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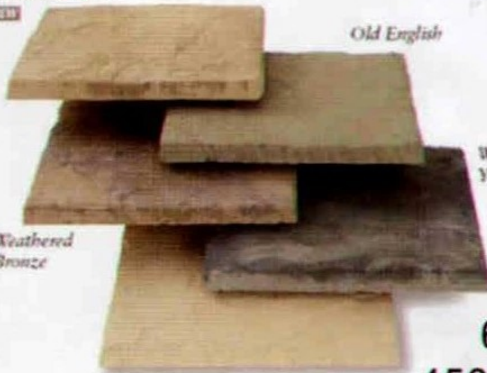
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JAMES BROWN

CTFC Editor James Brown Discusses The Start Of The New Season and Today's Game Against Swindon



Good afternoon and welcome to our second home game of the season. Today we welcome the fans and staff of Swindon Town F.C to Whaddon Road. This is Cheltenham's first local derby of the season and one that both teams will be eager to win

The "Battle of the Robins" is definitely one of the highlights of the season and part one will unfold for us here today. Swindon finished in 3rd place of League Two last season, claiming automatic promotion and winning a spot back in League One. They have also been very much in the news of late due to a takeover bid. Swindon stunned Luton on the opening day of the season with a 2-1 win and of course drew 1-1 with Northampton last weekend. This good start to the season is reminiscent of Cheltenham's start last season and this is why Swindon fans and players will not be getting to carried away with their great start, League One will be difficult for any recently promoted side. The same goes for Cheltenham; being made relegation favourites again is not a nice experience but one that could just provide the boost of adrenaline we need. Everyone knows that this club has the players capable of avoiding relegation totally and improving on our position last season, this is something we must prove over the next few months.

Monday night saw the return of Damian Spencer who took part in the reserve match against Forest Green Rovers. Damian has suffered from a Patella dislocation since the end of last season and it's good to have him back. Damian should be in contention for today's game but John Ward will be keen to ease him back into the squad at first. The clubs injury news has somewhat been a lighter read of late and its been great to see Gavin Caines and Michael Wylde making such good progress.

The result against Southend in the Carling Cup was hard to swallow especially because of our performance in the second half. Despite a shaky first half, we really punished Southend after the break and we could have won it there and then. A penalty in the dying moment of a game, knowing that it is the one shot that will see your side into the second round is a big weight on anyone's shoulders. John Finnigan was undoubtedly disappointed with what happened but as our captain he is expected to bounce back, something he has done many times before. The defeat to Millwall was a tight game as well. Duff was unlucky not to score and it's not nice to lose to any soft goal. The lads will be happy with their performance during the match despite the result and they will be keen to get back on track here today against Swindon.

Today's matchday magazine includes two interviews with Cheltenham left-backs.

One is Cheltenham legend Jamie Victory and the other is his replacement, Lee Ridley. Jamie was keen to do the interview so he could say his goodbyes to the fans, something that he felt he didn't have the chance to do last season. It was good to meet Lee Ridley finally as well and I'm sure you'll enjoy his first interview for the programme.

Finally I would just like to thank everyone involved with the Football Programme Directory (FPD) who awarded us with last season's League One Programme of the Year Award. This was presented to us before the Gillingham game by David Stacey and is something that the club will cherish. We'll be looking to retain our title once again this season.

Get behind the boys today and help Cheltenham win the "Battle of the Robins"!

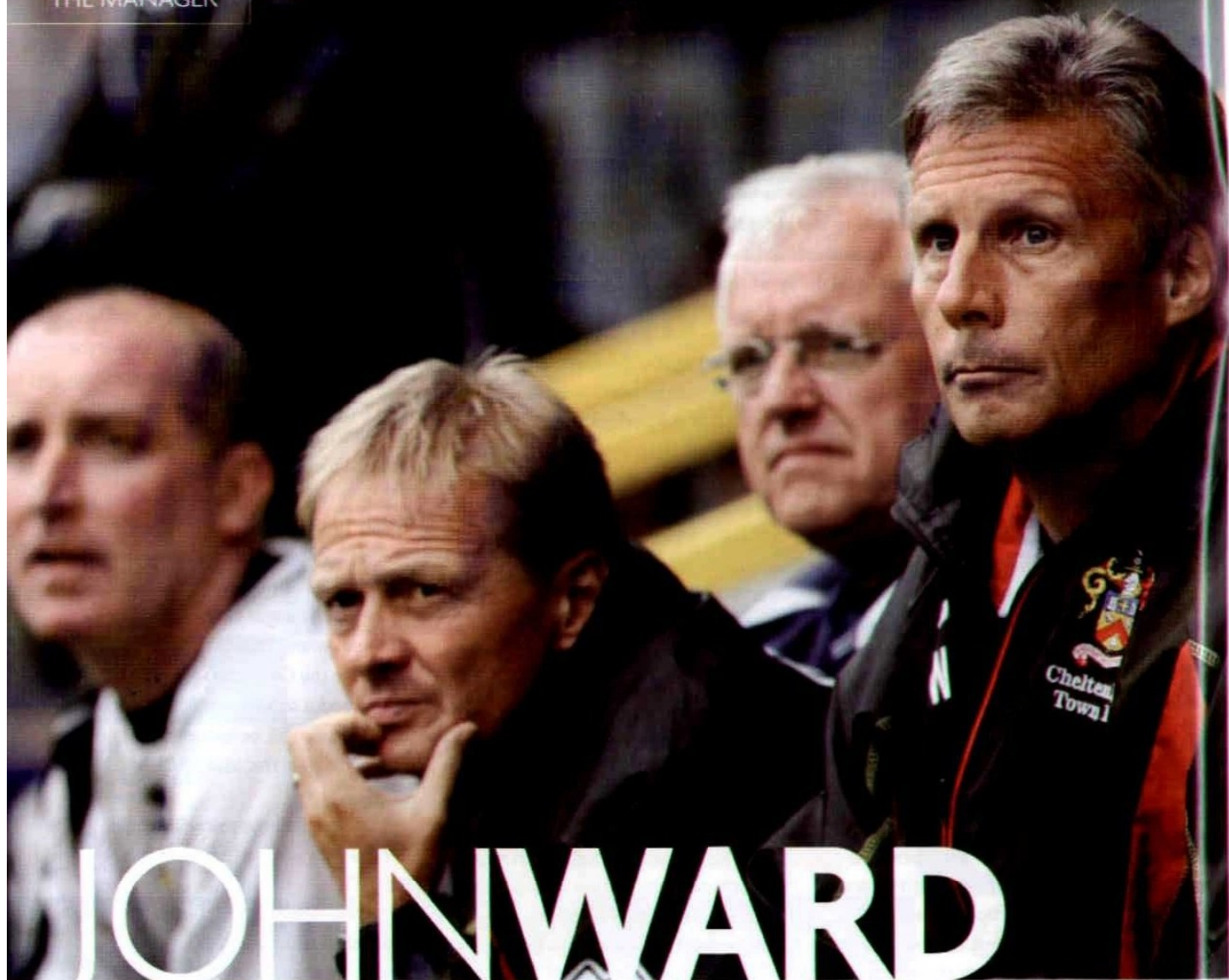
Enjoy the Game

James

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JOHN WARD

Today sees the first of our local derbies against neighbours Swindon Town. Paul Sturrock and Kevin Summerfield have done a great job in achieving promotion and once they have assessed this level I expect the club to continue moving forward.

I read of another football takeover at Swindon and I hope the effect is positive on the club after a fair bit of turmoil away from the pitch in recent times.

Paul and Kevin are used to some sort of upheaval in their management and will take their new change of employer in their stride to maintain clam in the squad. A good result against Luton Town last week brings them here on a high but our win against Gillingham at Whaddon Road will

give us a lift as well so I think that with a full ground creating a terrific atmosphere there is a really keen competition going on here at 3.00pm.

Our three performances so far have been pretty decent despite a Carling Cup exit at Southend and going down by the odd goal at Millwall last Saturday. As you know our Cup exit was a real blow after holding Southend to a 1-1 scoreline over 90 minutes only to see John Finnigan's penalty saved in stoppage

time after considerable pressure from us in the second half. However, the players bounced back at Millwall and after conceding a sloppy goal right on half time couldn't find our way back to level matters despite a Shane Duff header hitting the angle of bar and post before returning into play rather than hitting the net. After two energy sapping trips we are pleased to be back at home today before another long journey to Carlisle next week! At least we will get our longer journeys over with quickly.

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Last Monday saw Damian Spencer return to full training and our game at Forest Green to put him back into first team thinking joining Michael Townsend back into the fold to help us through. Our young players have been drafted in quickly to ease the injury situation and the Southend game saw Ben Gill, Aaron Ledgister and Craig Reid enter first team football for their debuts at senior level. With Andy Gallinagh at centre back and Sosthene Yao also starting that squad had a youthful look to it to say the least but performed very well and gives real optimism for our future as they are learning on their feet in tough competition.

Ashley Vincent is deserving of special

mention in these notes too. As you know Ash has suffered from a serious knee injury missing nearly all of last season. After 9 months of extremely hard work Ash has appeared in all 3 games so far looking none the worse, retained his pace and is still working hard to improve and push on. With Ash throughout his ordeal has been Ian Weston who deserves special praise for his dedication to duty to give Ash the best care and rehabilitation possible. Wes is now closing in on another of his long term 'projects' Scott Brown, who is seeing the end of his injury and is pushing hard to return to football in the coming weeks. Add Paul Connor, Michael Townsend, Michael Wylde, Gavin Caines and so as to Ian's list of casualties and you can see that his ability is tested

to the full, as is his time, to get everyone on their own road to recovery. Ian and the whole medical team from Mr Gosal, Doctors Pearson and Smith, Richard Brown our chiropractor and of course Alan Gough and Martin Alps and all other medical support throughout offer great confidence to all players and the club in general. I thank you all for your professionalism especially in recent times and hope your work is required a little less in the future!

Back to the fit boys of today and I hope you all enjoy the game and the atmosphere and above all else enjoy a safe day!

John

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PADDY WOOD

From The Boardroom subtitle - Paddy Woody Gives His Opinion On Player Wages & Commercial Experiments



Good afternoon and a sincere welcome and warm welcome to all of you and in particular our League One neighbours Swindon Town. I am sure I speak for you all in saying that once again we look forward to highly competitive derby matches with "The Robins".

The first few weeks of the season are always full of intrigue, teams with new players moulding together, newly promoted teams, clubs with new managers, all factors in the mix. A mix that makes it difficult to predict results, I suppose that not until the first eight or so games are played can we begin to see the league take shape. One win or even alphabetical reference can significantly influence a club's league position at this early stage of the season.

Movement of players leads me on very conveniently to not only players who have joined the club but to those who have left. I think it is fair to say and I am sure that John would agree with me, we are in the business of keeping a settled squad. As a board we always try and provide our managers with resources to build a successful squad and at the same time ensuring that the club will still be in business this year and for many years to come. That is our responsibility to each and every supporter. Now of course it is very difficult when player's contracts are up for renewal and their financial demands exceed that at which we as a club can sustain. So when a player receives a

lucrative offer from another club, sometimes we cannot meet his demands with the result that regrettably the player leaves the club. Our goal is to put the best team that we can afford on the park; we want to build a secure future for the club.

Mentioning players moving on for more lucrative contracts makes me consider the whole business of footballer's wages. Every day we read of players at the highest level and their salaries, "Alberto Insignifico" of Melchester United earns

as much money in one day as the average person earns in six million years. Well it all boils down to market forces, if someone is prepared to pay it to Alberto, then someone thinks he is worth it. We cannot blame players for trying to get the best deal that they can negotiate, it is a short (but great) career and if they can find someone to meet their demands then why should they not go for it.

I must say I did enjoy reading the Millwall programme, reading so many of the away programmes sometimes you think "read it all before" but I did enjoy the Millwall read. One feature that did catch my eyes was their match day prices. I recognise that it is an

all seater stadium but with those prices and their crowds, it does make you envious.

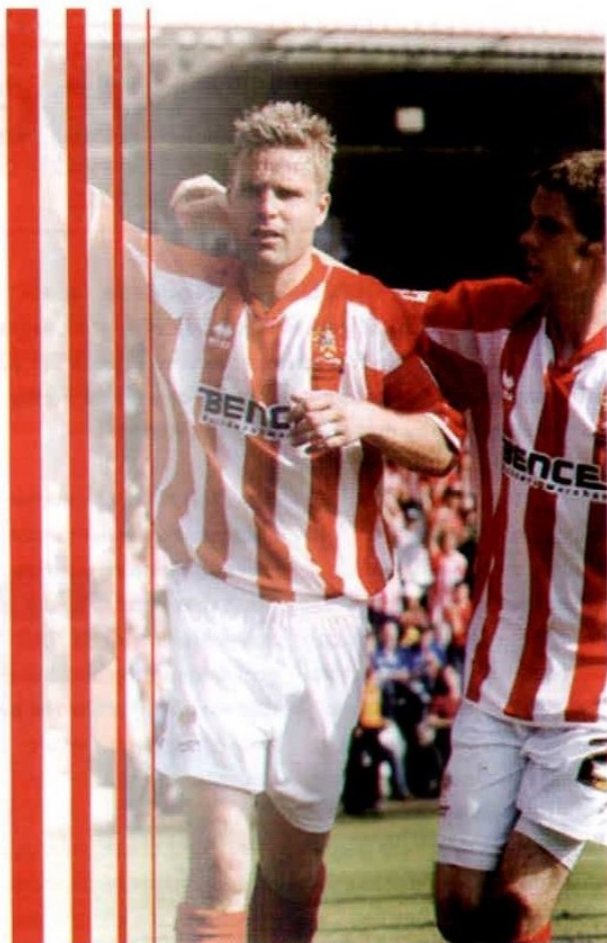
Nick and the commercial department have been experimenting with new initiatives aimed at making it easier for those supporters who live out of town to get to the match. I have heard of a few moans and groans. May I please ask you if you have had a problem, if you feel things could be improved or changed, let us know about it? All that we want to do is to make your match day experience an enjoyable one, don't just moan with your mates, or on the Internet, let us know.

Paddy





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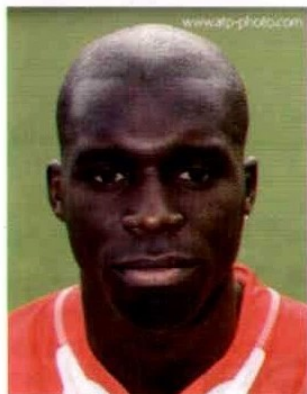
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CLUB NEWS

All the latest news from within Whaddon Road



SPENCER'S GONNA GET YA!

Cheltenham Town favourite Damian Spencer could return today against Swindon Town after coming through an hour of the reserve game against Forest Green on Monday, a game that Cheltenham won 2-1 thanks to goals from Adam Connolly and Darius Morgan.

The 25 year-old had surgery over the summer due to a knee injury sustained at the end of last season. The powerful striker has announced he is fit and ready for his return to Whaddon Road.

Spencer told the Gloucestershire Echo, "I felt good and the knee has been improving every day, and I was glad to get through the game.

"I tried my best and should have scored, but I worked hard and I am looking to push myself into the first team squad now."

