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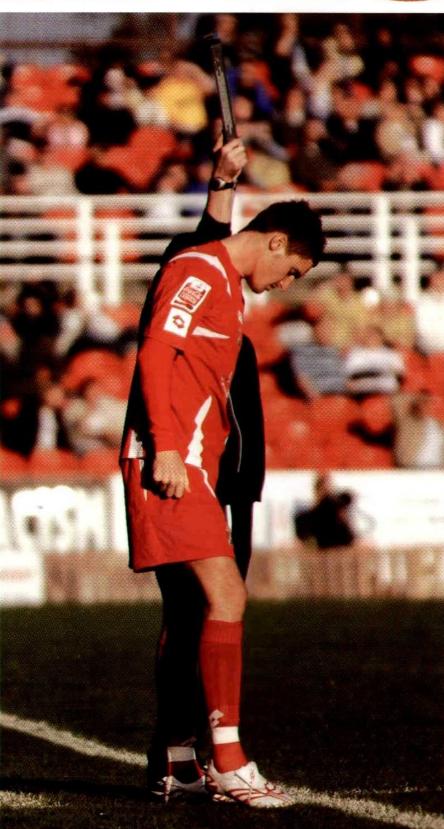
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# david byme

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FREQUENCY

The players have been fantastic this week. Paul Sturrock brought a lot of them to the club so it's only natural that they were disappointed to see him go, but they are professional people and will get on with the job in hand.

Everybody knows Paul had a lot of success at Plymouth and the success he has had there has never gone unnoticed. It was perhaps inevitable that he would return there; given that it was a place he always said he wanted to go back to at some stage.

However, this is now and Paul Sturrock, Kevin Summerfield and John Blackley have left Swindon Town Football Club. Everybody needs to move on, stay focused and get a result for the club and it's supporters today against difficult opposition in Forest Green Rovers.

Ady and I will come up with an eleven players that we think can do the job today. There may be a combination that comes up that will be right for Forest Green Rovers, but not to face Carlisle United on Tuesday night. We have flexibility within the squad. Ady and I will be looking at the reasons behind a certain should be involved and go from there.

Training has been good this week and the lads have been first class. Ady and I have come up with a strategy that we think will work. We have worked hard on shape and pattern with the boys and if we apply what we have been doing this week then we should be able to go out there and get a result. We have seen areas of the Forest Green side that we think we can exploit and it's down to those players to go out there and do the business.

In terms of selection we do have options, despite having a few players out injured. It is a clean slate for the players and if we see good performances out there at the weekend. then they will have the opportunity of keeping the shirt for Carlisle on Tuesday night. There are some players who have been out of the first team picture but they now have the chance to impress in training and in reserve games to force themselves into the first team plans. For example, if Adv and I feel we need someone to come in and run the channels against Forest Green, then the likes of Blair or Kaid could be an option for us. A few players have thrown themselves into the picture so we will see who turns out at 3pm today.

Injury wise I don't think Jamie Vincent or Steve Adams will feature this afternoon. Both players have had slight niggles although we are hopeful that they can return to training next week. Lee Peacock missed a lot of the week's training although we will give him every chance to be involved.

The opposition today is not something I am too concerned about. This is a game we want to win regardless whether we are facing Nottingham Forest, Leeds United or Forest Green. We want to go out and win the game, regardless of the opposition.

If we apply ourselves in the right manner, we will get a result.



David Byrne



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FREQUENCYMAGAZINE

→ In Conversation: David Byrne and Ady Williams discuss the week's events after training on Thursday

"The opposition today is not important. It's a game we want to win, whether it be against Nottingham Forest or Forest Green Rovers."

David Byrne

#### stfc club history

Year Formed 1879

Stadium Capacity 15,728

Record Attendance 32,000 vs Arsenal

> Biggest Win 9-1 vs Luton Town

Most League Appearances

Most League Goals Herry Morris, 216 (1926-1933)

Most League Goals In A Season Harry Morris, 47, (1926/1927)

Most Capped Player Rod Thomas, 30 jof total 50t. Wales

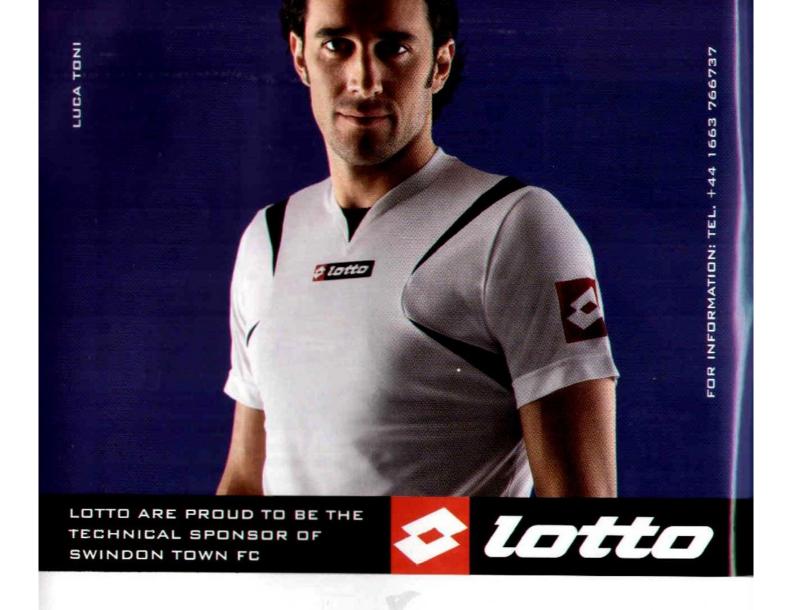
Youngest League Player Paul Rideout, 16 years 107 days (39th November 1980 vs. Hull City)

Record Transfer Fee Paid 0800,000 to West Ham United for Joey Beauchamp (Aug 1994)

Record Transfer Fee Received £1,500,000 from Manchester City for Kevin Horiock (Jan 1997)

Club Honours

League Two Promotion, 2008/07
Division Two Orlampions, 1995/96
Division Two Play-Off Winners, 1992/93
Division Two Play-Off Winners, 1988/97
Division Three Play-Off Winners, 1988/97
Division Four Champions, 1985/96
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup
Winners, 1970
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 19/0
League Cup Winners, 19/0
Southern League Champions, 19/14, 19/11



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# boardroom

Good afternoon. I would like to welcome the Players, Officials and Supporters from our visitors today Forest Green Rovers. I hope they enjoy their brief stay with us and have a safe, albeit short, journey home.

The second round of the FA Cup always generates a little extra excitement because of the prospect of the big clubs entering the competition at the next stage. With us being paired today with our near neighbours from Nailsworth after their excellent win against Rotherham United in the last round there is significant local interest.

They say a week is a long time in politics but that is nothing compared with football! After the game last weekend the Club received the unwelcome call from Plymouth Argyle to request

permission to speak with Paul Sturrock regarding their vacant manager's position. Paul has never made a secret of the fact that he regards Plymouth as his spiritual home, at least in England and in all conscience the Board felt it could not deny him the opportunity to return to Home Park if he so desired. We all feel Paul, Kevin and John did a magnificent job for us while they were here and it is very disappointing to lose people of their calibre. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them every success for the future.

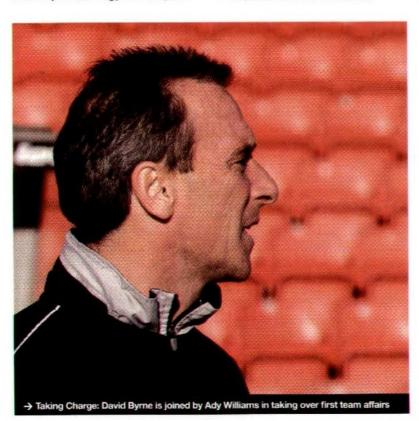
However, life goes on and we must give our full support to Dave Byrne and Ady Williams who will be looking after first team affairs for the time being. Today's match is extremely important to the Club and I know from speaking with Dave and Ady this week that they, together with the players, are highly committed to achieving the result we need. We wish them well.

Last Saturday's match caused consternation for the second week running with regard to the standard of refereeing. How Mr Styles contrived to produce 4 red cards and 5 yellow cards when there were only 19 fouls in a game that was competitive but never dirty, I will never know. To compound our disappointment the Football Association rejected the appeals that we had lodged against the cards shown to Jerel and Sofiene when I felt that we had particularly strong claims to obtain a downgrade of the offences. I'm sure all the players will respond to this further setback with character and determination and are looking to produce a really effective and entertaining performance for us today.

Enjoy the game and take care.

Bowen.

Martin Starnes Acting Chief Executive



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# captain



Good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground for our FA Cup Second Round tie versus Forest Green Rovers.

It's a short trip for our visitors who I am sure will come out in their thousands to show their support for the team. Jim Harvey and his staff are enjoying an excellent run in the league, with the FA Cup being a fantastic distraction for them. To beat Rotherham United 3-0 away from home in the last round should be applauded and only goes to show what a decent side they can be.

Last week we enjoyed an excellent result against our close rivals Bristol Rovers. It was a hard fought battle, as most derby days are but in my opinion did not deserve to have four players sent off. Robbo came up trumps for us from the penalty spot, which I suppose was only fair as he was the one that was fouled! He very calmly hit the ball into the corner of the net, which proved to be the all important as it was the only goal of the game.

It was a massive result for us, for a number of reasons. It is always nice to win a derby game, for you the supporters. It was also nice to keep a clean sheet always gives everybody (not just the defenders and goalkeeper) a massive boost. It also puts us back very much in a favourable league position. We now have to build on that result which is going to be a tough task with two away games coming up against Carlisle United and Southend United respectively, that said, the lads are more than capable of going to these places and getting a result.

On a personal note, I played 45 minutes in the reserves on Tuesday afternoon against Cheltenham Town. It was my first piece of competitive action since the knee injury back in February against Hartlepool United and dare I say it - I loved being back out on the 'hallowed turf'. We drew the game 2-2, but it was an excellent work out for all concerned.

Enjoy the game today and let's hope we can make it into the next round of the cup and who knows, we may even pull one of the big guns in Round Three?

Ady

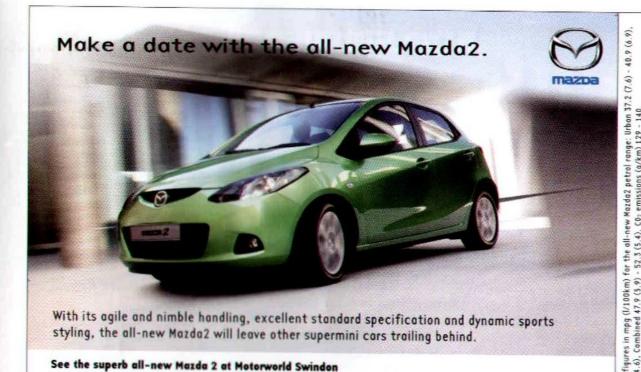


mention the situation that 'Budgie' and I find ourselves in.

With Paul Sturrock. leaving us to ply their trade back down in Plymouth on Tuesday. Dave and I have been asked to take charge of first team affairs.

We are not sure how long we may hold the reins for, but however rest assured we will be fully committed to the cause for the duration of our time in charge.





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# comno's pizza seat lottery



The three Domino's Pizza stores in Swindon, together with Coca Cola, are celebrating a brand new partnership with Swindon Town Football Club.

Starting from today, during half time at every home match Domino's will run the "Pizza Seat Lottery".

Domino's will draw a Season Ticket seat number at random, and at half time one lucky Swindon Town Season Ticket Holder will receive a tasty, piping hot pizza and a bottle of Coke delivered straight to their seat!

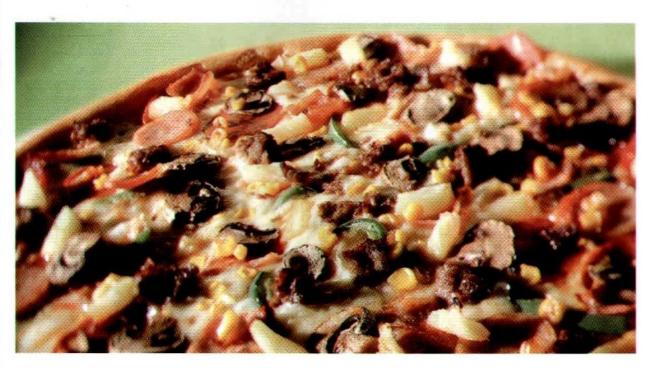
To kick start the lottery, today Dominos will provide a Pizza and Coke combo to three lucky fans, one in The Arkells Stand, one in the Kingswood Stand, and one in the Town End. So listen out to Gary the pitchside announcer at half time to hear if you are one of the lucky winners.

