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I am really looking forward to today's game. The players have a point to prove and we need a positive performance this afternoon.

Training this week was disrupted this week with the cold weather making things a little difficult. We haven't been able to get as much work done as we would have liked but we combined training on Friday to make sure we got through what we needed to ahead of the game.

In terms of player availability, Christmas has come early for Ady and I. It's nice to have a selection problem because we have five senior pro's back in the squad. We have been without these players for several weeks and it's a massive bonus to have them back. There will be changes to the team because it needs freshening up after last weekend's display.

Defensively we have given away some sloppy goals over the last few games, which has been disappointing. Our form of late would put us in a relegation battle over the course of a season, but we have spoken about it and know what needs doing. Jamie and Jerel may well come back into the line-up and they bring with them tremendous experience. They both played at Chippenham Town in midweek and it was great to see them get 90 minutes under their belts. Jerel frightened the life out of me a few times on Tuesday - but he has the pace to get out of any trouble and that's a great asset to have.

There was a little bit of rustiness on show at Chippenham but there were a lot of positives to take from it. We played a 4-4-2 system and did well. The most pleasing thing for me was that Barry Corr was able to get some game time in. He

called me on Tuesday afternoon asking to play and that's a testament to his commitment to the club. He was a little sore the day after playing, but hopefully he will be up for selection today.

The Christmas period, for any team, is a vital one. We have a lot of games in a short space of time and we need to stay in contention. The play-off places are not too far away but must stop the run of defeats and start climbing the table.

Our performance last weekend against Brighton & Hove Albion was not up to scratch and they players knew it. The players have shown a magnificent attitude this week and are all really looking forward to the game. Hartlepool United are a compact side and Danny Wilson will bring a team here who will provide a stern test. They are a side we know well enough having played them a few times over recent seasons. Hartlepool are a well-disciplined outfit and we will have to match their work ethic if we are to get anything from the game.

Today is an important game for us. With a few players coming back from injury and suspension I am confident we will get a much-improved performance.

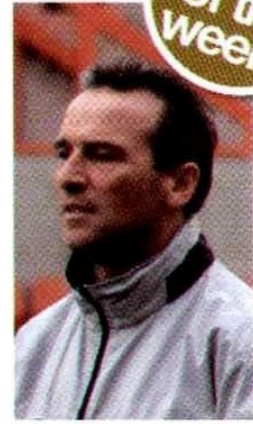
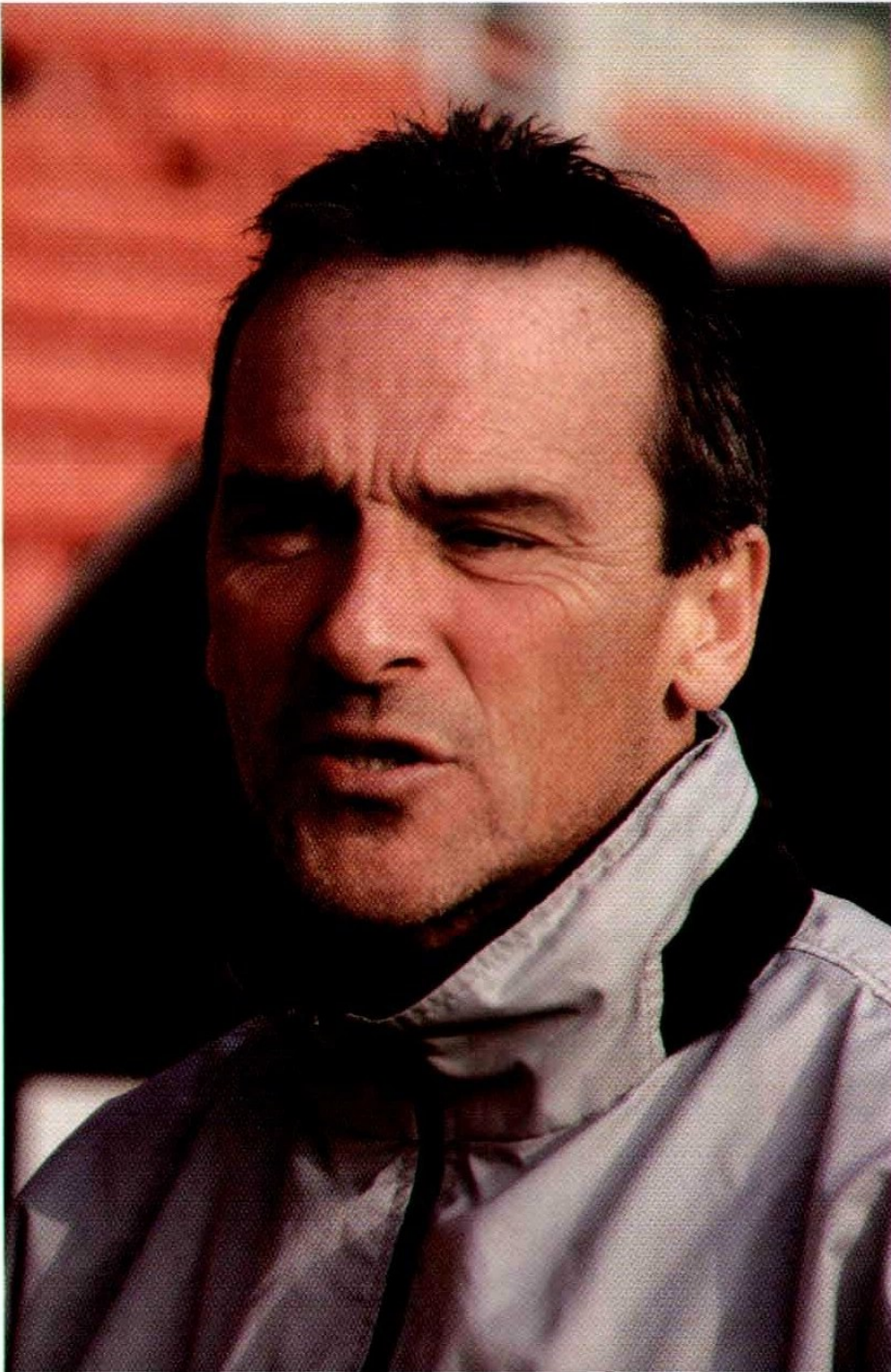
Enjoy the game and have a great Christmas.

David Byrne

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“quote of the week”



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David Byrne

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stfc club history

Year Formed
1879

Stadium Capacity
15,728

Record Attendance
32,000 vs Arsenal
(15th January 1912, FA Cup Third Round)

Biggest Win
9-1 vs Luton Town
(28th August 1923, Division Three South)

Most League Appearances
John Truolpe, 770 (1960-1990)

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

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

Most Capped Player
Rod Thomas, 30 (of total 50), Wales

Youngest League Player
Paul Rideout, 16 years 107 days
(26th November 1990 vs Hull City)

Record Transfer Fee Paid
£800,000 to West Ham United for
Joey Beuchamp (Aug 1994)

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

Club Honours
League Two Promotion, 2006/07
Division Two Champions, 1995/96
Division One Play-Off Winners, 1992/93
Division Two Play-Off Winners, 1989/90
Division Three Play-Off Winners, 1986/87
Division Four Champions, 1985/86
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners Cup
Winners, 1970
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1970
League Cup Winners, 1969
Southern League Champions, 1914, 1911

→ Caretaker Boss David Byrne speaks to the local media at The County Ground at the start of the week



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from the boardroom

At the time of writing, despite the best endeavours of both parties, the takeover deal is still to be finalised.

Various issues remain outstanding with both parties stating they were not far from an agreement. Hopefully by the time you read these notes we will have had the 'green light' and the deal complete.

The new Chief Executive Designate has already spent several days at the Club meeting with key members of staff and being briefed by the management on the challenges that lie ahead. He will be at the

Club on a more permanent basis upon completion.

Following Martyn Starnes' resignation last week it is agreed that both Sandy and I will resign from the Board and soon after Andrew Fitton will form a new Board to take the Club forward.

The last twelve months have not been easy and it is with great relief that this saga is nearing completion, not only for the operational Board, but for

all concerned. Therefore, our heartfelt thanks go out to our supporters, staff and players and of course the creditors who have had the patience to stick with us during this ordeal.

Moving on to football matters the Club has agreed with Newcastle United the transfer of Ben Tozer but as yet the player has not yet finalised his personal terms with the North East Club. However it is expected he will do so by the time the transfer window opens in January.

The Club has also been approached by Leeds United with regards to Peter Brezovan again dialogue ongoing. However the decision on this will no doubt be the responsibility of the New Board.

Finally it goes without saying that my time with the Robins, to say the least, has been a 'Roller Coaster Ride' as it has for all. However I have, during my seven-year association, with the Club become an ardent supporter and therefore will, during the season, be a frequent visitor to The County Ground on Saturday afternoons.

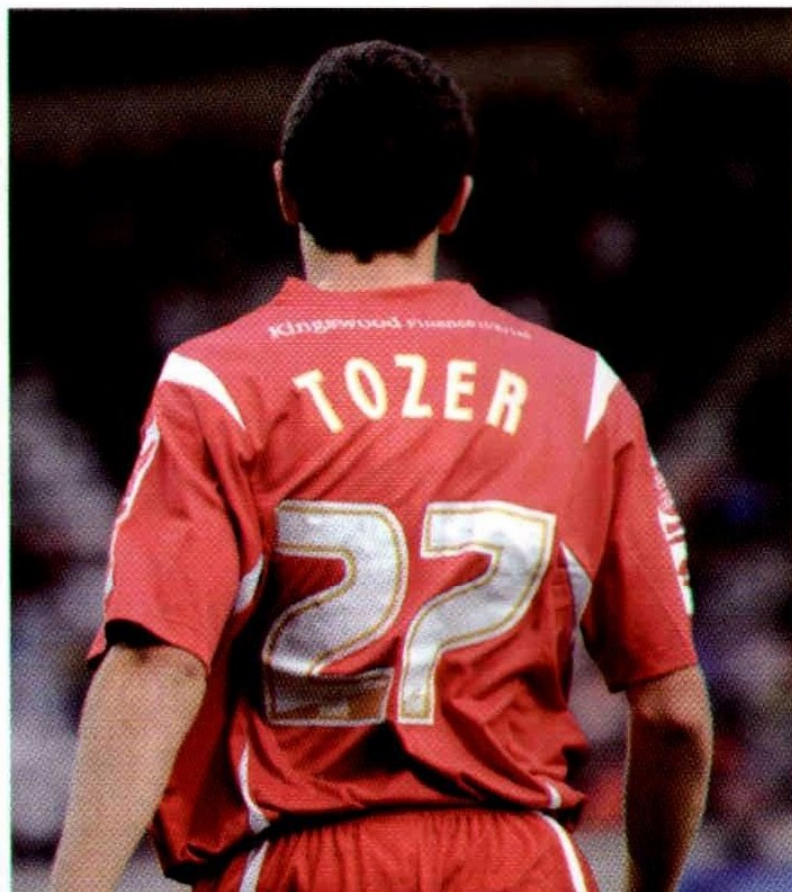
Enjoy the game.



Bob Holt
Director

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→ Magpies Bound: Defender Ben Tozer travelled to Newcastle United for talks this week

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from the captain



After the performance at Southend United, it is very difficult to explain just how we can go from good to bad so quickly.

Every team has a game plan when they go onto the pitch, one that probably has been worked on all week on the training ground. So to concede so early in a game can quite honestly blow the game plan out of the water. To rub salt into the wound, it was executed in fantastic fashion by my very good mate Nicky Forster. A lot was said about him prior to the match and all he did was prove that he is still a very good player at this level. From that moment we did seem to lose a lot of confidence and belief. And to concede a goal on the stroke of half-time pretty much summed it up in a nutshell. In the second half the lads did have a go and put Brighton under a lot more pressure. Unfortunately we could not get the goal that may of put Brighton on the back foot. Instead they went up the other end and got themselves a third goal. Again it was a very cheap goal to concede.

Today we welcome Hartlepool United to The County Ground who are a team that we have played numerous times in the last couple of seasons. On most, if not all occasions, the games have been very even and won by the odd goal. Danny Wilson and his staff have done an excellent job in the first half of the season and I imagine they will be looking to push on in the coming months.

On Tuesday evening we travelled the short distance to Chippenham to play in the Wiltshire Premier Shield. We did field a strong side and came out winners with a 2-0 scoreline. It was very important that the likes of Jerel, Sofi, Jamie, J-P, Miguel, Barry and myself all played in the game as all of us needed

the match fitness. Although the results in recent weeks have not been great, we have had a horrendous injury and suspension list. A lot of people may say that this is an excuse, but when you have been missing players such as the quality of Phil Smith, Jerel Ifil, Sofiene Zaboub, Jamie Vincent, Lee Peacock, Barry Corr and Stevie Adams (and myself!) it really does hit you hard.

Thankfully some of those named are up for selection today and we are all looking forward to a much better performance.

Enjoy the game and have a great Christmas. See you all back here for the first game of 2008 against Swansea City.

Ady

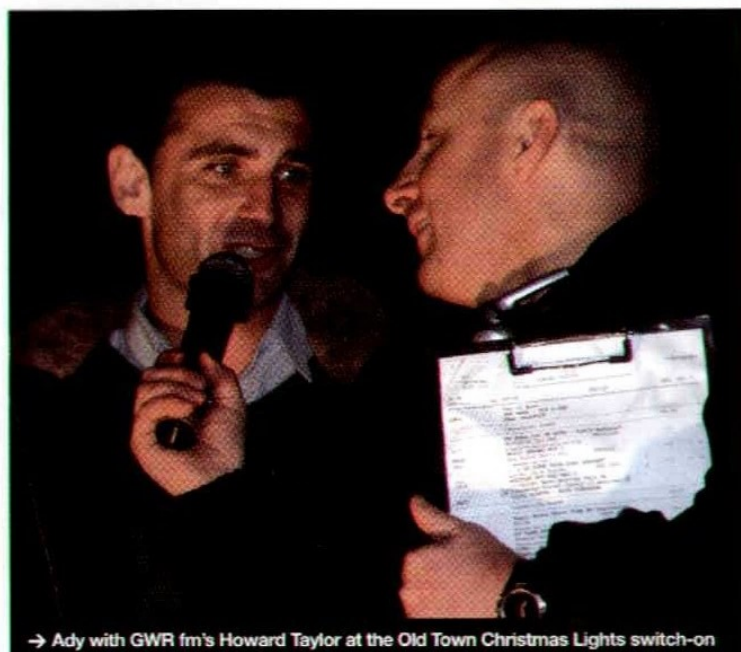
it's a town team effort

Christmas is a very busy time for a footballer, on and off the pitch. Over the festive period we will be asked to attend carol services, presentations, hospital visits and many more functions along the way.

In fairness the lads should be applauded for their generous contribution. We all realise just how fortunate we are to get rewarded for playing the game we love, and it is nice that on occasions we can put something back into the community. Not only do the lads enjoy it but the punters are also very appreciative.

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→ Ady with GWR fm's Howard Taylor at the Old Town Christmas Lights switch-on

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Friday 18th April 2008

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Rat Pack Tribute Night

Friday 26th September 2008

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stfc fans of the future

The Club would like to welcome **Faringdon Town Under 11s**, to The County Ground this afternoon.

Faringdon Town U11's participate in the Oxford Mail Boys League but are keen to point out that this is their only link with the Oxford area – they are all keen Swindon Town fans!

The team have been together since U7 and this season have made the step up from 7 a-side (mini-soccer) to 11 –a–side. After two successful seasons where the team finished runners-up twice and made the League Cup Final, the squad have this season made a promising start in the U11 'A' league.

Additionally, Captain Seb Allum and striker Joe Hoskin have both made the league representative team and recently played the North Wilts league in an entertaining 1-1 draw at Fairford.

The squad have recently started fundraising towards a European tour which they hope to do in the next couple of seasons.

The boys are here today as part of the club's 'Fans Of The Future' initiative.

Swindon Town would like to offer

the opportunity for other local youth football teams and schools to enjoy a day out at The County Ground at a discounted rate.

In a repeat of last season's offer, STFC will make up to 300 tickets available for selected games, priced at just **£1** per child and **£10** per adult. Please note for every 5 children there must be an accompanying adult.

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Back row (left to right) Euan coard, Joe Timms, James Doleman, Jonathan Carter, Barnaby Vogt, Will James, Luke Sharps
Front row (left to right) Sam Robins, Joseph Adcock, Liam Anderson, Seb Allum, Joe Hoskin, Fraser Murphy-Hand, Sam Kenyon, Harry Platt

roberts' to play today



Swindon Town's players will this afternoon be joined by two familiar faces for the pre-match warm-up.

Ethan and Ewan Roberts, sons of Town midfielder Christian Roberts, are both mascots for the day and with their Dad sidelined through injury – they will be able to watch the game with all the family.

Ethan, 7, is currently honing his football skills with Rumney Juniors in Cardiff where he plays as a striker – could he contemplate a move into midfield in a few years time?

Ewan, 4, attends Lakeside Junior School and his hobbies include watching his brother play football and playing on his Playstation. Ethan's favourite player is Lee Peacock whilst Ewan's favourite is none other than Town's number seven!

an audience with stfc

Town's first event of the New Year – An Audience With - will take place in the Legends Lounge on Wednesday **23rd January 2008** at The County Ground, starting at 7.30pm.

This event is available to **ALL** Swindon Town supporters, and will provide fans with the opportunity to meet and mingle with both the players and management team.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Sarah sarah@swindontownfc.co.uk 0844 880 1094



stfc news

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Swindon Town Football Club would like to confirm it's opening hours for the festive period.

Opening hours for the Main Office, STFC Superstore and STFC Box Office over the festive period can be found right here.

	Main Office	Superstore	Box Office
Sunday 23rd December	✓	9am – 2pm	✗
Monday 24th December	9am – 12pm	9am – 12pm	8am – 12pm
Tuesday 25th December	✗	✗	✗
Wednesday 26th December	✗	✗	✗
Thursday 27th December	✓	✗	8am – 5pm
Friday 28th December	✓	✓	8am – 5pm
Saturday 29th December	✗	9am – 12pm	8am – 12pm
Sunday 30th December	✗	✗	✗
Monday 31st December	✓	9am – 12pm	8am – 5pm
Tuesday 1st January	9am – Kick-Off	9am – Kick-Off	8am – Kick-Off

Key ✗ Closed

✓ Normal Office Opening Hours

SEE TOWN TAKE ON 'BORO!

Swindon Town's Youth Team will entertain Premiership side Middlesbrough in Round Four of the FA Youth Cup.

A date has been set for the game, which will take place on **Wednesday 16th January 2008** with a 7pm Kick-Off.

Jeremy Newton was in charge of the side for the Round Three win over Barnsley which saw goals from Sam Morris and Ben Joyce.

Town are hoping for a big crowd for the Round Four game, and with ticket prices just **£3** (Adult) and **£1** (Concession) why not come down and show your support?



**herbert
townsend**

Everyone at the club will be sad to hear the news that veteran Swindon Town supporter Herbert Townsend has recently passed away at the age of 95.

Mr. Townsend first visited The County Ground in the 1930's and was still a regular visitor to the Arkells Stand after his 91st birthday.

