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→ Crossing The Divide: Town's youth team during their pre-match walk ahead of Tuesday's game



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This afternoon is a big game. Everyone at the club is ready for it so now it's up to the players to go out there and produce.

It has been a busy week for myself and the coaching staff. We have travelled to Nottingham Forest, Charlton Athletic and Plymouth Argyle in the space of few days and we have certainly taken in some games.

Budgie and I went to The Valley on Tuesday night for the FA Youth Cup tie. It was a big game for the youngsters against a very good team. It was probably the worst twenty-minute spell they could have made and the game was soon over. However, the important thing is how they react and we will have watched their game with Bristol Rovers on Saturday morning by the time you read these notes. The start the youth team made at Charlton was the most disappointing thing. I told the players after the game that they could do better in terms of handling the occasion but they will have learnt a lot from the experience. The positive to come out of the game was the way the players performed after the opening twenty minutes, but we will soon find out what kind of characters we have in that dressing room.

On Wednesday afternoon the reserves were in action against Plymouth Argyle at Home Park. Moses scored a goal and saw another couple of chances saved. It was good to see him get on the scoresheet and hopefully he will take some confidence from that. I think he has a lot to give to the team and he is a different type of player to what we have here. However, he has to keep working hard and take his chance in the first team when it comes around. Big Patrick Kanyuka did well

too; so there were some impressive performances on show.

We played Chris Blackburn in midfield on Wednesday. He is still part of our squad so we played him and to be fair to him he did quite well. He battled well and enjoyed being part of a game again. It has been made public that we would like him to move on; but Chris wants to stay and fight for his place so he will remain a part of our squad.

Simon Cox becomes available again for today's game and hopefully we will see his working partnership with Billy Paynter in action again. Their link-up play is very good; as we saw against Cheltenham Town ten days ago. They have a good understanding and can score goals and that's something we need at the moment with the Play-Off zone our aim.

Walsall are a side who we have played quite recently and they have been consistent in picking up points, both home and away. I was at our game with Walsall last time out and it was a busy second half at The Bank's Stadium. Andy Nicholas and Craig Easton were on the scoresheet and it was good to see the goals spread about the team. Today is a big one for us and the most important thing for us is to get the points.

Maurice Malpas

Maurice Malpas



→ The Manager's View: Town boss Maurice Malpas offers his thoughts to the media earlier this week

"quote
of the
week"



"Last weekend was a setback but with our home fans behind us; we are going out for three points today."

Maurice Malpas

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stfc club history

Year Formed
1879

Stadium Capacity
15,728

Record Attendance
32,000 vs Arsenal
(18th January 1972, FA Cup Third Round)

Biggest Win
9-1 vs Luton Town
(28th August 1920, Division Three South)

Most League Appearances
John Trollope, 770 (1960-1980)

Most League Goals
Harry Morris, 216 (1920-1933)

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
(25th November 1980 vs. Hull City)

Record Transfer Fee Paid
£800,000 to West Ham United for
Joey Beecham (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
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Southern League Champions, 1914, 1911

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from the boardroom

"What's done is done, and what is won is won; and what is lost is gone forever."

The Robin Hood's did not quite manage to capture any points at Nottingham Forest last Saturday but today is another day and another opportunity to earn vital play-off points. We wish the team well in this quest.

Our opponents today are Walsall, a club that is enjoying a successful season, and we are delighted to warmly welcome them to The County Ground, a ground that until a few days ago was quite frosty but thankfully the thaw has now set in.

Now a casual scan of League One will reveal how tightly positioned so many teams are in terms of points and games played. The winning or losing of just a couple of games could influence a play-off position. As J-P McGovern, a player of experience has stated in today's matchday programme, Swindon Town remains in close touching

distance of a play-off position but from now on in, dropped points are not an option otherwise the distance just gets greater.

The STFC Youth Team was in FA Youth Cup action again last Tuesday evening, this time away to Charlton Athletic. What a magnificent stadium and what an experience for our Youth team to play in such surroundings. However, with three goals down in the first thirty minutes, it must have felt more like the Valley of Instant Death for them but they battled well throughout the second half whilst finally losing 5-1 on the night to a very well drilled side. The FA Youth Cup exploits of our own Under 18's are to be applauded, they did the club proud and there is always next year. In this last week the club has offered professional terms to nine of the Youth squad and so our congratulations to them.

Saturday 1st March will see Leeds United visiting The County Ground. The match is close to a sell-out and so if you are still in need of a ticket, please do not delay in obtaining one. There has been a great deal of prior notice given but please do remember that kick-off for the Leeds game is 2pm.

Work on the 10-Point Plan continues, with much of the effort and planning still going on behind the scenes. Early discussions are underway with a variety of companies, concerns and individuals, as we begin to put together plans for the club shop, the ticket office, the stadium and some of the common parts. The new communications strategy

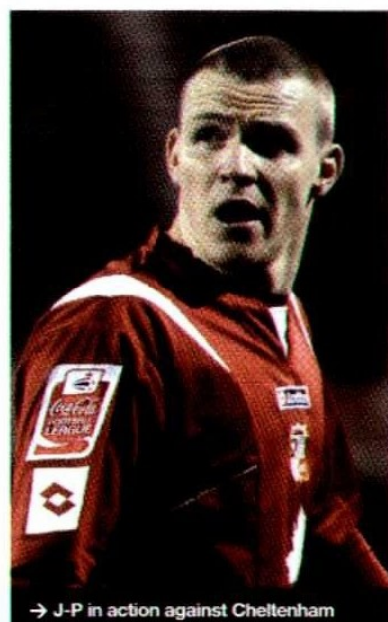
is beginning to take shape as the Board meets with STFC supporter groups, communicates more openly with fans via the official website and the press, whilst also embarking upon early conversations with the wider Swindon community. I very much hope, that whilst is may be small improvements, supporters are beginning to evidence some change and improvement. Patience remains a great virtue.