The three Domino stores in Swindon are based in Old Town, West Swindon and Taw Hill. To grab a slice of the action contact your local Domino's in Swindon on **087 12 12 12 12**.

To celebrate this partnership with Swindon Town, Domino's will be running a number of great deals for fans including the 'Domino's Footie Deal' and a fantastic online deal. Both deals aim to offer fans outstanding value on both carryout and delivery orders to thank them for their continued support.

Running from today until the 14th December, Domino's will be offering Swindon FC fans the 'Domino's Footie Deal', entitling them to ANY MEDIUM PIZZA FOR ONLY £9.99. ADD £2 EXTRA FOR LARGE. DELIVERED.

Alternatively fancy ordering online? Then Domino's Pizza Swindon are offering customers £5 OFF WHEN THEY SPEND £20 OR MORE ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CO.UK. Just follow the instructions on screen to place your order and at the payment screen it will ask you for a promotional voucher code, please enter SFHSFSLB. This offer will expire at the end of the football season. Please refer to www.dominos.co.uk for full terms and conditions.



#### carlisle ticket prices



Town's next away game arrives on Tuesday night at Carlisle United with ticket details available below.

Town will be playing at the 16,981 Brunton Park Stadium with Dave Byrne's side looking to make the most of the journey.

Ticket prices for the game are as follows:

Adult £18
OAP (over 65) £12
Junior 11-17 £8
Junior 10 & Under £4
Wheelchair £2 (helper free)

Prices increase by £2 on a matchday

#### wiltshire premier shield

A date for Town's opening game in this season's Wiltshire Premier shield has been rearranged.

The game was due to take place on 11th December 2007 but has been re-arranged for Tuesday 18th December 2007 with a 7.45pm KO at Chippenham Town.

#### happy birthday

Happy Birthday to Chris Kirkland who was 67 on the 30th November. All the best from the Maintenance Lads.



## ste news

#### WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY DAY

#### Saturday December 22nd

Swindon Town and The Western Daily Press will be presenting a Festive Family Day just three days before Christmas.

As part of the Football League's 'Fans Of The Future' initiative Swindon Town have designated the visit of Hartlepool to The County Ground as a 'Family Day'.

Supported by The Western Daily Press, junior tickets will be available at the discounted price of \$2\$. Ticket holders will also be issued with a voucher which can be redeemed for a free copy of the Western Daily Press on the day of the game.

The WDP promotions team will be at The County Ground before Kick-off, distributing goodie bags, balloons and Christmas Presents. The £2 ticket will only be available until 5pm on Friday 21st December. Please call into the STFC Box Office and mention 'The WDP Winter Wonderland Family Day' to purchase your tickets. Alternatively please call 0871 223 2300

The 'Fans of the Future' campaign aims to encourage the next generation of supporters to watch live football at their local League club by providing a range of innovative ticketing initiatives for young supporters. Swindon Town FC have for the last three seasons offered a 'Kids Go Free' scheme for fans under the age of seven, as well as discounted tickets for school groups and local football teams.

#### Terms and Conditions

To qualify for a Junior ticket you must be 15 or under on 22nd December 2007

To be eligible for the discounted £2 ticket, juniors must be accompanied by a full paying adult. Maximum five juniors per adult

500 discounted junior tickets will be available, and sold on a first-come, first served basis.

#### **Daily Press**



### DATE CONFIRMED FOR YOUTH TIE



A date has now been confirmed for the FA Youth Cup Third Round clash with Barnsley.

Dave Byrne's youngsters won through to Round Three with a 2-1 win over Brentford at Griffin Park, thanks to goals from Torn Evans and Ben Joyce.

The next round sees a home clash with Championship club Barnsley which will take place on Wednesday 12th December 2007.

Ticket prices are £3 Adults and £1 for Concessions with a 7pm Kick-Off.

### THREE GAME BANS FOR DUO

Town will be without the services of Jerel Ifil and Sofiene Zaaboub for three games after the news this week that the appeal against the two dismissals have been rejected by the Football Association.

Ifil was shown a straight red card by referee Rob Styles during the second half of last Saturday's game with Bristol Rovers with Zaaboub also dismissed shortly before the final whistle. The club immediately lodged an appeal against both decisions but the FA Commission rejected both claims.

Swindon Town FC are extremely disappointed with this ruling which will mean both players will now miss the next two games against Carlisle United and Southend United as well as today's FA Cup clash.



### STUDYING FOR SUCCESS

38 Year 9 students from King
Alfreds Sports College in Wantage
visited Swindon Town Football
Club recently as part of their BTEC
First National Diploma Course.
The day started observing the
coaching sessions at King Alfreds,
Kevin Summerfield briefed the
students on what they would see,
the students then watched the
goalkeepers session, the midfield
and stikers in a session and finally
John Blackley coaching the defence
against the youth team.

At The County Ground they were given a tour of the stadium then Jon Holloway and Clive Maguire took put them through a professional coaching session. After a very brief lunch break the students met and interviewed



four players and people who work at the County Ground as part of their research of a professional sports organisation.

The day was organised by Martin Turnbull, STFC Study Centre if you would like to know more about such events please call 01793 333752 or email martint@stfcstudy.org.uk

#### antibullying poster competition



Swindon Town Soccer Centres Manager Shane Hewlett recently visited Even Swindon School to judge an Anti-Bullying poster competition.

Hewlett also gave a talk to provide more information about the anti-bullying message and what is being done to stamp out bullying in schools.

The poster competition proved to be very popular with over 400 entries. The competition was won by Tom Bain and he is pictured here with Shane after receiving his award.

"It was a really good morning and everyone enjoyed themselves. The talk provided the children with more information about who to talk to if they are being bullied themselves, or know of other children that are being bullied.

"Sometimes children don't know who to turn to or what to do in these situations, and we hope it proved useful."

The winning poster design has now been adopted by Even School along with the runners-up, and will be displayed around the school premises.





## harvey

When Jim Harvey joined Rovers in September 2006 the team was languishing at the bottom of the Conference without a win to their name, by the end of the season the club finished a comfortable 14th and were riding on a crest of euphoria and optimism.

Born in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, he went on to sign for Arsenal in 1974, sadly somewhat restricted with only three 1st team league appearances. In 1980 Jim had a free transfer to Hereford United where he became a favourite with the fans making 278 leagues appearances.

Bristol City signed him for £25,000 in 1980 but he was soon loaned out to Wrexham. Another £25,000 move found Jim at Tranmere Rovers where he became Club Captain making 121 league appearances,



appearances, whilst scoring 15 goals.

Dario Gradi took him to Crewe Alexandra as a player/coach before he made his first Conference appearance with Southport in 1993/94. Chester City was the next club to use Jim's football knowledge, not just as a player but also as Reserve Team Coach and Director of their School of Excellence.

Leighton James, who was Manager of Morecambe FC, then brought Jim in as his Assistant particularly for his F.A qualifications and experience. In June 1994 he became Manager, the start of a 12 year reign. In his first season he took them from the Northern Premier League into the GM Vauxhall Conference where he has gained so much respect over the years and out of all Blue Square Premier managers has accumulated more matches than anyone else at this level. During his time with Morecambe they became runners up in 2003 to Dagenham & Redbridge only to lose out on penalties for promotion to The League. Jim also served as Assistant Manager to the Northern Ireland National side.

Prior to the Cambridge United game on 12 November 2005, Jim suffered a heart attack. After a long recovery period everyone was shocked when Morecambe released him. Their loss has already been Rovers gain, where he has been made so welcome by the supporters.



#### stuart fleetwood

Exciting front man who has grabbed the headlines on numerous occasions having netted 19 league goals in as many league games this season.

Joined Cardiff City in August 2003 and spent two and a half years with the Welsh club although managed just one first team start. Made seven appearances off the bench for the Bluebirds and also featured in five Welsh Under 21 Internationals but was allowed to join Hereford United on a free transfer in January 2006.

Enjoyed his time at Edgar Street where he made his name as a prolific striker. Came to the attention of the national press after scoring a Carling Cup hattrick against Championship side Coventry City inside 64 minutes.

Joined Accrington Stanley on a short-term loan deal last term after battling back from illness and after signing for Forest Green Rovers in the summer, Fleetwood has made a dream start to his career at The New Lawn.

With 19 league goals to his name and a further three in cup competitions, the Town defence will have to be on their guard this afternoon to prevent Fleetwood from strutting his stuff in Round Three.

### FOREST GREEN ROVERS FC

### last time out in the fa cup

English FA Cup Round One (R) 20/11/07

Rotherham 0 Forest Green 3 Giles 28, Clist 54, Fleetwood 87

Forest Green: Robinson, Lawless, Tonkin (Hardiker, 86), Jones, Giles, Pitman (Smith, 58), Clist, Preece, Stonehouse, Beesley (Rigoglioso, 80), Fleetwood Subs not used: Afful, Bertram Attendance: 2,754

#### last five in the league

Forest Green 4 Northwich 1

Rushden 1 Forest Green 2

Forest Green 2 Farsley 2

Ebbsfleet 0 Forest Green 2

Forest Green 3 Histon 1

#### blue square premier top scorers

Stuart Fleetwood Forest Green Rovers	19	
Simeon Jackson Rushden & Diamonds	14	
Scott Rendell Cambridge United	12	
Richard Logan Exeter City	11	
Guy Madjo	11	

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Tim Sills

Torquay United

## today's visitors



#### RYAN ROBINSON

Born: 13th October 1982
When Manager Jim Harvey needed a goalkeeper he moved swiftly to sign Ryan from his previous club Morecambe in January 2007.
Started his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers before moving on to Southend United, Southport and has represented the England Non-League team.

#### **ALEX LAWLESS**

Born: 26th March 1985
Born in Llwyn-y-pia in the
Rhondda Valley and a Welsh
U21 International, earning a cap
against N. Ireland in February 2006.
Started his career as a trainee with
Fulham and played several games
in their reserves before moving on
to Torquay United. Can operate in
defence or midfield.

#### <u>anthony tonkin</u>

Born: 17th January 1980
Cornish-born, started his career with Yeovil Town and moved for £50k to Stockport County and one year later to Crewe Alexandra for £150k, where he played in over 100 Championship matches. Returned to Yeovil Town again last season before he put pen to paper with Rovers two weeks before this season started.

#### JAMIE PITMAN

Born: 6th January 1976
Born in Trowbridge he started as a trainee here at The County Ground before moving into the League with Hereford United. Conference experience followed with Yeovil and Woking before a very successful period again with Hereford United, culminating in their promotion to the Football League.

#### **CHRIS GILES**

Born: 16th April 1982

Experienced strong central defender born in Milbourne Port, Nr. Yeovil where he started his playing career. Majestic in the air and a player who can move up front when necessary. Spent most of his playing days in the Conference with Gravesend, Woking, Aldershot and Crawley joining Rovers in January 2007.



#### **DARREN JONES**

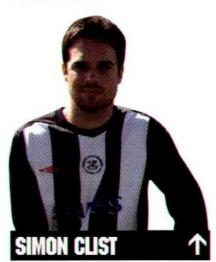
Born: 26th August 1983
Rovers most experienced player
with almost 100 games for the club.
Strong hard tackling defender with
a fiercesome right foot at free-kicks.
Newport (Gwent) born player who
first came to Rovers whilst a trainee
with Bristol City. Had a full-time with
Cheltenham Town before returning
to Newport before joining FGR.



# forest green

#### MARK BEESLEY

Born: 5th December 1980
Born in Burscough, Lancashire
and started his playing career as a
trainee with Preston North End before
moving on to Chester City. Played for
Hereford United before joining Rovers
in August 2004. This makes him the
longest serving player with the club
but a serious leg injury has restricted
his appearances.

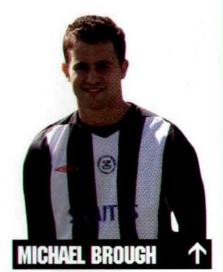


Born: 13th June 1981

Awarded the "Supporters Player of the Season" which was true recognition for last season's hard work, always gives 100%. Started his playing career as a trainee with Bristol City making 50 first team appearances. After a short loan period with Torquay United moved on to Barnet. Joined Rovers at the beginning of last season.