Born in Christian Malford in 1912, Herbert served 34 years at Westinghouse in nearby Chippenham, a reserved occupation vital to the war effort that prevented his enlistment in World War two. He later become a market gardener and he drew great pleasure in his regular trips to watch the Town.

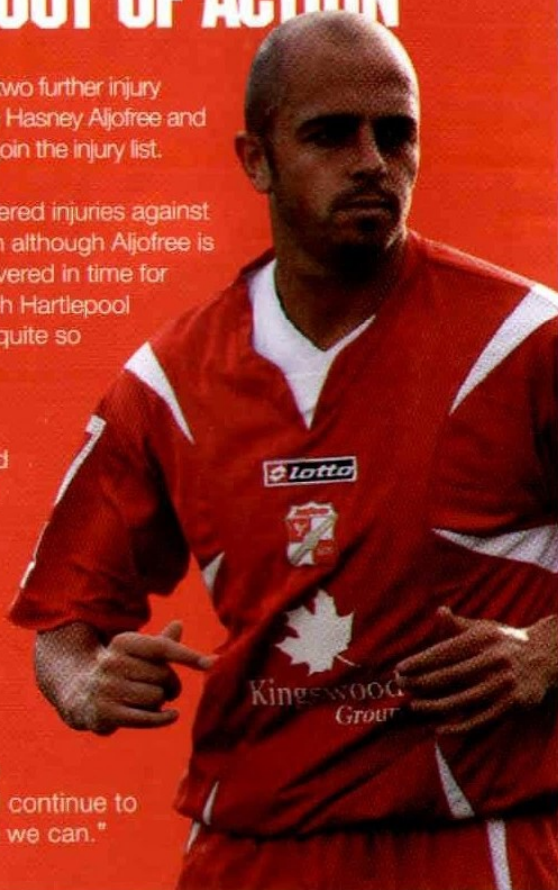
Herbert saw many changes at The County Ground – and once told STFC Magazine he remembered the days prior to the construction of the North Stand and Town End. In this time of change at STFC, Robins fans will be saddened to learn of the passing of one of it's true supporters.

SMITH'S OUT OF ACTION

Swindon Town suffered two further injury blows last weekend with Hasney Aljofree and Jack Smith the latest to join the injury list.

The defensive duo suffered injuries against Brighton & Hove Albion although Aljofree is expected to have recovered in time for today's home clash with Hartlepool United, the news isn't quite so good for Jack Smith.

"Jack tore his hamstring," confirmed Club Physiotherapist Dick Mackey this week. "He is expected to be out of action for around three weeks. We did some hydrotherapy recovery work with him at Cannons Gym this week and we will continue to step things up where we can."

**KICK-OFF****13****SWINDON SUPERMARINE OFFER**

If you are not making the trip to see Swindon Town at Yeovil Town on Boxing Day, then why not head down to Hunts Copse and support Swindon Supermarine as they take on local rivals Cirencester Town? Swindon Town fans can gain entry to the game for a reduced admission price by taking along the voucher below on the day.

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hartlepool united



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club factfile

Also known as: The Pools
Ground: Victoria Park
Manager: Danny Wilson
Year Formed: 1908
Record attendance: 17,426: vs Manchester United
05/01/1957 FA Cup Round 3
Most capped player:
Ambrose Fogerty: 1 Republic of Ireland
League appearances:
Wattie Moore: 447 1948/64
League goals:
Wattie Moore: 447 1948/64
Goals in a season:
Joe Allon: 28 1990/91 Division 4
Transfer fee received:
£750,000: Tommy Miller Ipswich
July 2001
Transfer fee paid:
£75,000: Chris Freestone Northampton March 1992

danny wilson

Danny Wilson took the helm at Victoria Park during the summer of 2006 following the Club's relegation to League Two.

The vastly-experienced Wilson has been boss at Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday in the past during a management career that has now spanned twelve years.

In 1997 he guided Barnsley in to the Premiership for the first time in their 101-year history and the following season reached the FA Cup quarter-finals after knocking out Manchester United in the Fifth Round.

Having left Oakwell in 1998, Wilson has also been chief at Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City and latterly MK Dons.

Wilson took the job at Victoria Park by the scruff of the neck last term and led Pools back to

League One at the first attempt, finishing 2nd in League Two and smashing several Club records along the way.

one to watch!



richard barker

Danny Wilson finally got his man after Richard put pen to paper on a deal during the January 2007 transfer window to complete a move from League Two side Mansfield Town.

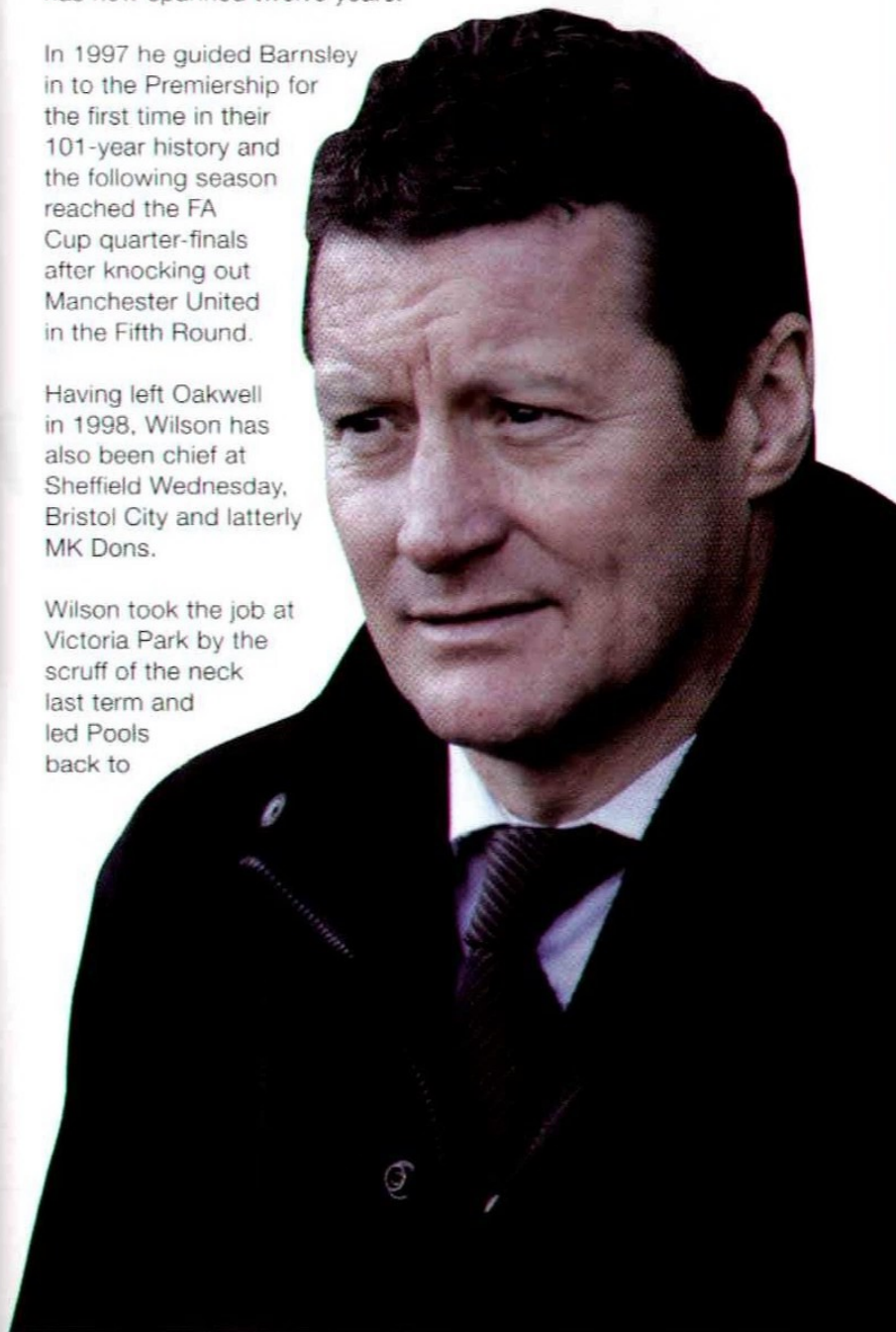
The Pools boss had been a long-standing admirer of the Sheffield-born front man having kept an eye on him since his early days at Sheffield Wednesday.

The powerful striker quickly found his feet with Pools and was an instrumental part in Pools' promotion push – bagging the winning goal at Wycombe Wanderers which sealed a top-three finish.

A hard-working and determined player, Richard was a big hit with the Pools' fans and he has carried on his form with eleven goals to his name so far this term. Scored a brace against Crewe Alexandra last weekend after coming on as a 77th minute substitute – enough to suggest that even with little time on the field, Barker has all the attributes to cause a problem for the Town defence.

KICK-OFF

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HARTLEPOOL UNITED ROLL CALL 07/08

GOALKEEPERS

	APPS	GLS
Jan Budtz	19	0
Arran Lee-Barrett	1	0

DEFENDERS

	APPS	GLS
Jamie McCunnie	13(2)	0
Robbie Elliott	7	0
Michael Nelson	20	1
Ben Clark	5(4)	0
Mickey Barron	0	0
Godwin Antwi	15	1
Eddie Nolan	5	0
Scott Allison	15	0

MIDFIELDERS

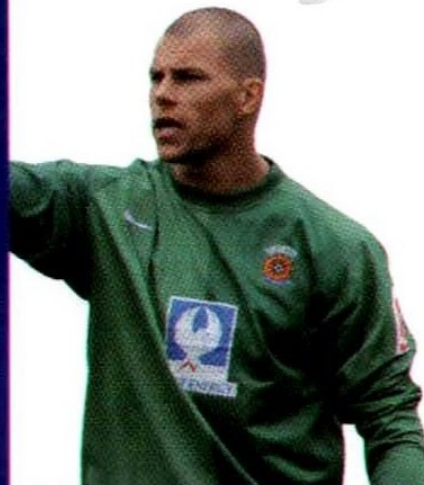
	APPS	GLS
Willie Boland	13	0
Gary Liddle	17	1
Ritchie Humphreys	18(1)	0
Andy Monkhouse	9(1)	1
Antony Sweeney	6(6)	1
Ali Gibb	4(2)	0
Matty Robson	2(2)	1
Stephen Turnbull	0	0
Michael Maidens	0	0
Tom Haigh	0	0
Martin Young	0	0
Lee Bullock	0	0

FORWARDS

	APPS	GLS
Richard Barker	17(3)	8
Joel Porter	7(11)	3
James Brown	20	6
David Foley	1(11)	0
Ian Moore	16(2)	4
Michael Mackay	2(5)	2
Michael Rae	0	0



today's visitors



GODWIN ANTWI

Born: 7th June 1988
Promising defender Godwin has been at Liverpool since 2005 when he moved to Anfield from Spanish side Real Zaragoza. Last season he spent time on loan with Accrington Stanley where he impressed Danny Wilson when in the opposition – so much so that he moved quickly to bring him to The Vic on a season-long loan.

JAN BUDTZ



Born: 20th April 1979
Jan burst on to the English football scene with Doncaster Rovers when he made a heroic debut in the Carling Cup against Manchester City. The Danish keeper stopped three penalties in a memorable shootout to send Rovers past their Premiership opposition. Also has experience with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

ROBBIE ELLIOTT

Born: 25th December 1973
Vastly-experienced defender Robbie joined the Club on a free transfer during the summer having been released by relegated Leeds United. Robbie has spent the majority of his career at the top level having amassed over 200 appearances in the Premiership during two stays at Newcastle either side of a move to Bolton.

EDDIE NOLAN

Born: 5th August 1988
Nolan joined Pools on a month's loan on transfer deadline day in November 2007 from Blackburn Rovers. The 19-year-old has represented the Republic of Ireland at all junior levels including the Under 21s and has also captained the Under 19 side in the past and has UEFA Cup experience.



MICHAEL NELSON

Born: 15th March 1982
Player of the Year and joint Players' Player of the Year, Michael has been a dominant force in the heart of Pools' defence since joining the Club in the summer of 2003. Made a move to Bury from Bishop Auckland in 2001 and went on to become a fans' favourite at Gigg Lane.

JAMES BROWN



Born: 3rd January 1987
After missing the majority of the 2005/06 season through injury, James Brown forced his way back into contention and became a regular for Danny Wilson throughout last term. James bagged six goals for the First Team in the promotion season and really impressed with his silky skills and clever trickery.



hartlepool

DAVID FOLEY

Born: 12th July 1987
 Became the youngest player ever to play for the Club when he came on as a substitute against Port Vale in August 2003 aged just 16 years and 105 days. The striker is a promising discovery for Pools and his finishing ability mean that he is one that the fans are keen to see continue to progress.



GARY LIDDLE

Born: 15th June 1986
 Last season's joint Players' Player of the Year Gary joined the Club from Middlesbrough in 2006 and made an instant impact. His controlled and classy approach coupled with his ability to play in a number of positions across defence and midfield made him a big hit with fans and earned him a regular starting spot.

ANTONY SWEENEY

Born: 5th September 1983
 Antony enjoyed another solid season in the centre of midfield last term. Despite missing out on a couple of months through injury, he played in the majority of First Team fixtures despite strong competition for places in the midfield four. A non-stop runner and has bags of energy.



WILLIE BOLAND

Born: 6th August 1975
 Willie joined the Club in August 2006 and became new boss Danny Wilson's first signing. His tough-tackling style showed through with some strong, robust displays. His leadership skills and experience were another part of the reason that Pools were quick to move for him when he became available.

RITCHIE HUMPHREYS

Born: 30th November 1977
 Ritchie arrived at Victoria Park in the summer of 2000 after a broken leg suffered whilst playing for Cambridge United. He has played the majority of his games wide on the left for Pools, though a move to left back in the 2006/07 season has become a permanent one.

IAN MOORE

Born: 26th August 1976
 Ian arrived at The Vic with vast experience playing at a higher level following his summer release from Leeds United. The striker began his football life with Tranmere Rovers from where he went on to make a £1m move to Premiership side Nottingham Forest in March 1997. Spells with Stockport and Burnley followed.

monky to miss out



Former Swindon Town midfielder Andy Monkhouse will miss today's clash through injury.

The winger sustained a knee injury against Gainsborough in the FA Cup First Round in mid-November and was not part of the squad that travelled South to Wiltshire.

Speaking to STFC Magazine earlier this week, Monkhouse commented: "It's disappointing to miss out on the chance to play against one of my old clubs, but I have to try and get myself back fit as soon as possible."

Having scored the winner for The Pools on his last visit to The County Ground in February, Swindon Town fans may not be too disappointed with the news.

head to head

	STFC Wins	Draws	HUFC Wins
League	8	7	4
FA Cup	1	0	0
Total	9	7	4

KICK-OFF

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match action



**Swindon Town 0
Brighton & Hove Albion 3**

Date: 15/12/2007

Venue: County Ground (SWI)

Attendance: 6,415 (801)

Referee: S Cook

Swindon Line-up

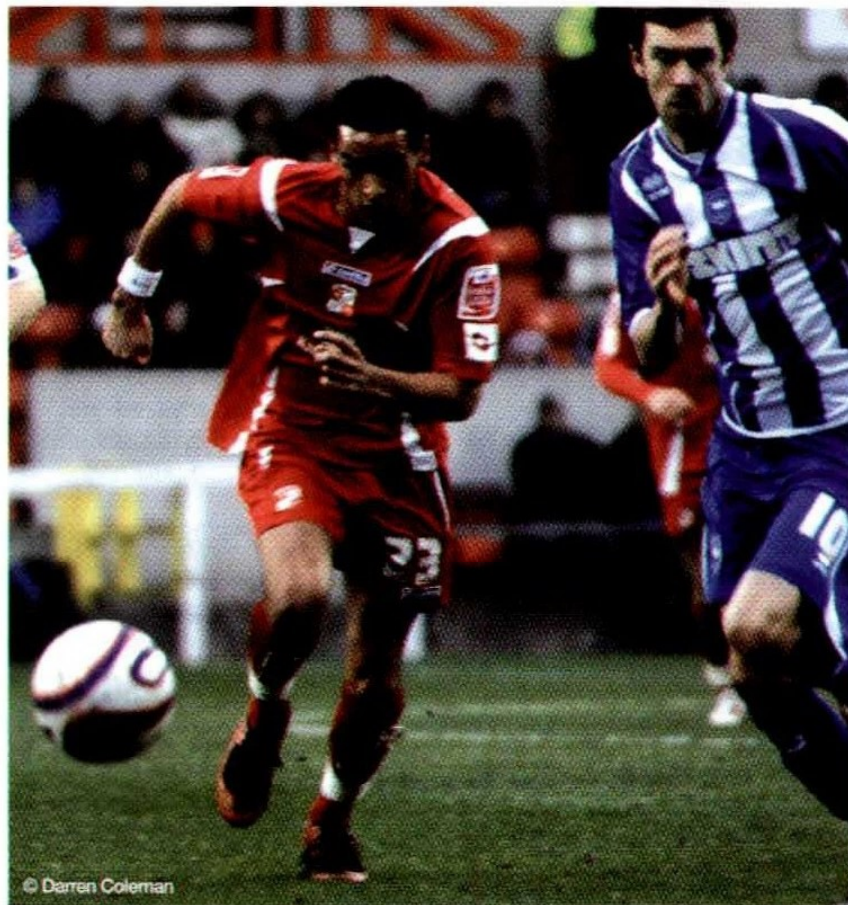
Peter Brezovan	
Jack Smith	56
Andrew Nicholas	
Hasney Aljofree	
Chris Blackburn	
Simon Cox	
Craig Easton	
Michael Pook	
Chris Allen	
Kaid Mohamed	40
Blair Sturrock	46
Lee Peacock	
Jon-Paul McGovern	40
Miguel Comminges	56
Billy Paynter	46
Mark Scott	

Brighton Line-up

Michel Kuipers	
Andrew Whing	
Matthew Richards	
Joel Lynch	
Adam El-Abd	
Jake Robinson	goal 45 75
George O'Callaghan	
Dean Hammond	goal 73
Tommy Fraser	82
Nicky Forster	goal 3
Bas Savage	86
Alex Revell	86
Guy Butters	
Paul Reid	82
David Martot	75
Sam Rents	

match stats

	STFC	BHAFC
Goals:	0	3
Possession:	43%	57%
Shots On Target:	1	6
Shots Off Target:	5	2
Corners:	2	4
Fouls:	18	10
Yellow Cards:	2	0
Red Cards:	0	0



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quote"

a word from david byrne

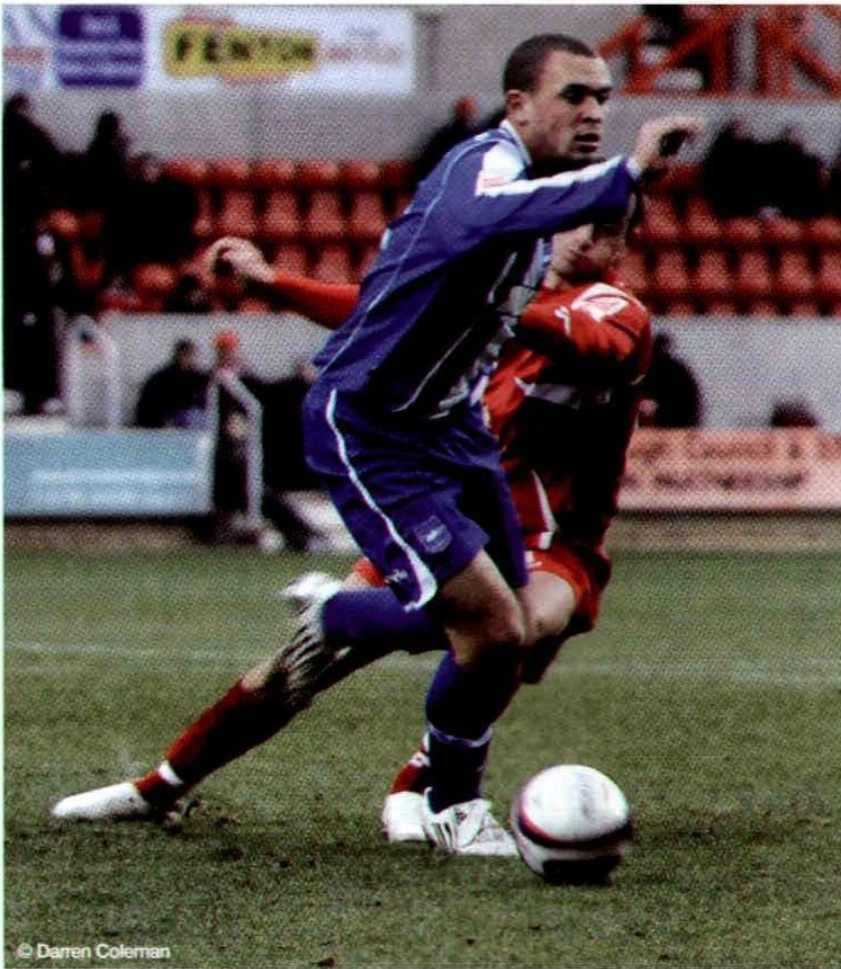


"We were one nil down after three minutes and it killed us really. I tried to change things in the first half but it didn't happen.