Finally, the Swindon Town Shirt Saga has made it into the local and national press. Many supporters have purchased replica shirts, sometimes two or three, only to find the sponsor's logo fading after a few washes. Where we can, we have provided replacement shirts or credit notes and those credit notes that have been issued remain valid until September 08. New replica shirts are now in the shop, the red shirts removed from stock and we have been assured by Lotto that the manufacturing problem has been resolved. Hopefully, supporters purchasing replica shirts from this new consignment will experience no further problems.

And so lets get behind the real STFC red shirts today and cheer them on to an important victory.

Have a good afternoon.

Nicholas Watkins
Chief Executive



→ J-P in action against Cheltenham

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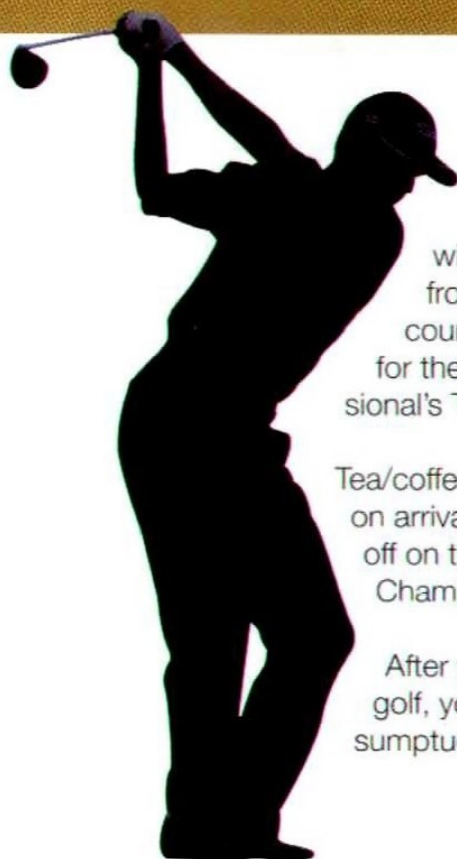


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from the captain

Ady Williams

Last weekend we travelled to The City Ground, Nottingham. Unfortunately we left without picking up any points with one goal separating the two sides.

We started the game in a lot better fashion than we have in recent weeks, and looked more than happy with the way the game was going. I felt we defended well all game and kept their so-called 'big names' fairly quiet. The main problem was creating chances at the other end. I think the gaffer was asked the question after the match, did we miss Simon Cox? The answer is without a doubt yes. The real issue for me is we do seem to have quite a number of players missing first team duties this season due to suspension. The manager has touched on it and I would like to think the lads are trying their hardest to cut down the amount of bookings they are being handed out. Jerel, Coxy, Barry, Miguel, Billy and Sofi, are all big players for Swindon Town and have all missed big games.

Today we take on a very good Walsall side who under Richard Money are having a wonderful season. They are in the play-offs at the moment and obviously are looking to finish in the top 6. Richard, his staff and of course the players should be applauded for their efforts whatever their finishing position is.

With only fifteen games left of the current season, it is vital that the manager has a full squad to pick from. So not only suspensions but fitness and form are obviously going to be a massive factor of the remainder of the campaign. This may mean that we will be training that much harder, longer and in on Sunday mornings that little bit more. It will be a small sacrifice to pay if we can get seriously involved in the top six.

Our youth team travelled to Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night for the FA Youth Cup Fifth Round. The game was played at The Valley, which has been Premiership ground in recent seasons so to play there will have been an experience for our players. Unfortunately the result didn't go their way and it was a tough opening half an hour with Charlton applying the pressure. I am sure our players will have learnt a lot from the evening and will now look to get back on track for the remainder of the campaign.

Never the less Paul Bodin, Jeremy Newton and all the lads should feel more than proud of their achievements and Swindon is now firmly on the map as a successful youth team.

Enjoy the game.

Ady



→ Looking Ahead: Ady Williams in action during Wednesday's reserve clash



charity challenge!

I would like to wish Carol Conway and her colleagues the very best of luck in their challenge to abseil down the 70ft Kingswood Stand at Swindon Town Football Club on 8th March on behalf of their chosen charity 'The Stroke Association'.

Members of club staff are also taking part in the abseil and we wish them every success on the day. Once again the lads have dug deep to support this very worthy cause.

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Over the past few years De Vere Shaw Ridge have a long established fundraising relationship with Koalas, and we look forward to your support with this worthy cause.



stfc fans of the future

The Club would like to welcome Gloucester Primary Schools' FA today on their return trip from a half-term tour to London and Hertfordshire.



→ Welcome to The County Ground: Gloucester PSFA 'B' Team make the trip here today

The organisation is 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.

Please call Ben Lambert on 0844 8801086 or email ben@swindontownfc.co.uk for more details.