#### MARK PREECE

Born: 3rd June 1987
Mark Joined Rovers at the start
of last season after being released
by Bristol Rovers, his home
club. Soon proved a good young
prospect with a strong defensive
display during the clubs preseason matches and had a loan
spell with Gloucester City earlier
in his career.



Born: 1st August 1981
Nottingham-born Club Captain who started his playing career at local club County. Made almost 100 first team appearances before having a short loan spell with Spalding. Made several appearances in the Conference with Stevenage Borough before becoming a New Lawn favourite with the home fans at Forest Green.

#### DANNY CAREY-BERTRAM

Born: 14th May 1984
Born in Birmingham he started his career with Hereford United where he became a member of their promotion winning team. Had a short spell with Cambridge United before joining Rovers in January 2007. Shocked Oxford United with both goals in Rovers surprise 2-0 win last term. Netted a hat-trick last weekend.

#### **ADRIANO RIGOGLIOSO**

Born: 28th May 1979
Another player brought south by the Manager from Morecambe. Started his playing career at his home club Liverpool where he played in the same youth team as Michael Owen and Jamie Carragher. Moved on to Marine, Morecambe, Doncaster Rovers and a loan spell with Southport. Came off the bench in Round Two in the away leg.

### did you know?



Can you imagine Town spending £340,000 on a player? Well we did back in 1995 when Steve McMahon drafted in left-back Jason Drysdale from Newcastle United.

Drysdale spent three years at The County Ground although an injury-hit spell saw him make just 36 league starts. After a one-game spell at Northampton he made the move to Forest Green Rovers where he made 63 league appearances before departing in May 2001.

#### pitching in



Carrying on a tradition set by supporters back in the 1950's, Forest Green's new stadium was painted from head to toe by supporters - all on a voluntary basis!

The New Lawn was officially opened in September 2006 which also coincided with the appointment of Jim Harvey as manger on a long-term contract. Jim guided Forest Green away from the bottom of the league to a respectable mid table finish in 2007.

#### match action





#### Swindon Town 1 Bristol Rovers 0

Date: 24/11/2007

Venue: The County Ground Attendance: 9,342 (2,099)

Referee: R Styles

#### Swindon Line-up

Peter Brezovan Miguel Comminges

Jerel Ifil

Hasney Aljofree Jack Smith

Jon-Paul McGovern

Craig Easton Michael Pook

Christian Roberts Billy Paynter

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Simon Cox

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Barry Corr Sofiene Zaaboub Blair Sturrock

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Chris Allen Ben Tozer

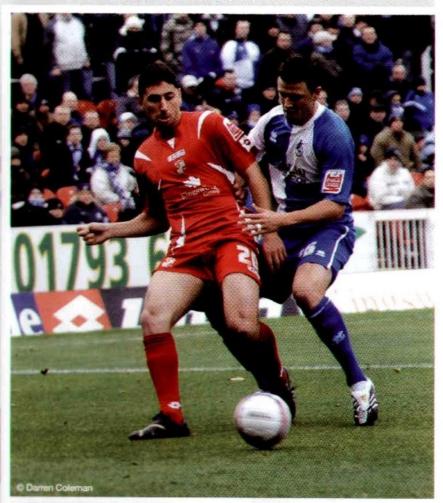
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#### **Bristol Rovers Line-up**

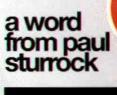
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#### match stats

	STFC	BRFC
Goals:	1	0
Possession:	43%	57%
<b>Shots On Target:</b>	1	9
<b>Shots Off Target:</b>	2	3
Corners:	4	5
Fouls:	11	8
Yellow Cards:	2	3
Red Cards:	2	2

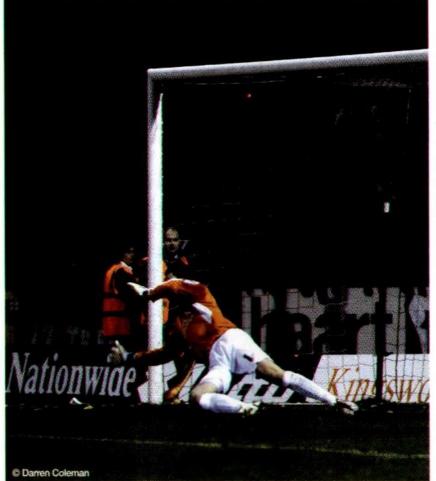


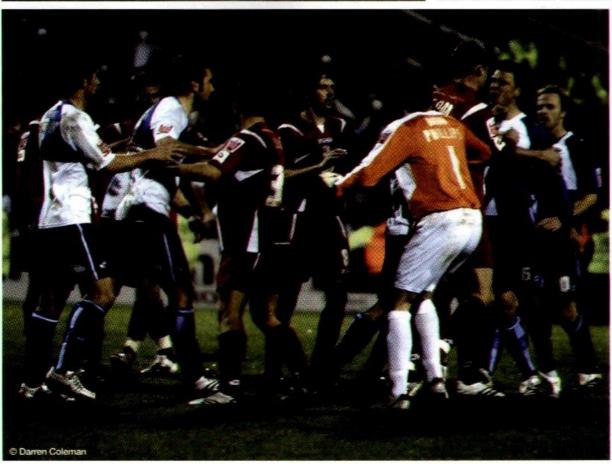






"It's a three points and we have ended that poor run. I don't feel we merited the three points but these things even themselves out over the course of the season. We have a game in hand and are well-placed. Peter Brezovan had a great game and was back to his best by all accounts."







## let's get down to business

Billy Paynter is urging his Town teammates to step up to the plate this afternoon with the possibility of a money-spinning Round Three tie at stake.

Paynter has made a good start to life in a Swindon shirt and has netted five goals in eleven league starts. However, it is in the FA Cup where Paynter's scoring record really impresses. Four goals in five starts in the competition indicates that the striker could be a good bet to find the scoresheet this afternoon.

The FA Cup has already provided the Swindon number twenty with a chance to face the big boys, with Aston Villa the opponents in what was Paynter's second game as a Tigers player having signed permanently from Port Vale.

"Villa is a game I certainly remember. They came up and played at Hull and there was a great atmosphere inside the KC Stadium with over 17,000 there.

"We lost 1-0 but Villa had the likes of Gareth Barry, James Milner and Olof Mellberg in their coming off the bench to net what proved to be the winner.

"We had to go to Wycombe in the last round and did well there. Adams Park is not an easy place to play and we went there, with a few injuries, and came away with the win.

"I remember Christian took his goal very well and he was very calm with his finish. My goal arrived through some good play from Barry who held it up really well. I came off short and the ball was laid on - I used Barry as a shield and managed to side-foot it into the corner."



KICK-OFF

paynter

line-up. It was a great occasion and the FA Cup definitely has something special about it."

Town secured their place in Round Two with a 2-1 away win at Wycombe Wanderers in Round One, with Paynter Swindon fans will of course be hoping to make it through to the potential glamour of Round Three.

"The aim of any side in the competition is to draw one of the big teams and that's what we will be aiming to do. We have a great chance of getting through given that we have been given a home tie.

"Make no mistake though, we need to work hard and get down to business if we want to be in the draw for the next round." "We don't do good staff, we do great staff"

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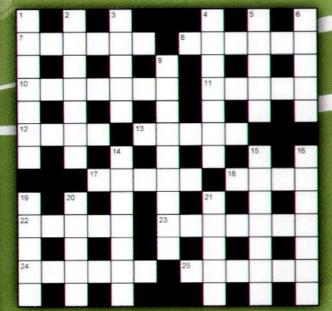
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# HALFTIME



### **ACROSS**

- 7 Nedum \_\_\_, Man City's England U21 utility man (6)
  8 They are of Midlothian (6)
  10 Fergie's (veryl) sparingly used Spanish international goalkeep now with Osasuna (7)

- 11 Akpo, Efe, Onome and Sam are members of this footballing family (5)
  12 Nathan, Bruce, Alex or Kieron (4)
  13 Only five have ridden more jumps winners than this Peter (5)
  17 More than 20 caps for Wales, this centre back played for Wimbledon and Palace in 80/90s (5)
- 18 Champions League winner reborn under Harry at Portsmouth (4)
  22 Man City defensive prodigy who became the youngest ever to play 100 top flight games in 1982 (5)
- 23 Top flight Champions nine times and FA Cup five (7)
- Bristol City's Gate (6)

  Jones the footballing hardman or Roe the four time Irish
  Leger winner (6)

- Unsettled Italian striker at Man City (7)
- England defensive colossus now manager of Brentford after spell at Sydney (7)
- , striker who returned to Sheff U in the close
- season having starred at Scunthorpe (5)
  Scottish utility man who went to FIFA to secure his move from Hearts to Wigan in 2006 (7)
  Dutch Eredivisie side NAC \_\_\_\_(5)
  Man U utility man having even deputised for van der Sar! (1'4)

- Striker who disappointed at Liverpool before moving

- 14 Prolific striker at Ipswich and Forest before retirement in 2006 (7)
  15 Newcastle striker signed from Inter in 2006 (7)
  16 They play at Turf Moor (7)
  19 Neil \_\_\_, twenty years a pro with Spurs, Bolton and Man City amongst others from 70s to 90s (5)
  20 Brothers Dickson and Kelvin of Sunderland and Man City (5)
  21 Immus Bright of Signed Little manufactures in 1922 Co. Final (6)
- 21 Jimmy , Brighton's 'disco kid' manager in 1963 Cup Final (5)

**NUESTIONS** 

- Mhich team won the 100th Final?
- Which team scored 26 goals in a First Round tie?
- Which player scored a first-minute goal in the
- Which goalkeeper-captain picked up a winners'
- Which was the last team from outside the top division to win The Cup?
- Which team won the last Final at the old Wembley?
- Which Third Division team reached the Semi-Finals in 1976?
- How many different trophies have been played for?
- Which team reached the 1983 Final and were relegated in the same year?
- Which was the last year in which no non-League team made it through to the Third Round?

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# fa cup preview



There's a bumper crop of no less than 14 Non-League sides involved in the 20 Round Two matches, including a quartet of sides who have never featured at this stage before, CHASETOWN, HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE, HORSHAM and STAINES TOWN. Three remaining ties are still reliant on replays which are outstanding at the time of writing.

NORTHAMPTON host WALSALL a week after the Saddlers' 2-0 League One win at Sixfields, with both sides similarly placed in the middle of the table, and the Saddlers solid away from home. MILLWALL, hoping for an upturn under the recently-appointed Kenny Jackett, host fellow relegation strugglers AFC BOURNEMOUTH, with the Lions claiming a home 2-1 league win over the Cherries earlier in the season, who are stronger away from Dean Court. **HUDDERSFIELD** will start as favourites.

as the League One Terriers are solid at home, and host GRIMSBY, who, although shocking CARLISLE in the last round, are among the strugglers of the Football League with six away defeats already this campaign.

New PORT VALE manager Lee Sinnott will not underestimate the threat of Southern One Midlands CHASETOWN, in this round for the first time in their history, as he has come from a Non-League background. The Midlands outfit took OLDHAM to a replay two seasons ago, and are firmly in contention for promotion from a league five levels below the Valiants. **HEREFORD's** reward for victory at **LEEDS** is a home tie with another League One side. HARTLEPOOL, who have adapted well after promotion. Last season, when these sides were in the same division, it was a home win apiece. BRADFORD

CITY's season seems to be improving after a difficult start to League Two life, but, despite that, they face a tough task against a TRANMERE side from the league above. who are a tight unit away from home. Also facing a particularly tricky away trip are Rovers' fellow play-off chasers BRIGHTON. who travel to a freescoring TORQUAY. joint top scorers in the Blue Square Premier. They share that honour with FOREST GREEN, who are the surprise package of the Blue Square campaign, thanks to the 18 goals of Stuart Fleetwood, and face a mouthwatering derby at SWINDON here at SN1 this afternoon.