"I told the players what we had to do but they just didn't do it. If those players can't do it then we will have to make changes."

KICK-OFF

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

No current manager

Danny Wilson

Played 66 Won 34 Drawn 13 Lost 19
For 94 Against 66
Av Pts/game 1.74
Biggest Win(s) Peterboro 3 Hartlepool
5 (23/09/2006). Biggest Loss(es)
Hartlepool 0 Shrewsbury 3
(16/09/2006).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0 | No current manager0 | Danny Wilson0
Draws ..0 | Goals 0 | Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Simon
Cox 28

shots on target

Billy
Paynter 12

shots off target

Simon
Cox 17

assists

Sofiene
Zaaboub 4

crosses

Sofiene
Zaaboub 28

fouls

Simon
Cox 26

free-kicks-won

Billy
Paynter 31



GAMES SINCE

3	a win	0
1	a home win	0
3	an away win	4
0	a defeat	1
0	a home defeat	4
0	an away defeat	0
7	a score draw	6
32	a no score draw	59
0	conceding a goal	1
1	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	1
3	scoring > 1	0
4	keeping a clean sheet	0
0	failing to score	3
3	back to back wins	12
0	back to back defeats	3
3	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	1
12	win by > one	0
0	loss by > one	1

Player with the most...

shots

James
Brown 39

shots on target

James
Brown 18

shots off target

James
Brown 21

assists

Gary
Liddle 3

crosses

Ritchie
Humphreys 37

fouls

Willie
Boland 27

free-kicks-won

Richard
Barker 45

SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	Hartlepool	CCFL Cup	Tot	
Simon Cox	6	1	7	8	3	11
Billy Paynter	5	1	6	6	3	9
Christian Roberts	3	1	4	4	3	7

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....19 | Swindon wins8 | Hartlepool wins4
Draws7 | Goals 25 (1.3 per game) | Goals 19 (1.0 per game)
0-0's1 | Times failed to score 5 | Times failed to score 5

Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:

28/08/2004 & 18/12/1982 Swindon 3-0 Hartlepool
03/02/2007 Swindon 0-1 Hartlepool



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



16	Position	12
19	Played	20
6	Won	8
5	Drawn	3
8	Lost	9
25	Goals For	29
25	Goals Against	26
23	Points	27



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	2	7	22	3	1	6	13

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	3	1	7	5	2	3	9

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	3	1	11	7	0	2	10

Record When Conceding First

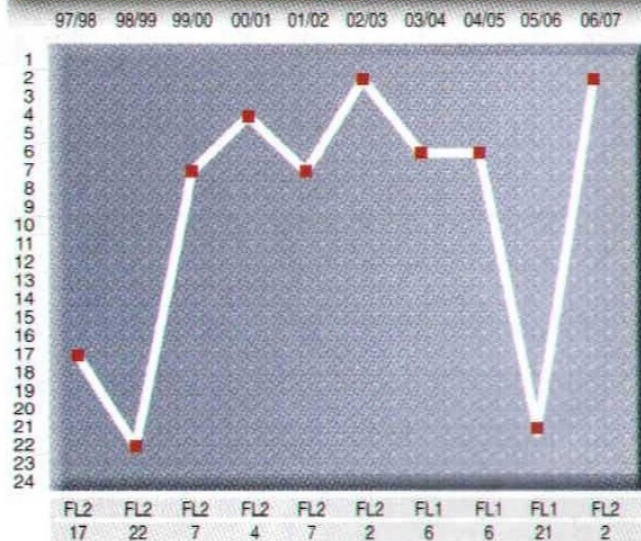
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	2	7	24	1	3	7	8

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-1[2], 4-1[1], 5-0[1],
Losses: 0-1[1], 0-3[2], 1-2[5],
Draws: 1-1[5]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[1], 2-1[1], 3-0[1],
3-1[1], 4-1[1], 4-2[1], Losses: 0-1[2],
0-2[2], 1-2[4], 1-3[1], Draws: 1-1[2],
2-2[1]

HARTLEPOOL - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 16/12/2007



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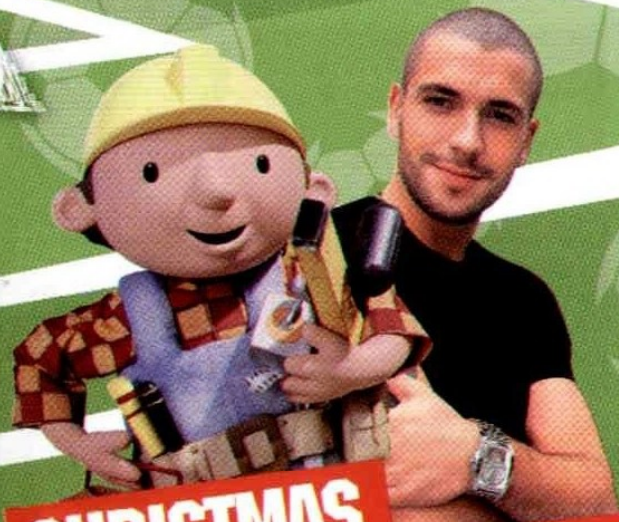
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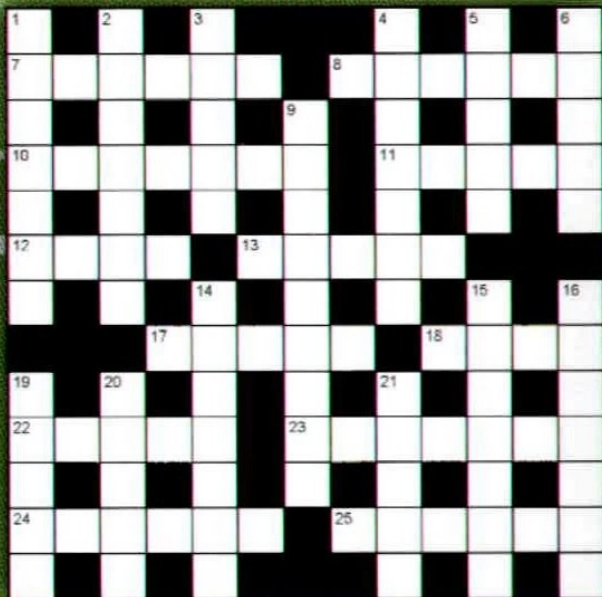
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QUIZ



CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONES



ACROSS

- 7 Golf's 'Great White Shark' (6)
- 8 Chief Executive of the PFA (6)
- 10 Japanese midfielder at Arsenal, Fulham and WBA (7)
- 11 Off-spinner in England's recent victorious one day side against Sri Lanka (5)
- 12 Aragones or Garcia (4)
- 13 Soccer's current World Champions (5)
- 17 Managed by Toshack (5)
- 18 Everton's Nigerian defender (4)
- 22 Ex England hooker now summarising for the BBC (5)
- 23 Ex Leicester utility man now manager at Blackpool (7)
- 24 Manager who signed Collymore for Villa (6)
- 25 Ian _____ of Saint & Greavsie fame (2,4)

DOWN

- 1 'This is _____' bears the legend as players walk out of the tunnel (7)
- 2 Winners of England's Euro 2008 group? (7)
- 3 Czech striker who joined Lyon in deal which took Carew to Villa (5)
- 4 Div 1 side managed by Richard Money (7)
- 5 Has managed Luton, Spurs, Leicester and Wednesday since 1978 (5)
- 6 Carr or Beckenbauer (5)
- 9 Spurs wideman who has been loaned out to Fulham and Portsmouth (6)
- 14 Winning Primera Liga did not save his job at Real (7)
- 15 Stewart _____, George Graham's assistant at Arsenal (7)
- 16 Current England international at Boro (7)
- 19 Mpenza or Heskey (5)
- 20 They started in Baltimore and moved to Indianapolis in 1984 (5)
- 21 _____ Politics, National winner in 1992 (5)

Can you match these Christmas Number Ones to the correct year?

- 01** Can We Fix It? - Bob The Builder
- 02** Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen
- 03** Do They Know It's Christmas - Band Aid
- 04** Don't You Want Me - Human League
- 05** I Will Always Love You - Whitney Houston
- 06** Mull of Kintyre - Wings
- 07** Lonely This Christmas - Mud
- 08** I Feel Fine - The Beatles
- 09** Mad World - Michael Andrews ft. Gary Jules
- 10** That's My Goal - Shayne Ward

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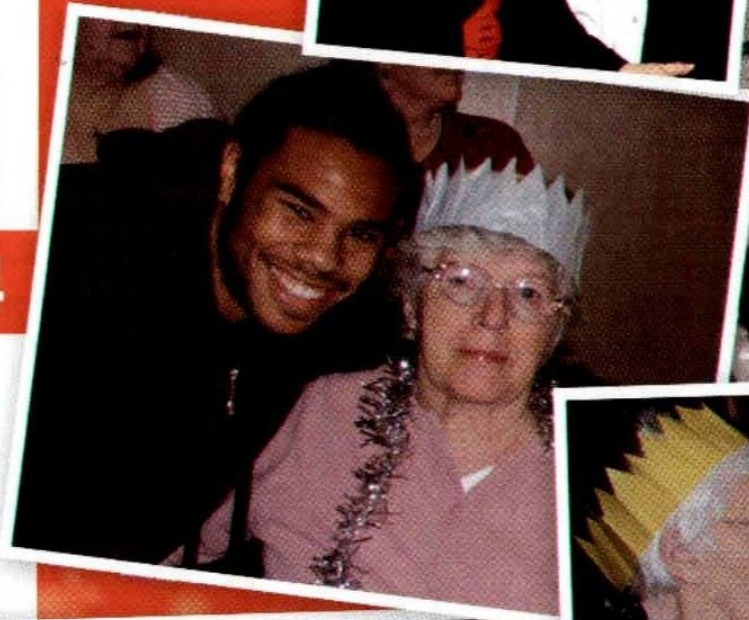
Answers
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 11. Artfield, 12. Croatia, 13. Baros, 14. Walsall, 15. Piatek, 16. Franz
 17. Wales, 18. Yobo, 19. Little, 20. Moore, 21. Downing, 22. Emre, 23. John, 24. Grayson, 25. St John
 Down
 1. Norman, 2. Taylor, 3. Swann, 4. Lins, 5. Italy
 6. Carr or Beckenbauer, 7. Norman, 8. Taylor, 9. Swann, 10. Lins, 11. Italy, 12. Little, 13. John, 14. Walsall, 15. Piatek, 16. Franz, 17. Wales, 18. Yobo, 19. Little, 20. Moore, 21. Downing, 22. Emre, 23. John, 24. Grayson, 25. St John
 26. Downing, 27. Emre, 28. Little, 29. John, 30. Moore, 31. Grayson, 32. St John

community spirit

150 local pensioners enjoyed a complimentary two-course lunch in the Legends Lounge on Tuesday lunchtime. Town players Peter Brezovan, Craig Easton, Jerel Ifil, Kaid Mohamed, Blair Sturrock, Chris Blackburn, Simon Cox and Andy Nicholas taking time out after training to chat with guests.

Each visitor went home with a goody bag courtesy of Intel, The Swindon Advertiser and the Wiltshire Fire Brigade.

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Christmas lunch



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career factfile

Name: Peter Brezovan
Height: 6.06
Weight: 14.13
Date of birth: 09-12-1979
Position: Goalkeeper

Career Appearances:

	Apps	gls
Swindon 07-present	8	0
Swindon 06 (loan)	14	0
FC Brno 05-06	-	-
Totals	22	0

pete



HALFTIME

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Peter Brezovan's introduction to English football was a memorable one. Two penalty saves and a clean sheet at Victoria Park meant Town's Slovakian recruit was the talk of the town on his return to Wiltshire.

Brezovan's performances at the start of the 2006/07 season quickly drew admirers with Town fans soon taking to their new number one. However, a broken arm suffered in the home win over Grimsby Town in mid-October cut his season short and he was sidelined for the remainder of the promotion campaign.

Paul Sturrock kept faith with Brezovan's replacement, Phil Smith, at the start of the new season and after being handed the number twelve shirt - 'Brez' knew he had a fight on his hands for a starting slot between the posts.

Having waited patiently for his chance during the early months of the season, 'Brez' was

handed his opportunity at Port Vale at the end of October after Phil Smith underwent a hernia repair operation.

Brezovan has now made ten consecutive starts and believes he is now coming back to the type of form that made him such a hit on that memorable opening day victory in the North East.

brezovan



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"I feel great now to be honest," says Brez. "I had been out for a long time and it took me a few games to get back into it but things are going well now and it's great to be back and playing regularly."

"It's a shame the results haven't come our way over the past few games but I am sure we can get better."

This afternoon memories of last season's win at Victoria Park may come creeping back into the minds of several Town fans – with Hartlepool United the visitors to SN1.

"Hartlepool is a game that brings back many memories for me," commented the Town keeper. "I made my debut against them in

League Two and now we are in League One, so it will be interesting to see how we get on against them. We drew with them earlier in the season, so hopefully we can go one better this weekend."

"We need to get a win as soon as we can. We have a point to prove and we need to perform well against Hartlepool."

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10 JON-PAUL
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01 Do you have any pets, if so what and what are their names?
Yes – a British Bulldog called Buddy.

02 Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with?
Someone who knows how to fix it, but who looked like the girl from the transformers!

03 Do you have a claim to fame outside of football?
I don't have a claim to fame inside football!

04 If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?
Probably America. Either in New York or Hollywood. I think there would be plenty to see.

05 What's on your iPod at the moment?
A bit of everything, but at the moment it's pure garage.

06 Tell us about your ideal date...
I'd invite my girl round, cook her something good, light a few candles then enjoy the night!

07 What is the funniest thing you have seen or heard on a football pitch?
"I heard a snap, I heard a snap," said Gareth Edds, my old teammate at MK Dons. I then told him he had broken his shin guard – he just about managed to play on!

08 What domestic chores do you do?
I live on my own so I do all of them. The dishwasher does the cleaning but I do the loading.

09 Tell us something we don't know about a teammate...
Hasney has a love child with his boyfriend that looks like Elton John.

10 Which celebrity chef would you like to cook your dinner?
Definitely Gordon x^^%S Ramsey!*



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A very Merry Christmas to you from the Swindon Town Commercial Department. We hope Santa brings you all you wish for and we look forward to welcoming you back to The County Ground in 2008.

Swansea City are the visitors to The County Ground on Tuesday January 1st so why not start the New Year in style at STFC! What better way to shake off the excesses of the night before with a full cooked breakfast/brunch in the comfort of the Executive Lounge, before enjoying an Executive Seat outside for the 1pm kick-off?

The corporate lounges will be open from 11am. Guests will be served a brunch of bacon, sausages, mushrooms, fried bread ,hash browns, tomato's, baked beans , black pudding poached eggs and fried eggs. Danish pastries will be on offer at half-time.

The package also includes half-time refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits, a complimentary Matchday Magazine, an official team sheet, and, should your hangover permit, a pay bar facility. Special family packages are available for this game, priced at just £100 plus Vat for a **family of 4**. Individual spaces are available from **£45 plus Vat**.

Four days later The Robin's will take on Barnet in the 3rd Round of the FA Cup at The County Ground on **Saturday 5th January 2008**. We are pleased to offer an Executive Lounge package, priced at **£40 plus vat** per guest. This will include a two course meal in the Executive Lounge, a seat in the Executive Enclosure, half-time and a complimentary programme.

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Finally this time, I am pleased to announce details of a very special event that will take place in the Spring. We have joined forces with Cliff Puffett and Supermarine FC to present a **'Boxing Legends' Sporting Dinner** on **Wednesday 5th March**. Top of the bill is **Joe Eagen**, who was Mike Tyson's sparing partner. Mike described Joe as 'The Hardest White Man On Earth' and he is sure to have a story or two to tell. The cream of Swindon's Boxing talent will also be in attendance; namely Ricky Porter, Eddie Neilson, Peter Neal, Jamie Cox, Paul Rogers and Cliff Curtis. The evening will include a high quality three course meal, Auction and Raffle. Tickets are on sale now, priced at just **£40 incl Vat**, or **£360 incl Vat** for a table of ten. All proceeds from the night will be shared jointly between Swindon Town and Supermarine, so please come along and support your local football clubs.