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The association runs two representative squads who each embark on three tours a season, culminating in the 'A' Side visiting the Channel Islands for the Jersey Festival and the 'B' Team the north east to take part in the Tyneside Festival over the Easter period.

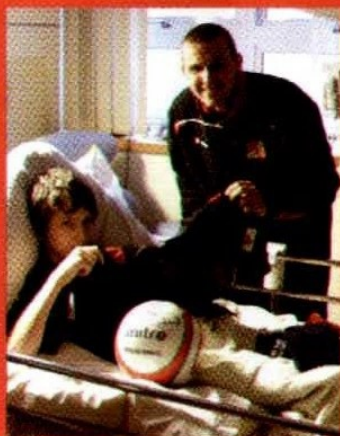
In addition to these trips, each side enjoys a full programme of fixtures with Swindon Schools in opposition in both the Cotswold and Berkshire Leagues and the Webster Shield competition.

The association also runs Under-10 and Girls' representative squads in addition to organising all inter-school football for the city's 37 primaries. Full details of all Gloucester Schools' FA activities can be found on their website at www.gpsfa.com.



→ Ready for Action: The Gloucester PSFA 'A' Team line-up for a pre-match team photo

j-p pays a visit



Swindon Town midfielder J-P McGovern was at the Great Western Hospital recently to visit young supporter Robert Dobie.

13-year-old Robert, from Marlborough had a stroke and went into a coma with a rare form of e-coli after eating a burger and spent Christmas and New Year fighting for his life at Bristol Children's Hospital.

Whilst in hospital J-P McGovern visited Robert and presented him with a third shirt, signed by the entire Town squad as a get-well gift.

Now two months on, the St John's School pupil is making a remarkable recovery and continues his recovery at home. Get well soon Robert!



stfc news

LIVE MUSIC IN THE LEGENDS LOUNGE

Music Alive, a charity providing access to music for people with disabilities, is launching a new compilation album on Thursday 28th February in the Legends Lounge here at Swindon Town FC.

'Music Alive... and Kicking' draws together musicians from far and wide with the aim of promoting awareness of our services, as well generating vital funds for the charity, which will enable us to carry on providing music sessions for people with disabilities.

The album features 14 new songs, all freely donated by local bands, prominent disabled artists, as well as from further a-field. Artists from the album will be treating us to dynamic live sets to celebrate the launch. Blues band, The Minnesota Twins, Swindon live favourites The Knott, and Alex in the Void, who play their first Swindon show of 2008.

This project has brought together volunteers both with and without disabilities, all of whom share one common goal: to keep music an important part of the lives of people with disabilities. Volunteers produced the music, created album sleeve,

designed an album website, and are now helping to promote the project (the album is available to download from iTunes and www.infernal-machine.co.uk/pages/shop.html).

Music Alive wish to express their gratitude for the invaluable support they have received from the local musical and business communities. Our thanks go to Puttyfoot and Misadventures in Media promotion companies for their generosity in donating their time and expertise to our concert.

Doors open at 8:00pm, Thursday 28th February in the Legends Lounge at Swindon Town FC. Tickets are available on the door priced £3. There are facilities for people with disabilities and the event is open to Under 18's.



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YOUNG GUNS SET FOR STAY

Swindon Town Football Club are delighted to announce that nine members of the club's youth team have been awarded professional contracts.

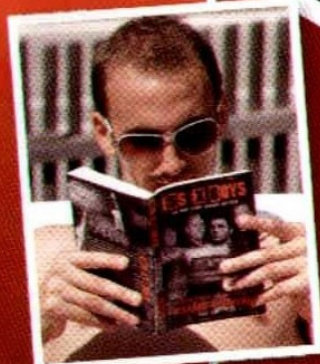
After last year's successful FA Youth Cup campaign - combined with another successful run in the competition this year, The County Ground is now well and truly on the map for youth development.

Second-year scholars Jake Hyde, Sam Morris and Callum Kennedy have been awarded professional

deals whilst first-year scholars Sean Morrison, Ben Joyce, Lloyd Macklin, Jack Winter, Kurt Hammonds and Mark Scott have also been given deals which will see all players remain at The County Ground until the summer of 2009.

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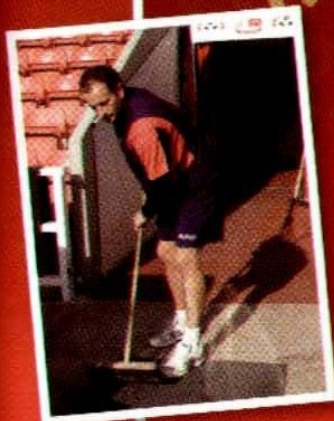


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This 84-page book will be available at the next home game with Leeds United, with a special offer available to supporters attending the match.