In contrast with FOREST GREEN. **OXFORD UNITED** have struggled, and though only losing once at home all season, they have drawn six matches at the Kassam Stadium. The Cup may be the perfect time for the U's to begin a good run. although SOUTHEND are in good





chasing promotion from the Ryman Premier League, make their Round Two debut against League One title chasers **SWANSEA**, who face opponents from this league for the second game in succession and

know what to expect. BURY have an intriguing home assignment with EXETER, of the Blue Square Premier, who have been more effective away from home this season, and can point to the fantastic

FA Cup run of 2004/5 as a mark of their pedigree, but the Shakers are playing well in defence and attack this season.

After a spell of being the nation's premier giant killers a few seasons ago, DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE now occupy the position of favourites at home to a KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS side who inflicted a rare home defeat on the Daggers in last season's Conference winning campaign. The Essex hosts have found life difficult in the League so far, and they need to be wary of a side that can compete with the best in the Blue Square Premier on their

the Blue Square Premier on their day. NOTTS COUNTY host Non-League opposition again as they look to follow up their comfortable win over HISTON with home victory over a HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE side

making their first appearance in the Second Round, but who are hindered by a poor away record despite their fine win at YORK which set up this game.

**BURTON ALBION look** 

increasingly poised to make the jump into the Football League and they face BARNET, for the first time since the Bees' 2004/5 Championship season, and it will prove an interesting gauge of the Brewers' progress. Ryman Premier STAINES TOWN'S reward for the replay win over STOCKPORT is a home tie against PETERBOROUGH in their first ever second round appearance. The Posh won 7-0 against BRENTFORD

last week, with top scorer Aaron
McLean previously featuring in the Ryman League for Aldershot and Grays.
However, the Swans have the best defensive record in their division, so another tight game may be in prospect. Along with

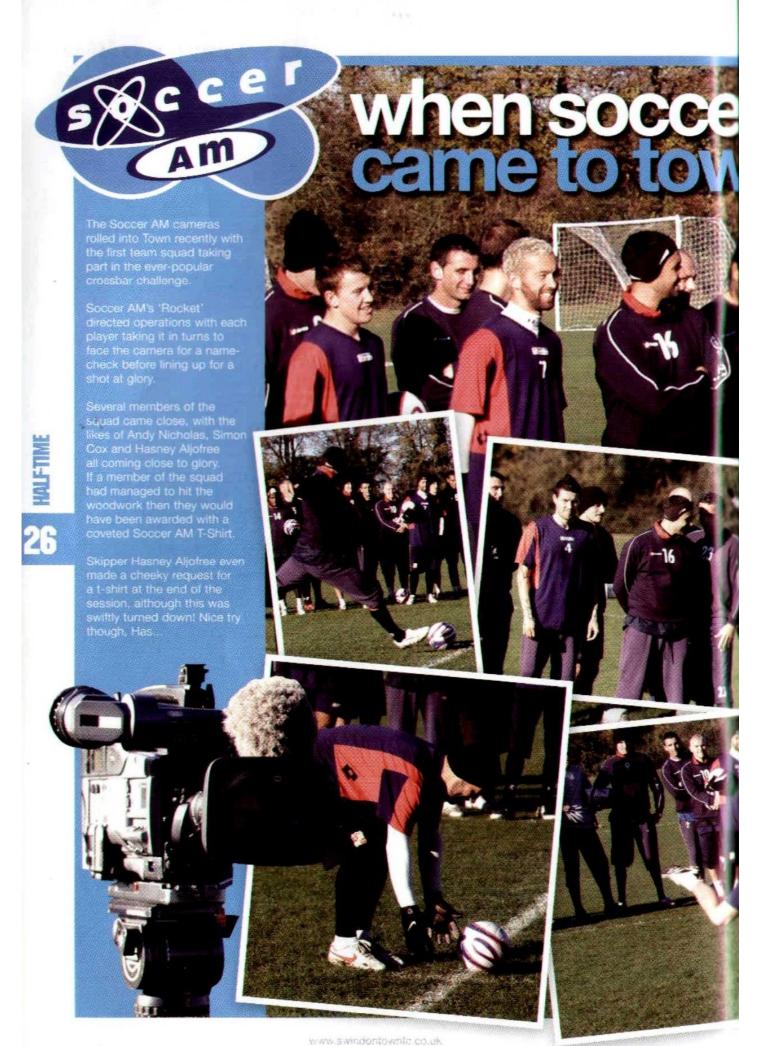
CHASETOWN, HARROGATE RAILWAY ATHLETIC, of the Unibond One North, are the joint lowest ranked side left, and set a record for this in 2002 on their

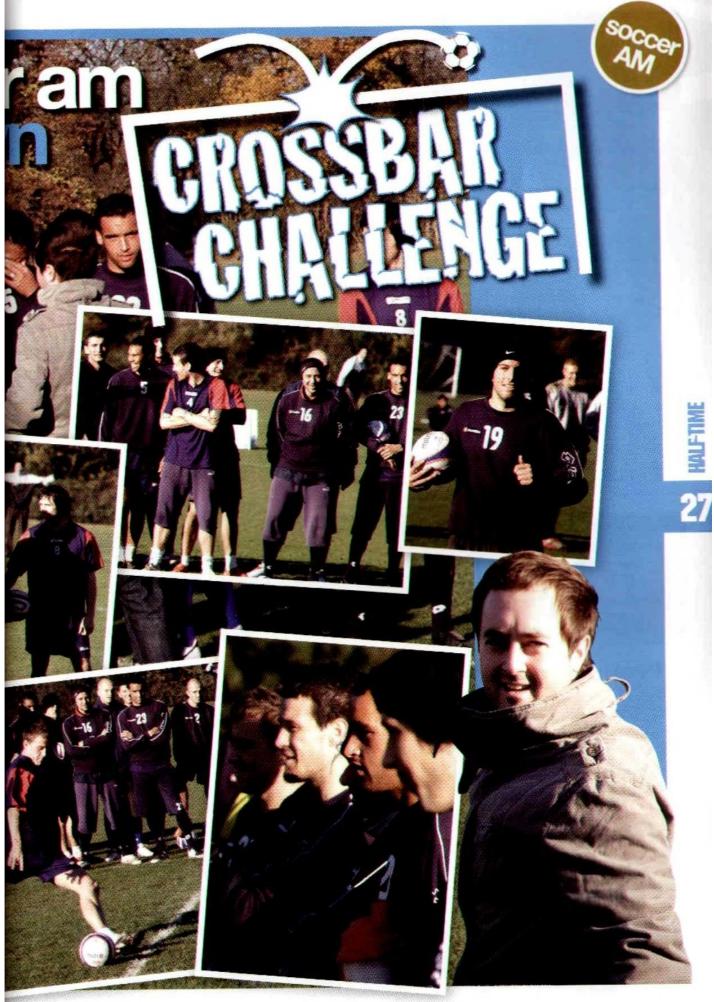


previous Round Two appearance. They host a MANSFIELD TOWN side struggling near the foot of League Two and looking ripe for an upset especially as they are still without an away win this season. At least one Non-League side is guaranteed in the next round as CAMBRIDGE UNITED meet Blue Square Premier rivals WEYMOUTH, with the U's in firm promotion contention, whilst the inconsistent visitors have the player of Round One, Stuart Beavon.

A trio of matches remain to be confirmed, but there will be at least one extra all-League One affair as play-off chasing DONCASTER **ROVERS** and struggling **OLDHAM** ATHLETIC go head to head for the right to host an improving CREWE ALEXANDRA side which is still struggling away from home. LUTON TOWN, now at the foot of League One following a ten point deduction, needed to have won an away replay at an inconsistent League Two BRENTFORD side to face either League One title hopefuls NOTTINGHAM FOREST or a LINCOLN CITY side currently at the bottom of the Football League. LEYTON ORIENT OF BRISTOL **ROVERS** will host a **RUSHDEN &** DIAMONDS side in the middle of the Blue Square Premier, but managed by Garry Hill of Dagenham FA Cup fame.











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      - Easter Disco
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# commercial

Good afternoon and welcome to this FA Cup Round Two clash against our neighbours from Gloucestershire, Forest Green Royers.

This is of course the first game under the watchful eye of caretaker manager **David Bryne**. Best of luck for today 'Budgie' and I'm sure Town will be in the draw for Round 3 tomorrow afternoon.

The Club have recently linked up with Domino's Pizza, and as a result Domino's will be offering supporters the chance to enjoy delicious pizza for less, with a range of special deals and promotions. Starting from today, during half-time at every home match Domino's will run the "Pizza Seat Lottery". Prior to the game, Domino's will draw a Season Ticket seat number at random, and at half-time one lucky Swindon Town Season Ticket Holder will receive a tasty, piping hot pizza and a bottle of Coke delivered straight to their seat!

To kick-start the lottery, today Dominos will provide a Pizza and Coke combo to three lucky fans, one in The Arkells Stand, one in the Kingswood Stand, and one in the Town End. So listen out to Gary, the pitchside announcer, at half-time to hear if you are one of the lucky winners.

If you are a season ticket holder then why not watch one of the next home games from the comfort of the Executive Enclosure having enjoyed a sumptuous three-course meal in the Executive Lounge? You will also be enjoy half-time refreshments, a complimentary programme, team sheet and pay bar facility. This offer is priced at just £30 + VAT per season ticket holder. Under 16's are priced at £15 + VAT and must be accompanied by an adult. If you are not a season ticket holder then why not enjoy an Executive Lounge Day Out priced at £49 + VAT?

The club will be hosting its annual **OAP Christmas Lunch**, which will be taking place on **Tuesday 18th December**.

We are currently seeking the assistance of the local business community to help make this day a success; all donations will be gratefully received. Sponsors will receive recognition in the matchday programme and also receive a Platinum Day Out at a future home game so please contact us to find out more.

Swansea City are the visitors on **New Years Day** so why not treat the family
to a day out in the Executive Lounge.
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this game, so please call for more details.

Finally this time, a reminder that An Audience With Swindon Town will take place on Monday 21st January 2008. This will take place in the Legends Lounge at The County Ground. The entire STFC First Team Squad and management team will be in attendance. The after dinner Q & A session last season had the audience in stitches, and included revelations regarding Lee Peacock's tattoos, Robbo's superstitions and Pooky's dubious dress sense, so if you want to quiz JP about his Facebook pictures this night will provide the perfect opportunity to do so.

Shirt Sponsors will each receive two complimentary tickets. This event is available to all Swindon Town supporters, and tickets are priced at £25 plus Vat for shirt sponsors' guests and Season Ticket Holders or £30 plus Vat per person for others.

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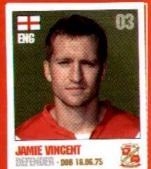
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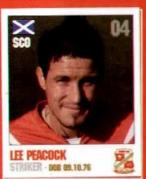


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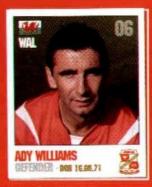




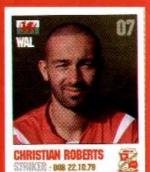
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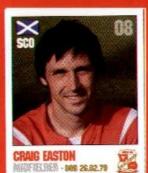
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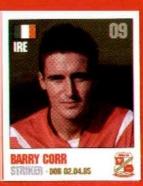
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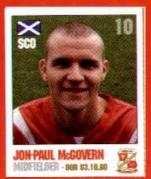
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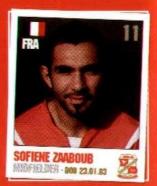
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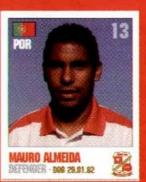
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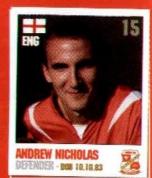
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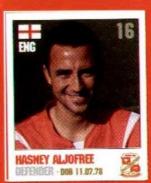
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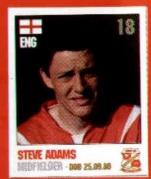




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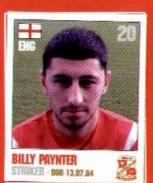


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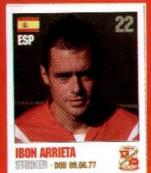
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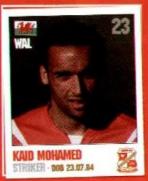
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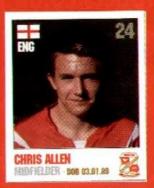
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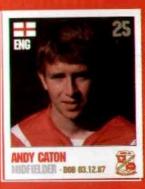
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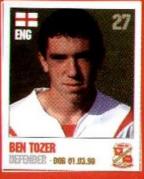
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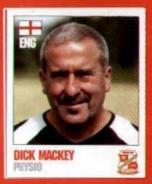
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Good afternoon and welcome to all our Junior Robins and Junior Rovers who have made the trip along for this special FA Cup encounter.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Christmas card entries, both to myself and direct into the club. We have had some great entries in. Everyone who has sent them in has put in a lot of work on them. We can only have one winner, so we have printed here a selection of the designs sent in.

ho ho home win for Swindon town's biggest

way to the printers and then go out to all the Junior Robins!

