Bradley Johnson

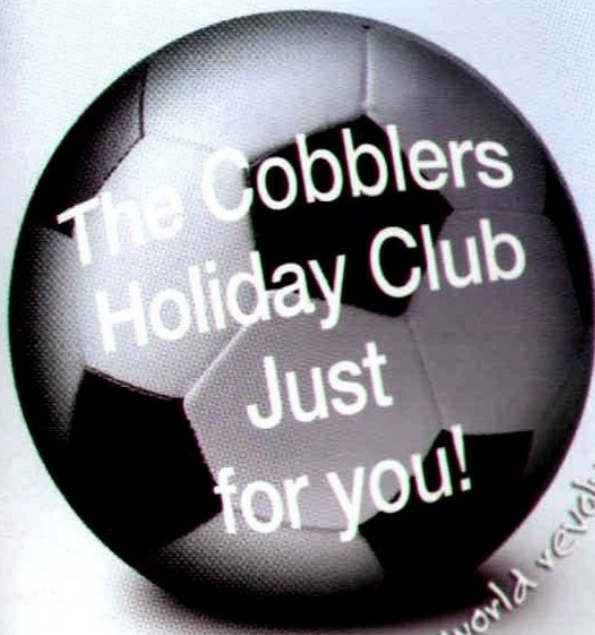
COBBLERS TEAM: Bunn, Chambers, Dyché, Daig, Crowe, Jess, Burnell (Hunt), Bradley Johnson, Holt, Kirk, McGleish (Aiston)**SUBS NOT USED:** Dunn, Brett Johnson

* This game had been re-arranged after the original fixture on December 28th had to be abandoned because of a waterlogged pitch. At the time of the abandonment Millwall had been leading 1-0.

DANGER MAN**Neil Harris**

Striker Harris re-joined Millwall in January after having his contract at Nottingham Forest cancelled by mutual consent. A firm fans-favourite at the New Den, he is now Millwall's all-time leading league goalscorer, having overtaken Teddy Sheringham's 93 goals. Overall Harris has to date scored 104 goals for the Lions, seven short of Sheringham's 111.





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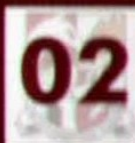
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Swindon Town

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Assistants:
Mr Mike Blackledge
Mr Oliver Langford



Fourth Official
Mr Andrew Newbold

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