After Saturday 1st March 2008, 'Robins Revealed' will be on sale in the STFC Superstore, priced at £7.99.



walsall

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club factfile

Also known as: The Saddlers

Ground: Bescot Stadium

Manager: Richard Money

Year Formed: 1888

Record attendance: 10,628: vs England v
Switzerland 20/05/1991 Friendly

Most capped player:

Mick Kearns: 15 Republic of Ireland

League appearances:

Colin Harrison: 467 1964/65

Record goalscorer:

Colin Taylor: 181 1958/73

Goals in a season:

Gilbert Alsop: 40 1934/35 Division 3N

Transfer fee received:

£600,000: David Kelly West Ham United July 1988

Transfer fee paid:

£175,000: Alan Buckley Birmingham City June 1979

richard money

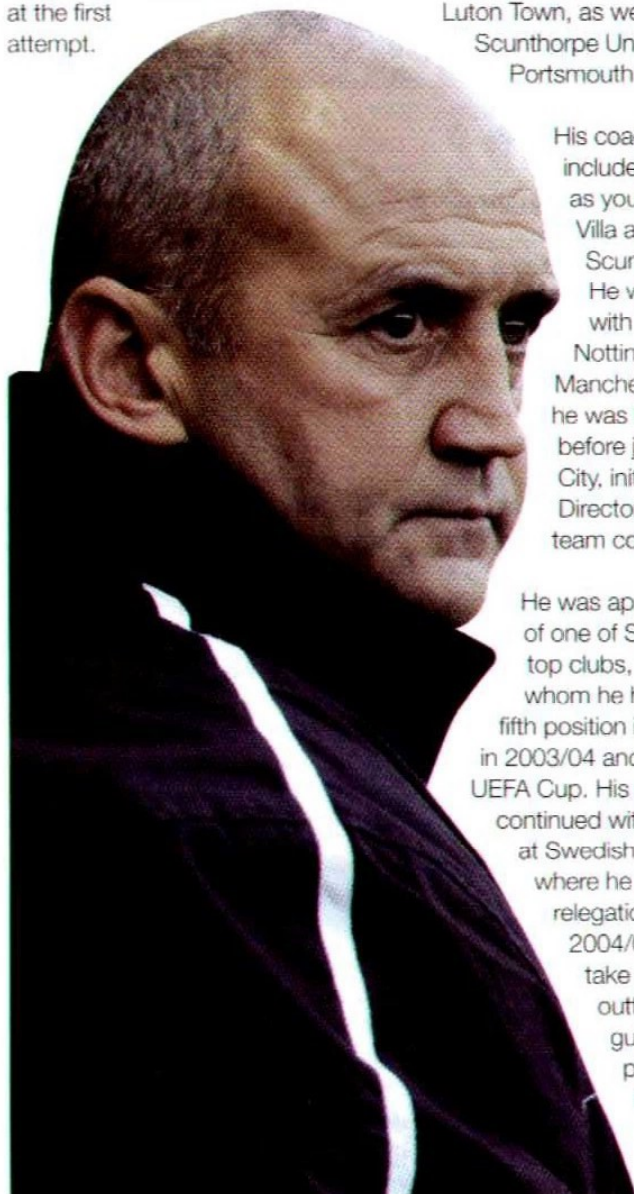
Walsall appointed Richard Money as Team Manager on May 3rd 2006. He commenced his duties forthwith, although Mark Kinsella took charge of team affairs for our final home League game of the 2005/06 campaign against Barnsley.

A man with impressive coaching credentials, together with a wealth of coaching and managerial experience, Money was chosen to mastermind a major promotion challenge to regain League One status at the first attempt.

He made 450 appearances as a player, which included England Under-21 and 'B' International caps, a European Cup winners' medal with Liverpool under Bob Paisley, a first division Champions medal with Luton Town, as well as spells with Scunthorpe United, Fulham and Portsmouth.

His coaching career has included appointments as youth coach at Aston Villa and manager at Scunthorpe United. He went on to work with Frank Clark at Nottingham Forest and Manchester City, where he was Head Coach before joining Coventry City, initially as Academy Director and then as first-team coach.

He was appointed manager of one of Scandinavia's top clubs, AIK Stockholm, whom he helped secure fifth position in the League in 2003/04 and a place in the UEFA Cup. His managerial career continued with short spells at Swedish club, Vasteras, where he helped them avoid relegation, before the 2004/05 season saw him take over at Australian outfit, Newcastle Jets, guiding them to a play-off position before returning to these shores with The Saddlers.



one to watch!

lee holmes

The Saddlers signed exciting winger, Lee Holmes from Premier League outfit, Derby County on loan until the end of the season on January 11th 2008.

The 20 year-old, who skipped the England Under-19 team, is a player of tremendous skill and ability. He came through the Academy ranks at Derby County, where he was under the wing of current Saddlers' coach, Eric McManus, to make over 50 first-team appearances, the first of which came when he was just 15 years of age.

He spent the second half of the 2004/05 season on loan here at Swindon Town, where his performances earned him the Young Player of the Year award, before starting last term on loan at Bradford City.

An attack-minded left winger, he is looking forward to getting regular first-team football under his belt at the Banks's Stadium and working with the talented youngsters in our squad.

Made his debut for Walsall against The Robins at The Banks's Stadium in January 2008.