Thank you to Rafferty and all your family, from myself and everyone at Swindon Town Football Club.

In two weeks time on Saturday 15th December we have Brighton and Hove Albion here at The County Ground. I would like to arrange a Penalty Shoot-Out at half-time, with six Junior Robins, and six Junior Seagulls. We had a Shoot Out at Millwall which was a great success (we won!). If you would like to be part of this please let me know as soon as possible. The first six to get in contact will be involved!

Many thanks

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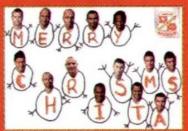




#### WINNER ABOVE

I am very pleased to announce that the winner is Rafferty Brackenbury who is only 1 % years old, but it was a family effort and his brothers and sisters all helped. It is a great design, that will be winging its





# TOWNS CALL COMES

This week we ask Ball Boy Jordan Barnes a few questions about his role.

How long have you been a ball boy for? Two and a half seasons.

Worst bit about the job?
When the away fans start shouting.

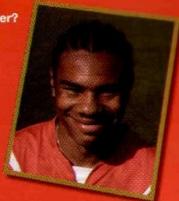
Best bit? Talking to the players.

Best game you've seen here?
Definitely against Gillingham in October!

Favourite player? Jerel Ifil.

Thank you Jordan.

Lets hear some noise for the Swindon boys!





This week's Random Robin is **Thomas Dent** from Swindon.



Your favourite current STFC player? Sofiene Zaaboub

Your favourite past STFC player? Ricky Shakes

Your favourite non STFC player? Christiano Ronaldo





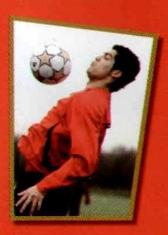
← Jack Calladine

Jack Calladine who will
be 10 years old on 31st
December. He lives in
Bussage, Stroud and
attends Bussage Primary
School. His number
one hobby is football.
He plays for Eastcombe
YFC and has done trials
for Swindon Town FC in
the under 10's.

First game you every went to?
Swindon V MK Dons

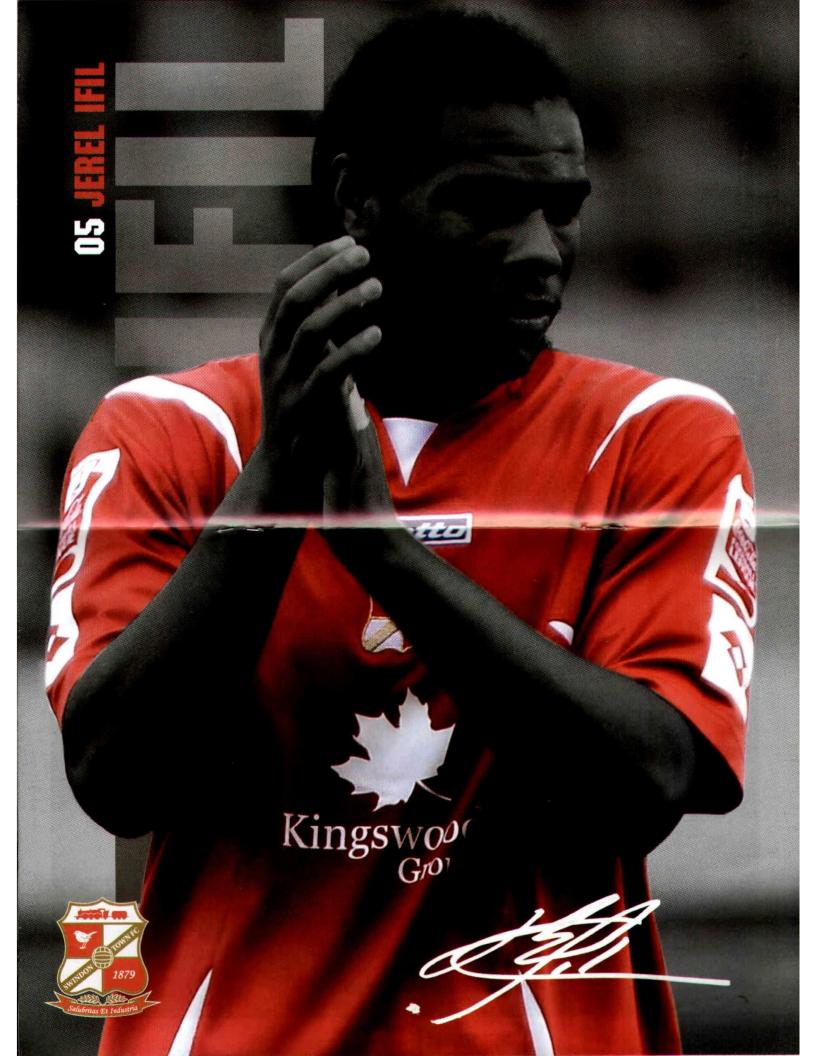
Where's the furthest away game you've travelled to? Accrington Stanley

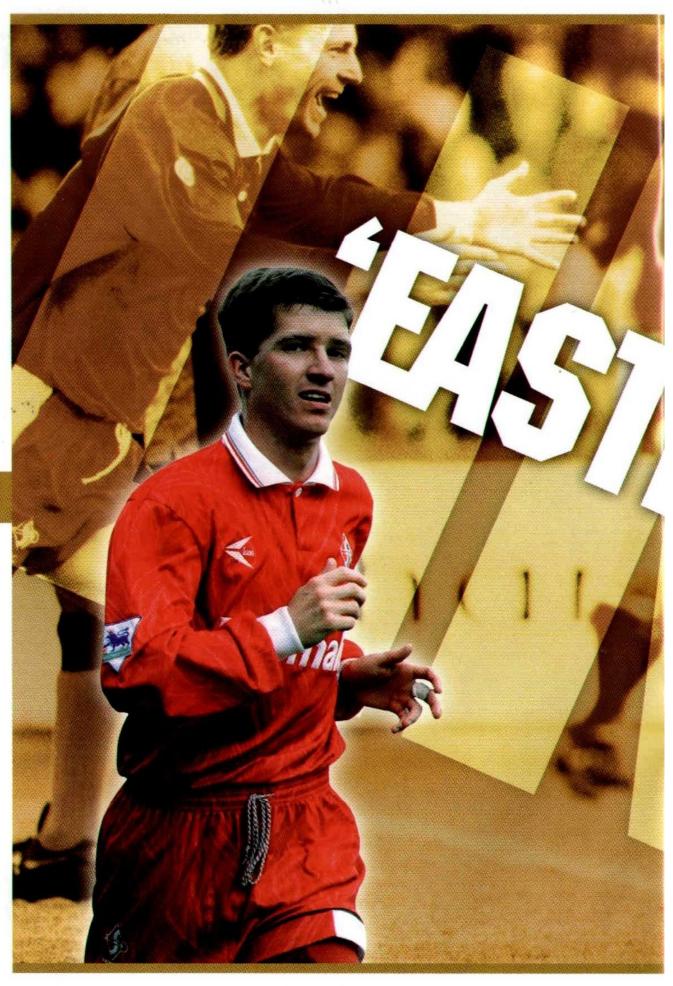
Thomas enjoys playing football and attends the Swindon Town fun weeks in the holidays.





Happy Birthday to Alex Jupe,
Matthew Cook, Megan Meeks,
Jessica Humphries, Hannah Smith,
Conor Trinci, Daniel Baker, Sam Grant,
Thomas Lewis and Jake Pearce. I
hope you all have great birthdays.

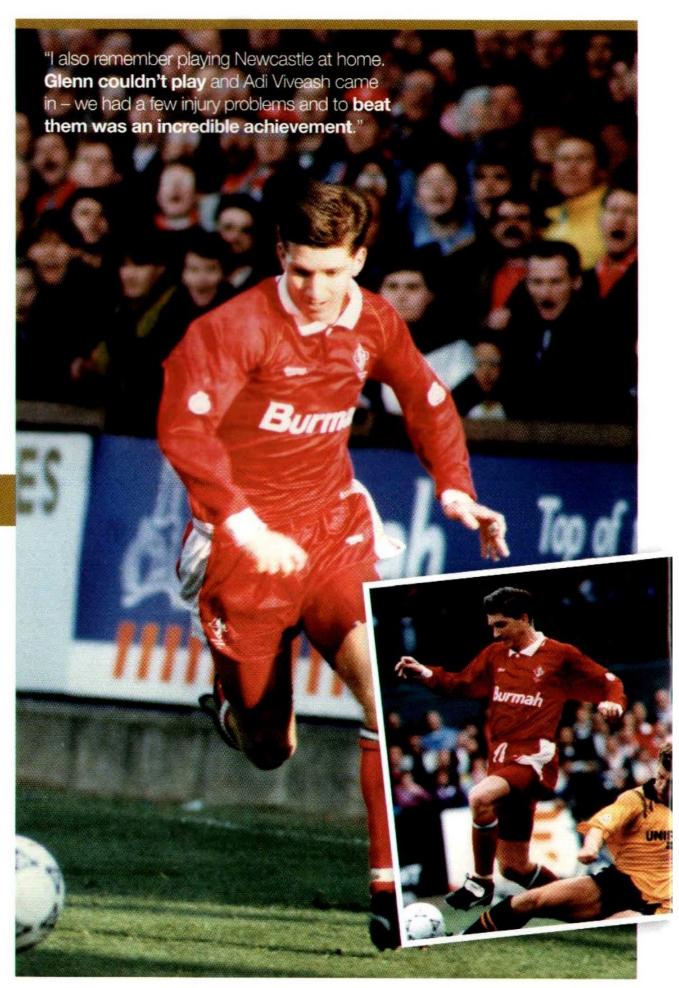




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Interview Make June



Returning to The County Ground for the first time as manager was a bizarre experience for the former midfield dynamo. Not least because it meant heading towards the wrong dressing room...

"I was at Swindon for four years and my instinct was to go down to the far end of the tunnel and go in the home dressing room, not the first one!" he laughs. "I did go back there as a player in the League Cup, but to go back as a manager after 11 years was a surreal experience. It's funny returning to the place where I was most successful as a player. It stirred up a few memories, perhaps a few funny occasions, but mainly the good times we had there. It's a place I remember enjoying playing at - I've enjoyed other clubs, but Swindon was the best. Ultimately, for me, it was nice to show people what I'm about, and that the job I'm doing now is a good one."

A good one indeed, for when Ling assumed the managerial reins at Brisbane Road the O's were in danger of falling out of the Football League. Now, with promotion to the Championship a real possibility. Ling is emerging as one of the brightest young managers in the game, as well as one of the longest serving!

"As a club it would be difficult to gain promotion to the

Championship," he admits. "We only average 5,000 people - that's the bigger issue - but then you look at teams like Scunthorpe and Colchester, I suppose it would be possible to go up and survive. Whether we can sustain Championship football at Orient is the bigger question. But to have come as far as we have is great - I hope there's another step but it'll be a real test of character and resources."

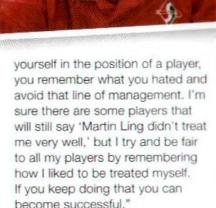
So if Orient don't make it, would he consider leaving to help him climb another rung on the ladder?

"I've been here [at Orient] for 11 years and four months, so I have strong ties here, but I also have ambition and you want to manage as high as you can, just the same as a player wants to play at the highest level," he continues. "If you don't set yourself high targets then there's no point in my opinion. I've been successful in my career so far, but this is a precarious job and you never know what can happen. The fact that I'm the sixth longest-serving manager tells its own story - but that's what the job is all about."

Judging by the way Orient passed the ball about when they drew 1-1 with Town, Lingy looks to have based his managerial philosophy on the one that Glenn Hoddle

> used to take into the top flight. An advocate of the passing game - Ling's hoping the same style will see his own team climb the footballing pyramid further.