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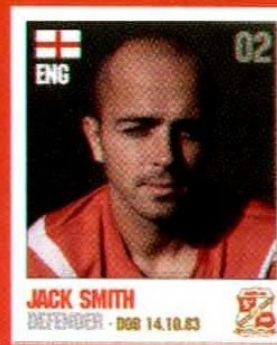
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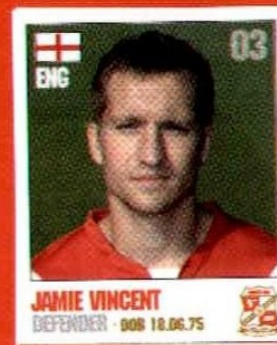
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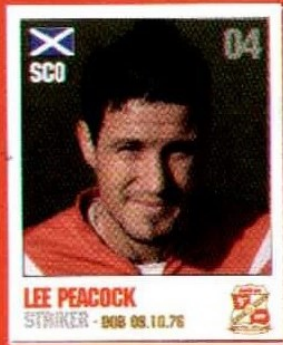
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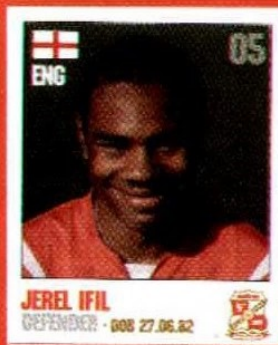
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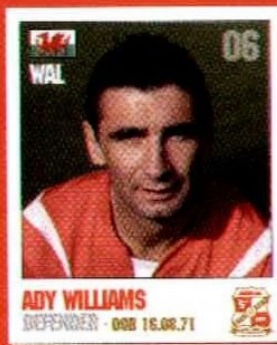
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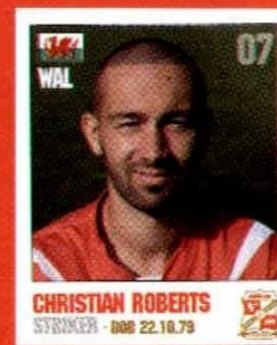
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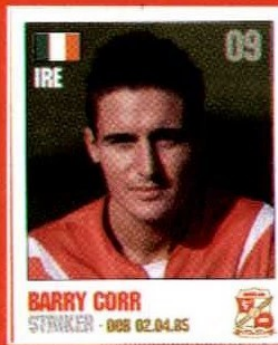
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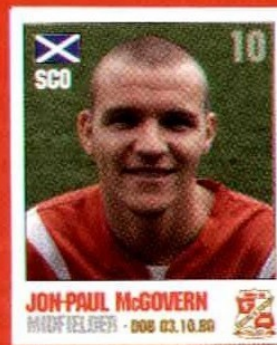
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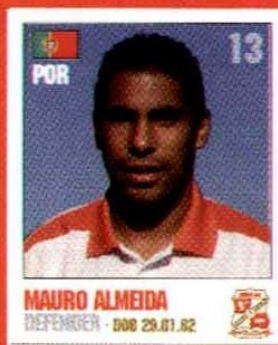
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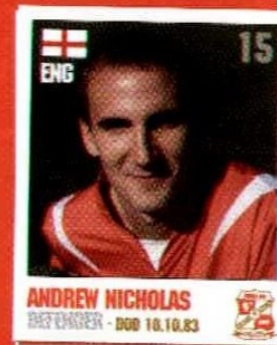
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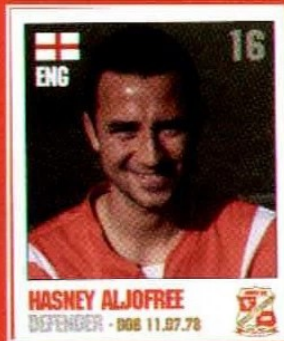


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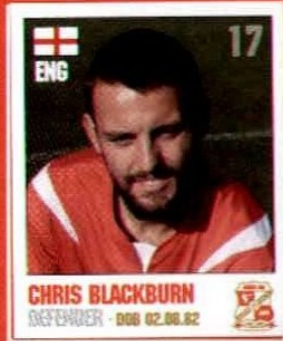
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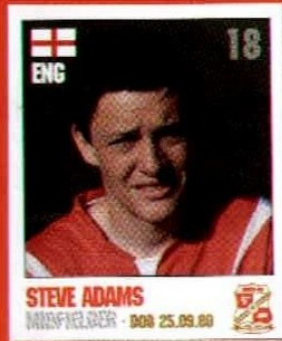
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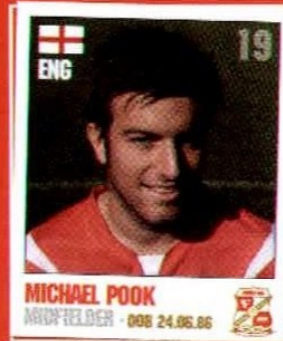
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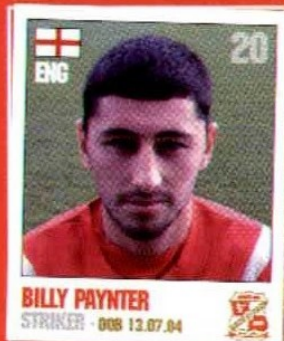
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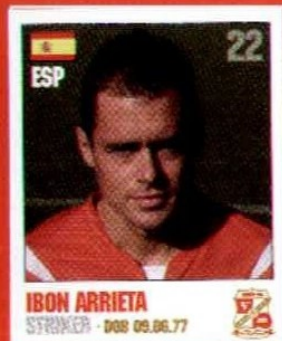
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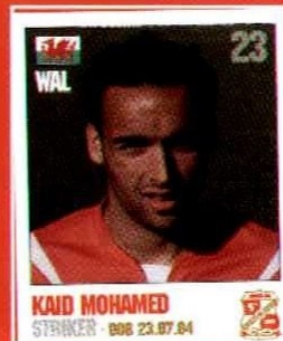
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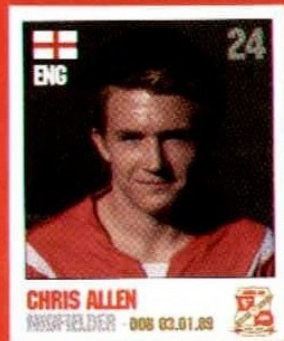
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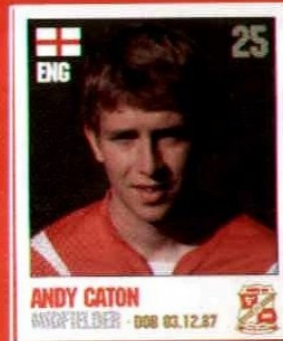
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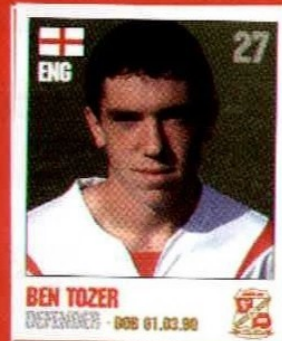
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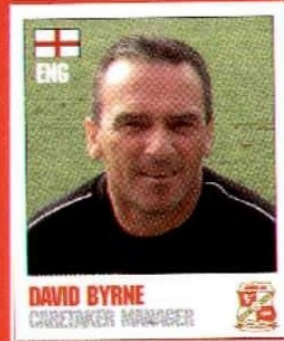
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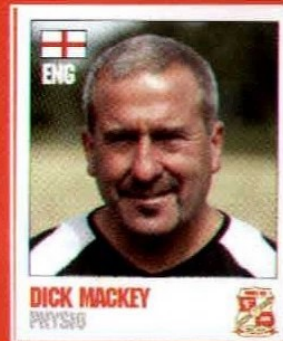
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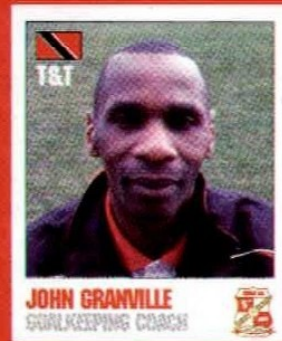
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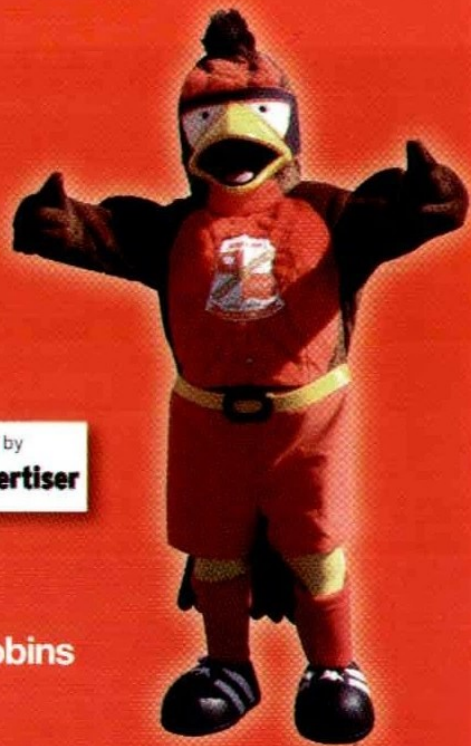
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Good afternoon and welcome to all our **Junior Robins** and the **Junior Poolies**.

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Here we are at the Christmas week at last. This is my favourite time of the year, but it can't always be football player's favourite time of year. For them this is a very busy couple of weeks. In the space of eleven days we have four league games, then Barnet in the FA Cup Third Round. Let's hope they don't eat too much turkey!

Next week the Junior Robins have a coach going down to the AFC Bournemouth game, which hopefully will be a really good

game. Two weeks after that we are away at Walsall for which I am taking bookings now.

I know it's worked out that we've got two away trips close together, so again the trip is going to be a brilliant price. It's just £10 for Junior Robins and £15 for non JR's and adults. These prices are for the coach and entry to the game. Please let me know if you would like to book up some places on the coach. I can only take the bookings once I have received the money.

I would like to say a HUGE

thank you for the six Junior Robins who came onto the pitch last week to take part in the penalty shoot-out at half time against Brighton. It takes a lot of courage to go on the pitch in front of so many people, so I'm really pleased with them.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Many thanks

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→ Saddle Up: Town visit The Bescot Stadium on Saturday 12th January 2008 - so why not sign up and join the JR's coach trip?



TOWN'S BALL BOYS AND BALL GIRLS

This week we have a few words from **Ryan Jones**, one of our ball boys.

How long have you been a ball boy for?

Since the end of last season.

Worst bit about the job?

When it's really cold.

Best bit?

Getting the ball.

Best game you've seen here?

Definitely against Gillingham in October!

Favourite player?

Lee Peacock.

Thank you Ryan.

Lets hear some noise for the Swindon boys!



TODAY'S MASCOTS



RANDOM ROBIN



This week's Random Robin is **Calum McKendrick** aged 10 of Swindon.



← **Brandon Wise**

Brandon is 7 years old and lives in Baydon. He is a Season Ticket Holder in the Town End. His favourite player is Barry Corr.

→ **Adam Wise**

Adam is 15 and attends St Johns School. He hobbies include football and army cadets. His favourite player is Christian Roberts.



← **Corey Wise**

Corey is 4 years old and today is his second ever game. He likes Harry Potter and football. He attends Baydon School.



Your favourite current STFC player?

Lee Peacock

Your favourite past STFC player?

Sam Parkin

Your favourite non STFC player?

Michael Owen

First game you every went to?

Swindon V Chesterfield
January 2003

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

Walsall



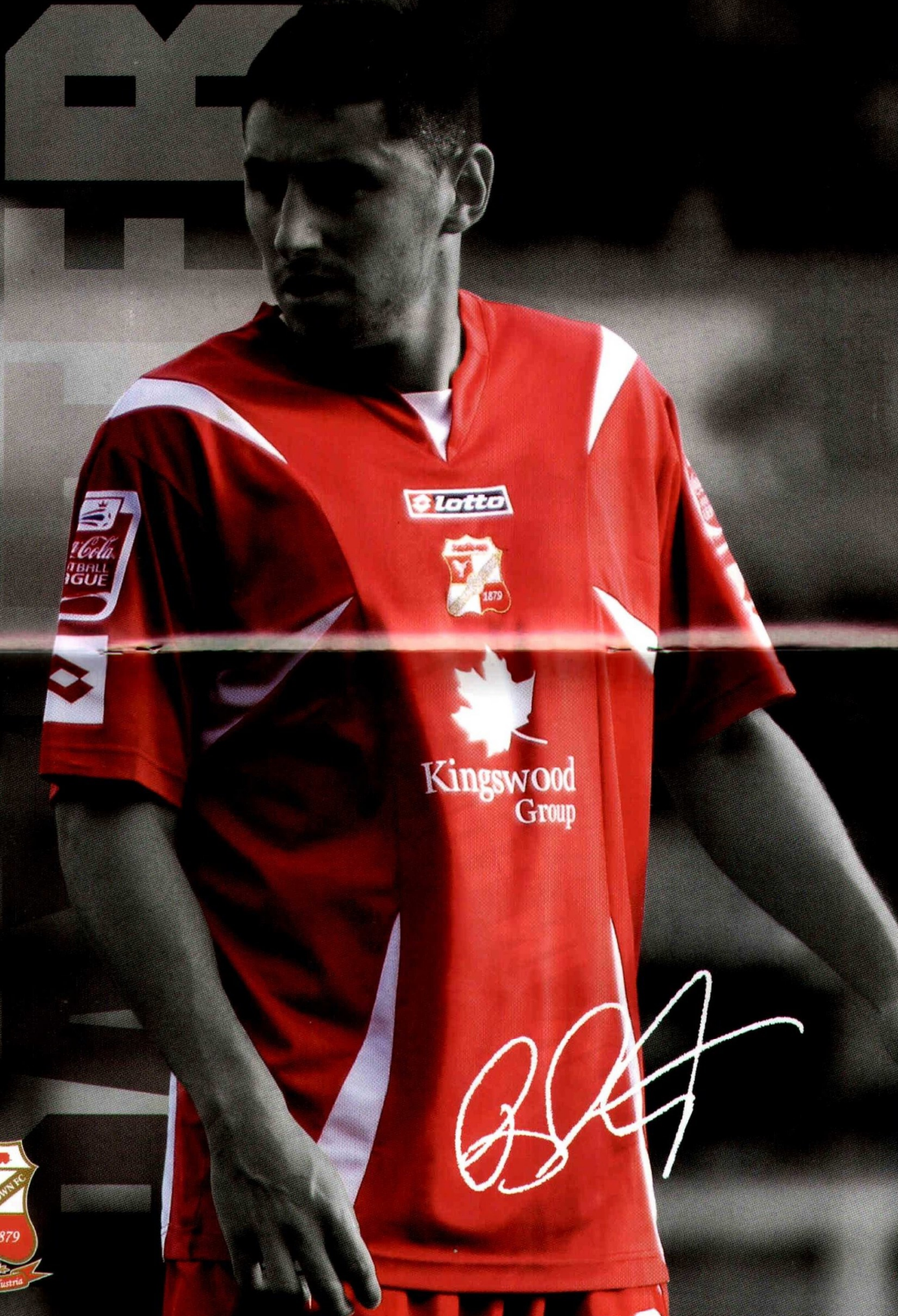
Thomas enjoys playing football, and he plays for Blunson Colts under 11's.

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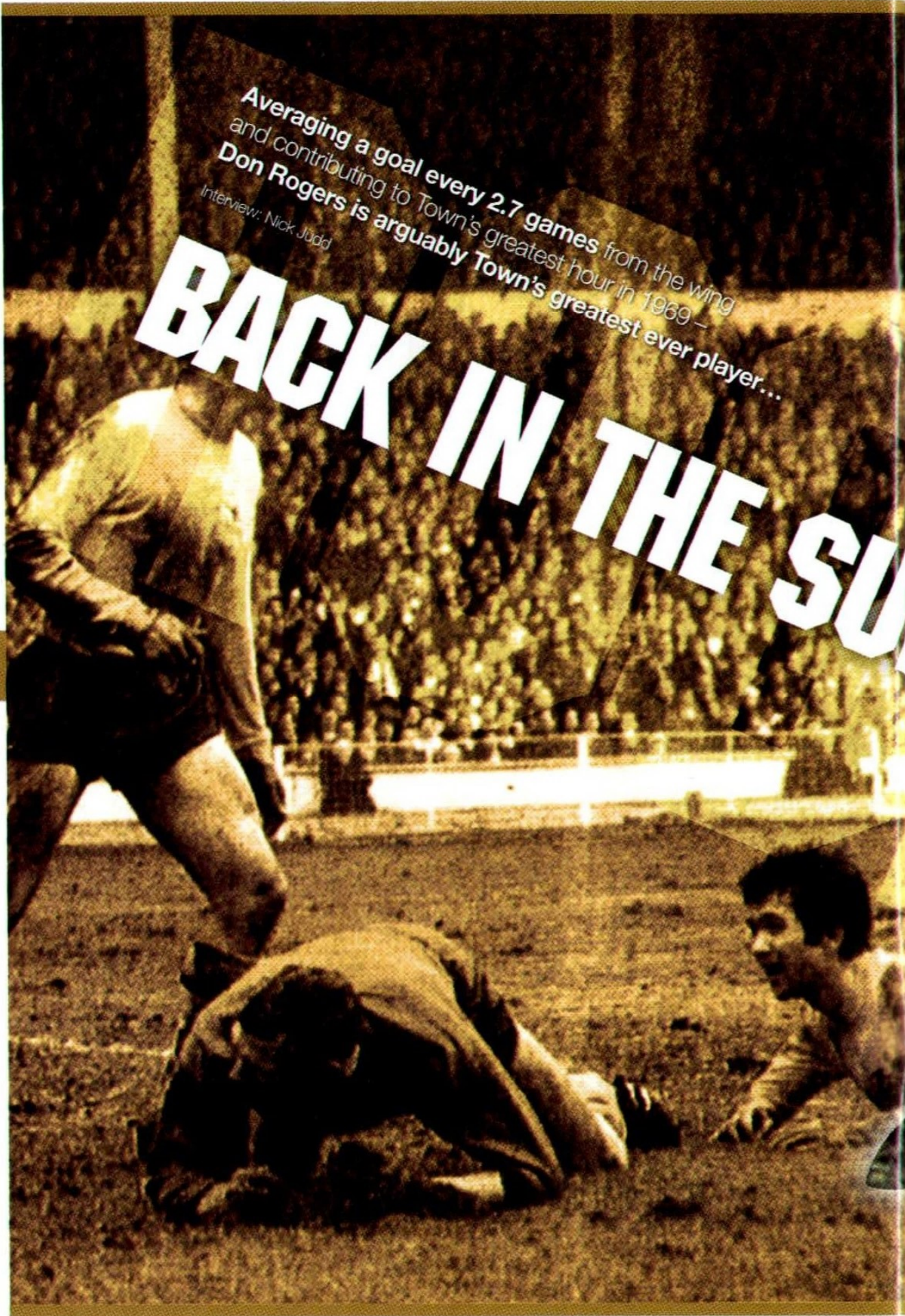
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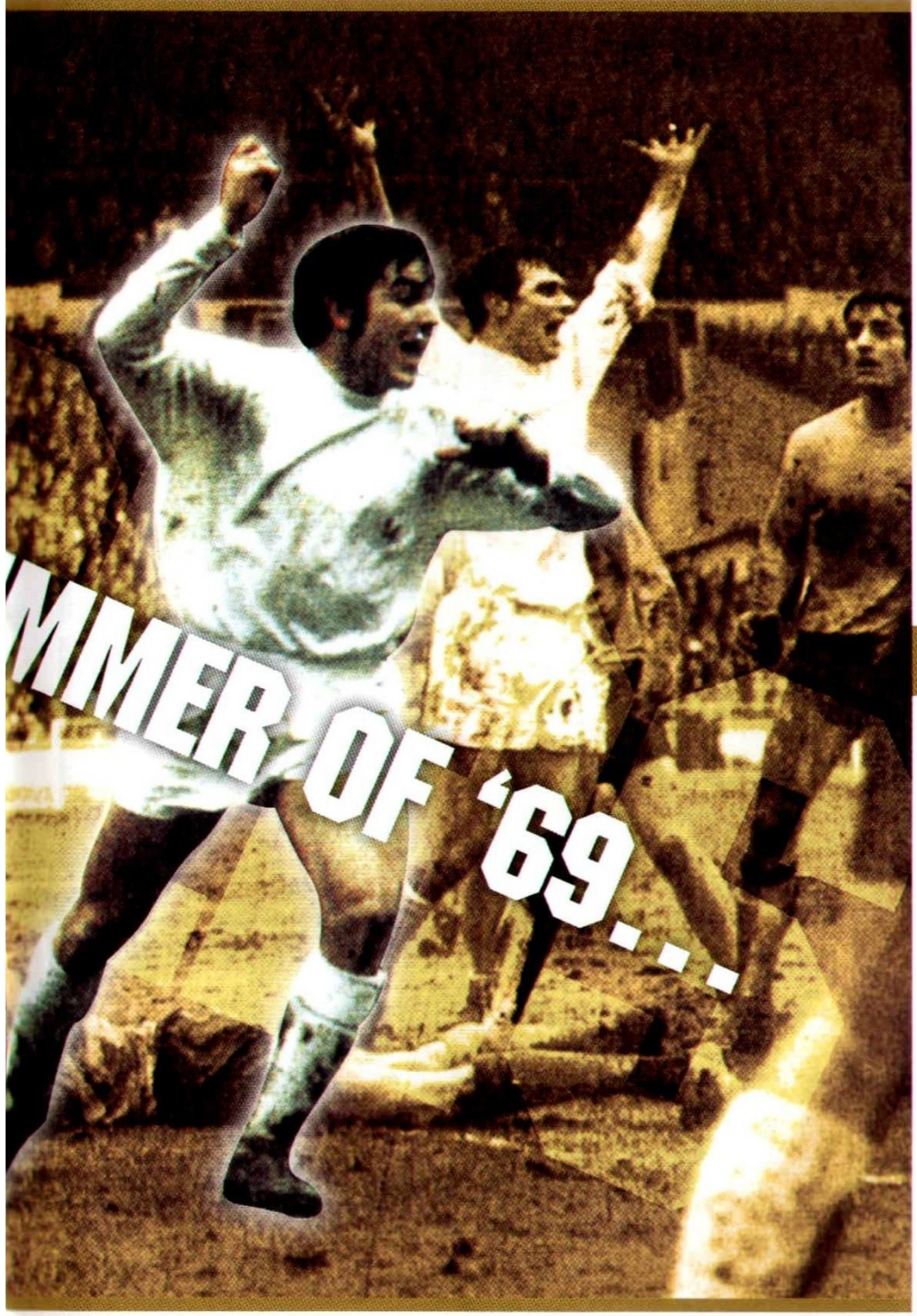
20 BILLY PAYNTER