STAGECOACH COMPETITION

It's not too late for Cheltenham fans to enter the Stagecoach West Competition which offers one of three great prizes to each of the winners.

Stagecoach West and Cheltenham Town F.C are asking people to state in no more than 20 words what Cheltenham Town Football Club means to them. The competition marks the introduction of sponsorship of the Main Stand at Whaddon Road by Stagecoach West.

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3rd Prize: Cheltenham 7-day megarider ticket and a signed Cheltenham Town football.

You can find more details about the competition at www.ctfc.com.

WARD REFUSES TO BLAME HIGGS

Cheltenham Town boss John Ward refused to blame Shane Higgs for the defeat at Millwall despite an uncharacteristic howler by last seasons Player of the Year.

Higgs fumbled a first half injury time shot from Neil Harris, which was then fired home by Danny Spiller. Ward believed that The Robins would have been fortunate to secure a point from the game.

"I'm not sure if my keeper should have kept hold of it, but in any event we gave the ball away too cheaply," he said.

"We've hit the bar and I can always say that's the one we needed, but we should have made more of the few chances we had. We didn't work their goalkeeper enough.

"We didn't have that final bite in the last 30 yards of the pitch. We might have nicked a point, but it would have been a nick."




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TREATMENT ROOM



Ian Weston club Physio casts his eye over the latest Cheltenham casualties

Michael Townsend returned from his ankle ligament/tendon strain to play 90 minutes at Millwall last week. Michael didn't suffer any adverse reaction following the game and will again be in contention today

Damian Spencer is another who will be back in contention for a place today. Damian completed 1 hour of our reserve game at Forest Green on Monday following his dislocated kneecap. Again, he didn't suffer any adverse reaction following the game and hopefully will now reap the reward of his hard work and attitude throughout a summer of rehabilitation.

Gavin Caines is making very good progress following his cartilage operation 3 weeks ago. He has completed some light jogging drills this week and is on course to return to full training in around 2 weeks.

Michael Wylde has also been able to take part in some light non-contact training drills following his double-jaw fracture 3 weeks ago. Again, the specialist is very pleased with Michael's progress and feels he could also return to training in around 2 weeks.

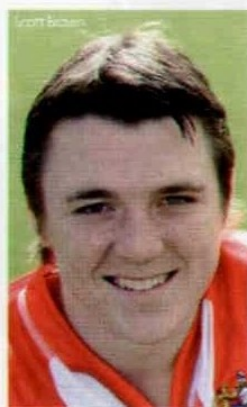
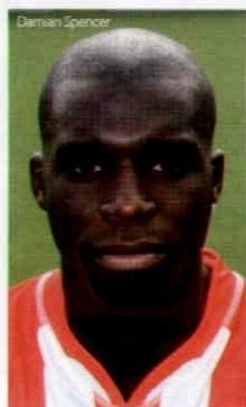
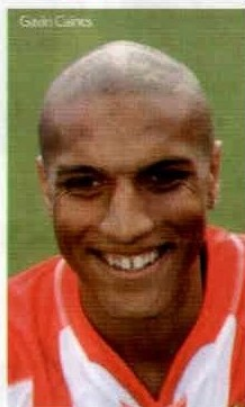
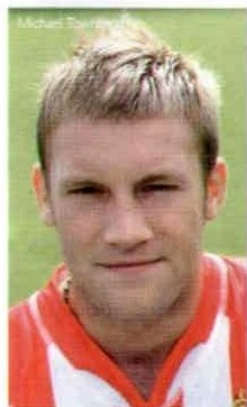
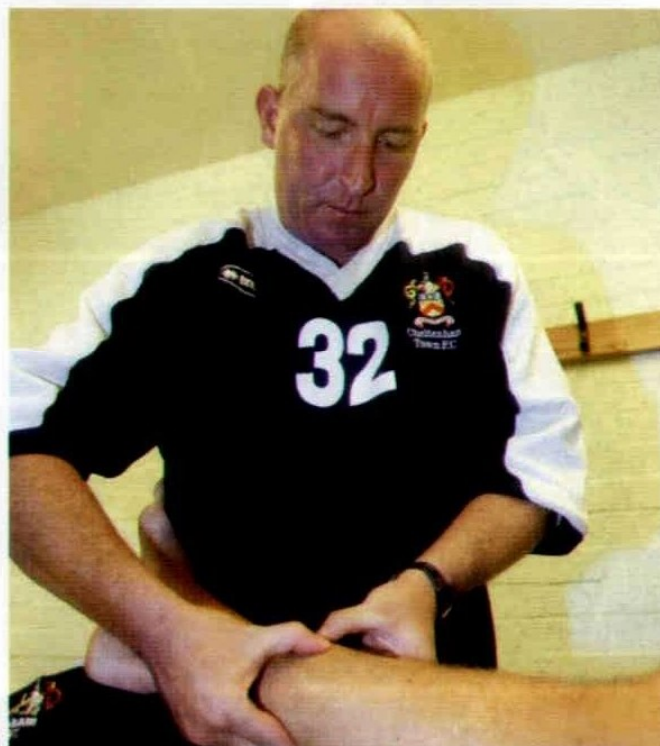
Scott Brown is our only other absentee today. He returns for more x-rays on his leg early September and we are hopeful of getting the thumbs up to step up Scott's rehabilitation even further. Scott is getting stronger and gaining confidence as each day goes by.

|| *Gavin Caines is making very good progress following his cartilage operation 3 weeks ago.* **||**

INJURY TABLE

Name	Injury	Due Back	Progression
Scott Brown	Double Fracture to Tibula & Fibula	Late Sept/Early Oct	●
Damian Spencer	Patella Dislocation	Fit	●
Micahel Wylde	Broken Jaw	2-3 weeks	●
Gavin Caines	Torn Knee Cartilage	2 weeks	●

● No Training ● Light Training ● Ready to play



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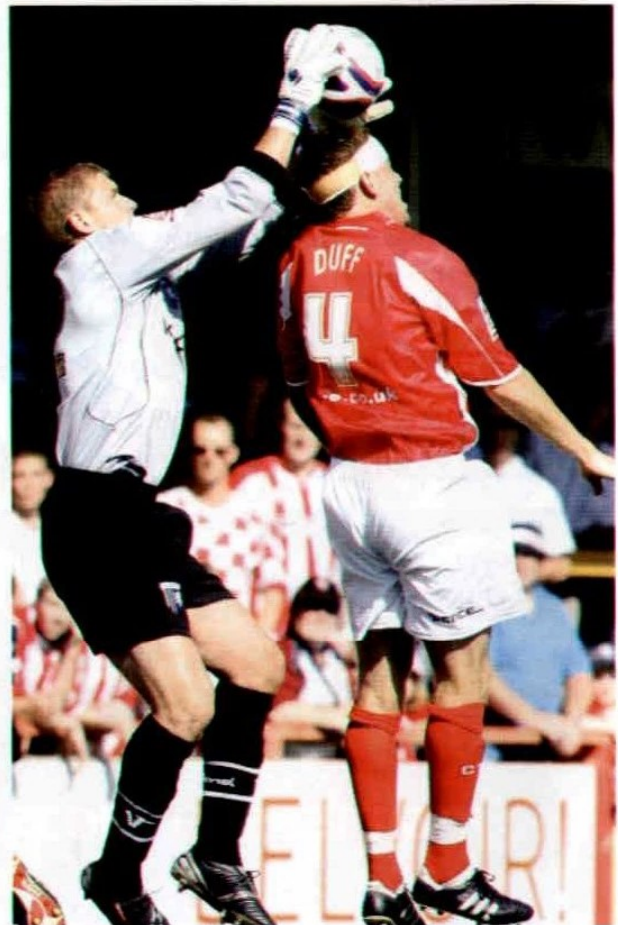
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Attendance: 4,008 (588 from Gillingham)
Referee: P. W. Melin (Hampshire)
Cheltenham (4-4-2): Higgs; J Gill, Gallinagh, Duff, Ridley; Lindegaard Yao 90), Finnigan, Bird, Vincent (Myrie-Williams 69); **Gillespie** (S/O 79), Connor (Reid 87).
Subs not used: Puddy, B Gill

Gillingham (4-4-2): Royce; Southall, Cox (S/O 57), Sodje, Armstrong; Crofts, Lomas (S/O 75), Bentley, Brown (King 62); Graham (Stone 81), Facey (Mulligan 73)
Subs not used: Stillie (GK), Cogan



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MATCH ACTION

V SOUTHEND UNITED

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Cheltenham Town

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Kick Off: 7:45pm

14th August 2007

Roots Hall, Southend

Attendance: 3,084 (110 from Cheltenham)

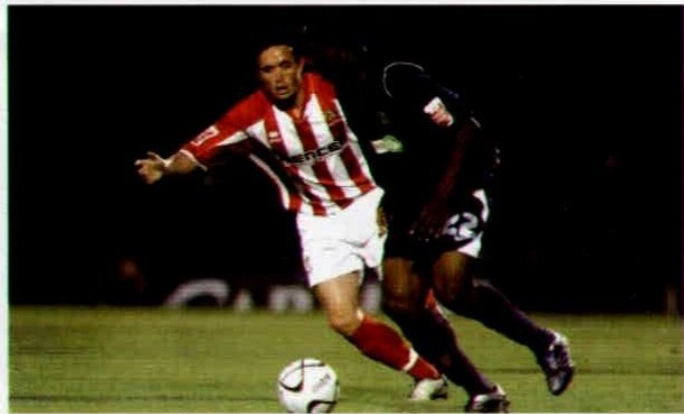
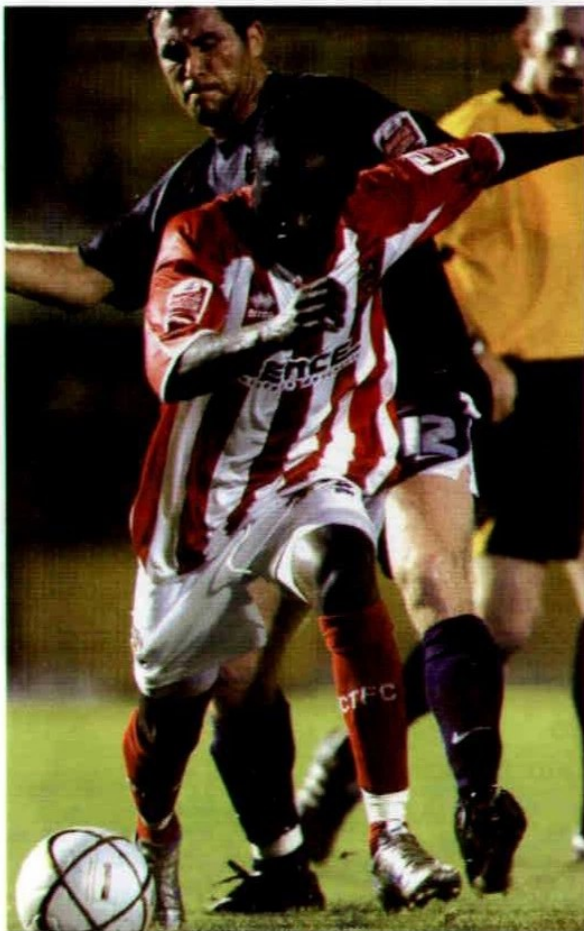
Referee: K. D. Hill (Hertfordshire)

Southend (4-4-2): Collis; Gilbert (Hunt 105), Clarke, **Barrett**, Wilson; Campbell-Ryce, Moussa, Bailey, Gower (Black 85); Hooper (MacDonald 75), **Bradbury (3)**.

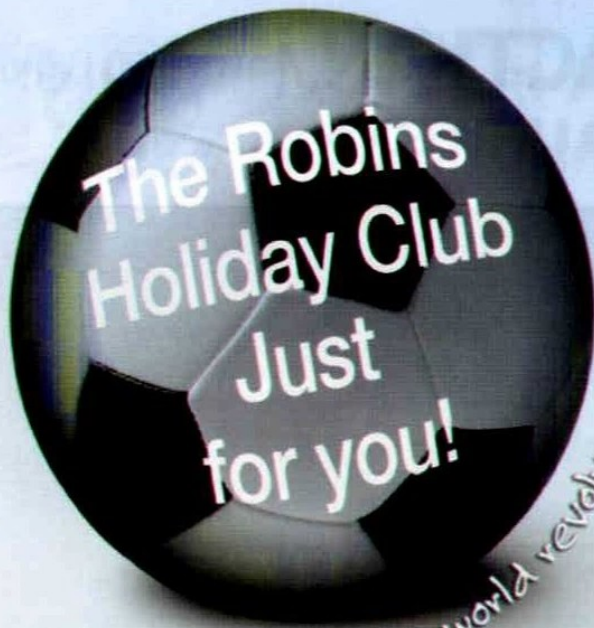
Subs not used: Richards

Cheltenham (4-4-2): Higgs; J Gill, Gallinagh, Duff, Ridley; Lindegaard, **Finnigan**, Bird, Yao (Ledgister 106); Connor (Vincent 75), Reid (B Gill 90)

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18th August 2007

The Den, Millwall

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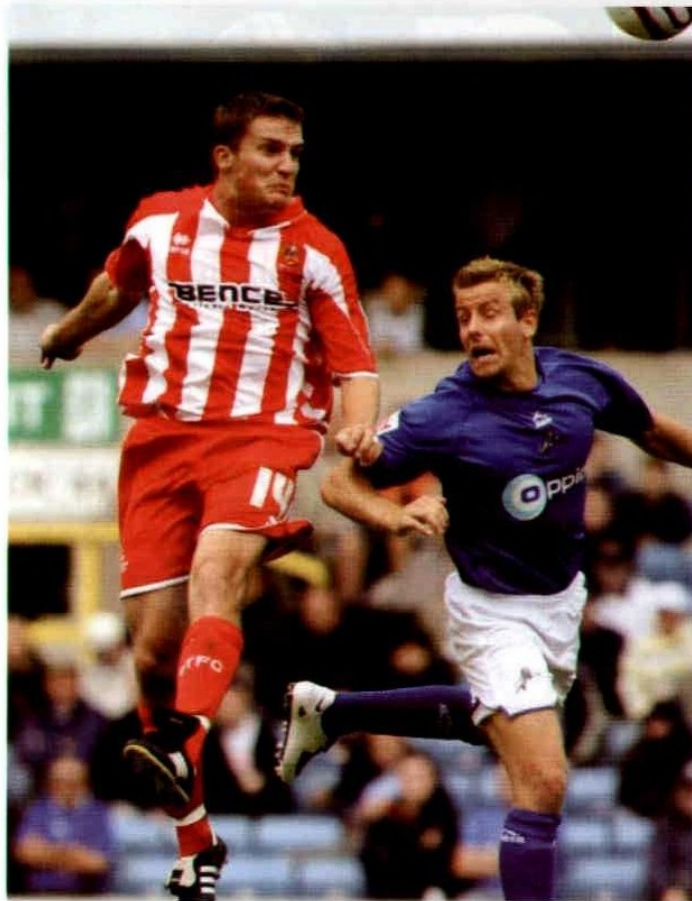
Referee: R. Lee (Essex)

Millwall (4-4-2): Day; Senda, Robinson, Shaw, Frampton (Barron 90); **Spiller** (Ardley 82), Dunne, Brammer, Smith (Alexander 54); May, Harris

Subs not used: Whitbread, Edwards (GK)

Cheltenham (4-4-2): Higgs; J Gill, Duff, Townsend, Ridley; Lindegaard (B Gill 80), Finnigan, Bird, Vincent (Myrie-Williams 66); Connor, Gillespie

Subs not used: Puddy, Gallinagh, Reid



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JAMIE VICTORY



Ex-Cheltenham Star Jamie Victory Spoke To James Brown Recently On His Time With The Robins

At the end of last season Cheltenham Town F.C said goodbye to one of its greatest legends. When Jamie Victory left The Robins it was a clear wrench for the left back veteran. I met up with Jamie recently so he could say his goodbyes to the club he served for 11 years.