"Glenn was a big influence on my managerial career. I played for 18 years under good and bad managers - Glenn was a good manager and he stuck with me because of his style and the type of player I was - but I learned from bad managers as well. You get yourself in a situation now where you imagine



Ling's playing career was a successful one, although his first stint at SN1 lasted just 93 days. Some suggested Martin couldn't abide Lou's strict training regime, while others suggested Macari was upset by Exeter City's sellon clause, which would give them a share of any profits from a subsequent sale. Either way, Ling was off to Southend United for just £15,000.

When Swindon next came calling the club was in Ossie Ardiles' hands. Well, for about 24 hours, anyway!

"I chatted to Ossie on transfer deadline day and trained for one day, on the Friday," Lingy explains. "The plan that weekend was to go away on the Saturday and stay away on the Sunday for a Monday game, I was chatting to Ossie about where I would be used and what his plans were for me, and then, after that, I read he'd gone to Newcastle in the Sun! It was a bit surreal, because the transfer was supposed to go through months earlier, but Ossie had bought Dave Bennett instead. So to get another

### martin ling career history

Name: Height: Weight: Date of birth: Place of birth: Position:

Nationality:

Martin Ling 5.07 10.02 15-07-1966

15-07-1966 West Ham Midfielder England

### Career Appearances:

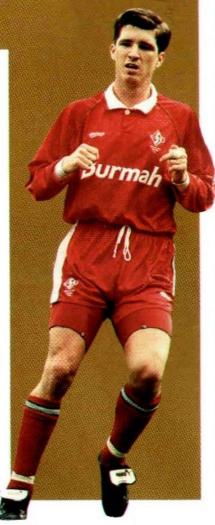
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#### Transfer Fees:

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chance to move eight months later was great – and then for that to happen was a kick in the guts.

"I was worried the new manager wouldn't know me from Adam, but the good thing about Hoddle coming in was John Gorman - he knew me from my time at other clubs," he continues. "That was a blessing. It was then up to me to prove myself to Glenn for the following season. It took a bit of time, I didn't play many reserve games with him, but I played with him at Port Vale on the last game of the season. I came on for the last half hour and played really well - he spoke to me on the coach afterwards and said he wanted me for two years, but there was a problem in that he wasn't sure if he could afford me! He was told the transfer fee was 50 grand, I thought it was 15 grand, so somebody somewhere wasn't telling the truth, or there was a misunderstanding. Thankfully we got to the bottom of it and I was lined up within a week - a twovear contract followed.

"It took me time to establish myself," he continues. "I was a bit-part player for three or four months, but once I got in the team I was there for about 20 months, culminating in the Wembley experience."

Ling was integral to Town's success in 1992/93, working tirelessly alongside John Moncur in midfield.

"It was better than the Premiership year, for sure, because we were getting beat week in, week out in the Premier League – which isn't fun for anyone!" he explains "The Birmingham comeback game was a corker, or the game at Tranmere in the semi-final. Of course, the Wembley final was good – probably one of the best matches at Wembley for many years ¬¬– few games will beat that game for excitement, thrills and spills.

"I also remember playing Newcastle at home. Glenn couldn't play and Adi Viveash came in – we had a few injury problems and to beat them was an incredible achievement."

Ling fitted perfectly into the way Hoddle wanted to play the game. A busy midfielder that could link midfield and attack, give and go, but allow the flair players to do what they do best.

"Glenn was the best player I played with, even at 34, 35, he was by far the best. It would have been a pleasure to play with him in his prime – he made a position for himself behind Colin and Shaun and they allowed him to do that in the way that they played – and he looked like he had the freedom of the pitch!"

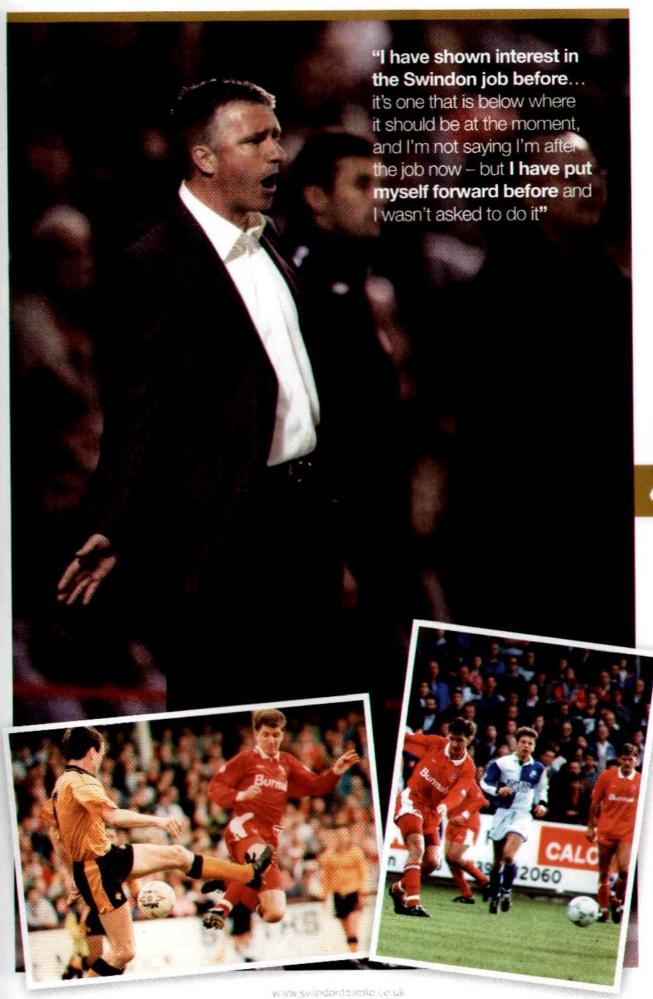
With the managerial hot seat here free once again many would gladly suggest Lingy as an alternative. Sadly, he feels he has gone too far with Orient to leave them now.

"I have shown interest in the Swindon job before... it's one that is below where it should be at the moment, and I'm not saying I'm after the job now – but I have put myself forward before and I wasn't asked to do it.

"Whoever takes it has the potential to take the club back to where it belongs, but fans must realise it will take time. It's all about expectation. My chairman told me he didn't want to finish in the bottom eight this year, and that's after a year or two in this league. I think that's a fair reflection for Swindon, people have to realise you have to take it step by step. Our first year saw us avoid relegation and while I think Swindon are better than that, they have to be patient. It's an open league. In saying that I can only think of one or two teams who are better than Swindon this season."

There's hope for us yet, then, perhaps...





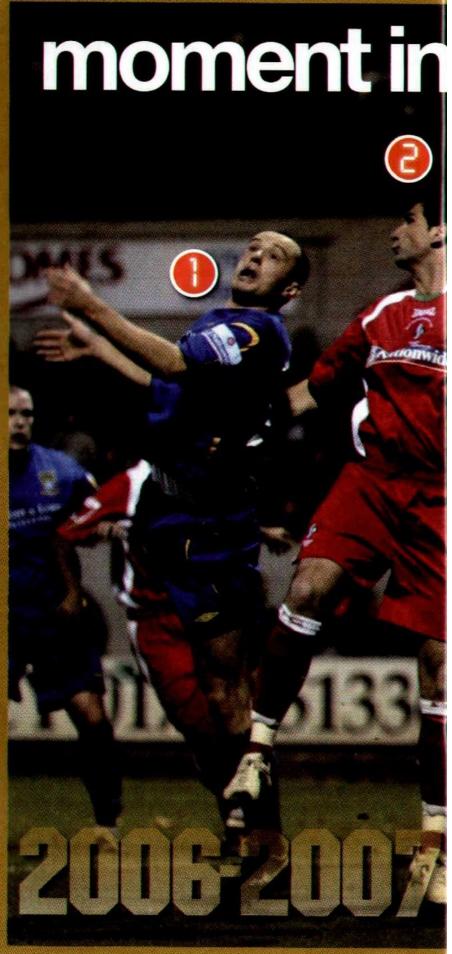
Town's Club Captain returned to action with the reserves this week and it has been a busy seven days for the Welshman, who is in caretaker charge of the first team along with David Byrne. An experienced campaigner, 'Willo' has over 500 career appearances under his belt amassed during spells with Peading, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Coventry City. With 13 international caps, Williams' experience could benefit the likes of youth tearners Ben Tozer, Sean Morrison and Torn Evans.

46 Andy Nicholas

A Swindon Town centurion, 'Nicho' has now made 105 league starts for the Robins. Signed by former boss Andy King during the summer of 2003, the defender was soon thrust into first team action. Made his league debut at Chesterfield in October 2003 before going on to become a regular in the first team in the charge towards the promotion places and played in both of the end of season Play-off games with Brighton & Albion.

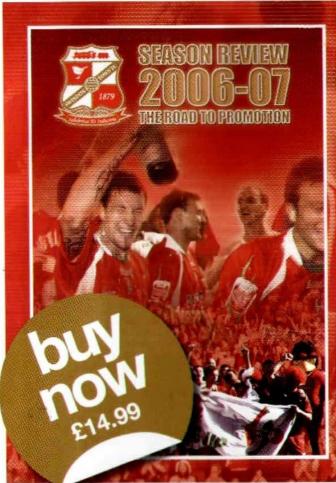
### Phil Smith

A real success story at The County Ground, Phil Smith seized his chance when thrown in for the League Two clash at Shrewsbury Town by former boss Dennis Wise following the unfortunate injury to Peter Brezovan. Smith went on to feature in every remaining league game of the promotion campaign. Started the 2007-08 season as number one, but succumbed to injury at the end of October with Brezovan returning in between the sticks for the away trip to Port Vale. Smith is approaching 50 league starts for Town and having gone under the knife to cure a groin problem ten days ago, will be keen to return to action soon.



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The 2006/07 season was another eventful chapter in the club's history. The high-profile arrival of former Chelsea duo Dennis Wise and Gus Poyet saw Town installed amongst the promotion favourites prior to the start of the campaign. However, the pair departed for Leeds United in October 2006 with Paul Sturrock appointed as the man to continue the promotion charge. And Sturrock didn't disappoint.

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# report



Jeremy Newton

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Aug 25 in Service Training

Sep 22 Bristol Rovers

Sep 29 Oxford United

Oct 27 Leyton Orient

Nov 17 Swansea City

Nov 24 Rush & Diam.

Dec 1 Bournemouth

Dec 8 Oxford Utd Dec 15 Bristol Rovers

Jan 12 Exeter City

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Mar 29 Yeavil Town

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Last weekend saw the Under 18's take on Rushden and Diamonds in the knockout stage of the Puma Youth Alliance Cup at the training ground.

We started off brightly with our passing ok at times, but not what we expected. The game was a low tempo one, with most of the players mind still in FA Youth cup mode. We conceded a sloppy goal, when there forwards had a shot and it took a deflection off U16 defender Joe Smith, and went passed Mark Scott to put the visitors 1-0 up. We made a bit of a game by raising the tempo of the game and started to get our midfield more involved. We were awarded a penalty, which was dubious, but we were happy to take

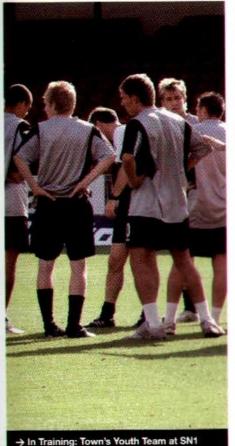
> Last week the Centre of Excellence games programme saw a set of fixtures against Brentford. On Sunday we played against Brentford, with the 11's and 12's making the trip along the M4 and the 9's, 10's, and 14's playing at the training ground.

> The 9's lost 2-1 to an U10 side, so good performances were noted from all the team. The 10's drew 1-1, so that was pleasing. The 11's played 9-aside, so that was a little different for them as they normally play 11-aside and this must have had

5-0. The 14's are a very good side; they passed the ball very well at this group, as this is the age group that will qualify to play in this year Milk Cup Tournament in Ireland.

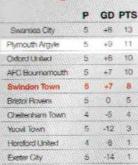
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### it. Tom Evans placed his penalty passed the goalkeeper to level things up at 1-1. This was our key to go on and try and continue to do the right things, but we never really got started, and the game turned against us, when we conceded a late goal with a long ball beating our two centre backs, for their forward to head past Mark Scott. I think as a team they need to be focused all the time, and not just when the so called big games are here, they need to train hard and always want to improve there development.