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WALSALL ROLL CALL 07/08

GOALKEEPERS

APPS	CLS
Clayton Ince	32 0
Bertrand Bossu	0 0
Rene Gilmartin	0 0

DEFENDERS

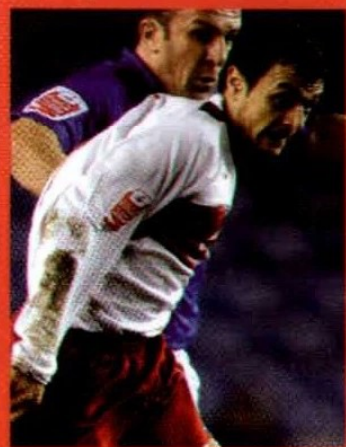
APPS	CLS
Rhys Weston	29(1) 0
Anthony Gerrard	30 1
Ian Roper	9 0
Michael Dobson	12(1) 0
Paul Boertien	12 0
Richard Taundry	5(6) 0
Netan Sansara	0 0

MIDFIELDERS

APPS	CLS
Alassane N'Dour	0(2) 0
Darren Wrack	28(1) 1
Ishmel Demontagnac	7 2
Lee Holmes	7 2
Mark Bradley	21(3) 3
Emmanuele Smith	1(2) 0
Edrissa Sonko	22(7) 5
Kevin Betsy	3 1
Charlton Davies	0 0
Leon Quarless	0 0

FORWARDS

APPS	CLS
Tommy Mooney	22 9
Alex Nicholls	4(9) 1
Troy Deeney	14(10) 1
David McDermott	1(8) 0
Chris Hanna	0 0
Harry Harris	0 0



today's visitors



CLAYTON INCE



Born: 13th July 1972
Shane was voted Cheltenham Town Player of the Year in season 2006-2007, the second-time the Oxford-born goalkeeper had won the award. A tall, commanding goalkeeper, Shane was signed from Worcester City for £10,000 in the summer of 1999. He began his career a trainee with Bristol Rovers.

ISHMEL DEMONTAGNAC

Born: 15th June 1988
A player of undoubted talent and ability who has progressed well whilst coming through the ranks in recent years. Possessing plenty of pace and skill on the ball, the one-time Charlton Athletic youngster, who hails from London, is a wide-man who is not afraid to take players on.

IAN ROPER

Born: 20th June 1977
Working his way up through the Banks's Stadium ranks to sign professional in May 1995, the defender was rewarded with a Testimonial Year last term. Dominant in the air and strong in the challenge, he has put in so many solid and no-nonsense displays during his Saddlers' career.

RICHARD TAUNDY

Born: 15th February 1989
Walsall-born full-back has been extremely highly-rated whilst coming up through the Centre of Excellence and youth team ranks. Able to play on the left or right-hand side, he is a hard-working, tough-tackling and reliable performer whose attitude is spot-on. Has now made five starts since progressing to first team level.



ANTHONY GERRARD

Born: 6th February 1986
Walsall initially secured the services of up-and-coming Everton defender, Anthony Gerrard on loan until the end of the 2004/2005 season in March 2005 before making the deal permanent just weeks after the end of the campaign. The 21 year-old, who is the cousin of Liverpool's Steve Gerrard, has now an integral part of the line-up.

MARK BRADLEY



Born: 14th January 1988
Joined The Saddlers as a trainee in the summer of 2005 and has progressed up through the ranks to make 22 League One starts. The Wordsley-born midfielder has scored three goals this term and the Welsh Under 21 International is highly-rated by the Walsall management. A hard working box-to-box player.



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RHYS WESTON

Born: 27th October 1980
Welsh International Rhys Weston arrived at the Banks's Stadium on July 16th 2007. The 26 year-old right-back began his career at Arsenal where he made one Premiership appearance for The Gunners - at Newcastle in May 2000 - before moving on to Cardiff City in a £300,000 deal in November 2000.



TROY DEENEY



Born: 29th June 1988
After failing to make it at Aston Villa as a 15 year-old, he joined his local non-League club, Chelmsley Town in the Midland Combination whilst also studying to become a qualified builder. His prowess in front of goal alerted the attention of The Saddlers who brought him to the Banks's Stadium.



PAUL BOERTIEN



Born: 20th January 1979
Walsall completed the permanent capture of left-back, Paul Boertien on July 27th 2007. Paul came through the ranks at Carlisle United, where he made just 21 first-team appearances before landing a £250,000 move into the top-flight with Derby County in March 1999. Has also spent loan spells with Chesterfield and Notts County.

ALASSANE N'DOUR

Born: 12th December 1981
Senegalese International, Alassane N'Dour, signed until the end of the season on February 8th 2008. The 26 year-old is a tall, athletic left-footed midfielder, who can also play at left-back, was part of the Senegal squad that competed at the World Cup in 2002 and he featured against Uruguay.

EDRISSA SONKO

Born: 23rd March 1980
A player Swindon fans will know well after scoring a brace against Town earlier in the year. The Gambian International joined a one-year deal on July 27th 2007 following a successful trial spell. Capped at International level by Gambia, he is an attack-minded midfielder man who is comfortable on both the left and right-hand side.

KEVIN BETSY

Born: 20th March 1978
Walsall completed the signing of Bristol City's Kevin Betsy on loan until the end of the season on January 31st 2008. The 29 year-old, who is able to play up front or out wide, first emerged at home-town club, Woking where his performances caught the eye of Kevin Keegan who signed him for Fulham early in the 1998/99 campaign.

promotion double?



Both Swindon Town and Walsall won promotion from League Two last season and both sides have done more than just establish themselves in their new surroundings.

Whilst Swindon have risen to the fringes of the play-off zone, today's visitors are very much part of the promotion picture. Coming into this afternoon's game just inside the play-off zone, Walsall are six points ahead of Town having played just one game more.