What have you been up to since the end of last season and what are your plans for the future?

Although it was a disappointment

to be released from Cheltenham at the end of last season I still remain positive that I have something to offer in professional football. I incurred a frustrating injury which was hard to diagnose and when we finally found the solution it was just too late for me to impose and earn another chance.

I have been looking for a new club albeit without success and will continue to do so, I have had a few offers but my pride is stopping me.

I'll use the time that I have to spend it with my children who are on their school holidays and I will also ponder other possibilities.

You spent 11 successful years with Cheltenham Town, how hard was it to leave the club?

11 years is a long time to spend at any club for a player these days and the fact that I enjoyed my time here speaks volumes about the club and people involved.

because all those years ago it would have been a dream to be live on TV. I actually watched the second half in the changing rooms just to take it all in.

The Yeovil game will always be my fondest memory as there were so many ups and downs and the prize was so big, to achieve football league status was remarkable and to score the winner was even better!

How do you think Cheltenham will do this season?

Its always hard when you lose so many first team players who have played 30+ games and were a big influence on the team. You can replace squad players but it becomes difficult when you lose the nucleus of your squad.

Its time for the younger players in the squad to step into the arena and take responsibility, if you produce one or two youth team players who make the transition into first team football you have done well. With Shane Duff and David Bird already established and the likes of Adam Connolly, Sos Yao, Michael

Wylde, Andy Gallinagh and Sam Foley pressing its been a very successful period. This is their opportunity to prove that they are good enough to play first team football and make the manager pick them instead of pursuing the transfer market. I predict an improvement on last season.

Your one of the true Cheltenham legends and will be sorely missed by all Robins fans. Is there a message you would like to give to the Whaddon Road faithful?

I tried my best and gave everything for the club on and off the pitch, the fans have always shown their appreciation to me.

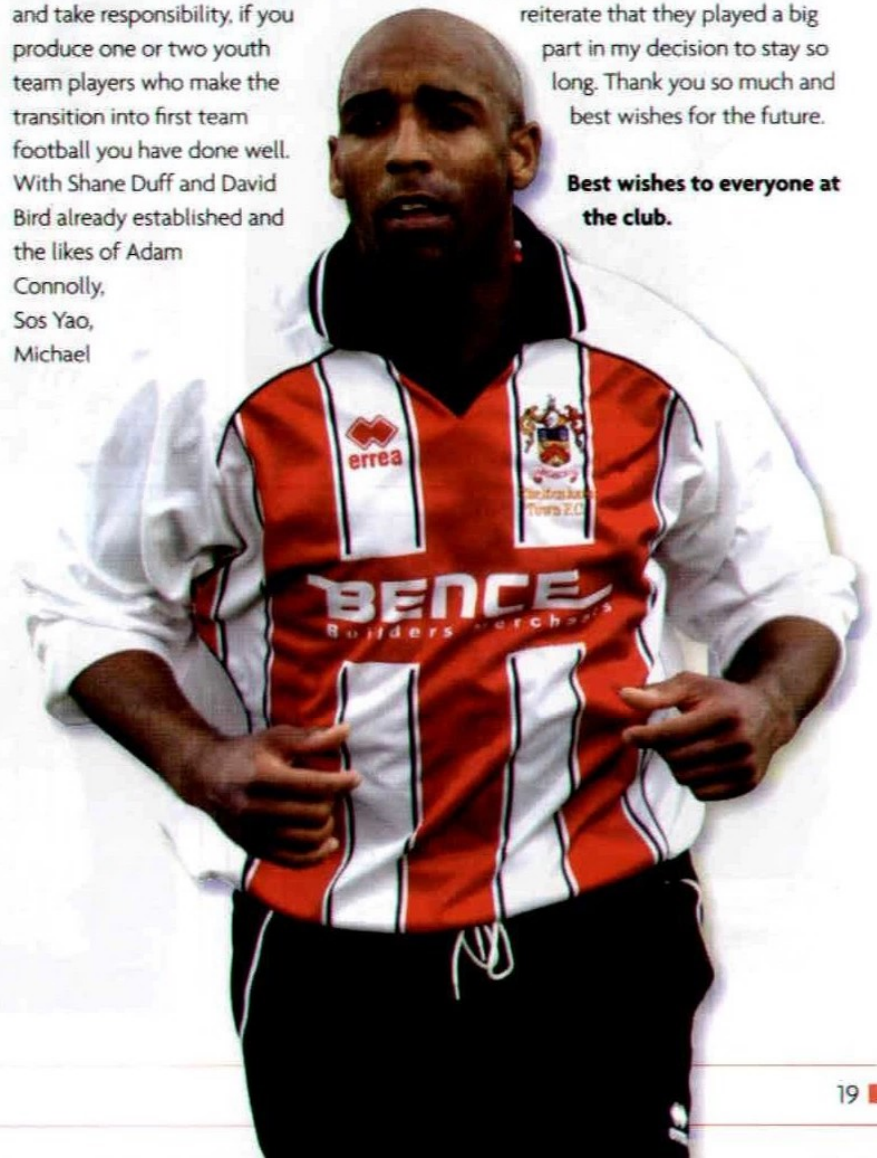
I still see many fans around the town and they are full of praise and gratitude, I would like to thank them for their support throughout the years and reiterate that they played a big part in my decision to stay so long. Thank you so much and best wishes for the future.

Best wishes to everyone at the club.

It was very hard to come to terms with as I knew so many people at the club and I would lose many friends. I also felt the club was going forward and I wanted to be part of that. I knew it was never going to last forever but I didn't envisage it ending so soon. I still get people asking me "how did you get on today?" this makes it even harder but I suppose its part and parcel of my success here.

What is your fondest memory of The Robins?

As you can imagine I have many fond memories, all the promotions stick in my mind and the big FA cup games, even the ones I didn't participate in made me proud. The Newcastle game on terrestrial TV made me emotional





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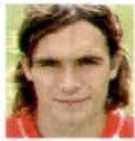
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SWINDON TOWN

NICKNAME: Robins
GROUND: County Ground
CAPACITY: 15,728

RECORD GATE:
32000: vs Arsenal 15/01/1972
FA Cup R3

BIGGEST WIN:
10 - 1: vs Farnham Utd
Breweries 28/11/1925 FA
Cup R1

MOST CAPPED PLAYER:
Rod Thomas: 30 Wales

MOST LEAGUE GOALS:
Harry Morris: 216 1926/33

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON:
Harris Morris: 47 1926/27
Division 3S

TOP GOALSCORER 06/07:
Christian Roberts: 13



ABOUT SWINDON TOWN

A brief overview on today's opponents

Swindon Town turned professional back in 1894 and has since become one of the best-loved clubs in English football. Relative success has surrounded Swindon, especially during the period 1968-1970.

They won the 1969 League Cup (defeating Arsenal) and they won promotion to the second division. The League Cup success meant an invite to European competitions such as the 1969 and 1970 Anglo-Italian League Cup competitions, which were both won by Swindon. The Robins also spent the 1993/94 season in The Premiership, the only top-flight football the club has experienced.

After their relegation into League Two in the 05/06 season Swindon needed to regroup and think

about their future. Their history has been blighted with financial crisis and they needed a fresh start. Swindon won promotion to League One after finishing in third place, an automatic promotion spot. The Robins have just been taken over by a Portuguese company named Best Holdings SGPS S.A. This has meant that 35 year-old American Jim Little has take over as Chairman at The County Ground. Little has previously been vice-chairman at Cork City. He is also the managing director of the Albemarle Group, a financial concern of best

Holdings. Paul Sturrock will be pleased that the takeover is complete and the club can concentrate on their football.

Swindon has had a great start to the season so far and produced an impressive 2-1 win over recently relegated Luton Town. A Carling Cup 2-0 defeat at the hands of Charlton Athletic followed despite a dogged performance from Swindon Town. Swindon kept up their great start to the League One season with a 1-1 draw with Northampton Town. The four points they have won so far have propelled them into fourth spot in League One. League positions mean nothing at this stage of the season but they do mean a confidence boost to the

recently promoted side.

There are a number of players that Swindon will be looking to get the best out of this season and complete their survival season. Lee Peacock, Craig Easton and Christian Roberts are the big players to watch out for this season. Today's game is between two teams that are tipped to be hovering around the relegation zone at the end of the season, so a win for either team could prove to be a decisive result at the end of the campaign. Paul Sturrock will be keen to keep up his side's unbeaten run and John Ward will be eager to put the Millwall result behind him. Expect a noisy atmosphere when the two local rivals meet for the first time this season.



PAUL STURROCK

Sturrock Keen To Win 'Battle of the Robins'

APPOINTED:

November 7th, 2006

AS A MANAGER:

St. Johnstone, Dundee United, Plymouth Argyle, Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday, Swindon.

DATE OF BIRTH:

October 10th, 1956

AS A PLAYER:

Dundee United, Scotland, Scotland under-21's.

Paul Sturrock played for just one club during his playing career and he signed for this club on the 1st July 1974. It was Jim McLean who brought him to Dundee United, a club where Sturrock would stay until 1989 when he retired.

Sturrock's first goal was one of two in a 2-2 draw with Rangers in 1975. Dundee United finished in fourth place that year, with Sturrock starting to become a key player for the side. In the 1976-77 season, Sturrock was an ever present in the squad and capped an impressive season by scoring fifteen goals in 36 appearances for Dundee. He became the club's top scorer and was called up to the under 21 Scotland squad as reward for his performances. He netted his first international goal

for the under 21's in which Scotland beat Wales 3-2. Sturrock had featured heavily in European competitions for the club and has also appeared in the World Cup. 1982-83 was the pinnacle of Sturrock career and he was a major player in the Dundee squad when they won the Scottish League Championship with eight goals in 28 appearances. A highly successful playing career with Dundee United was ended in 1989 after his retirement. In 385 league appearances from 1974 to 1989 he scored 109 goals

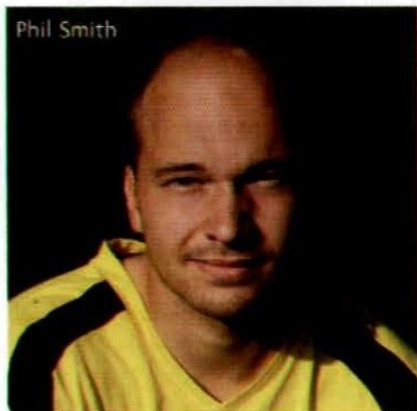
for the club. Including the cup fixtures his tally was 171 goals in 576 appearances, making him Dundee's top attacking player of all time. Sturrock won 20 caps for his country and scored three goals. Sturrock's managing career started with St. Johnstone in 1993 and he guided them to promotion in 1996/97. Sturrock was then appointed manager of Dundee United and made an impressive start. However he resigned in 2001 after his side failed to recover after the sale of star scorer Billy Dodds. After shocking Dundee fans with his resignation, he moved to struggling Plymouth Argyle in Division Three. He led the side to the Division

Three title with a record 102. In October 2003, he took Plymouth to the top of Division Two and left the club with twelve games to go in a season that proved to be a Championship winning one for The Pilgrims. He took on the role of Southampton Head Coach but left by 'mutual consent' after a poor run of form and player unrest. Next up was Sheffield Wednesday and Sturrock made a good start but he was sacked on the 19th October 2006 as the club languished towards the bottom of the table. Sturrock joined Swindon Town on the 7th November and guided the side to promotion back into League One.

SWINDON SQUAD



Phil Smith



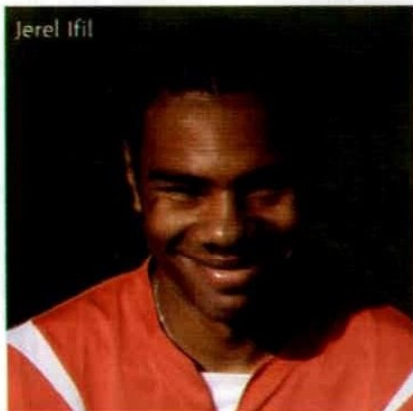
PHIL SMITH

The Swindon Town goalkeeper joined The Robins in July 2006 from Crawley Town and made his debut in the Carling Cup defeat to Brentford in August 2006. The 27-year-old made 74 starts for Crawley Town during his two-year stint. Smith has also played for Margate and Millwall. He was an outstanding performer in last season's promotion campaign and Swindon fans will be keen to see more of that form this season. Phil Smith faces tough competition for the number one jersey from Peter Brezovan who will be keen to win back his place this season. However, Smith has remained steady and has made two league starts so far this term.

JAMIE VINCENT

Vincent was one of the first signings during the Denis Wise reign as Swindon manager. He started his career as a trainee at Crystal Palace and later moved to Bournemouth where he made over 100 appearances. A £500,000 switch to Huddersfield was closely followed by a £800,000 deal to Portsmouth. Vincent has also had spells with Millwall and Derby. The 32 year-old signed a new one-year deal at the start of the season to see him through this campaign. The experienced defender has made two league starts so far this season and will be eager to lead the back line against Swindon's local rivals today.

Jerel Ifil



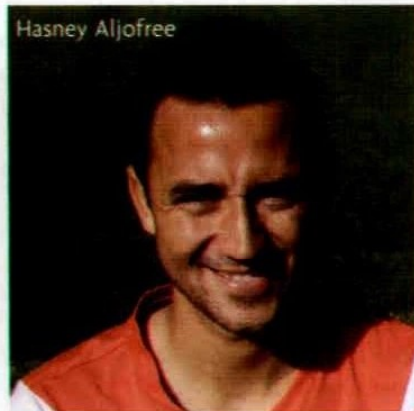
JEREL IFIL

This is the fourth spell that Ifil has spent with Swindon Town, the first three coming between 2002-2004 during three loan stints. He signed permanently for Swindon in the summer of 2004 and has become a fan favourite. Affectionately known as 'The Beast' by Town Supporters and a major player in the recent promotion season. Ifil has now played over 100 games for Swindon and signed a three-year deal in May of this year. 44 appearances last season underline his importance in this team and he will be the major player in defence today. Three starts so far this season for the 25 year-old.

JACK SMITH

Signed from Watford in the summer of 2005 and was thrust into the spotlight straight away due to the departure of Paul Robinson to West Brom. He made 38 league starts last season in a number of positions including left back, right back and midfield. The versatile player scored his first goal for the club from the spot against MK Dons in September 2006. 23 year-old Smith has become the clubs stable right back and will be a difficult player to play against today. Three starts so far this season and Cheltenham will have to be wary of his forward runs.