### u18 league table



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The 13's won 3-1 and the 14's won times and we will look for more from



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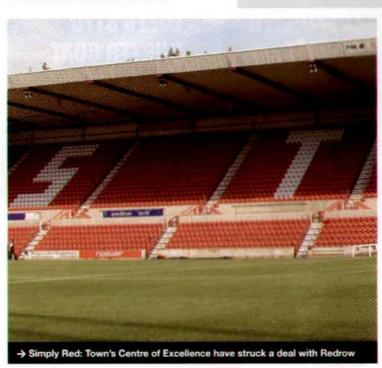
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STFC Magazine will be profiling each member of the youth team squad. Today we feature Under 18's Defender **Andy Westall**.











Name: Andy Westall

Date of Birth: 4th September 1990

Place of Birth: Swindon

Currently resides: West Swindon

Hobbies outside of football: Swimming

Team Supported: Chelsea

Which player do you model your game on? John Terry

Which boots do you wear? Nike Total 90 Lasers

Best goal ever scored? It was a header!

How many goals can you score this season? When I'm back playing as I am still getting back to fitness after a shoulder injury...

### YOUR TEAMMATES

Who is the busiest member of the squad? Callum Kennedy

Spends most time in front of the mirror? Jake Hyde

Who would you like to see on X-Factor? Kurt Hammonds

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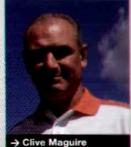


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On Monday evening we kicked off our annual schools six a side competition with twelve local schools battling it out to earn the right to play next week's winners in a final showdown on The County Ground in the New Year.

It was an exciting evening's football with three groups of four teams. The top team from each group automatically progressed to the next round with the best runner-up making up the fourth spot for the four semi-final spots. The winners of group one, Lawn, took on Ruskin School and were narrowly beaten 1-0. Catherine Wayte took on Holy Rood, the best runners up in group three. It was a close encounter with Hold Rood scoring two late goals to progress to the final. The final saw Ruskin School take on Holy Rood which saw five minutes of each half finish at 0-0. The game then went into a three-minute period of golden goal play, and ten seconds into the added time. Holy Rood broke away to score and secure their place in the local final against next week's winners.

On Tuesday 27th November we staged our Girls Under 13's Football League six-a-side competition. Some of you may remember Dorcan won the competition last year, lifting the prestigious trophy at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on Sunday 1st April. The game took place prior to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final between Bristol Rovers and Doncaster Rovers. This season's grand final will take place at the new Wembley at the end of the season - so there was everything to play for on Tuesday night.

The high drama of the evening concluded with the final taking place between Commonweal and once again, Dorcan, After the ten-minute final the sides were tied at 1-1 - so the game progressed into three minutes of golden goal play. The scores

were still level after the additional time so penalties were needed. With both sides missing a penalty each, Commonweal ran out winners, narrowly winning 6-5. It was a fantastic evening's entertainment and Jon and I really enjoyed running this competition as the girls, teachers and parents enter into the competition with a sporting attitude.

A guick reminder that the second stage of our Primary Schools six-a-side competition is scheduled for Monday 3rd December at Dorcan Technical College from 4 - 6pm on the Astroturf. So, please feel free to come and show your support.

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#### Clive and Jon







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# centres with Shane Hewlett, Adam Greaney & Luke Sharps

Good afternoon and welcome to today's home FA Cup encounter against Forest Green Rovers.

Shane Hewlett recently went along to Even Swindon Primary School during anti-bullying week, so a big hello to the children at the school.

All the children produced an anti-bullying poster which Shane judged. There were so many fantastic entries and it was a really tough decision but eventually the winner was Tom Bain (pictured in the news section of this programme).

#### WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL

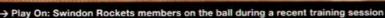
As many of you may be aware Football in the Community are working alongside the Wilts FA and Living Options to support 'Swindon Rockets', the only Powerchair Football Team in Wiltshire. Over the past year the club has come on a long way and have now affiliated to the Wheelchair Football Association and the Wiltshire FA.

The past few weeks has seen Adam Greaney, FITC Disability Officer, and Gary James delivering wheelchair football sessions at Croft Sports Centre. Sandwiched between this five-week coaching programme was another visit from the England Head Coaches for Powerchair Football, Adam Parry and Alan Harrison. The two, who have recently returned from the Powerchair World Cup in Japan, brought down the specialist chairs for the players to have a go in. The coaches delivered some basic skills sessions and then introduced the team to the fast and furious powerchair football match.

Adam Greaney commented: "Swindon Rockets have come a very long way in a short period of time. The club still has a long way to go to start playing in the national league but with the support and commitment from everyone involved in the team then I'm sure Swindon Rockets will be competing for the national title, and hopefully some of our players will be representing England in the next World Cup".

Shane, Sharpy & Adam Swindon Town Football in the Community Tel: 01793 617718









### Course Schedule

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Thursday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Friday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	5-7yrs





Supporters who buy advance priced tickets for the Brighton & Hove Albion and Hartlepool United games (December 15th and 22nd respectively) and the visit of Huddersfield Town (Saturday 5th January 2008) will be able to buy a specially priced 'Triple Ticket' for all three games.

# town ladies first team spons

Swindon Town Ladies were beaten by three goals to nil by Plymouth Argyle in a rehearsal for tomorrow's Women's FA Cup tie.

The Town got off to a bad start in this South West Combination League fixture conceding three goals in the first twenty minutes. The Town rallied but were unable to do enough to get anything from the game. For periods the Town had the better of the play but were unable to break thorough a well drilled Argyle defence. Tomorrow the two sides meet again in the third round of the E.ON Women's FA Cup.

To reach the third round Argyle have beaten AFC Bournemouth and Oxford City whereas the Town received a bye in the first round and then travelled to Somerset to account for Yeovil Town in a exciting penalty shoot out. Just prior to the Cup game at Yeovil, the Somerset side had beaten the Town in a league fixture; let's hope that history repeats itself.

The Town Reserves have played two away South West Regional

League fixtures in the past couple of weeks. First they played Bristol Academy and lost by four goals to one with Claire Moreton getting the Town's goal. The Town then travelling to the coast, to face Team Weston Reserves and collected all three points with a three goals to one victory. April Polden scored twice and Claire Moreton grabbed the other one.

Tomorrow's FA Cup game against Plymouth Argyle will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 1-00 pm. The Town Reserves face Alphington from Exeter, in the second round of the "Soccer World" Cup. This game will be played at the Zurich Sports Ground, Foxhill and will Kick Off at 1.00pm

Any women or girls interested in joining the club should contact Club Secretary **John White** on Swindon **01793 824470**.



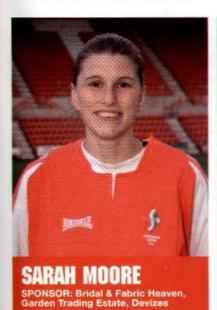
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2 Sep	Frome Town	3-0
9 Sep	Bournemouth	1-4
16 Sep	Reading	2-5
23 Sep	Southampton S.	4-3
7 Oct	Yeovil Town	0.2
14 Oct	Team Weston	1-2
28 Oct	FA Cup - 1	bye
4 Nov	Forest Green R.	A
12 Nov	Yeavil Town	4-4*
18 Nov	OPR	3-2
25 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	0-3
2 Dec	League Cup	
9 Dec	Yeovii Town	Α
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### south west combination

\* Town through on penalties

league	P	GD	PTS
Reading	10	36	30
AFC Bournemouth	11	30	22
Plymouth Argyle	9	27	20
Chesham United	9	21	17
Youvil Town	10	10	37
Luton Town	8	19	15
OPR	10	30	12
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### stic reserves report

Swindon Town were held to a 2-2 draw by Cheltenham Town after an entertaining encounter at The County Ground on Tuesday afternoon.

Club Captain Ady Williams made a welcome return to action, a first start in a competitive game since sustaining a knee injury against Hartlepool United in February. The centreback made an immediate impact, scoring after just three minutes with a header following a Chris Allen corner from the right.

Lloyd Macklin and Adam Everiss, starting on the right and left respectively, saw plenty of early ball into the box with strikers Corr and Mohamed given plenty to work with.

Swindon keeper Callum Antell made an excellent start in between the sticks, making a superb save from Sosthene Yao from close range. Antell, just 15-years old, had been drafted in following an injury to youth team keeper Mark Scott.



The visitors drew level on 37 minutes with Ben Gill netting following a slick move involving Scott Brown and Craig Reid. Gill finished well from 15 yards giving Antell no chance.

Kaid Mohamed should have brought his side level two minutes before the break but he could only fire over from seven yards after excellent work from Adam Everiss on the left.

The game continued at a fast pace after the break with both sides eager to push on for all three points. Ady Williams was replaced by Sean Morrison at the interval after coming through his first 45 minutes of action since injury.

Five minutes into the new half Barry Corr was set free by a precise pass from Chris Allen. The big Irishman was unable to get his pass away inside the box though and the chance was gone.

On the hour young stopper Antell was called into action again and he pulled off another close range stop to deny the visitors.

Adam Everiss, a summer youth team recruit from Reading, took the ball on after being played through and kept his composure to beat Will Puddy from 15 yards. The game was not over though with further chances falling for Kaid Mohamed. Antell made another fine stop late on before the visitors mustered the equaliser in injury-time.

A cross in from the right was collected by former Cheltenham Town striker Guy Madjo who turned Blackburn on the edge of the six yard box before firing a right foot shot past Antell to claim a point.

### stfc reserve team fixtures 2007/08

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11 Sep	Swansea City	2-1
18 Sep	Bristol Royers	1.0
09 Oct	Plymouth Argyle	PP
16 Oct	Exeter City	3-1
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### league table

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Chellenham Town	8	-5	9
Bristol Rovers	8	-3	8
Forest Green Roves	6	1	7
Plymouth Argule	5	-1	7
Swansea City	7	-4	7
A.F.C. Bournemouth	6	-12	1





### Swindon Town 2 Cheltenham 2

Swindon Town: Callum Antell; Mauro Almeida (Evans 69), Chris Blackburn, Ady Williams (Morrison 46), Andy Nicholas; Lloyd Macklin, Chris Allen, Franklin Anzite, Adam Everiss; Barry Corr (Wallington 66), Kaid Mohamed

Substitutes: Tom Evans, Danny Wallington, Sean Morrison, Ben Joyce, Kurt Hammonds

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# media view

A butcher, a baker and a candle stick maker.

I love the magic of the FA Cup. It's full of history and tales of great escapes, last minute winners and minnows overcoming giants. Get to the third round and you never know you may be going to Old Trafford or Anfield! Or Home Park! What it also does if a club's lucky enough to enjoy a good run is bring in much needed revenue.

And to think this and football in general began in Roman times from a game called "harpastum" which was played by Roman soldiers. This I am told would have looked a little like our modern-day rugby and was used as a training exercise. It involved plenty of body-tackling and general commotion. A bit like last week's local derby at the County Ground then!

The game evolved and was played in villages and across open country, with the "goals" sometimes fixed a couple of miles apart. And there could be as many players as 500 a side. You were more or less entitled to do anything to get the ball, including grappling with, kicking and punching the opposition. No rules. That must have been quite a spectacle.

I spoke to Andrew Fitton this week. Last Wednesday in fact. Andrew is leading the consortium involved in the latest takeover bid. He told me that the deal could be concluded within a week. Indeed as you read this that may have happened. Fans are on tenterhooks and good news will be very welcome.

And the search is on for a new manager. I wish Paul Sturrock every success for the future. And it's inevitable we will draw Plymouth in the next round of the FA Cup. Bound to happen isn't it?

Not if Forest Green have anything to do with it though. They will hope Swindon falter on the day. Let's hope that doesn't happen. I don't mind David and Goliath clashes as long as Swindon win.

Watching events from the press box for Brunel FM are Nigel Turner and Arthur Hunt.

#### **Keith Stainer**

News Editor Brunel FM



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SWINDON TOWN VS HARTLEPOOL UNITED

SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER, KO 3PM

SWINDON TOWN VS SWANSEA CITY

TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY, KO 3PM

### GOUND With Gary & Stuar (Stadium Announcers) Ground fm with Gary & Stuart

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our FA Cup Round Two game with our opponents from the Blue Square Premier, Forest Green Rovers.