After last season's success, The Saddlers could be on course for a double promotion this campaign although Swindon will be doing their best to register all three points today.

Walsall boss Richard Money reflected on his side's last away outing, which resulted in a 1-0 defeat at Swansea City's Liberty Stadium.

"It's no disgrace to lose to Swansea, but I'm not happy because we've set standards," he said.

Edrissa Sonko, who scored both goals in Walsall's 2-2 home draw against Swindon in January, picked up the January League One Player of the Month award.

KICK-OFF

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match action



Swindon Town 3 Cheltenham Town 0

Date: 12/02/2008

Venue: The County Ground

Attendance: 6,483 (653)

Referee: Alan Wiley

Swindon Line-up

Peter Brezovan	
Miguel Comminges	
Jerel Ifil	
Hasney Aljofree	
Jamie Vincent	
Jon-Paul McGovern	
Michael Pook	
Lee Peacock	
Anthony McNamee	79
Simon Cox	goal 20 86
Billy Paynter	goal 41 83
Christian Roberts	goal 80 79
Barry Corr	83
Blair Sturrock	86
Patrick Kanyuka	
Moses Ashikodi	

Cheltenham Town Line-up

Shane Higgs	
Jeremy Gill	72
Gavin Caines	
Andy Gallinagh	
Alan Wright	
Michael D Agostino	
David Bird	
Alex Russell	
Andy Lindegaard	67
Steven Gillespie	
Steve Brooker	
Scott P Brown	
Paul Connor	72
Scott Brown	67
Craig Armstrong	
Adam Connolly	

match stats

	STFC	CTFC
Goals:	3	0
Possession:	56%	44%
Shots On Target:	8	5
Shots Off Target:	2	7
Corners:	3	6
Fouls:	11	6
Yellow Cards:	0	0
Red Cards:	0	0



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KICK-OFF

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"quick
quote"

a word from maurice malpas



"To score three goals and win quite comfortably was extremely pleasing. We probably got more balls into the box inside the first ten minutes against Cheltenham than we did all game at Huddersfield."

KICK-OFF

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match action



Nottingham Forest 1 Swindon Town 0

Date: 16/02/2008

Venue: The City Ground

Attendance: 23,439 (1,264)

Referee: D Foster

Swindon Line-up

Peter Brezovan	
Miguel Commings	
Jerel Ifil	
Hasney Aljofree	
Jamie Vincent	
Jon-Paul McGovern	83
Craig Easton	
Michael Pook	
Anthony McNamee	60
Billy Paynter	
Blair Sturrock	71
Phil Smith	
Christian Roberts	60
Sofiene Zaaboub	83
Moses Ashikodi	71
Patrick Kanyuka	

Nottingham Forest Line-up

Paul Smith	
Luke Chambers	
Wes Morgan	
Kelvin Wilson	
Matthew Lockwood	
Sammy Clingan	
Lewis McGugan	87
Chris Cohen	
Kris Commons	
Nathan Tyson	goal 90 74
Junior Agogo	84
Barry Richardson	
Ian Breckin	
James Perch	87
Emile Sinclair	84
Arron Davies	74

match stats

	NFFC	STFC
Goals:	1	0
Possession:	48%	52%
Shots On Target:	5	1
Shots Off Target:	3	4
Corners:	5	4
Fouls:	11	12
Yellow Cards:	3	1
Red Cards:	0	0



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KICK-OFF

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a word
from
maurice malpas



"It was never going to be an easy game. I was disappointed with the result and although we had plenty of possession, we never really tested their keeper."

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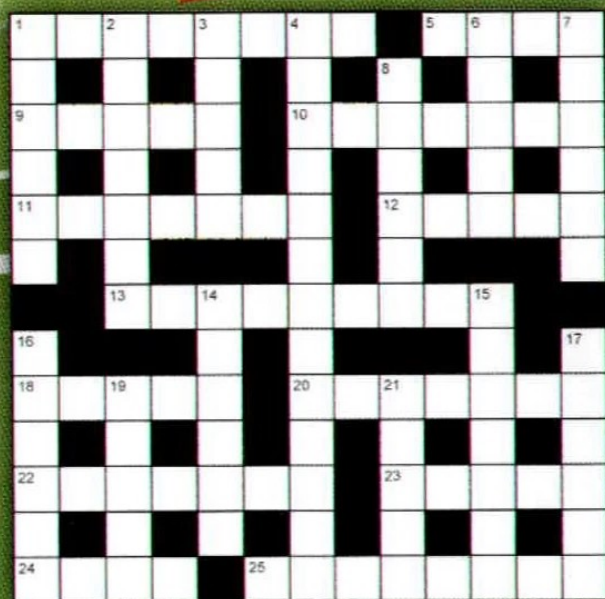
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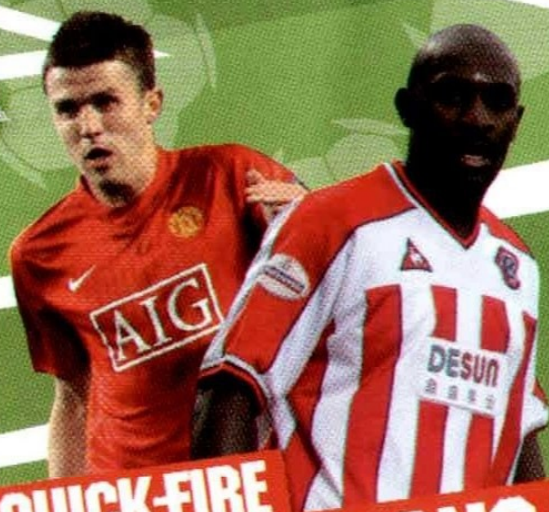