Hasney Aljofree



HASNEY ALJOFREE

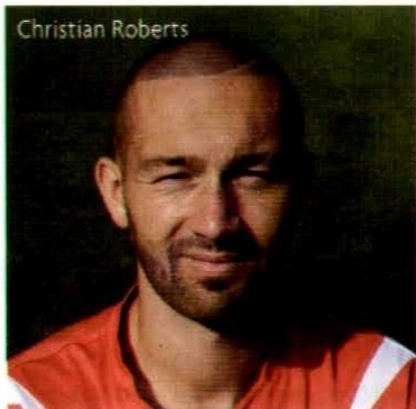
One of Paul Sturrock's new signings and could become a key player for The Robins this season. The strong defender signed from Plymouth Argyle on a three-year deal and will add much needed experience to Swindon. The 27 year-old has made over 200 appearances in his career. Aljofree worked with Sturrock briefly at Dundee United and then played under his leadership again at Plymouth. The signing of Aljofree will cause a lot of competition within the Swindon defence, especially with Ady Williams on his way back from surgery. Three starts so far this season and a fourth most likely here today at Whaddon Road.

SOFIANE ZAABOUB

Impressed during a three month loan spell in November and has since signed an 18 month deal with Town. After signing his new contract with Swindon Zaaboub vowed not to shave until he had broken his goal scoring jinx...its just as well he scored two days later in the 3-1 win over Wrexham! The 24 year-old had been on trial with Sturrock at both Plymouth and Sheffield Wednesday. The Frenchman has had spells with Montereau, St. Etienne, Modena, Real Jaen and FC Brussels. Two league starts so far this season and one substitute appearance in the Carling Cup.

League Two position 06/07: 3rd Points: 85

Christian Roberts



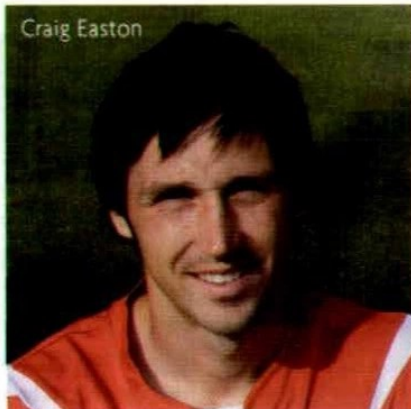
CHRISTIAN ROBERTS

Roberts signed for Swindon Town in 2004. He left Ashton Gate after a £50,000 offer was accepted by Bristol City. The Welsh striker is an aggressive runner with bags of pace that could do some damage in League One. Roberts has also played for Exeter City, Cardiff and Hereford (loan). The 27-year-old finished last season as top scorer with thirteen goals and made quite a few appearances on the right side of midfield. The Cardiff born striker will be relishing a chance to become top scorer for the club again. He has made three starts so far this season and has bagged one goal in the 1-1 draw with Northampton Town.

MICHAEL POOK

Pook has risen through the Swindon Town ranks recently and has cemented himself a place in the recently promoted side. He signed a professional contract in the 05/06 season and was always a consistent performer in the youth and reserve teams at The County Ground. He is known as 'Pooky' at Swindon Town and has developed an eye for goal, something that Cheltenham will be wary of today. The 21 year-old is described as an energetic 'box-to-box' player at Swindon and a thorn in any defence's side. Pook has made two league starts so far this season and a substitute appearance in the Carling Cup.

Craig Easton



CRAIG EASTON

Two starts so far this season and one goal in the league. Craig Easton is one of the danger men in the Swindon Town line-up. Easton arrived this summer to add further experience to the central midfield. The former Scotland under-21 international has over 300 appearances in his career so far. The 28 year-old started his career at Dundee United before moving onto Livingston. Easton made the move to England after signing for Leyton Orient in 2005. The midfielder made 65 starts for Orient during his two-year stint. It will be an interesting battle between Easton and Finnigan in the middle of the park today.

BLAIR STURROCK

The son of Paul Sturrock joined Swindon Town in November 2006 and has impressed the Swindon fans with his determined performances up front. The striker played with Dundee United as a trainee before spending time at Brechin on loan. Sturrock has also played for Plymouth, Rochdale and Kidderminster. The Scottish striker has netted twice so far in his Swindon career and will be looking to make a success of his partnership with Lee Peacock. Blair Sturrock is celebrating his 26th birthday here today at Whaddon Road and a goal is the only way he would like to celebrate

KEY PLAYER

LEE PEACOCK

30 year-old Lee Peacock is an experienced player who was recently named as last season's League Two Player of the Season. Peacock joined Swindon in January 2006 on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. Peacock has also played for clubs such as Carlisle, Mansfield, Lincoln, Man City and Bristol City. He scored on his debut for Town in a 4-2 home win against Bournemouth after coming off the bench. Will be looking for another impressive season this year at The County Ground and has started well after scoring in the 2-1 win over Luton

Town on the first day of the season.





MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading Swindon Town managers



Bert Head, Crystal Palace Manager

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.

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.

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.

FRED FORD

Fred Ford plotted Swindon Town's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. He was a centre-half with Erith & Belvedere, Arsenal, Charlton Athletic, Millwall and Carlisle United, then coached Bristol Rovers before becoming Bristol City's manager in July 1960. He guided them to promotion in 1964-65 and discovered several notable players, then coached Swindon from September 1967 until his appointment as Bristol Rovers' boss in April 1968. Returning to Swindon as manager between October 1969 and May 1971, he later coached Torquay United, then was Oxford United's chief scout until his death in October 1981.

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.

OSSIE ARDILES

Former Argentina international midfielder Ossie Ardiles was unlucky not to lead Swindon Town to the top-flight in 1989-90. Together with Ricky Villa, the World Cup winner made headlines with his transfer from Huracan to Spurs in July 1978. He helped them win the



Osvaldo Ardiles, Swindon Town player-manager



Swindon Town's player manager Glenn Hoddle

FA Cup in 1981 and UEFA Cup in 1984, moving to QPR in May 1988. Appointed Swindon's boss in July 1989, he plotted their 1989-90 Second Division play-off final success but they were denied promotion due to an illegal payments scandal. He took charge of Newcastle United in March 1991, then managed West Brom and Spurs before coaching overseas.

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

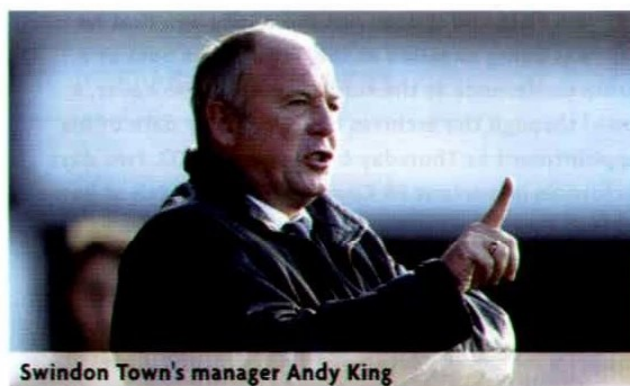
has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

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.

ANDY KING

Former England U-21 midfielder Andy King managed Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Luton Town in July 1974, he joined



Swindon Town's manager Andy King

Everton in April 1976 and appeared in the 1977 League Cup final. He moved to QPR in September 1980, then West Brom a year later and rejoined Everton in August 1982. After spells at Wolves, Luton again and Aldershot, he became Mansfield Town's boss in November 1993. He was assistant-boss at Grimsby and Swindon, where he was appointed manager from November 2000 until August 2001, then again between January 2002 and September 2005.

PAUL STURROCK

Former Scotland international striker Paul Sturrock guided

Swindon Town to promotion in 2006-07. A legend at Dundee United, he starred as they won the Scottish Premier title in 1982-83, Scottish League Cup twice and were Scottish Cup finalists four times. He became their coach in June 1989, then St Johnstone's boss in November 1993 and rejoined Dundee United as manager in September 1998. Taking charge of Plymouth Argyle in October 2000, he plotted two promotion campaigns, then managed Southampton. He guided Sheffield Wednesday to promotion in 2004-05 and became Swindon's boss in November 2006.



Paul Sturrock, Swindon Town manager



JOHN WARD - 200TH GAME

Next Saturday's Coca-Cola League One match at Carlisle United will be John Ward's 200th fixture in charge of Cheltenham Town.

Time flies and it does not seem long ago that he was being unveiled as the new Robins boss at a press conference at the training ground. However, a trawl through the archives confirmed the date of his appointment as **Thursday 6 November 2003, two days before an important FA Cup first round match at home to Hull City.**

Youth team manager Bob Bloomer had been in caretaker charge for the previous three league matches and he picked the team for the Hull match, although John Ward gave a teamtalk and moved down to sit in the dugout after watching the first half from the stand.

The arrival of a new manager clearly inspired the team that day as a strong Hull side were beaten 3-1. The Robins went on to reach the third round of the Cup that season where they were beaten 2-1, a late goal from Louis Saha sealing their fate at Fulham.

Over the remaining months of the season Ward guided a team that had sunk to 21st in the League Two table to mid-table safety and a finishing position of 14th. At first he used players largely inherited from previous managerial regimes, although one significant signing took place in March that season when Brian

Wilson's loan move from Stoke City was made permanent for a club record equalling £50,000 fee. The deal went through on transfer deadline day with four minutes to spare! At the end of that season Ward released nine players from the squad including the long-serving Steve Book and Lee Howells. Over the summer he signed 10 new faces and this re-shaped team was to develop into the side that would win promotion back to League One.

Progress was slow at first and Ward was genuinely disappointed that his team could only match their 14th place finishing position of 2004 the following year. However, by the end of that season his policy of signing young players and coaching them to become better ones was beginning to pay off. With first team coach Keith Downing now working alongside him and with the support of able backroom staff such as

physio Ian Weston, goalkeeping coach Pat Mountain and fitness coach/sports scientist Jason Murphy, young players such as Brian Wilson, Shane Duff, David Bird and Gavin Caines began to produce more consistent quality performances. In the summer of 2005 Ward attracted some criticism for maintaining faith with much of the same squad but the following campaign proved that the boss knew exactly what he was doing. 2005-2006 proved to be one of the most successful seasons in the club's history with the excitement of big matches in all the cup competitions and that memorable second play-off final win in Cardiff.

Last season, seemingly against the odds, the team retained League One status for the first time and with a squad of young players still capable of getting better, the future continues to hold plenty of promise.

In fact, for the first time in many years Cheltenham Town is now producing young players that other clubs want to sign and the record outbound transfer fee has been broken twice in the last 12 months. At the start of

this season four players (Martin Devaney, Grant McCann, Kayode Odejayi and Brian Wilson) are all operating in the Coca-Cola Championship having developed as players while at Whaddon Road.



John Ward's record as Cheltenham Town manager (up to and including 18.8.07)
Played 198, Won 74, Drawn 51, Lost 73, For 246, Against 241

The most common scoreline in matches under John Ward is 2-1 (19 Cheltenham wins, 18 opposition wins); the biggest win is 5-0 (against Brentford in the Carling Cup in 2005-06 and at Mansfield in League Two the same season); and the heaviest defeat is 4-1, which has been suffered on three occasions (once after extra-time).

57 different players have made a first team appearance since John Ward has been manager

The team for John Ward's first match in charge on November 8 2003 was (4-4-2):

Shane Higgs; David Bird, John Brough, Michael Duff, Grant McCann; Lee Howells, Mark Yates, John Finnigan, Ben Cleverley (Richard Forsyth 73); Damian Spencer, Paul Brayson. Subs not used: Steve Book (Gk), Luke Corbett, Graham Fyfe, Bob Taylor.





LEAGUE ONE ROUND-UP

All The Latest News From The Coca-Cola League One

'ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE'



Did you know that the Leeds Matchday Magazine is refusing to believe their league position?

Leeds started their League One campaign with -15 points and left them with a difficult season ahead, especially if they want to get back to The Championship. But the Leeds matchday magazine is refusing to believe this minor setback and is publishing the 'real league table'; a table in which they are challenging at the top of the table! So...congratulation to Leeds on their 'table topping' performances!

LEEDS CHASE HIBS CAPTAIN



A storm is brewing in Scotland over a possible 'tug of war' transfer between Leeds United and Hibernian. The Hibernian captain Rob Jones has caught the eye of

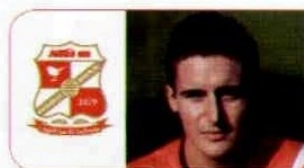
Denis Wise and is eager for a return to English football. Hibernian are dismissing claims that they have angered Jones after refusing an offer from Leeds United.

Agent Kevin Smith told the BBC:

"I know Rob has spoken with the chairman and expressed his desire to go back to England to play his football. "I am aware Leeds have shown an interest in Rob. "But Hibs have made it clear that he is not for sale and there is bad feeling and disappointment on our side."

Rob Jones has become a first-team regular for the Scottish side since leaving Grimsby last summer.

CORR RETURNS FOR THE ROBINS



Swindon striker Barry Corr returned to training on Wednesday for the first time since the end of last season.

The former Sheffield Wednesday frontman has been out of action due to a back injury since helping Swindon win promotion to League One in May while he was on loan.

22 year-old Corr signed

TOP TEN GOALSCORERS

Name	Team	Total
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	2
Gary Roberts	Crewe	2
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	2
Andy Kirk	Northampton	2
Luke Beckett	Huddersfield	2
Dean Hammond	Brighton	1
Tom Pope	Crewe	1
Jason Scotland	Swansea	1
Alex Revell	Alexander Revell	1
Adam Barrett	Southend	1

permanently for Swindon Town in June.

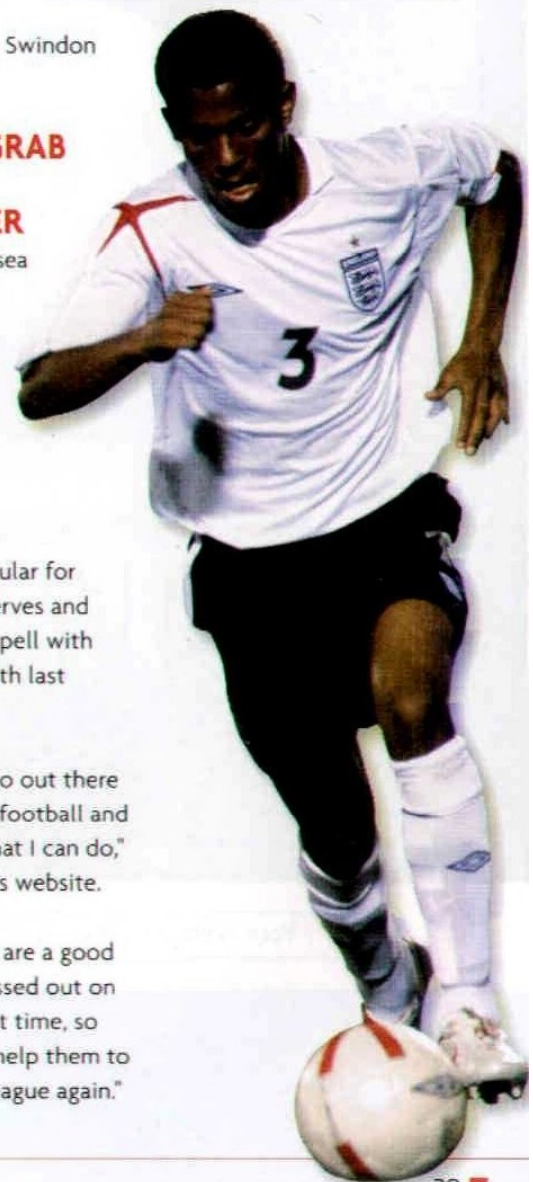
OLDHAM GRAB CHELSEA YOUNGSTER

18 year-old Chelsea defender Ryan Bertrand has joined Oldham Athletic on loan until January.