With The New Lawn a little over thirty three miles away there is sure to be a large following from Gloucestershire and a carnival atmosphere will have The County Ground rocking this afternoon. Rovers beat Rotherham 3-0 in a replay at Millmoor ten days ago and this game will be no push over for our team.

It was a bitterly cold day here last week at SN1 but the noise generated for the SWINDON BOYZ was once again exceptional, your voices will have to be at their loudest this afternoon as there is sure to be plenty of sound coming from Stratton Bank.

A big thank you to my old mate Shaun Skinner from GWR will be shivering at pitch side today as a substitute for Gary today whilst he starts his Christmas shopping. Shaun's helped us out on many occasions down at the club and can normally be found lurking around the press boxes in the Arkells stand. That reminds me, that the

GWR Christmas appeal is on Sunday 9th December which helps raise money for kids in Wiltshire so please tune in and give generously.

There are now just two first team games at The County Ground before Christmas so please remember to send in those requests for birthdays and special occasions that you may have like to have read out at half-time and if you would like that special piece of music played then we will do our best to make your day that much more special.

As ever you are the twelfth man on the pitch with your vocal encouragement of our team, so keep the volume levels high and we will be in the draw for the Third Round of the Cup and we all know the benefits that can bring. Remember to keep The NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ coming for the whole ninety minutes.

Enjoy the game

Stuart, Shaun and Gary.



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# Am Invitation to join The STFE 100 Gub

- Limited to 100 members only
- Members of this exclusive club will enjoy a private lunch/dinner with Paul Sturrock and Ady Williams (maximum of ten members per lunch/dinner)
- All members will be entered into a prize draw, with the winner given the opportunity to travel on the team coach to an away game
- . Each member will receive their own unique membership card
- Members will be invited to a number of Business
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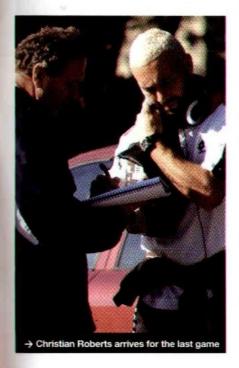
# supporters club

I am sure most fans will be sorry to see the departure of Paul Sturrock who endeared himself to fans during his all too brief stay.

I also suspect many fans knew deep down that when the Plymouth position became vacant it would prove to be too much of an enticement, given his previous spell at that Club and his continued links. Personally I always found him very open and willing to discuss all things about the state of play here and would thank him for this and for this and his attempts to engage the community but we must now move on.

In my last notes I said my gripe over refereeing was over for the season after the Leeds debacle. Little did I realise our next game was going to have the enigma called Rob Styles in charge. Enough said!

The latest half-time draw winner



was with ticket number 341 paying a prize of £396 to Margaret Hopkins of South Marston.

Undoubtedly today's match will be a difficult one for more than one reason, but should we get through may I remind members that you will have ticket priority for any third round home match within the timescales set out by the football club.

There is no guarantee to the actual seat you may get as specific seats may already be allocated to season ticket holders etc.

### To make a ticket claim you must...

- Take your actual Supporters club membership card to the ticket office when purchasing your ticket.
- Only one ticket per member is allowed. (Even if you have a season ticket / "stub" holder you are still able to use your Supporters Club membership to buy another ticket)

For the purposes of this offer only, new membership applications will cease to be valid from noon on the day of the Forest Green match. However, if you join after that you will be entitled to participate in any future similar offers should we progress beyond the FA Cup Third Round.

Here's hoping we can register a win and make it to the next round!

### Roger



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### Southend United vs Swindon Town

Saturday 8th December 2007

#### By Car

From M25 take Junction 29 and follow the A127 to Southend. Continue towards the town centre, through the lights near to the Bell Pub. At the next roundabout turn right (3rd turning), continuing on the A127. The ground is on the right just past the next traffic lights.

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### By Train

The closest station to the ground is Prittlewell, about a five minute walk away. It is served by trains from London Liverpool Street. As you exit the station turninght, you will then come to a crossroads with traffic lights. On your right is the 'Fish House', fish and chip shop. Pass this and turn right. Walk about 100 yards and the ground is tucked away on your left.

If you happen to end up at Southend Central station (served by trains from London Fenchurch Street), you're about a 25 minute walk from the ground. The main bus station is close to Southend Central, and therefore it may be ideal to get a bus up to the ground, rather than walking. The numbers 7, 8, 9, and 29 buses all stop right outside Roots Hall Football Ground.

### SAS trave



### Southend United vs Swindon Town

Saturday 8th December 2007

### Prices are as follows: £20 Adults, £10 Junior

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### Carlisle United vs Swindon Town

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SAS Travel are operating one coach to Carlisle United although this is currently full. For further travel information please see the opposite page for directions, parking and rail travel information.



### Southend United Vs Swindon Town

Saturday 8th December 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Seated tickets have been made available. Tickets are priced at £20 for Adults, £13 for OAP's, £12 for Students, £10 for Juniors. Wheelchair disabled £13 with helper free.

SAS Travel coach fare is £15 for Adults and £13 for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a £1 discount. Departs from the County Ground at 9:30am. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



### Swindon Town vs Brighton Hove Albion

Saturday 15th December 2007 KO; 3pm - Coca-Cola League (7)

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### Swindon Town vs Hartlepool United

Saturday 22nd December 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

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The Box Office is open from 8.00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Matchday Saturdays from (I) D0ans to Half-Time, and Full-Time to 5:30pm. Non matchday Saturdays from Groows to 12:00pm.

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#### CALL - 0871 223 2300

Have your credit or debit card details at the ready.

#### FAX - 0844 967 1008

Please state clearly the game(s) you wish to buy tickets for, the number of tickets you want, what type of ticket (Adult, CIAP) Student or Junior) the value and your credit or Debit Card details including your name and address. State if you wish to collect the tickets or have them posted.

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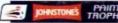
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Kick-Off 15:00 Saturdays, 19:45 midweek unless otherwise stated



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4	Carlisle	16	8	5	3	25	13	29	+12
5	Leeds	17	13	2	2	31	13	26	+18
6	Doncaster	17	7	5	5	25	19	26	+6
7	Brighton	17	7	5	5	23	18	26	+5
8	Southend	17	8	2	7	25	23	26	+2
9	Tranmere	17	6	.6	5	18	14	24	+4
10	Waisall	17	6	6	5	19	17	24	+2
11	Swindon	16	6	5	5	24	17	23	+7
12	Crewe	17	6	5	6	18	22	23	-4
13	Huddersfield	17	7	2	8	16	24	23	-8
14	Yeovil	17	6	4	7	15	19	22	-4
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17	Northampton	17	5	4	8	19	23	19	-4
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19	Gillingham	17	5	4	8	17	31	19	-14
21	Milwall	17	4	4	9	16	26	16	-10
22	Cheltenham	17	3	6	8	15	26	15	-11
23	Bournemouth	17	3	4	10	16	29	13	-13
24	Luton	17	6	4	7	19	20	12	-1
25	Port Vale	17	3	3	11	14	25	12	-11

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15:00	Oxford	VS.	Southend	FAC2
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Sat Aug 11	Northampton	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,210	1,338	11th	C. Pentor
Tue Aug 14	CHARLTON	LGCP - 19:45	0-2	6,175	799	-	A. Woolmer
Sat Aug 18	LUTON TOWN	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	7,520	992	4th	J. Singh
Sat Aug 25	Cheltenham	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	5,442	1,790	8th	K. Stroud
Sat Sep 1	CREWE	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,595	283	9th	K. Friend
Tue Sep 4	BRENTFORD	JPT1 - 19:00	4-1	3,118	151	-	S. Attwell
Sun Sep 9	YEOVIL TOWN	FL1 - 16:00	0-1	6,944	706	11th	A. Marriner
Sat Sep 15	Hartlepool	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	4,943	217	12th	D. Drysda
Sat Sep 22	BOURNEMOUTH	FL1 - 15:00	4-1	6,668	697	7th	P. Walton
Sat Sep 29	Milwall	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	8,744	889	6th	P. Taylor
Tue Oct 2	Swansea City	FL1 - 19:45	1-2	10,135	523	9th	D. McDermid
Sat Oct 6	GILLINGHAM	FL1 - 15:00	5-0	6,345	453	6th	M. Thorpe
Tue Oct 9	CHELTENHAM	JPT2 - 19:45	1-3	3,765	295	-	D. Deadman
Sat Oct 20	TRANMERE	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	6,430	390	7th	P. Miller
Sat Oct 27	Port Vale	PL1 - 15:00	1-2	4,013	582	9th	A. Penn
Sat Nov 3	DONCASTER	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	6,517	517	11th	G. Horwood
Tue Nov 6	LEYTON ORIENT	FL1 - 19:45	1-1	5,874	475	10th	M. Russell
Sat Nov 10	Wycombe	FAC1 - 15:00	2-1	3,332	841	-	K. Friend
Sat Nov 17	Leeds United	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	27,990	1,710	15th	L. Mason
Sat Nov 24	BRISTOL ROVERS	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	9,342	2,099	11th	R. Styles
Sat Dec 1	FOREST GREEN	FAC2 - 15:00	H			BIT STON	
Tue Dec 4	Carlisle	FL1 - 19:45	Α				
Sat Dec 8	Southend	FL1 - 15:00	Α				
Sat Dec 15	BRIGHTON	FL1 - 15:00	Н				
Sat Dec 22	HARTLEPOOL	FL1 - 15:00	н				
Wed Dec 26	Yeovil Town	FL1 - 15:00	Α				
Sat Dec 29	Bournemouth	FI 1 - 15:00	Α				
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Sat Jan 5	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Sat Jan 12	Walsall	FL1 - 15:00	Α				
Sat Jan 19	NOTTM FOREST	FL1 - 15:00	H				
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Fri Mar 28	Tranmere	FL1 - 19:45	A				
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Sat Apr 19	PORT VALE	FL1 - 15:00	Н				
Sat Apr 26	Gillingham	FL1 - 15:00	Α	West Comment		- Community	rement a
Sat May 3	MILLWALL	FL1 - 15:00	н				
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### scores on the doors



The games between Swindon and Brighton have proved to be close encounters with the next clash encounter likely to be no different.

Both teams are on the hunt for a Play-Off place with The Seagulls currently sitting in seventh place – only out of the top six on goal difference.

The last league game between the two teams took place at The County Ground in December 2003 with goals from Sam Parkin and Stefani Miglioranzi securing the victory.

	STFC Wins	Draws	BHAFC Wins
League	33	27	34
FA Cup	0	0	2
League Cup	1	1	0
Other	1	0	1
Total	35	28	37



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# home





Town's next home game sees Brighton and Hove Albion return to SN1 for the first time since the 2003-04 end of season play-offs.

There is plenty of history between the two sides and Town fans will have many memories of the last two clashes with The Seagulls. After a fourth place finish at the end of the regular League One season, The Robins were set the challenge of a two-legged Play-Off Semi-Final against Brighton with a place at the Millennium Stadium the prize and the potential of a place in the Championship.

Over 14,000 packed into The County Ground for the first leg fixture with the two sides only separated by a 72nd minute deflected strike from Richard Carpenter. Town had chances, but were made to wait until the return at The Withdean Stadium to exact revenge.

The rain-soaked second leg on 20th May 2004 was full of twists and turns. After a goalless first half Sam Parkin's predatory instincts saw Town draw level nine minutes before the final whistle to send the game into extra-time. Substitute Rory Fallon – now with Paul Sturrock's Plymouth Argyle – put The Robins into a 97th minute lead with a well-taken strike and the signs were good. However, a last-gasp effort from Adam Virgo sent the game to penalties with the Seagulls securing a 4-3 win.

This term Brighton's attack has been spearheaded by former Reading and Hull City frontman Nicky Forster. The striker has netted nine goals so far this term which included a recent second

half double against Carlisle United.

Brighton's form has propelled them to the edge of the Play-Off positions once again with manager Dean Wilkins seeing his

Wilkins seeing his side unbeaten in their last eight outings. Victoria Park, the home of Hartlepool United, is no easy place to go and get a result. However, Brighton's victory there in late

October should perhaps serve as an indication of the threat posed by our next visitors to SN1.

Swindon fans will be keen to get one over The Seagulls in the next meeting between the two sides, with the encounter on Saturday 15th December 2007 providing such an

opportunity.





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