Averaging a goal every 2.7 games from the wing
and contributing to Town's greatest hour in 1969 –
Don Rogers is arguably Town's greatest ever player...
Interview: Nick Judd

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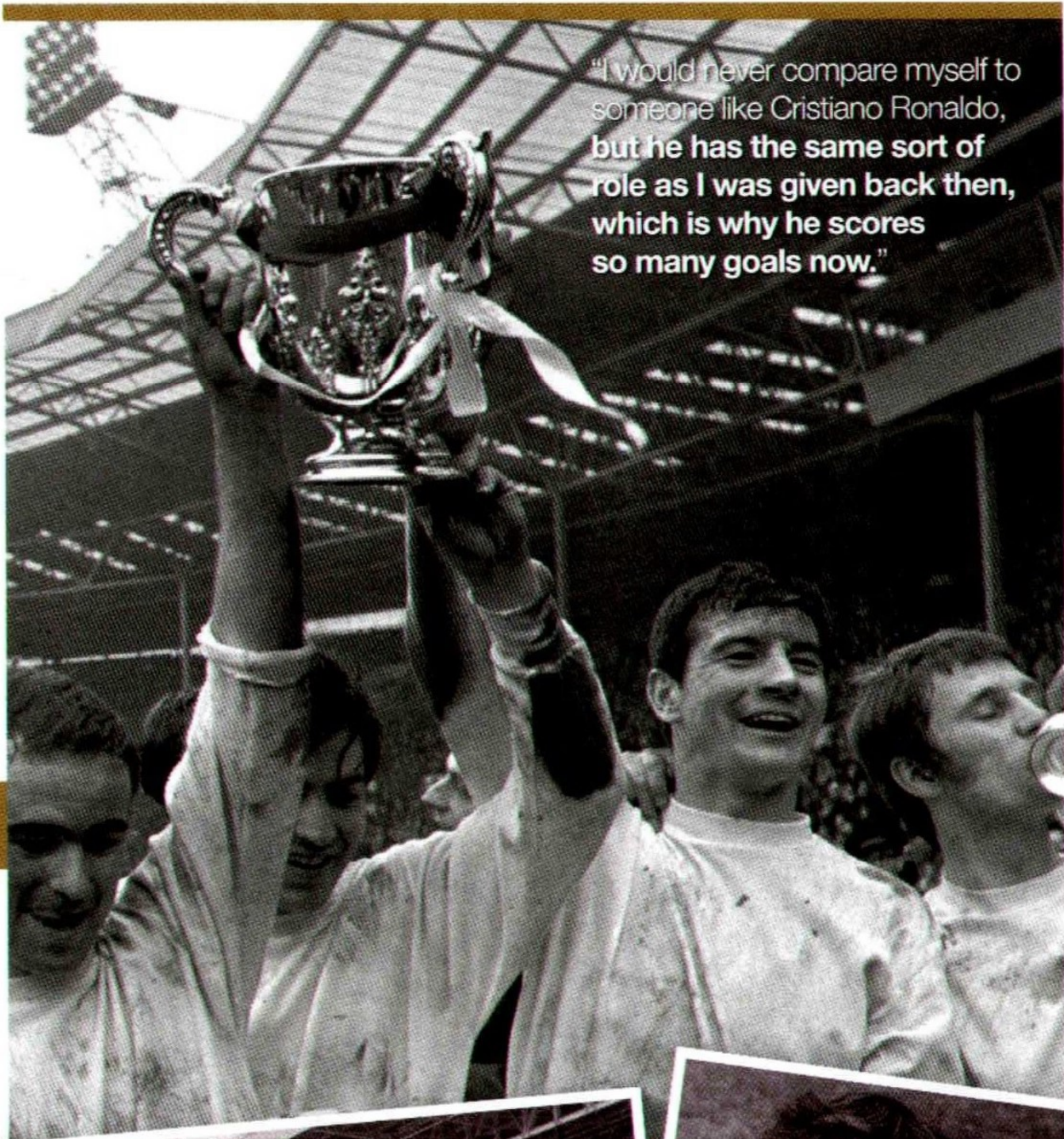




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"I would never compare myself to someone like Cristiano Ronaldo, but he has the same sort of role as I was given back then, which is why he scores so many goals now."



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I'm sure I'm not the only one frustrated by being born in the 70's. As a Swindon fan I was, unlike many who frequent The County Ground these days, lucky enough to see us play in the top-flight. Heck we've even won a league title in my time as a Red. Yet there are other occasions I've missed out on. How good was Stan Harland, for example? So many players engrained on the walls of history that I've never been fortunate enough to see in action for myself.

Don Rogers is another. Here's a man our older generation of fans describe as the club's greatest of all time. A man who scored, among others, two against Arsenal, at Wembley, in the League Cup final win of 1969. Not only that, but going on to play in the Anglo-Italian Cup, playing teams like Juventus and winning! Imagine that now? Consider Barry Corr, Billy Paynter or Simon Cox notching two against Manchester United or Chelsea at the new Wembley, then heading over to Italy and beating Internazionale... such is the gap between top and bottom these days that it seems too far beyond the realms of possibility. And to consider what the Robins achieved domestically and abroad – you can't help but be impressed. The good thing for people like me is that while Don remains a part of the area, continuing to run the shop that bears his name and has done since 1967, he's only too happy to recall Swindon's glory years.

"Every week somebody comes into my shop and talks about it," he laughs. "I guarantee somewhere along the line it always gets mentioned somewhere. But for me it doesn't get any better than the Wembley experience. Playing there, winning and scoring two – we've all dreamed of it."

The last example I can think of, is Millwall reaching the FA Cup final in 2004. Granted, the Lions were tamed by a far superior



Manchester United team, but no-one gave Dennis Wise's side a chance in the run up to the occasion. It wasn't much different back then.

"We were confident – we weren't worried about the game at all. No-one gave us a chance, you wouldn't do and rightly so, but we had a very confident team. We'd gone well all the way through and we didn't fear anything in the final. But for me it was a dream to go there and beat Arsenal in a game of that magnitude. The third goal in that game is my favourite goal.

"I remember the Italian cup campaigns very well, too. We got 10 days holiday in Positano! We played Juventus and Naples – it doesn't get much bigger than that. To beat those teams was special – we were strangers to them because we ran at them with the ball and they didn't like it at all."

Scoring goals came naturally to Rogers, and as well as the two he put past Arsenal's Bob Wilson, he also bagged in Italy when Town beat Roma to the Anglo-Italian in 1970. Incredible when you consider he wasn't even a centre forward.

"To be honest, when I was growing up goals weren't a huge part of my game," he admits. "I was a winger and my job was to supply crosses for everybody else. I started on the left wing – but I guess I just started thinking to myself, 'what happens if I start going forward and making

those runs down the middle?' It suddenly dawned on me that I could score goals, too!

"I would never compare myself to someone like Cristiano Ronaldo, but he has the same sort of role as I was given back then, which is why he scores so many goals now. He goes everywhere, and I used to have that freedom of the pitch. I'd start on the left, switch to the right and then attack down the middle – you couldn't stay wide all the time."

He also had the support of a manager who loved to see his young star play with the freedom of The County Ground. Such an adventurous role is rare in this day and age, but for Bert Head it paid dividends, thanks to the silky skills of our greatest ever wingman.

"He [Bert] taught me to play on the left wing and the great thing was he never once had a go at me when I gave the ball away, or lost possession. He'd encourage and shout: 'take him on, take him on' and if I lost it he'd say 'take him on again'. He was the reason I used to have so much confidence going forward, because I knew I would never get slated for it. And that's important. To have someone trust you – it's a great feeling.

"Players lose the ball nowadays and they're under pressure from the manager, and the fans. I even get kids coming to me and saying to me that they're prevented from taking players on too much. I say let them do it.

don rogers career history

Name: Don Rogers
Date of birth: 25.10.1945
Position: Left Winger
Nationality: England

Playing record at Swindon:

	Apps	gls
'76/'77	4 (+2)	1
'75/'76	9 (+1)	1
'72/'73	17	7
'71/'72	43	7
'70/'71	48	21
'69/'70	49	12
'68/'69	60	30
'67/'68	51	28
'66/'67	59	32
'65/'66	50	17
'64/'65	44	9
'63/'64	43	11
'62/'63	10	2
Total	487 (+3)	178

Transfer information:

		Fee
Jan '61	IN Youth	signed
Oct '62	IN Swindon	signed
Nov '72	OUT C. Palace	£147,000
Mar '76	IN QPR	exchange
Nov '76	OUT Yeovil Town	loan
Jan '77	IN Yeovil Town	loan return
May '77	OUT Retired	-

You can't teach a player when to take players on or not, it should be a natural thing and you have to encourage that."

As a youngster himself Don almost ended up in the wrong hands! 60 minutes was the difference between him joining Swindon or Bristol City. Perish the thought...

"It was a funny situation," Don remembers. "I played for the County in the afternoon and Bert, Swindon's manager at the time, took my dad to the game. He brought us both back home after the match and asked me to sign for the club when we got home. I did. An hour later Fred Ford from Bristol City turned up with forms as well! I was that close from going to Bristol, and I probably would have done as well – it was closer to home. I had no idea if I'd made the right decision, I was just pleased to be playing football."

He soon made an impact. Scoring in his third game, a 2-1 win against Notts County he went on to score two goals in seven games in his debut campaign, 11 a year later. In 1965/66 he scored 17, 32 the season after that – and for the next two years remained the club's top scorer. In 1969, after his dream season had come to an end, culminating in that rainy day at Wembley, the 30 goals he bagged had seen other clubs stand up and take notice. Liverpool were rumoured to be after his services, not that Don knew anything about it...

"I was never told," he says. "I would probably have gone had I known, but in those days you weren't told a great deal. These days you'd know straight away, probably from the newspapers, but back then we didn't. Also, players have agents these days to communicate with the clubs on your behalf – things like that didn't happen then."

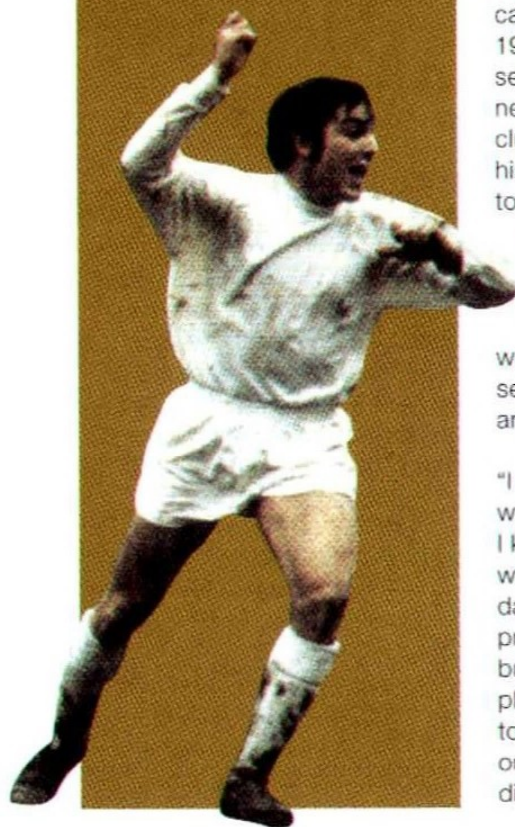
Instead Rogers stayed on until 1973, when he finally left to join Crystal Palace. The manager? The same Bert Head that had taken him to The County Ground.

"I had a great time at Palace. In the two years I was there I scored 28 goals, so it went well for me. The first year I was there the papers were even trying to pick me for England – but it never happened. I don't know why I never had that chance. I guess you have to be in the right place at the right time and I wasn't – and there were some decent players around in my position. The nearest I got was the Football League team, when Sir Alf Ramsey picked me. I had a good record for them, too, but of the whole squad I was the only one that didn't go on to play for England! I scored twice for the under-23s and still never had a look in. I would have loved to have played for my country – it should be every player's main ambition. I even received wages playing for the under-23s. 'What's that?' I thought. You shouldn't get paid for that – it's ridiculous. It's an honour to play for England, players now should pay for that privilege, not the other way around."

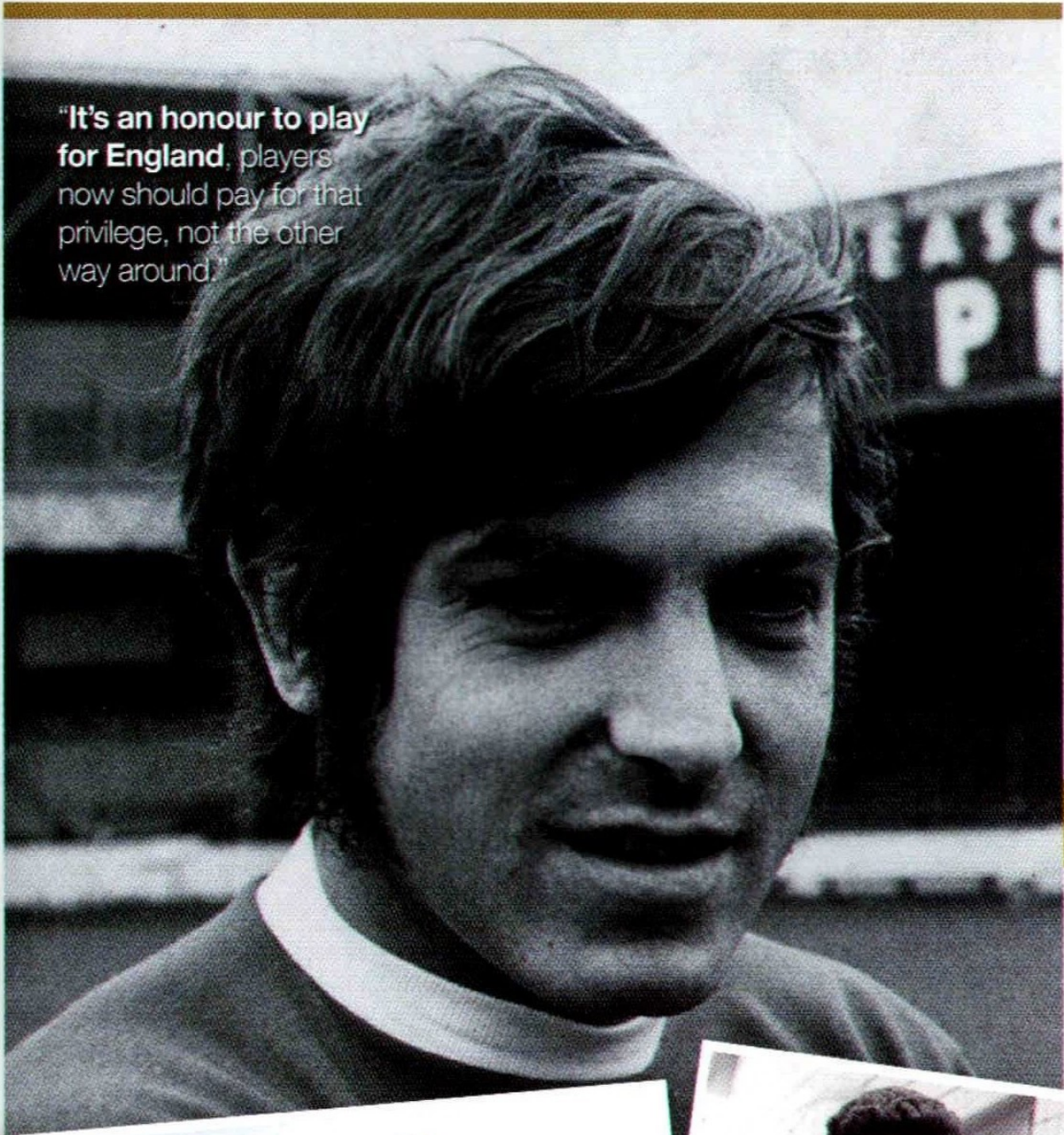
When Don returned to The County Ground for a second stint in 1975, the hips that had made him such a tricky customer on the wing had gone. "It was nice to come back but it didn't work out – it never does second time round."

Despite his injury Don stayed in the town, manning the shop he opened when still a player.

"I've had it 40 years – a long time. Fans always pop in, everyone knows where it is and I'm more than happy to have a chat. It's just as exciting talking about Town now because things are always happening. It should be exciting now anyway – if things happen that should do, then it would be great – then the club can move forward."