Bertrand is a regular for the Chelsea reserves and enjoyed a loan spell with AFC Bournemouth last season.

"I can't wait to go out there and play league football and show people what I can do," he told Oldham's website.

"I know Oldham are a good side and just missed out on the play-offs last time, so hopefully I can help them to do well in the league again."



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ROBINS TRUST PUB QUIZ

The Trust would like to thank everyone who attended the recent pub quiz held at Whaddon Road.

Once again the evening became very competitive and it went right to the wire with Steve Smith's team 'We're on the Road 2 Nowhere' consisting of Steve, Heidi, Wesley,

Leo and Ashley (pictured), narrowly beating the Jason Eaton Fan Club and The Reliant Robins. Well done lads and lasses! All in all a good time was had by all and the evening was made successful by you the fans for turning out and enjoying the evening and in turn supporting the trust.

Remember all proceeds raised by the trust benefits the club directly in return for shares, to give you, the supporting public a greater say in what happens at Cheltenham Town FC.

Please look out in the match program or at www.robinstrust.org for more news on forthcoming events organised by the Robins Trust. A Race Night is planned for Thursday 18th October, and a Christmas Disco is planned for Saturday December 22nd.

TRUST RECRUITMENT

The new season is now upon us and the Robins Trust is now looking for new committee members to continue the good work. If you feel you have the energy and enthusiasm for all things Cheltenham Town then we would like to hear from you. Speak to a current board member at a forthcoming home match, or contact us by visiting www.robinstrust.org and register your interest.



Robins fans on their way to the Millwall game

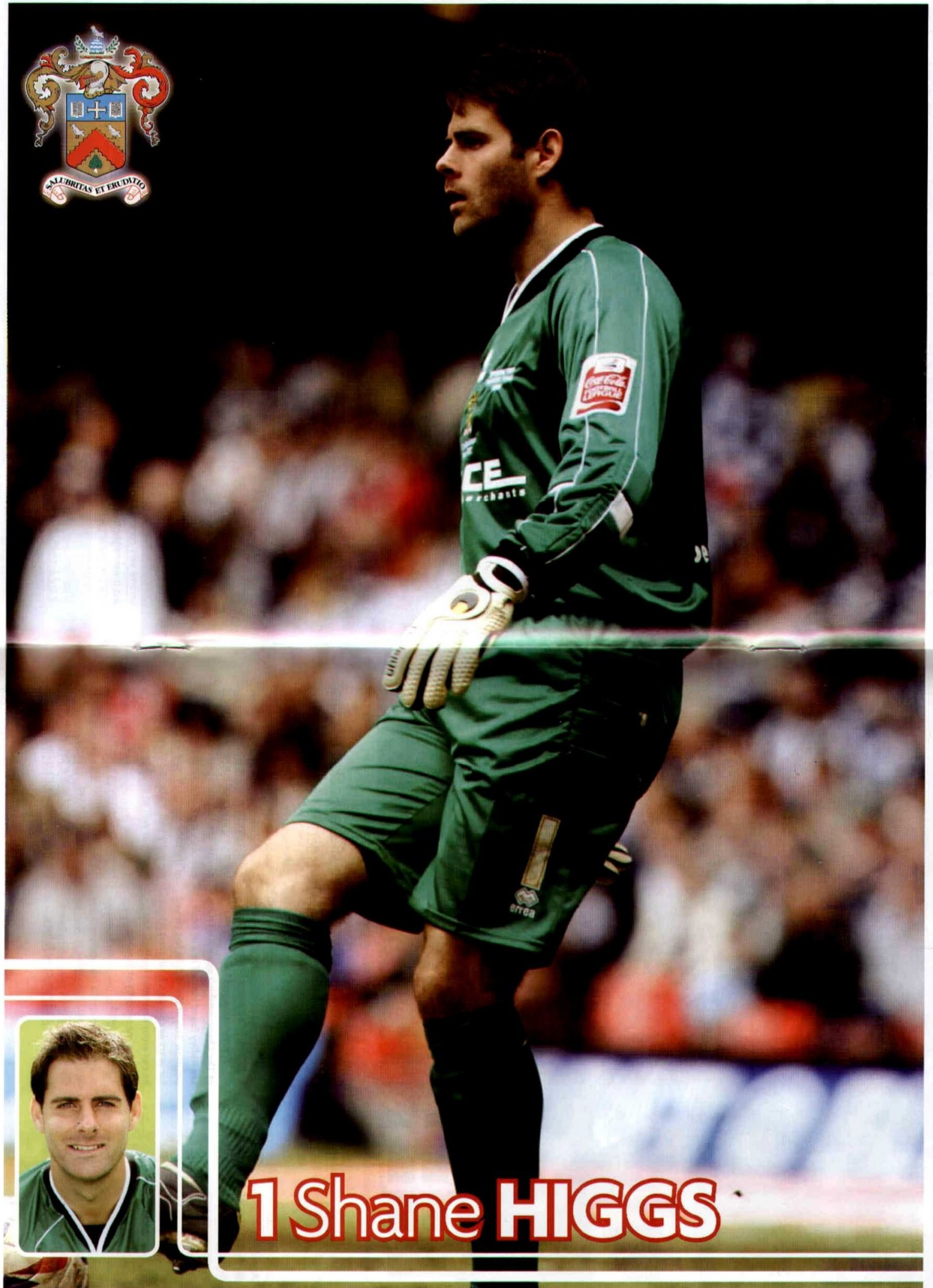


Quiz winners

ROBINS TRUST MATCH DAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale
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Today's raffle prize is.....
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1 Shane HIGGS



LEERIDLEY



Age: 25
Birthplace: Scunthorpe
Squad Number: 3
Position: Left Back
Previous Clubs: Scunthorpe



Cheltenham Town new boy Lee Ridley Spoke To James Brown recently about how he is settling into life at Whaddon Road.

With Scunthorpe United winning promotion and becoming one of The Championship's newest recruits, Lee Ridley found himself in a difficult position. Stay at the club he has served for years or choose a fresh start where he can enjoy first team football. Lee spoke to me recently at Seasons Training Ground.

How are you settling in at Cheltenham Town?

I think I've settled in quite well! I've

still got nowhere to live just yet and I'm staying in a hotel but its okay at the minute. The lads have been spot on and obviously the Gaffer, Keith and the rest of the backroom staff have welcomed me really well. It's been enjoyable in training as well so it's all been good.

How does Cheltenham Town differ from your previous club Scunthorpe United?

There are a lot of similarities between the two clubs really. It's quite a small,



close community with a good team spirit and the grounds are quite similar in size. To be fair I was a bit surprised with the training facilities when I came here, I wasn't expecting a training ground or anything because we didn't really have that at Scunthorpe but it's not much of a change really, just in location.

You spent a fair few years at Scunthorpe and became a solid member of the team. How hard was it to leave them this summer?

It was a bit of a wrench really. It's one of them where you're thinking about looking for regular first team football. I've been there since I was sixteen and it was quite easy for me because I lived about five minutes round the corner and I didn't

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have to get up to early and it was living the life of Riley really. Obviously coming down here and trying to find a place to live and things like that, moving away from my family who were round the corner as well, it was a wrench but I did it for my career. I wanted to play regular first team football and I could have stayed there. I was offered a contract and could have been a squad player in The Championship but I wasn't too convinced I was going to be involved that much to be honest. So I spoke to the Gaffer and was impressed. I came down to have a look around and I was impressed still further and then obviously the deal was done.

Cheltenham Town have had many well known left backs such as Jamie Victory and Craig Armstrong that have proved a big hit with the fans. How do you think you've settled in so far at the left back role and with the fans?

I think it's still early days yet obviously and the jury is still out really. I've played a few games so far and some of the fans won't have seen my pre-season games because we didn't get a chance to play at Whaddon Road. I'm still settling in and I've been helped with the lads and they are spot on with helping each other out. But hopefully I can be nice and consistent in there and there is still parts of my game I want to improve and hopefully I can do that this season.

What was your take on the first game against Gillingham and the game against Southend?

The game against Gillingham I thought we played really well to be fair. I know it was overshadowed a little bit with the red cards but to be honest I thought we controlled the game for the majority of it and I think it was us pressing for goals.

A lot of fans will think we were playing against nine men, we should have killed the game off, which is probably true. It's easy to say that some lads lack in experience and things like that but I think we were all a little bit guilty of being too keen to get the second goal rather than keeping possession a bit more and tiring them out. I'm sure that'll come and I think everyone was a bit guilty of that really. The first half of the Southend game we just had to ride the storm a little bit, they came out of the blocks quickly and we just stuck in there and kept it down to one goal. The Gaffer told us at half time that there was nothing to fear and just to believe in yourselves and we came out in the second half and pretty much pummelled them really. I think we had thirteen corners, a goal cleared off the line and of course the penalty in the last minute as well. Obviously it was disappointing to finish with a 4-1 scoreline. People will pick up the paper thinking we got battered and all the lad's friends and families asked whether they were battered but that just wasn't the case. It was one of those games and there were a lot of positives to take away from the match.

We've got Swindon as our next home game, who have obviously just been taken over, and they are looking quite strong. How do you think the game could go?

It's tough to say. It's always good to be aware of whom you're playing against but I've always been a believer that if we play to the best of our ability, we can give teams problems and win games. It's always nice to know what they have and who their main weapon is but if we go out there and play our gameplan and to the best of our ability then we've always got a chance



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but it will be a tough game. With the new teams there is going to be a lot of unknown quantity and teams nowadays are always chopping and changing, bringing six or seven players in and its hard to tell how they will perform from pre-season games and when you haven't scouted. If you look at us, we lost our last two or three games leading to the start of the season and then we won on the opening day. It's hard to tell what the opposition are going to be like so you try not to worry about it to much and just worry about your own game.

Personally is there any goals or targets you are aiming for?

Personally, just to play as many games as I can and, touch wood, stay injury free. Just to be consistent for the team and improve my all-round game really.

What are the goals and targets for the team this season?

I think first and foremost for the team it's to improve on what we did last season, I mean they! Improve on the position and we are capable of that. There are not many differences

between the teams and if you can get a good start and keep the consistency then there is no reason why you can't push for the playoffs or even automatic promotion. If you look at Scunthorpe last year, no one fancied Scunthorpe to go up and some of the bigger teams faltered. There are no certainties in football and we've got a great work ethic and good team spirit, so we'll go out there every weekend, every game and look to win the matches. I can't see why we can't do quite well this season.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Ian Randall Puts The Spotlight Upon Cheltenham's Ashley Vincent

WHAT'S THE MOTTO YOU LIVE BY?

I don't really have one but I heard one in the summer from an NFL player: "I rush till my heart stops, then I rush once more".

WHAT'S YOUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?

I've got a watch that my sister bought me when I was 18, which I think would be my most prized possession.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BREAKFAST CEREAL?

I'm going to have to go for Rice Krispies...Snap, Crackle and Pop!

WHICH COMPANY WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL SPONSOR?

I think I'd have to go for Virgin - Richard Branson's company. Just for the fact that he's made a lot, and came from nothing. I'd like to relate that to me as I've come from hardly anything and I'm trying to make something of myself as well.

ARE YOU A SPENDER OR A SAVER?

Spender. Just look at my bank account, it's empty!

WHAT MADE YOU LAST LOSE YOUR TEMPER?

I don't lose my temper very often...the boys may tell you different but...I really can't say to be honest, there wouldn't be one thing.

TELL US ONE THING THAT YOUR TEAM-MATES DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU...

I think more than anything, they

probably wouldn't expect that I'm a real family man. Whatever I do outside of football is family orientated, which I don't think they'd expect.

WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE PERSON ON TV?

Ant and Dec. Just for their comedy value.

WHICH TV SHOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CONTESTANT ON, AND WHY?

Deal or no deal. All the boys love to have a little watch of it and I think it's just one of those game-shows where you can have a gamble here and there.

WHAT PART OF TRAINING DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

Shooting. Like any forward, it's got to be the attacking part, the shooting part. No-one enjoys pre-season, but shooting would be my favourite.

IF THERE'S A PRANK TO BE PLAYED, WHO'S USUALLY THE CULPRIT?

Well it started off as me and Steven Gillespie, but I think midfielder Scott Brown will have a big role to play this season. Overall though I'd say Steven Gillespie, he's usually the one.

WHICH OTHER SPORTING EVENT WOULD YOU LOVE A TICKET FOR?

I'd love to go to see the Super Bowl. I think that's the biggest sports show, one-off-event, in the world and I'd love to have a ticket.





LEO'S VIEW

Football Shaped -
Asian Championships 2007



The Asian cup was arranged with most matches in one stadium in each of the host nations, but a second one was needed for simultaneous group matches at the end of the series. These stadia would hold only one game, which is generally bad news for groundhoppers like me, as it was not possible to get to all eight of the venues.

Fortunately, I had been to two of the 'minor' stadiums during earlier visits to the regions, but it still meant I had to go from a match in Ho Chi Minh City on a Monday, to one in Palembang, Sumatra two days later.

This was still the most complex journey in my itinerary. I flew to Singapore (with time to pick up a match in the local league there), then six hours on an overnight coach to the centre of KL. At 7 in the morning, I left some of my baggage at a hotel, before taking another coach ride out to the airport.

Palembang is an unregarded city in Southern Sumatra, the main feature of the town being its bridge over the local river. This was built in the sixties as a lifting bridge to allow river

traffic to pass below, but the lifting mechanism failed after eight years. The fact that they still have not got around to the repairs seems to me to sum up Indonesian attitudes. Still, the city has a good football team, currently placed second in the league and a modern stadium, which can hold around 35,000. For Saudi Arabia v Bahrain, the crowd barely reached four figures, thanks to the fact Indonesia could still qualify, and were live on TV.

Saudi Arabia had drawn their opening game with South Korea, then beaten Indonesia, in front of an 87,000 capacity crowd in Jakarta. Bahrain had lost to Indonesia on the first day, but then beaten the Koreans. This meant that Saudi led the group on 4 points. Bahrain and

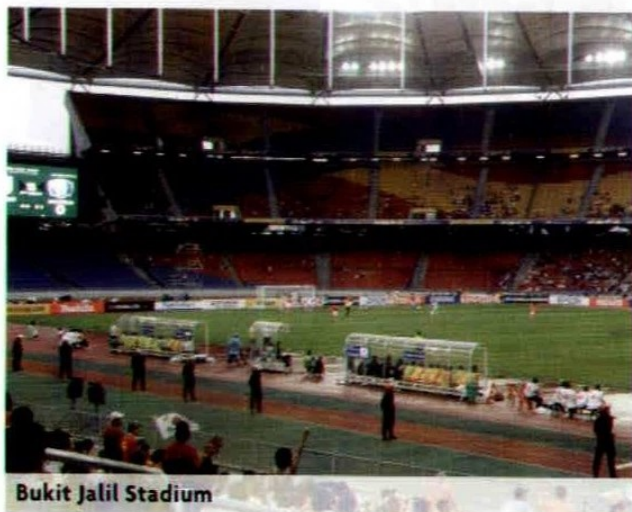
Indonesia had three, and group favourites, South Korea had just the one. For Saudi, a draw was enough, and for Bahrain, this result would also do should South Korea come good, but not if Indonesia picked up more points. As it happened, we witnessed a masterful display of attacking flair football, with two goals in each half as the Saudis just swept the Bahrain side away. Back in Jakarta, the stadium was again full to 87,000, but again the Indonesians were not fortunate – going down to a single goal around the half hour mark, and so the South Koreans stole the second qualifying place.

So for three of the host countries, it was not a bad tournament. Thailand and Indonesia exited the competition with heads held high, while Vietnam qualified for the knock out games. In Malaysia, though, it was different, and they ended the group matches as the only team without a point. This brought on a lot of abuse for the team in the local papers. The sports teams being the only aspect of Malaysian society where any dissatisfaction will be published in the papers. The country has made great strides in its economy over the last two decades, although much of the growth has occurred in the capital and near the Singaporean border, leaving the rest of the country behind. In a country where much of the inequality is along racial lines, the repression of open debate is probably

needed to avoid full scale racial riots. As it is, the government has managed to contain the tensions for almost 40 years now. The majority Malay population being appeased by the advantages the law gives them, and the biggest minority, the Chinese being happy so long as the economy prospers, and they can make money. While most members of the smaller minority population, the Indians will complain to anyone who will listen about their lot in life – they realise that if there was a change, it would be unlikely to benefit them.

Anyway, back to the football, and with Malaysia putting up such a poor show, the Iranians took the benefit by beating Uzbekistan, and drawing with China from 2-0 down, ending up as group winners. Both Uzbekistan and China put five goals past the hosts (the biggest margins in the competition), and finally met each other for the other qualification place. For most of this game, the Chinese appeared to hold sway without scoring – but after Uzbekistan took the lead after 72 minutes, China collapsed, losing two more goals in the process.

I passed back through Malaysia, but went back to Thailand for the first quarter final. Iraq against Vietnam. The match was good news for the Iraqis, as it pitted them against the weakest quarter-finalist, without the advantage of their home crowd. The game was settled after just 86 seconds, for once ahead



Bukit Jalil Stadium



— one could never see the Iraqis losing the lead. The final score was 2-0. Still as the last of the hosts in competition, Vietnam still felt they had proved their point, going further in the competition than most people had expected, including their own players. Indeed one of the players had to miss the game, as it clashed with his wedding.

My second quarter final was Iran against South Korea, at Kuala Lumpur's Bukit Jalil stadium. Another large stadium, built for the 1998 Commonwealth games and rarely filled. None of the Asian Cup games would do so, and the AFC had banned the plan by Manchester United to visit the stadium on tour during this tournament. The stadium is a three-tiered bowl, of even height with a track leaving all the spectators well distant from the pitch. Capacity is stated at 100,000. The roof, of the lightweight membrane style popular with the German stadiums of the last World Cup covers all of the seated areas. I was to see two games here, quarter and semi-finals, but not a single goal in four hours of football. The common factor was South Korea, a team that is now a shadow of the won that reached the World Cup semi-final, albeit in their own back yard, and now shorn of that little bit of flair that made them well worth watching in Germany. Having got through the group matches by the skin of their teeth, they now play attrition football to make it through to third place. The first

game, against Iran was quite entertaining. Iran, however, have a reputation for under achieving that goes back to Darius' defeat by Alexander in 333 B.C., so a penalty shoot-out loss was no surprise. Iraq were a better team, built from a solid defence forward — and they should have scored in normal time, but they seemed to settle for the shoot out long before the end, and their goalkeeper proved the hero of the day.

The semi-final result led to wide scale celebration in Iraq, followed by wide scale bloodshed. The team's achievements in this tournament can be seen as a force for national unity, as the team mixes Sunni and Shia Muslims, and members of the Kurdish community. Sadly, there were many people back home who would not stand for such sentiments. In the other matches, Japan beat Australia, (the only surprise being that the hapless Australians somehow managed to take the game to penalties) and Saudi Arabia defeated Uzbekistan. For the semi, Japan should have had an advantage with 24 hours more to prepare, and having to fly between venues, but it did not show. Saudi Arabia beat them 3-2 in what went down as the match of the tournament. The Saudis took the lead three times — the first two conceding an equaliser almost straight away, the final time having to face 20 minutes of relentless pressure before celebrating the win.

So on to Jakarta for the final. Ten years after my last visit, the city is as untidy and dirty as ever, and with the taxi into the city stuck in queues of traffic, it seemed little had changed. But as I wandered around old haunts, generally favoured by the ex-pat community, I found them empty, or closed down — and while there is a lot of new development in Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia; Indonesia seemed stuck in the time warp.

The stadium, however, had been improved. It used to be called the Senayan, and it was a mess — the two tiered 50s construction had been able to hold 100,000, and was reputed to once let in 120,000 — but not in safety or comfort. It has now been renamed as Gelora Bung Karno after the country's first president, and the capacity has been reduced to 87,000 (filled for two of Indonesia's games in the tournament). With proper plastic seats all around, it is clearly the better for this.

For the final, the crowd was given as 60,000 — but one needed to use imagination to spot all these people. Over half the seats were empty. The match was billed as the flair of Saudi Arabia against Iraq's rock solid defence, but turned out to be about Iraq's flair, and Iraq's rock solid defence.

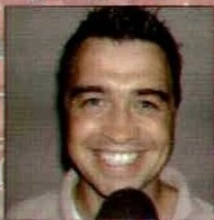
From start to end, there was only one team in it, and the only mystery is how come Younis Khalef's 72nd minute header was the only goal in the game. With cars being banned for the evening in Baghdad city, at least the celebrations at home went off peacefully. As for the team — they did not return home. Scheduled to depart for various destinations on economy class flights, they were allowed to celebrate a little longer, thanks to the Emir of Dubai — who sent his private plane to pick them up and take them to a reception in Dubai. After that, the majority of the players would head back to playing careers outside their native land.





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The BBC's Peter Matthews Looks Back On the Previous Week and Today's Game

I have a confession to make. I skipped the game at Millwall last Saturday in order to accept an invite from a good friend to go and see Dagenham's first game in the Football League- at home to Wycombe. However, before you all worry that I am slacking.

I should say that I was one of the loyal supporters who went to Southend for the Carling Cup tie, where, to be very clear, the result bore no resemblance to the game- the team were terrific in the second half, and should have won, irrespective of the unfortunate penalty miss in the last minute.

The point this week is about progress off the pitch, not on it. With all respect to Dagenham's neat and compact Victoria Road ground, it made me realise just how much work has been done on the ground since the Robins joined the league in 1999. For those of you who cannot remember those days, Whaddon Road used to have two open terraces at either end, and opposite the main stand there used to be a long, narrow, covered terrace. The ground had been unchanged for many years: for attendances that rarely topped 1,000, there was no need.

I'm not sure back then we really realised how much in need of updating the ground was. Inevitably, there was a sense of sadness as familiar parts of the ground were

demolished- the building of the new home end in 2000, the opening of the new stand down the side in 2001/2, and then the opening of the new away end two years ago, were all greeted with mixed reactions by a number of fans. Yet the change in the ground is huge, and the difference between our ground and the grounds of some of the "newer" League Clubs is very significant now. Full credit to those who had the foresight to build the ground, and change it for the better. Now there is talk of a further development in time to build conference facilities, which can bring in commercial revenue, not immediately, but at some stage in the future. Again, there would be a sense of loss at the passing of another much loved landmark, but the benefits to the club are huge: indeed to long-term be able to compete, growing commercial revenues is an imperative. Next time you look at the goals on television though, look at some of the grounds, and be grateful for the development work that's been done here.

Today we welcome our local rivals; many of you know



that through my family connections (both parents born in Swindon, with my father here today in his capacity as a long-serving season-ticket holder), I have a keen interest in their progress. The ground at Swindon is in some ways less changed than most- just a big new stand to replace the old "Shrivenham Road" stand, seats down the old "Town End" and "Stratton Bank".

There has been much talk down the years of Swindon moving: given the challenges of developing the ground further that may still end up being the end result. I had many happy times at the County Ground as a boy; and I hope Swindon do well... after today. Family honour is at stake.

Peter Matthews



COMMERCIAL CORNER

Debbie Goodwin welcomes all supporters to today's game and provides a roundup of Cheltenham's commercial news

**The CTFC Golf Day: Wednesday 25th September at the Lilleybrook Golf Club
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To book please contact Debbie Goodwin or Leanne Sheath on 01242 588105, email debbieg@ctfc.com.

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Thanks for your support, enjoy the match.



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Swindon Town	Sat 25th Aug	R.L.R. Burge	John Wilkins	K B Building Services
Carling Cup R2	wc 27 Aug			
Johnstone's Paint R1	wc 3 Sep			
Swansea City	Fri 7th Sep	Mitsubishi Motors		
Tranmere Rovers	Sat 22 Sep	Aspey Lawrence	Finishing Matters	Belvoir
Oldham Athletic	Sat 6th Oct			
Johnstone's Paint R2	wc 8 Oct			
Nottingham Forest	Sat 13th Oct	Windsor Wright	St James Carpets	HSBC
Crewe Alexandra	Sat 27th Oct	Roadstar Services		
Yeovil Town	Tue 6th Nov	Blue Sheep	Atticus	The Umbrella
FA Cup R1	Sat 10th Nov		Messier Dowty (if drawn at home)	
Leeds United	Sat 24th Nov	AWH	In-2-Print	Blue Sheep
FA Cup R2	Sat 1 Dec			
Luton Town	Fri 14th Dec	Tungum Ltd	Carlsberg	Carlsberg
Huddersfield Town	Sat 22nd Dec			
Port Vale	Weds 2nd Jan			
AFC Bournemouth	Sat 12th Jan			
Carlisle United	Fri 25th Jan			
Millwall	Tues 29th January	CCM Ltd		The Hollow Bottom
Brighton & Hove Albion	Sat 9th February	Belvoir		
Hartlepool United	Sat 16th Feb			
Southend United	Fri 29th Feb	Ind Insurance Advisers (Chelt) Ltd		
Bristol Rovers	Sat 15th Mar	Mitsubishi Motors	Blue Sheep	Kellands
Leyton Orient	Mon 24th Mar			
Northampton Town	Sat 29th Mar			
Walsall	Sat 12th Apr	S Roberts	Messier Dowty (if don't do FA Cup R1)	
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Gary Roberts	Crewe	2	0	2
Danny Graham	Carlisle	1	1	2
Luke Beckett	Huddersfield	2	0	2
Chris Greenacre	Tranmere	2	0	2
James Hayter	Doncaster	1	1	2
Craig Disley	Bristol Rvs	1	1	2
Craig Davies	Oldham	1	1	2

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Elland Road	Leeds	1	5	5.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	1	3	3.00
Prenton Park	Tranmere	1	3	3.00
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	1	3	3.00
Roots Hall	Southend	1	3	3.00
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	1	3	3.00
County Ground	Swindon	1	3	3.00
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	1	3	3.00
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	1	3	3.00
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	1	2	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	1	2	2.00
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	1	2	2.00
Vale Park	Port Vale	1	2	2.00
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	1	2	2.00
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Brunton Park	Carlisle	1	1	1.00
The Den	Millwall	1	1	1.00
Leyton Stadium	Leyton Orient	1	1	1.00
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Liberty Stadium	Swansea	1	0	0.00
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	1	0	0.00

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PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 8 Tommy Mooney (Walsall). **Shots on target** 6 Wayne Gray (Leyton Orient). **Shots off target** 5 Calvin Zola (Tranmere). **Assists** 2 Darren Currie (Luton). **Crosses** 11 David Pipe (Bristol Rvs). **Offsides** 7 Steven Gillespie (Cheltenham). **Fouls** 11 Paul Connor (Cheltenham). **Free-kicks won** 11 Paul Connor (Cheltenham).

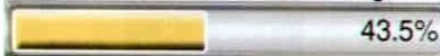


2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 46

RIGHT FOOT 20 goals



LEFT FOOT 9 goals



HEADERS 17 goals



Own goals 0 (0.0%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Alan Thompson (Leeds vs Southend) 3:22

By a substitute after coming on

A. Williams (Bristol Rvs vs Port Vale) 3:35

DISCIPLINARY



3.2 cards per match

0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match

Andy Robinson (Oldham vs Swansea) 15:05

By a substitute after coming on

Poul Hubertz (Northampton vs Swindon) 4:57

SUB TOTALS

Subs used120

Offsides139

Corners265

Shots Off Target219

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

0 | 0 | 8

RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	3
0-1	1
0-2	1
0-3	-
0-4	-
0-5	-
1-0	6
1-1	4
1-2	2
1-3	-
1-4	-
1-5	-
2-0	-
2-1	6
2-2	-
2-3	-
2-4	-
2-5	-
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3-4	-
3-5	-
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4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	-
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **230** shots on target, goals constitute **20.0%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **14** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Bournemouth 3). There have been **9** penalties awarded this season and of those **8** have been scored (a success rate of **88.9%**). Hartlepool have been awarded most penalties - **2**. Northampton have given most penalties away **2**. The team to score the most penalties is Hartlepool **2**. Leyton Orient missed **1** penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

*up to and including 19/08/2007

RESERVE TEAM NOTES

The CTFC Second String look the side to beat again this Season



FOREST GREEN RESERVES 1 CHELTENHAM TOWN RESERVES 2

The New Lawn, Forest Green
20th August 2007
7:45pm KO

Forest Green: Burton; James, Preece (Ashford 46), Hardiker, Stonehouse; Sheehan, Pitman, J Smith (Khalil 70); David, Beesley (R Smith 76), Afful

Subs not used: Peare, Jones

Cheltenham Town: Puddy; Manship, Gallinagh, Biggs, Ledgister; Yao, Connolly, Foley, Spencer (Morgan 63); Millichip (Tang 63), Reid

Subs not used: Moore (GK), Maynard

Referee: W. Barratt (Worcestershire)

Cheltenham Town's first visit to The New Lawn resulted in a 2-1 victory for Bob Bloomer's reserve team. Another positive for the Robins was that Damian Spencer was able to get through an hour of football on his return to action. Spencer has been out of action since

April with a knee injury, but it is now hoped that he will be available for selection for today's game.

The game began with early chances for both sides, with Spencer going close with first a header and then a shot, and Will Puddy making a good save from Chris Davis at the other end. Puddy was soon called into action again, this time blocking a shot from Les Afful, just before some good link up play between Sam Foley and Craig Reid saw Puddy's opposite number, Terry Burton, push Foley's effort over the bar. The opening goal arrived after half an hour. Adam Connolly slipped a pass through to Craig Reid, whose shot was blocked by the on-rushing Burton. The ball then ran free to Connolly, who fired into the empty net. Rovers had a couple of chances to equalise soon after, with Mark Beesley sending two shots narrowly wide. Millichip and Spencer were replaced just after the hour mark by Myles Tang and Darius Morgan, and

it was the latter who would go on to score the Robins' second goal on 72 minutes after some good work between Reid and Aaron Ledgister. The home side pulled one back five minutes later, when left-back Paul Stonehouse fired a curling effort past Will Puddy. Rovers continued to press forward in search for an equaliser in the

dying minutes, and had a claim for a penalty turned down after Chris Davis went to ground following a challenge from Andy Gallinagh. Davis sent a shot just wide soon after, but the Robins held on to claim all three points as they began the defence of their Pontins Holidays Combination Wales & Western Division title.