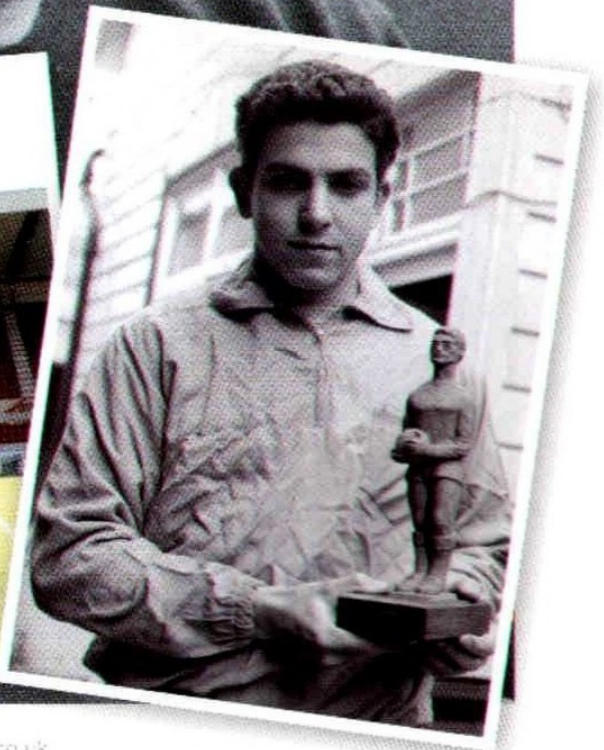
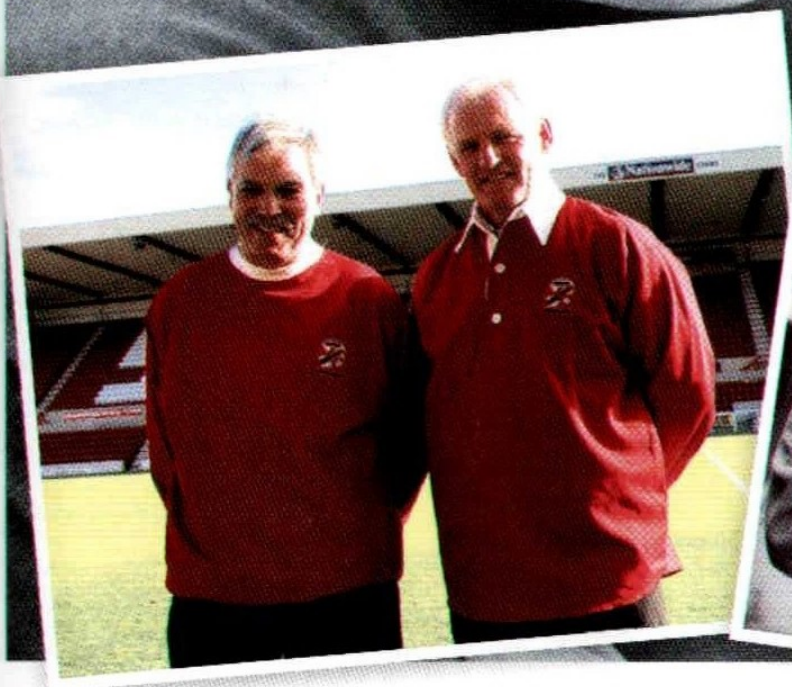


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1 Steve Jenkins

Popular Welshman who joined The County Ground ranks in November 2004, making his loan switch from Peterborough United permanent. With 16 full caps for Wales to his name, 'Jenks' brought experience to the Swindon camp and was used in a number of positions by manager Andy King, with his versatility of great benefit to the Town squad. Jenkins was offered a new one-year deal by manager Iffy Onuora after relegation to League One was confirmed in May 2006, but the deal did not come to fruition after Onuora's departure and Dennis Wise's appointment as manager soon after. The defender is now playing his football for Newport County, with former Town striker Charlie Griffin also in the Newport squad.

2 Charlie Comyn-Platt

Determined defender who arrived from Bolton Wanderers as part of a double deal which also brought Ricky Shakes to SN1 in the summer of 2005. After only fleeting appearances during King's time in charge, new boss Iffy Onuora often used Comyn-Platt in a central midfield role. Comyn-Platt was soon reunited with former boss Andy King during a two-month loan spell at Grays Athletic in November 2006. After failing to hold down a regular starting slot on his return to The County Ground, CC-P departed SN1 on a free transfer destined for Rochdale but failed to make an impact at Spotland. The 22-year old soon found himself out of the professional game and is now turning out for Weston Super Mare FC.

3 Michael Proctor

Striker who joined Town on a month's loan from Sunderland in February 2005, a deal which was funded by the Red Army Fund. Proctor, Sunderland-born, scored twice in four games for the Robins which included the winner against Port Vale on his debut. The front man returned to The Stadium of Light at the end of his loan spell and he was to leave Sunderland that summer, signing for Hartlepool United. Two seasons at Victoria Park produced five league goals in twenty-three league outings prior to a switch to Wrexham in the summer of 2007. Proctor has six goals so far this season.

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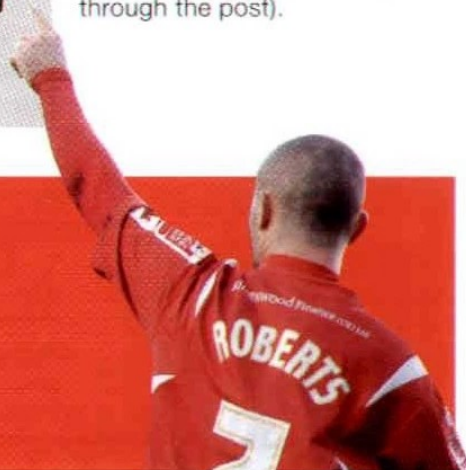
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"There's a great young squad here at

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Youth team manager David Byrne said: "We are very pleased to receive this sponsorship, which goes a long way for us as we have many youth teams within the system. We're grateful for any sponsorship we receive but a donation of this magnitude is fantastic.

"The youth team got to the quarter finals of the FA Youth Cup last season and played against Newcastle United. Swindon Town is now being put on the map with a successful youth system and we look forward to the visit of Middlesbrough in the fourth round of the FA Youth Cup in January."

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→ Peter Carpinelli hands over the cheque

puma youth alliance u18 south west

Aug 18	Yeovil Town	7-0
Aug 25	In Service Training	
Sep 1	Cheltenham T.	1-1
Sep 8	Plymouth Argyle	2-2
Sep 15	Yeovil Town	3-0 (SC1)
Sep 22	Bristol Rovers	2-4 (SC1)
Sep 29	Oxford United	0-2 (SC1)
Oct 6	Southend Utd	2-1 (SC1)
Oct 13	Gillingham	2-5 (SC1)
Oct 20	Colchester Utd	0-1 (SC1)
Oct 27	Leyton Orient	4-3 (SC1)
Nov 10	Hereford United	2-1
Nov 17	Swansea City	2-3
Nov 24	Rush & Diam.	1-2
Dec 1	Bournemouth	1-0
Dec 8	Oxford Utd	A
Dec 15	Bristol Rovers	H
Jan 12	Exeter City	A
Jan 19	Hereford Utd	A
Jan 26	In Service Training	
Feb 2	Swansea City	H
Feb 9	Bournemouth	A
Feb 16	Oxford Utd	H
Feb 23	SC3	
Mar 1	Bristol Rovers	A
Mar 15	Exeter City	H
Mar 29	Yeovil Town	A
Apr 5	Cheltenham T.	H
Apr 19	Plymouth Argyle	A
May 3	In Service Training	

SC = South Cup

u18 league table

	P	GD	PTS
Plymouth Argyle	7	+16	17
Swansea City	6	+11	16
Swindon Town	6	+8	11
Oxford United	6	+7	10
AFC Bournemouth	6	+6	10
Bristol Rovers	7	-2	8
Yeovil Town	6	-11	6
Cheltenham Town	5	-11	4
Hereford United	5	-9	1
Exeter City	6	-17	1

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centre of excellence

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game against Hartlepool United.

This week we held the last of our Centre of Excellence reviews, these have been going on for the last two weeks and I have gone through the age groups from our U7's to U16's. The review is where we invite the player and his parents into the club to discuss their son's development and talk about how the player is improving and what improvements that we feel that they can improve on. It's up to the player to give us feedback regarding their own development and what they can do in improving.

The players will now reflect on their reviews until April when the annual reviews take place. That is the stage when players will be either retained, or released, which is not the best part of the job. However, I have to be honest in my judgement, and in football, you are governed by opinions. This will be apparent to our U16's who will learn in January whether they will be offered a youth team contract at Swindon Town, so it could be critical time for them in the next month. Hopefully they can work hard and show us that we have to take them. If the decision goes against them, then as a club, we feel that we will offer them all the support we can, with additional help of educational courses with football included, like Swindon College, Cirencester Academy and the successful scheme run by Paul Bodin and Ian Howell at the New College. These will help in the way that they can further their Education and keep developing as a footballer.

The Centre of Excellence is now on its Christmas break, and the players, parents and the coaches can earn themselves a welcome break from the travelling and training twice a week. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the parents at the centre as without your support we would have no players! Also to the coaching and medical team, again without the Coaches

and Medical staff we couldn't develop you in hopefully being a Swindon Town player for the future, and finally to myself who I think has worked very hard this year, and will continue to do my best!

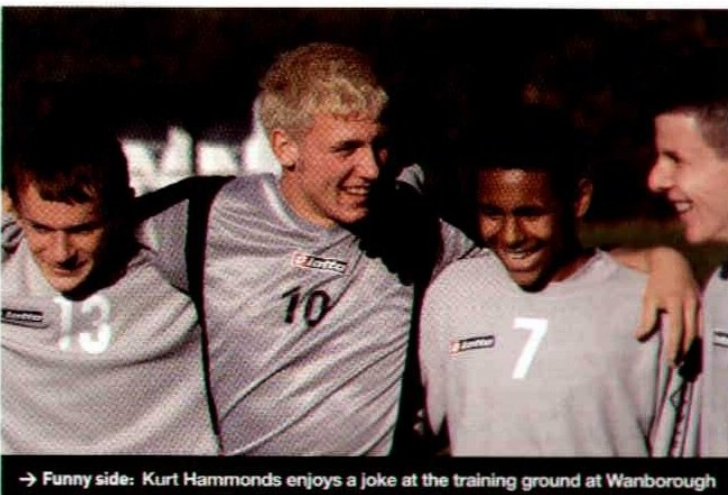
I would like to personally wish Will Randall, who is a member of our U12's, a speedy recovery after his injury and hopefully 2008 will be better year for him, and look forward to seeing you down that right wing soon. Also good wishes go to our first year youth player Andy Westall who has undergone a successful shoulder operation, and will be back playing in 2008.

A special mention that our FA Youth Cup Fourth Round game will be taking place on Wednesday 16th January when we play Middlesborough, so hopefully we can get another big crowd to cheer us on!

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a pleasant New Year!

See you in 2008...

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director



→ Funny side: Kurt Hammonds enjoys a joke at the training ground at Wanborough



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YOUTH ON THEIR SIDE!



SEAN MORRISON

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



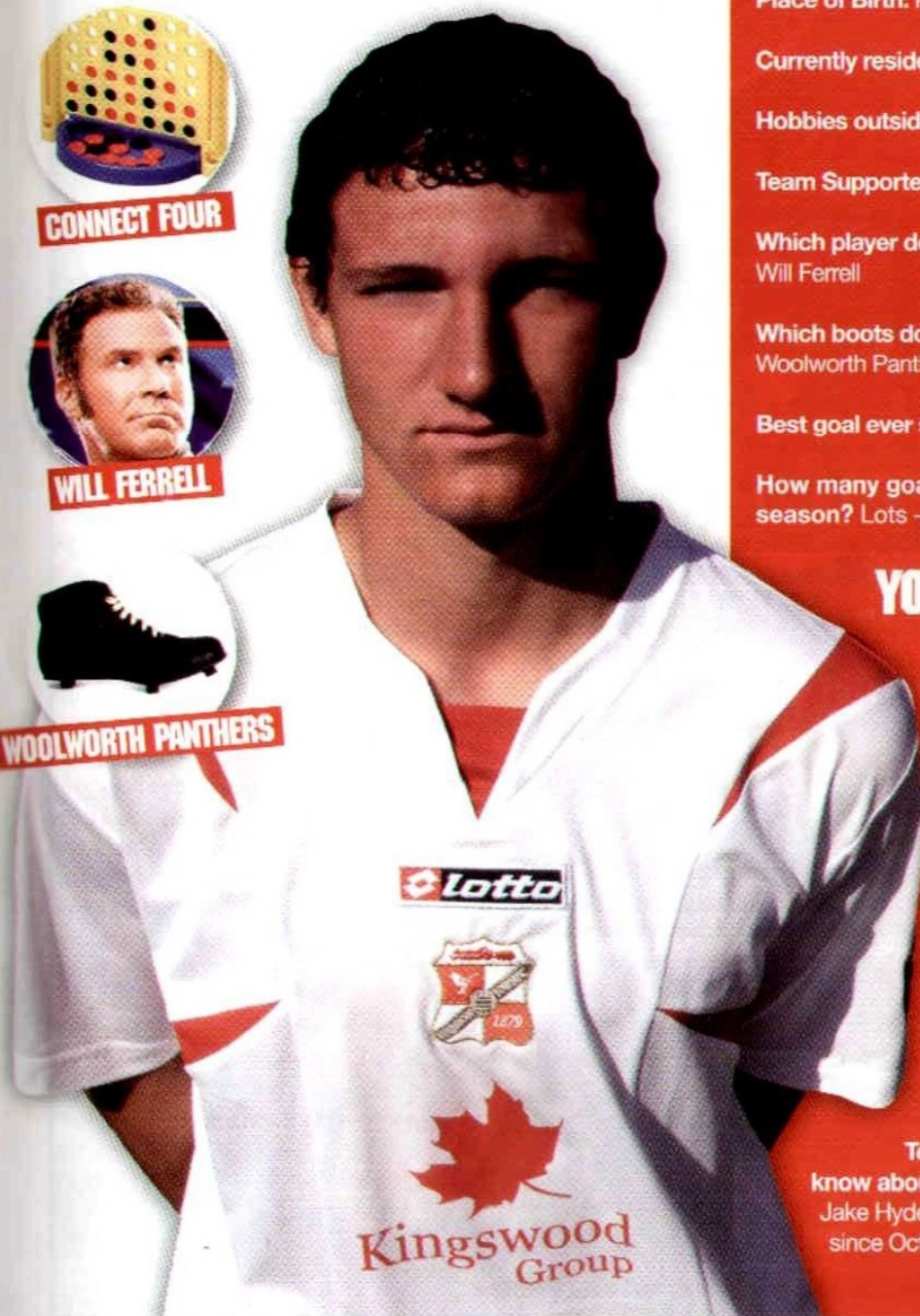
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WOOLWORTH PANTHERS



PLAYER FACTFILE

Name: Sean Morrison

Date of Birth: 8th January 1991

Place of Birth: Plymouth

Currently resides: Old Walcot

Hobbies outside of football: Connect Four

Team Supported: Hamilton Academicals

Which player do you model your game on?
Will Ferrell

Which boots do you wear?
Woolworth Panthers

Best goal ever scored? A good one!

How many goals can you score this season? Lots – hopefully!

YOUR TEAMMATES

Who is the joker in the Town squad?

Callum Willmoth – he is one big joke.

Spends most time in front of the mirror?

Ben Tozer

Hardest tackler?

Adam Everiss

Quickest teammate?

Andy Westall with a parachute.

Tell us something we don't know about a teammate...

Jake Hyde has been wearing a mask since October 31st.

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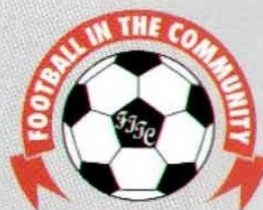
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→ Jon Holloway

Good afternoon and welcome to this League One clash with Hartlepool United in what is our last home game before Christmas.

On behalf of the Football in the Community team here at The County Ground, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Today we offer a warm festive welcome to Ian Michael and his Under 9's, 11's and 12's from Swindon Soccer Skills and also to Mike Thomas with his Under 11's from Cirencester Town.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to the management team, David Byrne and Ady Williams, and also to all the players for their support over the last few weeks in handing out the medals and awards to the children at our Soccer Centres. The players' appearances have been very well received by the youngsters, who have really enjoyed getting to know with heroes by the customary question and answer sessions. It really does mean a lot to us as a department as the children hold the players in high regard.

Jon and I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all of our hard working staff, full and part time, for their dedication and commitment throughout 2007. Yet again it has been a fantastic year and let's hope we can continue our success into 2008 and beyond.

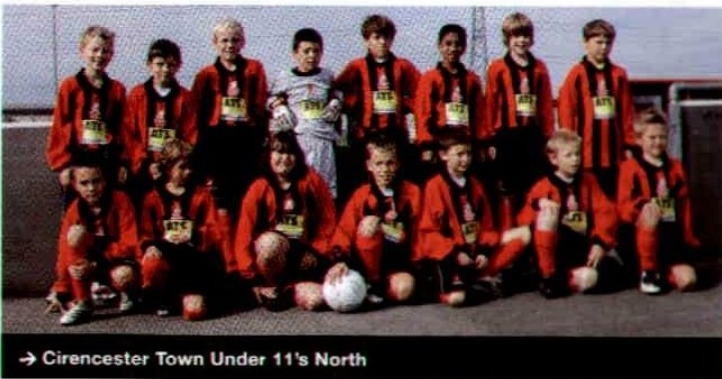
Clive and Jon



→ Swindon Soccer Skills Under 12's



→ Cirencester Town Under 11's Central

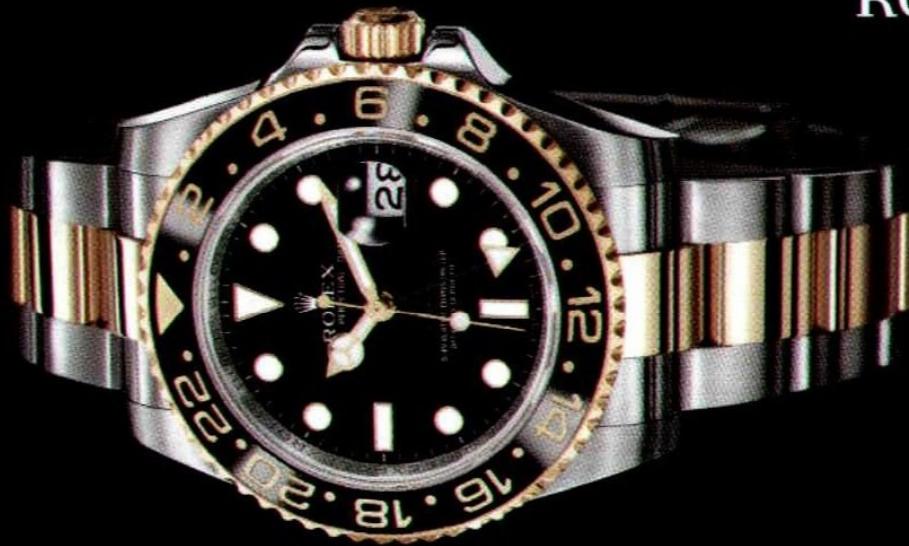


→ Cirencester Town Under 11's North

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stfc soccer centres



with Shane Hewlett, Adam Greaney & Luke Sharps

Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Hartlepool United who have made the long trip down.