WALES & WEST DIVISION FIXTURE LIST 2007/08

Monday 20th August	Forest Green Rovers	(A)	7pm
Tuesday 11th September	Bournemouth	(H)	7pm
Wednesday 19th September	Swansea City	(A)	7pm
Tuesday 25th September	Bristol Rovers	(H)	7pm
Wednesday 17th October	Yeovil Town	(A)	2pm
Wednesday 24th October	Bristol City	(H)	7pm
Wednesday 30th October	Plymouth Argyle	(A)	2pm
Tuesday 13th November	Exeter City	(H)	7pm
Tuesday 27th November	Swindon Town	(A)	2pm
Tuesday 18th December	Yeovil Town	(H)	7pm
Tuesday 8th January	Bristol City	(A)	7pm
Tuesday 15th January	Plymouth Argyle	(H)	7pm
Tuesday 22nd January	Exeter City	(A)	7pm
Monday 4th February	Bristol Rovers	(A)	7pm
Tuesday 19th February	Forest Green Rovers	(H)	7pm
Tuesday 26th February	AFC Bournemouth	(A)	7pm
Tuesday 18th March	Swansea City	(H)	7pm
Tuesday 8th April	Swindon Town	(H)	7pm

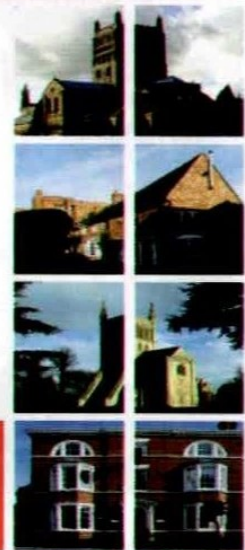
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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Ken Oram discusses The Value of Youth Development

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CHELTENHAM TOWN U18 VS HEDNESFORD TOWN U18

THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST @ WHADDON ROAD
KICK OFF 7.30PM
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL U16'S. ADULTS £2.00



The Youth Team play their first competitive cup fixture next Thursday at Whaddon Road against Hednesford Town in the 1st round of the Midland Youth Cup. The youth side has made it through to the semi finals twice over the last three seasons so help make it an occasion and support the young Robins this coming Thursday.

Whilst the U18 have been back in training for 2 months now, the centre of excellence resumed two weeks ago with a renewed vigour and anticipation for the season ahead. With a number of new faces on both the coaching and playing side the month of August is an exciting time as players get reacquainted with the programme and the training environment.

Over the past four seasons 23 centre of excellence players have moved from the schoolboy set up into the youth team squad. 8 members of this season's first team squad have graduated from the youth set up, of which six were former centre of excellence players.

This is our central aim, to provide opportunities for locally based players to play professional football with Cheltenham Town. With a technical programme in

place to support, nurture and develop schoolboy talent, we are beginning to see the years of hard work come to fruition within the schoolboy programme. We are now entering our 9th season in youth development, and the progression rates of players emerging from our system is testimony of how the scheme is beginning to evolve - Andy Gallinagh was the latest home grown player to step up with distinction with his home debut against Gillingham.

The close season allows the department to review the previous years programme and look towards improving and strengthening the scheme. We have worked hard to improve upon last year at a number of levels including coaching, recruitment and sponsorship.

The staffing register has been boosted by 6 new

staff which in addition to the continued professional development of our current coaches means we now have in place the best and highest qualified levels of staff which we have ever had.

John Brough has joined the Centre of Excellence coaching programme working with Roger Hyett at U16 level. John is a tremendous addition to our staffing register and will play a key role in passing players through to the youth group. Having worked last year with Bob Bloomer at youth and reserve level, John provides the added value of a professional playing experience which is invaluable to aspiring apprentices.

Roger Hyett now heads the recruitment and has signed a number of promising players at all levels between 9 and 16, whilst our search for sponsorship has also stepped on. With a new set of centre of excellence sponsors due to be unveiled next week, we are looking forward to our most promising season to date.

Ken Oram

2007/08 SCHOLARS & TRAINEES



FIRST YEAR SCHOLARS

Joe Barrett (Midfield)
Marley Watkins (Midfield)
Lewis Fathers (Midfield)
Jack Durrant (Midfield)
Dean Maynard (Forward)
Ben Pattison (Defender)

SECOND YEAR SCHOLARS

Jamie Moore (Goalkeeper)
Matthew Walsh (Defender)
David Biggs (Defender)
Lee Millichip (Forward)
Darius Morgan (Forward)

TRAINEES

Josh Emery (Midfield)
Jack Taylor (Defender)
Jake Parrott (Midfield)
Andrew Shephard (Forward)

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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



SUMMER 07 FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

There are still places available on our three remaining courses week beginning 28th August. Cheltenham, Swindon Village junior school. Stroud, Chalford sports & Social club. Gloucester, Elmbridge Junior School. £15 per day, 9am-3pm. You can now turn up and pay cash on the day!!

For any queries please call
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CTFC Community Officer



CROSS BAR CHALLENGE - NEW FOR THIS SEASON 2007/08

This season we will be providing plenty of half time entertainment. Starting today against Gillingham and at every home game this season, children will be able to take part in our new cross bar challenge.



If you are 16 years of age or under you can take part, all you have to do is write to us at the address below stating your name, address, date of birth, telephone number and why you would like to be selected to take part in the Cross Bar Challenge. For the younger members a drawing of you taking part may help with your application.

The challenge will be from the 18-yard line and the object is to hit the cross bar. Each player has two goes, for the younger players we will be providing a smaller goal. That's all there is to it!

Everyone who is successful will receive a Cheltenham Town Football in the Community T-shirt stating you did it. Who

knows there may not be many of these T-shirts about at the end of the season and they may become a bit of a collectors item.

Good luck!!

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HANNAH'S VIEW

I Just Want You Beck For Good

Players come and go, stereotypically give less for their country than for their club and fork out thousands on flashy cars that would even put Jeremy Clarkson to shame. But despite this, there is one footballer for whom I think every English man and woman should at least have some degree of respect for.

David Beckham is a fantastic ambassador for the sport of football. He knows himself that he isn't the sharpest pencil in the box but he takes time out to give thorough interviews for the public's benefit as well as the press'. I have always found that Beckham tries to answer questions and criticism honestly and fairly.

Cynics may look back to that infamous Argentina game where Becks kicked out at theatrical playmaker

Simeone. But contrary to some beliefs, he did not lose us the match, the adjudged foul (which never was) by Alan Shearer as Sol Campbell headed home cost us. The gods were obviously smiling down on the Argies and not us. It's a familiar story, blaming dodgy official decisions; some of it founded, some of it not. But I believe that England without Beckham is like toast without marmite, it looks alright but lacks that final touch.



You may not like his wife or his millions but it's plain to see that he is a genuine guy who has an incredible gift; his right foot. Saying that, I wouldn't say no to his left foot either. The assists, set pieces and passion he brings to the England set-up is second to none and if some of his fellow compatriots had half of his drive and love for his country; we would have more than just 1966 to talk about.

I am all for fresh talent and I can see Aaron Lennon's potential, however; at present (minus his pace), his passing and crossing is not at international standard, certainly not Beckham standard. In terms of possible Beckham replacements, I do not rate Kieran Dyer or Shaun Wright-Phillips highly enough for a squad position let alone a team place, but maybe that is because I have grown up watching the phenomena of Golden Balls. The curve and dip he can put on a ball 25 yards from goal is a tough act to follow and for that, Lennon and co have my sympathy.

Beckham was not at his fittest during last year's tournament, and it took a brave man to hold that press conference and step down from the job which had filled him with pride for many years. The tears in his eyes as he walked away

from the cameras were unavoidably touching and acted as concrete evidence of the love he had and still has for his country. If not the quickest or the most skilful midfielder, Beckham consistently shows effort, determination and passion for the badge on his shirt, which is what made him an England international and a respected captain.

When Steve McClaren axed Becks, most of the world knew it was not only a mistake but a very disrespectful thing to do to a man who gave his all whenever he pulled on the England shirt. To drop the former captain was simply a statement by McClaren to show who was in charge, but to do it by telephone is just rude and surely he hadn't become a bad player overnight. Beckham was made the scapegoat for England's dismal showing in Germany which was unfair, because the only players who seemed to perform anywhere near their best were Owen Hargreaves and Joe Cole.

I'm not saying that Beckham is perfect, he had an affair, speaks like a 12-year-old, has trouble controlling his temperament and sometimes his corners refuse to go past the first man but surely this is why we as a nation love him. This just highlights the ordinariness of a bloke in



his early thirties. Beckham is only human and has made mistakes, footballers don't have an invincibility which enables them to make the correct decisions throughout their lives.

Looking back to the late 1990s, when Becks was in his early 20s, it was disgraceful that a man and his family should receive death threats just because he was shown a red card. For a life full of hysteria, invasion of privacy and pressure, Beckham has done remarkably well to simply remain sane. He is never rude to the press, appreciates his fans and conducts himself in a mature and patient manner. Although admittedly he isn't academic, it takes a strong mind and a certain amount of depth and thought not to crack up, or turn to drink/drugs after what he has had to deal with from such a young age. He has also done a lot for charities and spent time trying to encourage children that sport and keeping fit is a vital part of life.

As a role model, you can't get much better than Beckham; a family man who is a team player and although dubbed one of the sexiest and most talented men in the world – still does not show an ounce of arrogance. Surely that is what mums and dads want

their children to look up to. He has learnt from the few mistakes he has made and come back a stronger person, credit where credit is due.

Coming back into the England squad after the brutal axing must have been daunting, to be asked to perform well with a management team who only months ago didn't want you is a difficult task, even for the world's most famous footballer. But both of his performances against Brazil and Estonia were top class, of the four goals England scored – three were Beckham assists. He gives England a different dimension and you always get the full package. At 32, and having played at the highest level for over ten years, opponents now know what to expect from Beckham which is the only down side. However, although at free kicks 'keepers know that a 'bend it like Beckham special' is coming up,

they still can't stop him putting the ball in the back of the net.

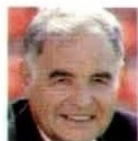
Moving to America is the next chapter in the world of the mega Becks and whether he reaches 100 caps for his country remains to be seen. It will be difficult for him no longer playing at the same top standard and

travelling for hours on end but I think Beckham's loyalty and heart are unquestionable, and could just be the key to his impressive milestone. "I would

travel all over the

world to play for my beloved England" were his words when his commitment was questioned. Never write off a genius!





FOOTY BANTER

More light hearted football trivia from around the world. Compiled by Barrie Wood

BARING UP IN PRE-SEASON

BLACKPOOL's pre-season preparations took an unusual turn when their players turned up for a training kickabout at a nudist beach. The players were on a squad trip to Ventspils, Latvia, when they unknowingly headed for the beach, wearing shorts. A club spokesperson said: "When the players came back and reported what had happened the rest of the party quickly made their way down to the beach to inspect what was going on."



GERRARD'S BREAST MAN

England star STEVEN GERRARD's best man scored an own goal with his wedding speech by joking about 'new' wife ALEX CURRAN's boob job! JONATHAN 'BOGGO' BOGGAN praised the LIVERPOOL ace's successes "no more so than when you got Alex's jugs (!) done." The gaffe stunned the wedding guests especially the bride's gran who did not know about the op. But Boggo had the couple in stitches on their big day by adding "I wish you both the best in the world".

ROONEY'S NEW BIGGEST FAN

WAYNE ROONEY has a new fan – Grand Champion sumo wrestler ASASHORYU, the first Mongolian to attain the highest ranking in the sport.

Unfortunately his adulation of the English star has led him into trouble. The 23-stone wrestler has been banned from the next two sumo tournaments and heavily fined – the first time such a punishment had been handed out in the sport's 2,000 year history. His crime – being filmed in his native Mongolia wearing a "ROONEY" England shirt skipping tackles, making diving headers and scoring a goal off a pass from the former Japanese international HIDETOSHI NAKATA. Unfortunately this was after he had been given permission by the Japanese Sumo

Association to miss a regional tour after his manager submitted a doctor's certificate reporting a damaged elbow ligament and a stress fracture in his back.



PRAT OF THE WEEK

BIRMINGHAM CITY boss STEVE BRUCE surprised many when he offered SPURS £3 million for a mundane midfielder named HOSSAM GHALY. GHALY himself seemed pleased with the move – until he was ordered to do extra training after lunch. Evidently the dastardly BIRMINGHAM, it seems, hadn't mentioned that he might occasionally be

required to train twice a day when they agreed to pay him £30,000 a week. Harsh words were spoken and the deal is now off!



DOWN TO EARTH

LIVERPOOL's record £21 million signing flew in to join his new team mates – on budget airline EasyJet. 23 year old FERNANDO TORRES, who is on a £90,000 a week deal stunned passengers on the £88 Madrid to Liverpool

flight. The down-to-earth Spanish star paid for his girlfriend to accompany him and he and the lovely OLALLA were waved off before check-in by his mum and dad.



WAG WATCH

A brand new season and the multi-million pound invasion of foreign imports continues apace in the



WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?



• **REAL MADRID** made more than €440 million during **DAVID BECKHAM**'s four years at the club. In that time profits from merchandising increased by 137%. Within the first six months of **BECKHAM**'s arrival **MADRID** sold one million shirts.



• The Archbishop of York has deserted the nation's top football team after 40 years. **DR. JOHN SENTAMU** fell for **MANCHESTER UNITED** when the team visited

his homeland of Uganda, but he was one of the first in the queue at Kit Kat Crescent to buy his season ticket for under £300 to support **YORK CITY**, even if it means watching the likes of **EBBSFLEET UNITED** and **DROYLSDEN** rather than **CHELSEA** and **LIVERPOOL**.



• The one-millionth Football League game took place on the 15th March 1971 between **HARTLEPOOL UNITED** and **BRENTFORD** at Victoria Park.

Premiership. But it has its benefits – according to the experts the best new **WAG** to watch out for is **NIKOLETA LOZANOVA**, Bulgarian Playmate of the Year 2006 and girlfriend of new **LIVERPOOL** goalkeeper **NIKOLAY MIHAYLOV**.



BRAIN TEASER

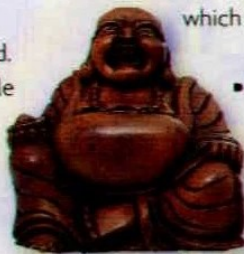
1. Welshman **ROD THOMAS** won 30 of his 50 caps while at which club?
2. Who was the first goalkeeper to captain England?
3. **PETER SHILTON** earned 49 of his international caps while at which club?
4. Which **DENNIS** has been manager at **BRISTOL CITY**, **OXFORD**, **SUNDERLAND**, **YORK** and **WREXHAM**?
5. Which season did **SWINDON TOWN** spend in the Premier League?
6. A **SCREWY BREW DEMON** is an anagram of which League Two club?
7. How did **JONATHAN WOODGATE** mark his **REAL MADRID** debut?

Turn to page 61 for the answers

THEY SAID IT...

• "I keep fit ducking balls..." – **VICTORIA BECKHAM**

• "I bought him in Thailand. You see, he's got a big smile on his face. Every morning I rub his belly to put one on mine." – **LEICESTER CITY**'s new



boss **MARTIN ALLEN** talks about his latest signing – a black wooden Buddha which sits on the top of his desk.

• "Paul Scholes is getting older" – The Daily Star's exciting new football correspondent **PAUL MERSON** pulls no punches and 'tells it like it is!'

• "If you're looking for a bad driver, we have Lindsay Lohan. If you're looking for rich, we've got Paris Hilton. If you're looking for thin blondes, if you fire a cannon in Beverly Hills you hit 100 of them." – The Los Angeles Times' less than enthusiastic response to the arrival of **VICTORIA BECKHAM**



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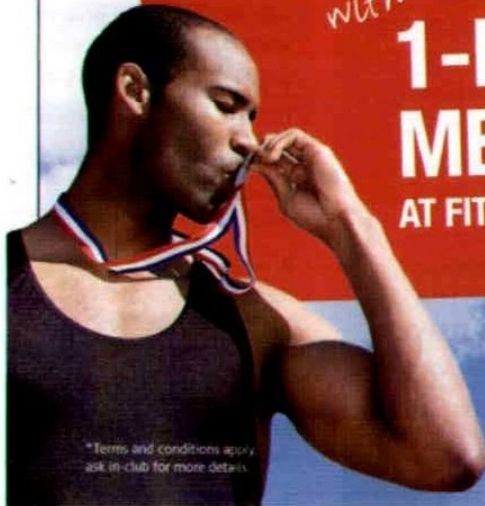
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BENJAMIN HARRIS
JAKE POTTS
EMILIA FLUORVITO

Have a great birthday, and hope you all enjoy the game and the last week of the school holidays. We hear that Cheltenham Town shirts have been on their travels this summer with reported sightings from Canada, Florida, Lanzarote, Corsica, Portugal and Egypt. If you have a picture of you and your shirt in a faraway place, please send it to us at info@ctfc.com and we will try and put it in this programme.

Once again Cheltenham Town Football Club is offering one of the best known deals in the Football League for our Under 10's. For just £5 you can join the under 10's scheme. All you need to do is complete a membership application, and then show the membership card (must be done before the match day) to claim your free ticket. This offer gives you free entry to all home league games and membership of the Junior Robins. We don't want to disappoint our older kids, so if you are aged 11-14 you can also join the Junior Robins (£20). This scheme gives entry to five free games, and again

tickets must be claimed ahead of match day. The five games for this season are:

- 22nd Sept v Tranmere
- 27th Oct v Crewe
- Alexandra
- 22nd Dec v Huddersfield
- 9th Feb v Brighton

29th Mar v Northampton

Application forms for both schemes are available from the Club Shop and Ticket Office or can be downloaded from the official website. What a great deal...already we have 200 of you signed up.



MASCOT DUTY



Name: Matthew Lavis
Age: 11
School: Churchdown School
CTFC Fan for: 2 years
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Steven Gillespie
Favourite League Club: Liverpool
Favourite League Player: Steven Gerrard



Name: Toby Jenkins
Age: 9
School Name: Grangefield - Bishops Cleeve
CTFC Fan for: Life
Favourite Cheltenham Player: Shane Higgs
Favourite League Club: Newcastle United
Favourite League Player: Michael Owen



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Brunton Park
Saturday 1st September 2007
KO – 3pm
Coca-Cola League One



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Parking: Main Car Park – (Home & Away Supporters) Drive on past the ground and for the next set of traffic lights get into the right hand lane. Turn right at the lights then, after 100 yards, turn right into St. Aidans Road. At the end of this road keep right, through the narrow gap and over the hump, into the main car park. There is also street parking around the ground but this is likely to be restricted once disc parking is introduced.

Ticket Prices

Carlisle offer a £2 discount for tickets purchased in advance.

Adults: £18 (£20 on matchday)

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Members:

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Adults: £17

Concessions: £15

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(The Carlisle fixture is a long drive and it is recommended to take a break during your travels. We also recommend looking into travelling with other Cheltenham fans on the travel club coaches. More details are available from Alan Brown at the ticket office.)

By Train: Carlisle Citadel Station is served

HOME GAME Cheltenham Town vs. Swansea City

Whaddon Road
September 7th 2007
KO – 3pm



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For more information contact Alan Brown at the Football Club on 01242 573558. Or check out The Robins website www.ctfc.com.

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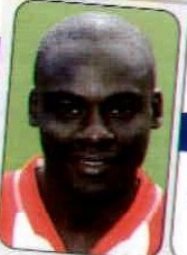
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To contact Leanne on her direct dial number (01242) 588107

number before name denotes player replaced

number in **BLUE** denotes number of goals scored

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1 Lindegaard 3 Vincent 4 Connor Gillespie 1 Puddy Yao Myrie-Williams Reid Gill
 2 Lindegaard 2 Yao 3 Connor 4 Reid Puddy Ledgister Vincent Gill Connolly
 3 Lindegaard 3 Vincent Connor Gillespie Puddy Gill Myrie-Williams Gallinagh Reid

LEAGUE ONE TABLE



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 LEYTON ORIENT	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6
2 HUDDERSFIELD	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6
3 CREWE	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
4 SWINDON TOWN	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
5 CARLISLE	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
6 MILLWALL	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
7 TRANMERE	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	3
8 BRIGHTON	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
9 HARTLEPOOL	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
10 LUTON TOWN	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
11 OLDHAM	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
12 CHELTENHAM	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
13 YEOVIL TOWN	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
14 BRISTOL ROVERS	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
15 NOTTM FOREST	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
16 NORTHAMPTON	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
17 DONCASTER	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
18 PORT VALE	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
19 SWANSEA CITY	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
20 WALSALL	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
21 BOURNEMOUTH	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
22 GILLINGHAM	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
23 SOUTHEND	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
24 LEEDS UNITED	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	-9

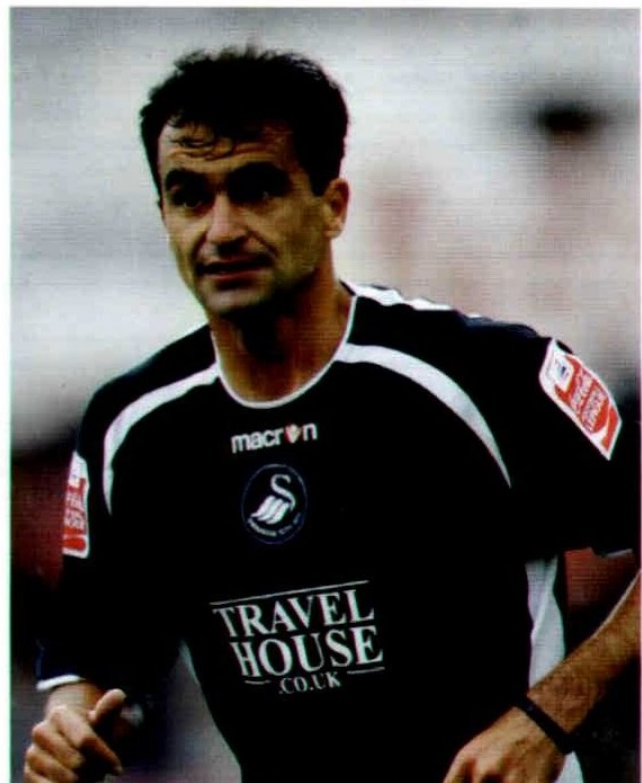
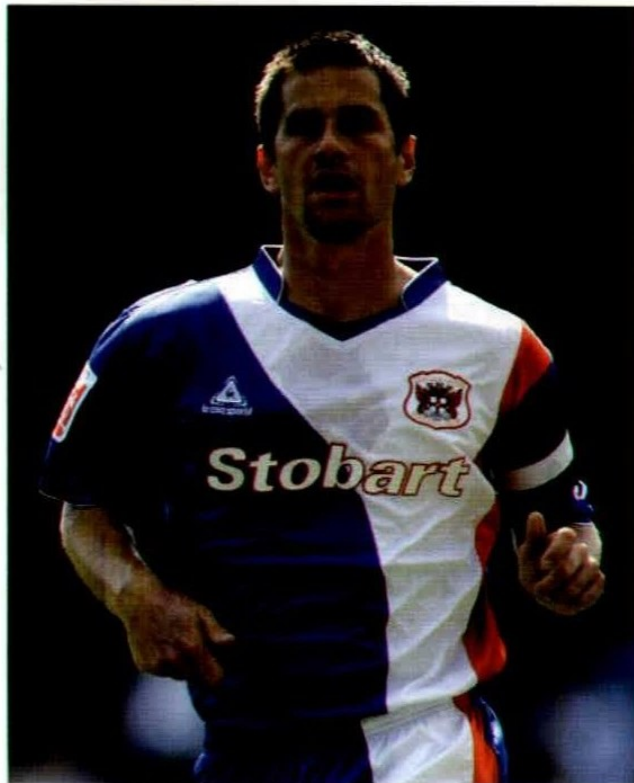
ROBINS ROLL CALL 2007/2008



Name	League	FA Cup	07/08 Total	CTFC Career
	aps gls	aps gls	aps gls	aps gls
SHANE HIGGS	2	1	3	203
SCOTT P BROWN				11
WILL PUDDY				
JEREMY GILL	2	1	3	152
ANDY GALLINAGH	1	1	2	4
LEE RIDLEY	2	1	3	3
MICHAEL WYLDE				10
SHANE DUFF	2	1	3	147/2
GAVIN CAINES				123/5
MICHAEL TOWNSEND	1		1	66/1
SCOTT BROWN				6
AARON LEDGISTER		1		1
SOSTHENE YAO	1	1	2	21
ANDY LINDEGAARD	2	1	3	3
JOHN FINNIGAN	2	1/1	3/1	229/22
DAVE BIRD	2	1	3	152/3
BEN GILL	1	1	2	2
ADAM CONNOLLY				17
SAM FOLEY				
STEVEN GILLESPIE	2/1		2/1	54/17
PAUL CONNOR	2	1	3	18/1
CRAIG REID	1	1	2	8
ASHLEY VINCENT	2	1	3	57/3
DAMIAN SPENCER				202/29
J.MYRIE WILLIAMS	2		2	2
TOMMY MANSHIP				

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NEXT UP



SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
CARLISLE (A) (CCL1)
BRUNTON PARK

One of the over performers of last season and the club will be looking for more of the same this year. However with the loss of Neil McDonald from the helm, it remains to be seen whether the club can produce the success they did under his control. The Carlisle boards signal of lost confidence in McDonald has sparked suspicion and criticism around League One but current caretaker manager Greg Abbott will have to put that behind him if he is to make a real go at the time given to him.

Abbott's first game in charge was a potentially difficult game against Oldham Athletic.

Carlisle won the game 1-0 thanks to a Danny Graham penalty. Will Carlisle be able to keep up their efforts or will the loss of an impressive manager cause their downfall in the long run?

Carlisle are currently sitting in 5th place in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

Coca-Cola League 1

Coca-Cola League One
 Walsall 1-1 Carlisle
 11-08-2007 (D)

Carling Cup

Carling Cup 1st Round
 Bury 0-1 Carlisle
 14-08-2007 (W)

Coca-Cola League 1

Coca-Cola League One
 Carlisle 1-0 Oldham
 18-08-2007 (W)

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
SWANSEA (H) (CCL1)
WHADDON ROAD

This is going to be a match both sets of fans will be watering at the mouth about. Swansea will come to Whaddon Road with one thing on their mind; revenge.

Cheltenham defeated Swansea at The Liberty Stadium on the opening day of last season 2-1. The Robins then beat City again with another 2-1 victory at Whaddon Road. The Swans will be keen to clips the wings of The Robins and prove that they won't suffer from the loss of Lee Trundle. Footballing bad boy Lee Trundle has been a cult hero for Swansea but since

his departure to Bristol City, many believe Swansea will lose their spark. Only time will tell but Cheltenham will be keen to take another three points away from Swansea City.

Swansea are currently in 19th position in League One.

PREVIOUS THREE RESULTS:

Coca-Cola League 1

Coca-Cola League One
 Oldham 2-1 Swansea
 11-08-2007 (L)

Carling Cup

Carling Cup 1st Round
 Swansea 2-0 Walsall
 14-08-2007 (W)

Coca-Cola League 1

Coca-Cola League One
 Swansea 0-0 Nott Forest
 18-08-2007 (D)

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CHELTHENHAM

- 1 Shane **Higgs** (GK)
- 2 Jeremy **Gill**
- 3 Lee **Ridley**
- 4 Shane **Duff**
- 5 Gavin **Caines**
- 6 Michael **Townsend**
- 7 Steven **Gillespie**
- 8 John **Finnigan**
- 9 Paul **Connor**
- 10 Damian **Spencer**
- 11 Scott **Brown**
- 12 Scott **P. Brown** (GK)
- 14 David **Bird**
- 15 Ben **Gill**
- 16 Adam **Connolly**
- 17 Andy **Lindegaard**
- 18 Ashley **Vincent**
- 19 Jennison **Myrie-Williams**
- 20 Andy **Gallinagh**
- 23 Craig **Reid**
- 25 Aaron **Ledgister**
- 26 Michael **Wylde**
- 28 Sam **Foley**
- 30 Sosthene **Yao**
- 31 Will **Puddy** (GK)
- 33 Tommy **Manship**

Manager: John Ward



SWINDON TOWN

- 1 Phil **Smith** (GK)
- 2 Jack **Smith**
- 3 Jamie **Vincent**
- 4 Lee **Peacock**
- 5 Jerel **Ifil**
- 6 Ady **Williams**
- 7 Christian **Roberts**
- 8 Craig **Easton**
- 9 Barry **Corr**
- 11 Sofiene **Zaaboub**
- 12 Peter **Brezovan** (GK)
- 14 Miguel **Comminges**
- 15 Andy **Nicholas**
- 16 Hasney **Aljofree**
- 17 Chris **Blackburn**
- 18 Steve **Adams**
- 19 Michael **Pook**
- 21 Blair **Sturrock**
- 22 Ibon **Arrieta**
- 23 Kaid **Mohamed**
- 24 Chris **Allen**
- 25 Andy **Caton**
- 26 Alex **Rigley**
- 27 Ben **Tozer**
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Manager: Paul Sturrock

MATCH OFFICIALS

- REFEREE**
PW. Melin (Hampshire)
- ASSISTANT 1**
A.P. Bennett
- ASSISTANT 2**
C.K. Rock
- 4th OFFICIAL**
S.C. Knapp

NEXT UP AT WHADDON ROAD



CTFC vs SWANSEA CITY
Coca-Cola League One
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HUDDERSFIELD	VS	CARLISLE	SOUTHEND	VS	MILLWALL
LUTON	VS	GILLINGHAM	TRANMERE	VS	BRIGHTON
NORTHAMPTON	VS	YEOVIL	WALSALL	VS	SWANSEA
NOTTM FOREST	VS	LEEDS			