Soccer Centres

It has been an excellent finish to 2007 with all of our children receiving their well-deserved medals. The children have been working for 14 weeks improving on all different aspects of the game and were rewarded with medal presentations by members of our first team squad.

I would like to say a big thank you to Ady Williams who has put a lot of time and effort into ensuring that members of the first team squad have attended our numerous Soccer Centres.

Well done must also go to our children who have been superb this term and have really improved particularly during match-related sessions in which our first team players have commented on how good the standard of play has been and might even have to start worrying about keeping their place in the team!

I must also say a huge thank you to my coaching team who dedicate their time not only whilst coaching but also spend time preparing and planning sessions.

It is true to say that you can only be as good as your coaches and we believe that we have assembled an excellent team who are dedicated and Professional and put on varied sessions that can be adapted to children of all abilities.

We are now booking for our courses in 2008 and want to continue to improving our coaching team and involve more children who are currently not playing football whilst improving our existing members.

Lets hope for three points today and that 2008 proves to be a great year for all concerned with Swindon Town FC.

Shane, Sharpy and Adam



→ Shane Hewlett passes on the instructions at Stratton as Town players Adams and Roberts look on



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Link Centre (Swindon Borough)		
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-6yrs
	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

Oasis (Swindon Borough)		
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Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

Highworth (Swindon Borough)		
Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)		
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

Stratton		
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	4.30-5.30	9-11yrs
Tuesday:	3.30-4.30	5-6yrs
	4.30-5.30	9-10yrs
Wednesday:	3.30-4.30	7-8yrs
	4.30-5.30	8-9yrs
Friday:	3.30-4.30	4-5yrs

Marlborough		
Wednesday:	3.30-4.00	5-7yrs
	4.00-5.00	7-9yrs

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

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

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

Croft (Swindon Borough)		
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	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

Dorcan (Swindon Borough)		
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	5.45-6.30	4-5yrs
Tuesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Thursday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Friday:	5.00-6.00	5-7yrs
	6.00-7.00	5-7yrs

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→ Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies reached the Christmas break in ninth place in the South West Combination League but they do have games in hand on the teams above them.

Last Sunday the Town's game against Reading was postponed which means that they will have to go four weeks without a competitive fixture before the Cup game against Doncaster Rovers Belles on Sunday 6th January. The first half of the season has been disappointing.

The Town started the league with high expectations but performances have been very inconsistent. The Town have matched every team they have played but not for the whole game. A good half a game performance has not been carried through the whole ninety minutes. The frustrating thing is that it is not always the first half or the second half, which makes it difficult to identify the problem.

While the first team have been progressing in the E.ON Women's FA Cup the Reserve team have also enjoyed Cup glory. They beat Alphington by eight goals to one

in the second round of the Bristol Soccer World Cup. Claire Moreton, Tara Lofts and Laura Morgan all scored twice and Laura Stallard and Amber Eberton also found the net to take the Town's tally to eight.

The Town then played Chippenham Town in the South West Regional League and won by four goals to one. The Town were a goal down at the break but a much improved second half performance saw the Town score four to take the points.

Both Kayleigh Smith and April Polden scored two goals a piece. The Town Reserves are doing well and are top of the South West Regional League (North) having been beaten just once and held to a draw once.

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

fixtures 2007/08 south west combination

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	Yeovil Town	4-4*
18 Nov	QPR	3-2
25 Nov	Plymouth Argyle	0-3
2 Dec	Plymouth Argyle	1-1*
9 Dec	Yeovil Town	P-P
16 Dec	Reading	P-P

* Town through on penalties

south west combination league

	P	GD	PTS
Reading	10	30	30
AFC Bournemouth	12	24	25
Plymouth Argyle	9	27	20
Chesham United	9	21	17
Yeovil Town	10	19	17
Luton Town	8	19	15
QPR	10	20	12
Forest Green Rovers	10	16	9
Swindon Town	8	14	9
Team Weston	14	12	7
Frome Town	10	11	6
Southampton Saints	10	11	3

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By Patrick Sawyer, The Sunday Telegraph

He is England's new £40 million man; the manager who is expected to lead the country to World Cup glory by restoring discipline and passion to our overpaid and pampered national football squad.

Now it can be revealed that Fabio Capello's footballing philosophy was forged nearly 40 years ago when the new England manager and his team-mates were humbled on the pitch by lowly Swindon Town.

Thrashed 4-0 by the then second division club, Capello's Roma side were handed the sort of lesson in English grit and determination that Capello will strive to recreate in the national side.

Swindon players from that evening have taken credit for giving the England manager a demonstration of teamwork that he has never forgotten.

"We played for one another, always covering for each other," said Peter Downsborough, the goalkeeper, now 64. "Today's England players don't seem to have that team spirit, even though they are all brilliant players.

"If Capello can introduce that team spirit to the England squad, as he has with other clubs he's managed, they might achieve great things."

The game was the final of the long-forgotten Anglo-Italian League Cup Winners' Cup, played in September 1969, with Swindon

qualifying after their defeat of Arsenal in the League Cup.

Capello's team, one of the biggest names in Italian football, had travelled to Swindon after a narrow 2-1 victory in the first leg.

The comprehensive drubbing saw Swindon displaying the kind of discipline, concentration and finishing now so lacking in England's "golden generation".

Roma's manager at the time, Helenio "The Wizard" Herrera, who had already twice won the European Champions Cup, observed later: "My team were punished for moments of distraction... We had plenty of opportunities, but Swindon showed us how to shoot."

Paid just a fraction of the current Beckham-era players, the Swindon team that beat AS Roma have since been forgotten by all but the club's most loyal fans.

Mr Downsborough, who is now a school caretaker in Halifax, West Yorkshire, clearly remembers

Capello displaying the leadership skills for which he would later become renowned.



"He stood out. He was quite tall and a good ball player," he said. "Roma were always well organised and Capello seemed to be at the heart of their organisation, which is how teams like AC Milan and Real Madrid played when he became their manager."

Following their triumph, Swindon celebrated with a meal at the town's Goddard Arms Hotel, to which Capello and the rest of the Italian players were invited. No bonuses and Bentleys in those days, just a simple steak and a pint down the local.

"In our day players would cut each other's throats to play for England," said Arthur Horsfield, who scored a hat-trick on the night. "Today there's too many of them who don't live in the real world, with their fancy cars, houses and watches that cost the earth."

Swindon's stars of '69 may regret the appointment of an Italian as England manager, but they agree that if anyone can turn our underachieving players into winners, it's Capello.

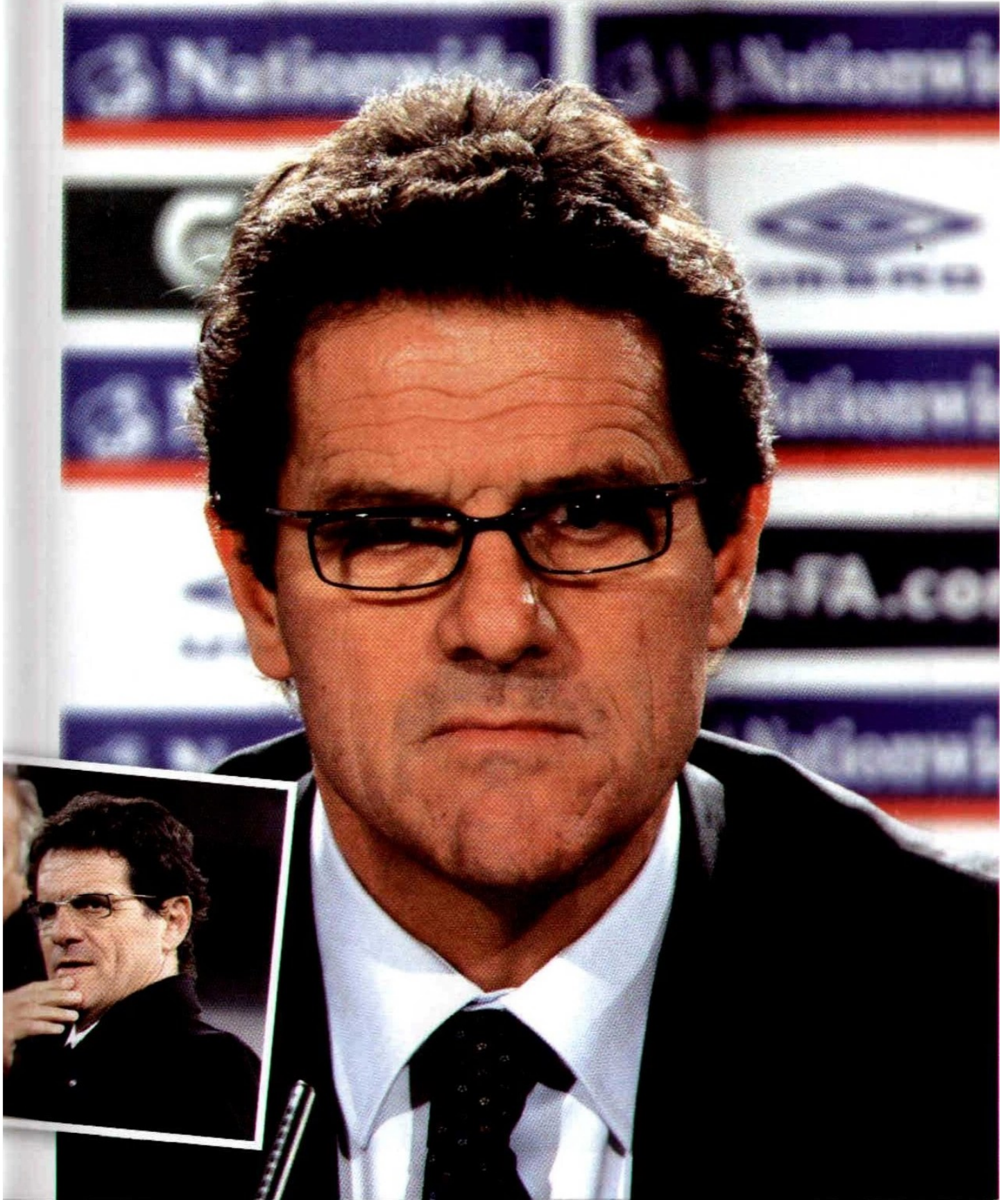
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Tell it how it is!

David Byrne pulled no punches after last weeks home defeat to Brighton.

His post-match analysis made compelling listening. He told match commentator Nigel Turner he was devastated after what was a disappointing performance.

"I told the players what they had to do but they just didn't do it," said Byrne. "I went round the changing room and asked the players who did their jobs properly and we had a fair few no's in there."

I applaud his honesty. As for the players who didn't perform or who chose to ignore instructions. Why? Not sensible when a new broom is about to sweep through the club.

The new England Manager Fabio Capello is going to try and get to the bottom of why our so called top stars don't perform at their best when wearing an England shirt. Instead of massaging egos it looks as though a few feathers are going to be ruffled. If you believe what you read the man can be ruthless as David Beckham learnt to his cost.

I'm still in two minds on the appointment of a foreign manager for our national side. But a few wins and a team playing well will quickly change all that.

Our breakfast presenter Dan Chisholm has set me a task of learning some key Italian football phrases by the end of next month. So if you know Italian for "get stuck in" and other such coaching instructions please let me know.

Dan's letter to Santa last week didn't get us the three points we so badly wanted. But there is the opportunity to put that right against visitors Hartlepool United this afternoon. Santa are you listening? I'll leave you a mince pie and a glass of sherry I promise.

STFC has once again demonstrated its commitment to the local community. Some 150 senior citizens enjoyed their annual Xmas lunch at the County Ground supported by local businesses. Well done to all involved.

Our adopted charity Swindon Foodbank will be helping families over the festive period. The charity feeds and supports people in crisis. Please check out their website www.swindonfoodbank.co.uk to see how you can help the charity because they will be called upon many times over the next week or so.

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(Stadium Announcers)

Good afternoon everyone and a festive **HO HO HO** welcome to The County Ground our League One encounter with Hartlepool United.

With no points to show from the last weekend's game against Brighton we could certainly do with a win to put us back on course in our play-off quest. Hopefully with suspensions over and injuries on the mend then our caretaker bosses will be able to pick their favoured starting line-up.

With no signs of the weather warming up, I trust you have put on your thermals to brave the elements here at SN1. With the winter drawing in it's the ideal time to warm yourselves up by giving out plenty of **NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ**. The encouragement from the stands of **YOUR TEAM** has proven time after time to that you are the twelfth man on the pitch and that spurs the players to new heights and three points.

Just three days to go before the big fella parks his sleigh on the roof tops of STFC fans and who knows we may get a present or two in the January sales.

As always please keep your requests for those birthday messages or notice of special occasions coming into me and Gary here at The County Ground, we will get them read out at half time and remember to look up at the score board as the guys will have it flashing in lights as well. Please remember that if you require a special piece of music played then just give us an extra game's notice and I will be happy to make your wish come true.

Have a great Christmas everyone and very special wishes from Gary and me to Curly and Marion for all of their behind the scenes help they have given us this past year.

Enjoy the game and make that extra special **NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ** it could bring us the match-winning goal.

Stuart and Gary

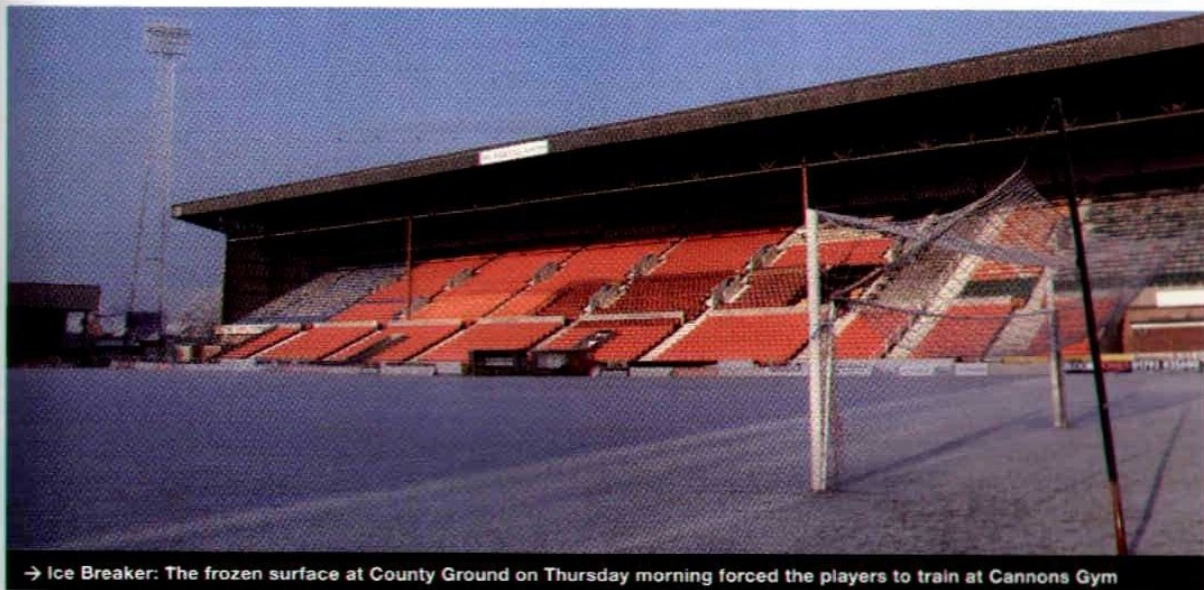


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FULL-TIME

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→ Ice Breaker: The frozen surface at County Ground on Thursday morning forced the players to train at Cannons Gym

SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	13	0	13
Nicky Forster	Brighton	8	4	12
Adam Boyd	L Orient	8	3	11
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	8	3	11
Andy Kirk	Northampton	8	3	11
Chris Dickson	Gillingham	7	4	11
Jason Scotland	Swansea	8	3	11
Craig Davies	Oldham	7	3	10
Lukè Rodgers	Port Vale	7	3	10

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Roots Hall	Southend	10	31	3.10
Elland Road	Leeds	10	29	2.90
Leyton Stadium	L Orient	10	29	2.90
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	8	23	2.88
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	10	28	2.80
The Den	Millwall	10	28	2.80
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	10	27	2.70
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	10	27	2.70
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	9	24	2.67
County Ground	Swindon	10	26	2.60
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	10	25	2.50
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	10	24	2.40
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	10	24	2.40
Huish Park	Yeovil	10	23	2.30
City Ground	Nottm Forest	10	23	2.30
Prenton Park	Tranmere	10	23	2.30
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	10	23	2.30
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	10	22	2.20
Brunton Park	Carlisle	9	19	2.11
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	10	21	2.10
Vale Park	Port Vale	10	21	2.10
Boundary Park	Oldham	9	18	2.00
Bescot Stadium	Walsall	10	20	2.00
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	10	19	1.90

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..
shots on target 143 Bournemouth. **shots off target** 133 Hartlepool. **corners** 133 Northampton. **hit woodwork** 8 Nottm Forest. **offsides** 85 Port Vale. **fouls** 285 Yeovil. **yellow cards** 43 Leeds. **red cards** 4 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..
Shots 62 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 35 Craig Davies (Oldham). **Shots off target** 33 Bradley Johnson (Northampton). **Assists** 6 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Crosses** 70 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 39 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 55 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 69 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON



GOAL COUNTER 577

RIGHT FOOT 325 goals



LEFT FOOT 117 goals



HEADERS 127 goals



Own goals 8 (1.4%), Other body part 0 (0%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match
 Richard Lambert (Luton vs Bristol Rovers) 1:47

By a substitute after coming on
 Alex Russell (Northampton vs Oldham) 0:58

DISCIPLINARY



2.8 cards per match



0.2 cards per match

QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match
 S Thornton (Leyton Orient vs Hartlepool) 0:53

By a substitute after coming on
 Sofiene Zaaboub (Swindon vs Bristol Rvs) 3:06

SUB TOTALS

Subs used	1125
Offsides	1395
Corners	2577
Shots Off Target	2549

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 0 2

RESULTS

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

0-0	17
0-1	22
0-2	10
0-3	6
0-4	-
0-5	1
1-0	24
1-1	32
1-2	19
1-3	4
1-4	2
1-5	-
2-0	18
2-1	26
2-2	11
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	11
3-1	9
3-2	4
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	4
4-1	6
4-2	2
4-3	-
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 16/12/2007

the stfc supporters club

After a troubled last few weeks of uncertainty it is nice to know that matters have now moved forward and I would like to welcome Andrew Fitton and his colleagues to The County Ground.

I would like to offer him the best wishes of the Supporters Club and he can rest assured that we will be doing everything we can to help his period of tenure.

In recent weeks it has been very much business as usual despite the uncertainty and at the last match our half time draw paid a prize of £408 to Mr.M Reeves of Haddenham near Aylesbury with ticket number 325.

No points from the game didn't help the Pounds for Points scheme and we have been stuck on the same total now for a few weeks now. Hopefully that might change today.

All those who support that scheme were entered into a free draw to win a VIP day out for two at The County Ground at a forthcoming fixture and



→ The Stratton Bank under the cold snap

the winner drawn from the hat was Shirley Hollister.

I would like to congratulate the youth team for progressing to the Fourth Round of the FA Youth Cup. The Pounds for Points scheme is dedicated 100% to supporting youth development at The County Ground and it's good to see progress once again this season in the premier FA youth tournament.

In fact I would like to think that in recent seasons the support we have given the youth development at The County Ground over many seasons has been repaid many times over with examples of the sale of Lukas Jutkiewicz and players such as Michael Pook, Chris Allen progressing through to first team level. Events such as these are a constant reminder of the value of a youth policy at The County ground.

This is something that may have been at risk a few seasons ago at the time of our initial involvement and although the Centre of Excellence didn't have significant input in the early development of Ben Tozer, the opportunity for him to come here, may not have been available if the youth set up didn't exist.

Time now to wish every one of our a members, all those involved with the football club and every supporters, a very Happy Christmas and lets hope for a great New Year as well.

Roger



£'s for points

To enter, please send us your full name, address & telephone number, and state the date you wish for your sponsorship to commence. Please state how much you wish to sponsor per point, either 50p, £1 or £2, or another amount (please say how much). Remember to sign your name to confirm participation. All money raised helps support the STFC Centre of Excellence.

2007/08 Participants	£
Kevin Legg Ltd	£5.00
Mike McQueen	£3.00
Chris & Maureen Kirkland	£1.00
Iris Higgs	£1.00
R.M Jones (Builders)	£1.00
Jerry Walsh	£1.00
Bill Dolman	£1.00
Pearl & Barbara	£1.00
Eva Hutchins	£0.50
Pauline Cox	£0.50
Shirley Hollister	£0.50
Fred Nash	£0.50
Honor Fraser	£1.00
Ruby & Trev Wainwright	£0.50
Paul Spearman	£1.00
Mike & Olive Spearman	£1.00
Wendy, Jim Murray	£1.00
Peter Toddington	£0.50
Dave Spurling	£2.00
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	£1.00
Simon Bayliss	£1.00
Andy Whitaker	£2.00
David Barry	£2.00
L J & C A Cannings	£0.50
Bradley Carter	£0.50
Kim Young	£1.00
Anna Tomkins	£0.50
David Toddington	£1.00
Karen Bedwell	£0.50
The Fox, Denchworth	£1.00
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	£1.00
George & William Woodley	£1.00
Sandy Gray	£2.00
Frank Bunce	£1.00
Robert Stephenson	£1.50
Peter Gray	£2.00
DNA Mr. Mrs Bailey	£1.00
Andrew Hounsell	£0.50
Joan Griffiths	£1.00
Teresa S Cawte	£0.50
Bookpoint Ltd	£0.50
Nikqui Davis	£0.50
Maurice Heritage	£2.00
Gary Webb	£0.50
Knightsleep	£1.00
Phillip Morgan Driving Tuition	£1.00
Leslie Solis	£0.50
Ben Lambert	£0.50
David Johnson	£1.00
Mike Dew	£1.00
Max Johnson	£1.00
Anon	£2.50
Trust STFC	£1.00
Martyn Stames	£1.00
Geoff Cherrill	£0.50
STFC Disabled Group	£2.00
TOTAL PER POINT	£67.50

CURRENT TOTAL

£ 1330

FULL-TIME

69

away travel

FULL-TIME

70

SAS travel



Yeovil Town
VS Swindon Town

Wednesday 26th December 2007

Prices are as follows:

£12 Adults, £10 Junior

A **£1** Discount for is available for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground at 10.00am on the day.

All seats must be paid for at time of booking.

Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.

SAS Travel Office opening times during the season at the County Ground are:

Tuesday 10am to 2pm

Thursday 10am to 2pm

Thursday 7pm to 9pm

And before every home match until 30 minutes before kick-off.

Telephone enquiries on **01793 536757**

Email Contact: **salcart@aol.com**

stfc **0871 223 2300** box office



ticket information for forthcoming league fixtures...



Yeovil Town vs Swindon Town

Wednesday 26th December 2007 KO: 2pm - Coca-Cola League One

Swindon fans have been allocated 1,500 tickets uncovered terrace tickets for the game, with the tickets now on general sale. Tickets are priced at **£19** for Adults, **£14** for OAP's (over 65), **£14** for Students (NUS card required), **£5** for Juniors.

SAS Travel coach fare is **£12** for Adults and **£10** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£1** discount. Departs from the County Ground at 10:00am. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



AFC Bournemouth vs Swindon Town

Saturday 29th December 2007 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Seated tickets have been made available. Tickets are priced at **£21** for Adults, **£10** for OAP's, **£10** for Students, **£10** for Juniors. No advance sales at Swindon. Either pay on the day or phone **0120 272 6303** to book tickets (**£2** admin fee on all card transactions).

SAS Travel coach fare is **£11** for Adults and **£10** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£1** discount. Departs from The County Ground at 11:00am. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



Swindon Town vs Swansea City

Tuesday 1st January 2008 KO: 1pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are now available from the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.



Swindon Town vs Barnet

Saturday 5th January 2008 KO: 3pm - FA Cup Round 3

Tickets are now available from the STFC Box Office, please call **0871 223 2300** for more details.

booking information



OPENING HOURS

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

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, OAP, 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.

EMAIL - brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk
Enquires only.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Swindon Town Football Club) or by credit/debit card. All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking.

home matchday ticket prices

ARKELLS/KINGSWOOD STAND

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£18.00	£20.00
OAP/Student	£13.00	£15.00*
Junior	£7.00	£9.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£29	£38
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£44	£58
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

TOWN END ****

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£15.00	£15.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£7.00	£7.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£26	£29
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£40	£44
Disabled	£10.00	£10.00

FAMILY ENCLOSURE ***

	Advanced	Matchday
Adults	£18.00	£18.00
OAP/Student	£12.00	£12.00*
Junior	£4.00	£4.00
Under 7s	-	Free**
Family (1 ad, 2 Jun)	£23	£26
Family (2 ad, 2 Jun)	£40	£44

To qualify for a junior price you must be 15 or under on 1st August 2007. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will issue tickets in Block 1 of The Kingswood Stand. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult in all areas. *Please note that NO student tickets are available on matchdays. Please purchase in advance. ** Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult, and need to be registered (once only) at the Box Office, with proof of age, by 5pm on the day prior to matchday. ****Please note juniors must be accompanied by an adult in the Town End. ***Family enclosure located at the front of the Arkells Stand. Maximum 3 children per adult.

FULL-TIME

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fixtures, stats & appearances



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

LEAGUE ONE TABLE 17.12.07

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swansea	19	11	4	4	33	16	37	+17
2 Carlisle	19	10	6	3	31	15	36	+16
3 Nottm Forest	19	9	7	3	31	12	34	+19
4 Leyton Orient	20	10	4	6	28	28	34	0
5 Leeds	20	15	3	2	39	14	33	+25
6 Southend	20	10	2	8	31	28	32	+3
7 Yeovil	20	9	4	7	22	22	31	0
8 Brighton	20	8	6	6	26	20	30	+6
9 Walsall	20	7	8	5	21	18	29	+3
10 Doncaster	20	7	7	6	27	22	28	+5
11 Tranmere	20	7	7	6	22	18	28	+4
12 Hartlepool	20	8	3	9	29	26	27	+3
13 Huddersfield	20	8	2	10	19	33	26	-14
14 Oldham	19	6	6	7	21	20	24	+1
15 Crewe	20	6	6	8	20	28	24	-8
16 Swindon	19	6	5	8	25	23	0	
17 Gillingham	20	6	4	10	21	36	22	-15
18 Northampton	20	5	6	9	23	30	21	-7
19 Bristol R	18	4	7	7	18	24	19	-6
20 Millwall	19	5	4	10	19	29	19	-10
21 Cheltenham	19	4	6	9	16	28	18	-12
22 Port Vale	20	4	4	12	16	29	16	-13
23 Bournemouth	20	4	4	12	19	34	16	-15
24 Luton	19	6	5	8	20	22	13	-2

LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES 01.01.08

15:00	Brighton	vs	Bournemouth	FL1
15:00	Carlisle	vs	Hartlepool	FL1
15:00	Cheltenham	vs	Port Vale	FL1
15:00	Crewe	vs	Tranmere	FL1
15:00	Leeds	vs	Oldham	FL1
15:00	Leyton Orient	vs	Gillingham	FL1
15:00	Luton	vs	Yeovil	FL1
15:00	Northampton	vs	Millwall	FL1
15:00	Nottm Forest	vs	Huddersfield	FL1
15:00	Southend	vs	Bristol R	FL1
13:00	Swindon	vs	Swansea	FL1
15:00	Walsall	vs	Doncaster	FL1

STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

A/P/S	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS
1 Phil SMITH	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
2 Jack SMITH	-	1/0	11	-	-	3	-	1/0	14
3 Jamie VINCENT	-	1/0	10	-	-	-	-	1/0	10
4 Lee PEACOCK	3	1/0	15	-	-	2	3	1/0	17
5 Jereff IFIL	1	1/1	18	-	-	1	1	1/1	17
6 Andy WILLIAMS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Christian ROBERTS	3	3/0	11(4)	1	-	2(2)	4	3/0	13(6)
8 Craig EASTON	1	3/0	18	-	-	4	1	3/0	22
9 Barry CORR	1	1/0	(7)	-	1/0	2	1	2/0	2(7)
10 Jon-Paul McGOVERN	2	-	10(5)	1	-	3	3	-	13(5)
11 Solene ZAARBOUB	-	1/1	12(3)	-	-	2(1)	-	1/1	14(4)
12 Peter BREZOVAN	-	-	8	-	-	5	-	-	13
14 Miguel COMMINGES	-	2/0	10(8)	-	2/0	5	-	4/0	15(8)
13 Mauro ALMEIDA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
15 Andy NICHOLAS	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
16 Hasney ALJOFFREE	1	3/0	16	1	1/0	2	2	4/0	18
17 Chris BLACKBURN	-	1/0	3(3)	2	-	2	2	1/0	5(3)
18 Steve ADAMS	-	-	2	-	-	3(1)	-	-	5(1)
19 Michael POOK	1	3/0	10(8)	-	-	3(1)	1	3/0	13(7)
20 Billy PAYNTER	5	2/0	12(3)	1	-	1(1)	6	2/0	13(4)
21 Blair STURROCK	1	-	8(1)	2	-	3(1)	3	-	11(2)
22 Ibon ARRIFETA	-	1/0	(4)	1	-	1(1)	1	1/0	1(5)
23 Kaid MOHAMMED	-	-	2(3)	-	-	1(1)	-	-	3(4)
24 Chris ALLEN	-	-	2	-	-	1(2)	-	-	3(2)
27 Ben TOZER	-	0/1	1(1)	-	-	5	0/1	6(1)	-
29 Sam COLLINS	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
31 Simon COX	6	3/0	13(1)	1	-	1(1)	7	3/0	14(2)
32 Kurt HAMMOND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33 Lloyd MACKLIN	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-	-	1(1)
34 Callum KENNEDY	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
35 Ben JOYCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DATE OPPONENTS RES ATT VIS POS REFEREE

Sat Aug 11	Northampton	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,210	1,338	11th	C. Penton
Tue Aug 14	CHARLTON	LGCP - 19:45	0-2	6,175	799	-	A. Woolner
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	1,700	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. Drysdale
Sat Sep 22	BOURNEMOUTH	FL1 - 15:00	4-1	6,668	697	7th	P. Walton
Sat Sep 29	Millwall	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	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	4,013	582	9th	A. Perrin
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	3-2	7,588	1,675	-	A. Taylor
Tue Dec 4	Carlisle	FL1 - 19:45	0-3	5,477	216	13th	M. Oliver
Sat Dec 8	Southend	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	7,403	373	14th	S. Attwell
Sat Dec 15	BRIGHTON	FL1 - 15:00	0-3	6,415	801	16th	S. Cook
Sat Dec 22	HARTLEPOOL	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Wed Dec 26	Yeovil Town	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Sat Dec 29	Bournemouth	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Tue Jan 1	SWANSEA CITY	FL1 - 13:00	H				
Sat Jan 5	BARNET	FAC3 - 15:00	H				
Sat Jan 12	Walsall	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Sat Jan 19	NOTTM FOREST	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Tues Jan 22	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1 - 19:45	H				
Sat Jan 26	Crewe	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Tue Jan 29	Luton Town	FL1 - 19:45	A				
Sat Feb 2	NORTHAMPTON	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Sat Feb 9	Huddersfield	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Tue Feb 12	CHELTENHAM	FL1 - 19:45	H				
Sat Feb 16	Nottm Forest	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Sat Feb 23	WALSALL	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Tue Feb 26	Oldham	FL1 - 19:45	A				
Sat Mar 1	LEEDS UNITED	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Sat Mar 8	Bristol Rovers	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Tue Mar 11	Leyton Orient	FL1 - 19:45	A				
Sat Mar 15	CARLISLE	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Sat Mar 22	Brighton	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Mon Mar 24	SOUTHEND	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Fri Mar 28	Tranmere	FL1 - 19:45	A				
Sat Apr 5	OLDHAM	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Fri Apr 11	Doncaster	FL1 - 19:45	A				
Sat Apr 19	PORT VALE	FL1 - 15:00	H				
Sat Apr 26	Gillingham	FL1 - 15:00	A				
Sat May 3	MILLWALL	FL1 - 15:00	H				

1 Phil SMITH	2 Jack SMITH	3 Jamie VINCENT	4 Lee PEACOCK	5 Jerrel IFIL	6 Ady WILLIAMS	7 Christian ROBERTS	8 Craig EASTON	9 Barry CORR	10 Jon-Paul MCGOVERN	11 Sofiane ZAABOUB	12 Peter BREZOVAN	13 Mauro ALMEIDA	14 Miguel COMMINGES	15 Andy NICHOLAS	16 Hashem ALJOFREE	17 Chris BLACKBURN	18 Steve ADAMS	19 Michael POOK	20 Billy PAYNTER	21 Blair STURROCK	22 Ibon ARRIETA	23 Kaid MOHAMMED	24 Chris ALLEN	25 Andy CATON	26 Alex RIGLEY	27 Ben TOZER	29 Sam COLLINS	31 Simon COX	32 Kurt HAMMOND	33 Lloyd MACKLIN	34 Callum KENNEDY	35 Ben JOYCE	36 Mark SCOTT						
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→ Wednesday 26th December, away vs Yeovil Town

**festive
action!**



→ Saturday 29th December, away vs AFC Bournemouth

KEY	Full red block denotes player appearance (green denotes goalkeeper)	Half red block & number denotes substitute appearance & player replaced	SNU Substitute not used	1 Number of Goals scored	p Scored from Penalty
	OFF Player Sent Off	+ Opponents own goal	→ Through to next round of Cup	x Knocked out of Cup	ITALICS Denotes Loan player

head to head

	STFC Wins	Draws	SCFC Wins
League	12	9	10
League Cup	3	0	1
Total	15	9	11

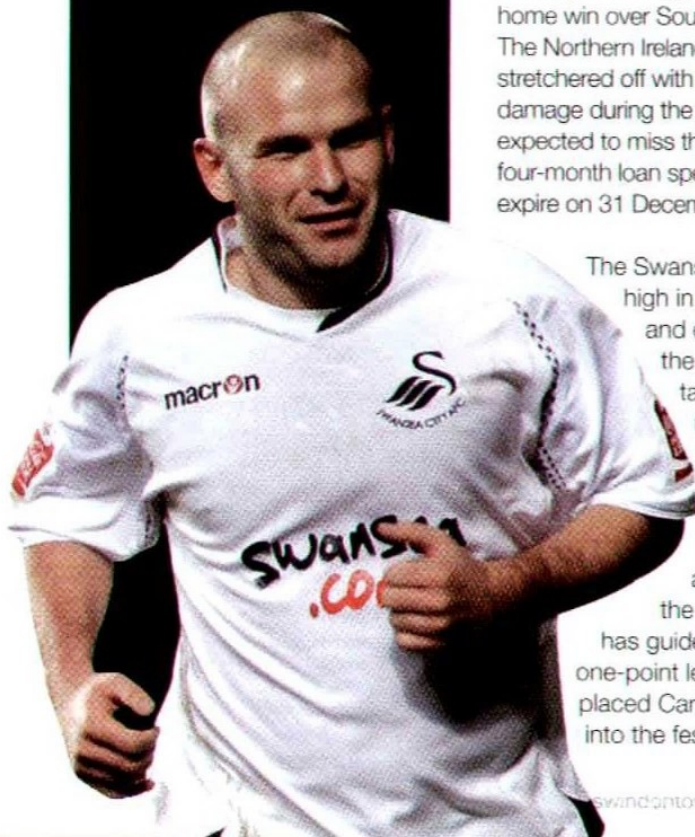
Swindon Town go into the New Year's Day holding the upper hand in terms of meetings between the two sides.

The last home win over Swansea City came in January 1996 with Peter Thorne netting a brace in a 3-0 victory for Steve McMahon's side. Wayne Allison was the other goalscorer in front of 6,555 as Swindon went onto win the Division Two title that season in some style.

Town's home clash with Swansea on New Year's Eve in 2005 saw a 0-0 draw played out, with Hameur Bouazza included in the starting line-up for Ify Onuora's men that day. Bouazza, then on loan from Watford, is now playing Premiership football with Fulham under another former Swindon loanee in Lawrie Sanchez.

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next at home



Swansea City are the first visitors to The County Ground in 2008 with Roberto Martinez's side making the journey to Wiltshire on New Year's Day with the game kicking off at 1pm.

The two teams have of course already met earlier this season, with 10,135 witnessing the encounter at The Liberty Stadium. Paul Anderson fired the hosts into a first half lead before an excellent strike from Christian Roberts – who was booed throughout as an ex-Cardiff player – levelled with twenty minutes to go. However, Warren Feeney came off the bench to net the winner on 74 minutes to earn Swansea all three points.

Swansea could be short of firepower over the next few games after Feeney was injured during last weekend's home win over Southend United. The Northern Ireland striker was stretchered off with ankle ligament damage during the 3-0 win and is expected to miss the remainder of his four-month loan spell which is due to expire on 31 December.

The Swans are flying high in League One and currently top the League One table after a magnificent start to the 2007/08 campaign. Despite losing more games at home than on the road, Martinez has guided his side to a one-point lead over second placed Carlisle United going into the festive campaign.

A key figure behind the promotion charge has been striker Jason Scotland who has fired in eleven goals so far this term. The Trinidad and Tobago front man has 24 caps for his country to his name and he has settled in well since joining from St. Johnstone in the summer for a nominal fee. 49 league goals in 104 league starts during a career, which also saw him spend two years with Dundee United, should serve as a warning to the Town defence.

Swansea's goalscoring efforts have not fallen solely on Scotland's shoulders though, with a fair spread of goals across the squad. Paul Anderson – often Scotland's strike partner has netted eight whilst loan striker Feeney has fired in five. Spaniard Guillem Bauza has five to his name with Andy Robinson on four. Ferrie Bodde and Darren Pratley both have three to their name.

Roberto Martinez has made a solid impression on the Swansea set-up since taking over as manager in February 2007. During his time in charge Martinez, who made over 100 league appearances for Swansea as a player, has 24 wins from 34 games.

Traditionally, games with Swansea have been close encounters and the Welsh side have not won at The County Ground in their last three visits to SN1. Let's hope we can kick off 2008 with a home victory.

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