ACROSS

- 1 Man Utd's Dutch colossus until he fell out with Fergie (4,4)
- 5 William Gallas and Graham Rix played for this Normandy club of Le Championnat (4)
- 9 Troubled nation who competed in inaugural African Nations Cup and won it in 1970 (5)
- 10 _____ Holyfield, Olympic bronze in 1984 but Heavyweight world champ later (7)
- 11 Cricket's Devon or sprinting's Christian (7)
- 12 Athletic of Scottish League 2 (5)
- 13 West coast ferry port in Scottish League 3 (9)
- 18 Robidoux or Prest (5)
- 20 _____ Johansson, big punching Swedish heavyweight world champ of the 50s (7)
- 22 Dutchman from Coventry to Villa to Boro (7)
- 23 Two time major winning golfer, Hubert _____ (5)
- 24 Bramall or White Hart (4)
- 25 Controversial Hearts skipper who moved to Celtic as a result (8)

DOWN

- 1 Spaniard who joined Liverpool from Malaga but left for Villarreal after one season (6)
- 2 English football's favourite Argentinian of the 80s (7)
- 3 Mountainous Senegalese Reading central defender (5)
- 4 Ex Arsenal keeper who played against England for Austria in the recent friendly (4,9)
- 6 LA Lakers legend Kareem _____ Jabbar or Pakistani leg spinner _____ Qadir (5)
- 7 Man Utd hero of 80s, _____ Whiteside (6)
- 8 Passionate (very!) Sky TV analyst (6)
- 14 Man City signed Isaksson from this French club (6)
- 15 Andy _____, burly frontman with over 300 games for Barnsley, Southend, Wycombe, Walsall and Bristol Rovers (7)
- 16 Ex Liverpool defender who won Euro 1996 winners medal (6)
- 17 Beat Bustino in the 1975 'Race of the Century' King George (6)
- 19 David Elsworth dual Champion Chase winner, Barnbrook _____ (5)
- 21 Current legend who played as Ryan Wilson for England Schools (5)



QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS

- 01 Which former Town loanee played his part in a 4-0 FA Cup win over Arsenal last weekend?
- 02 Which of these clubs did Paul Gascoigne not score against as Spurs marched so gloriously to Wembley in 1991?
- 03 Where was Under 18's boss Paul Bodin born?
- 04 In which year did Tommy Mooney join Swindon?
- 05 Which club does self-styled TV 'funnyman' Frank Skinner support?
- 06 Which team was the first to complete a double in England of the league title and the FA Cup?
- 07 Who was Town's top scorer when they won the Second Division title in 1995-96?
- 08 Name the player who scored Swindon's first goal in 1969 League Cup final against Arsenal?
- 09 Australia hold the record for the biggest winning margin in an international match, but what was the score?
- 10 How many goals has Hasney Aljofree scored so far this term for The Robins?

HALF-TIME

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Answers
1. Michael Carrick, 2. Blackpool, 3. Cardiff, 4. 2003, 5. West Bromwich Albion, 6. Preston North End, 7. Wayne Theobald, 8. Roger Smart, 9. 31-0, 10. 2.
17. Grundy, 19. Again, 21. Giggs.
1. Josem, 2. Ardles, 3. Sonko, 4. Alex Manninger, 6. Abdul Norman, 8. Karmara, 14. Rennes, 15. Rammell, 16. Babbel, 23. Green, 24. Lane, 25. Pressley.
Down
12. Allio, 13. Stranraer, 18. Alain, 20. Ingemar, 22. Boateng, 23. Jaap Stam, 5. Caen, 9. Sudan, 10. Evander, 11. Malcom.

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Maurice Malpas

Played 7 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 2 For 7
Against 4

Av Pts/game 1.57

Biggest Win(s) Swindon 3 Cheltenham
0 (12/02/2008). **Biggest Loss(es)**

Huddersfield 1 Swindon 0 (09/02/2008).

Richard Money

Played 78 Won 37 Drawn 27 Lost 14
For 104 Against 61

Av Pts/game 1.77

Biggest Win(s) Walsall 5 Peterboro 0
(12/09/2006). **Biggest Loss(es)** Walsall

0 Oldham 3 (22/09/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Maurice Malpas.....0	Richard Money	0
Draws ..0	Goals 0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Lee

Peacock 39

shots on target

Billy

Paynter 19

shots off target

Lee

Peacock 23

assists

Sofiene

Zaaboub 7

crosses

Sofiene

Zaaboub 39

fouls

Jerel

Ifil 49

free-kicks-won

Billy

Paynter 44



Player with the most...

shots

Tommy

Mooney 52

shots on target

Tommy

Mooney 30

shots off target

Edrissa

Sonko 24

assists

Rhys

Weston 4

crosses

Lee

Holmes 23

fouls

Mark

Bradley 29

free-kicks-won

Ishmel

Demontagnac 29

GAMES SINCE

1	a win	1
0	a home win	0
2	an away win	4
0	a defeat	0
6	a home defeat	13
0	an away defeat	0
3	a score draw	5
5	a no score draw	3
0	conceding a goal	0
1	scoring a goal	1
8	conceding > 1	2
1	scoring > 1	1
1	keeping a clean sheet	1
0	failing to score	0
12	back to back wins	27
14	back to back defeats	33
1	gaining a point	1
0	losing a point	0
1	win by > one	1
14	loss by > one	25

SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	Walsall	CCFL Cup	Tot
Simon Cox	9	1	10	9	1
Billy Paynter	6	2	8	5	0
Christian Roberts	5	1	6	3	2

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....41	Swindon wins	12	Walsall wins	16
Draws13	Goals 53 (1.3 per game)		Goals 60 (1.5 per game)	
0-0's4	Times failed to score 12		Times failed to score 12	

Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:

24/04/1976 Swindon 5-1 Walsall

26/08/2000 Swindon 1-4 Walsall



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



11	Position	6
31	Played	32
11	Won	12
10	Drawn	13
10	Lost	7
40	Goals For	38
35	Goals Against	27
43	Points	49



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	5	6	21	4	6	6	12

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	5	4	6	8	7	1	10

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
10	5	1	10	11	3	2	8

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	4	9	19	1	5	5	15

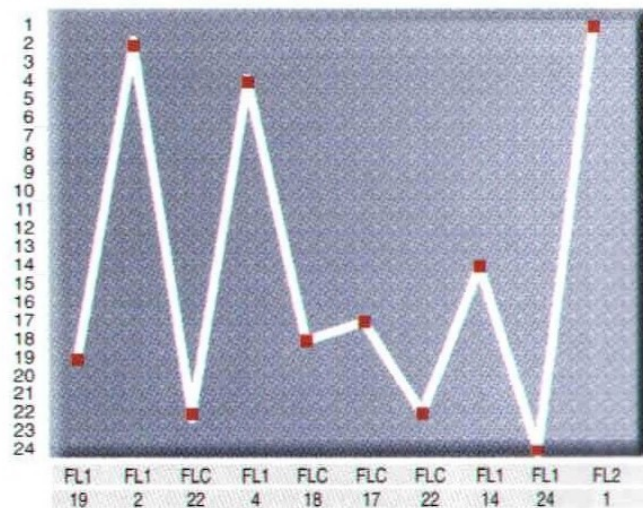
Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-1[4], 3-0[1], 4-1[1],
5-0[1]. **Losses:** 0-1[3], 0-3[2], 1-2[5].
Draws: 0-0[1], 1-1[7], 2-2[2]

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[5], 2-1[2], 3-0[1],
3-2[1], 4-0[1]. **Losses:** 0-1[2], 0-2[1],
0-3[1], 1-2[2], 1-3[1]. **Draws:** 0-0[5],
1-1[7], 2-2[1]

WALSALL - TEN SEASON RECORD

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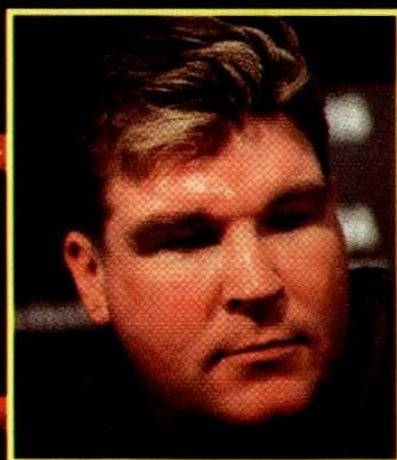
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Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's visit of our friends from The Bank's Stadium, Walsall.

I would like to start today's notes by welcoming **Adam Wainwright** into the Marketing Department fold. Adam almost made it as a pro footballer, and played for Swindon's youth teams as a youngster. He had a trial for Liverpool, and also dreamed he might one day be the next Robbie Williams – making the last 5 out of 20,000 in auditions for a boy band eventually named 'Soul Intention'. More recently player/manager of Marlborough Town FC, Adam brings to the commercial team a wealth of experience, ideas and enthusiasm, and I wish him a long and prosperous career here.

A warm welcome this afternoon to today's Match Sponsors, **Brakes**, who are also suppliers to the catering department. Our Matchball Sponsors today are **MAN ERF** and **CAT Communications**, welcome to Martin, Craig and their guests also.

There is still limited availability for the 'Boxing Legends' Sporting Dinner' which will take place 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 The Planet' 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, 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.

It's not all take take take here, and on **Sunday 9th March** I will be, along with my colleagues Jenny and Chris, and over 150 other volunteers, abseiling down the Kingswood Stand, raising much needed funds for **The Stroke Association**. We are appealing to all Swindon Town Fans to

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Provisional dates have now been set for this year's County Ground Challenge Cups. This season, there will be two dates to choose from. For any young wipper-snappers under the age of 30, the game will take place on **Wednesday 7th May**. For the old timers out there the over 30's Veterans game will take place on **Wednesday 14th May**. Both games will kick off 7:00 in the evening. Players will receive a full replica kit with their name on the back of the shirt, a commemorative team photograph of the day, and a post-match meal when you'll be able to talk through that perfect run into the box before curling the ball into the top corner of the Town End goal! All for just **£150 plus Vat** per person. We are also looking for a referee and 2 referee's assistants for each game. The numbers are strictly limited to the first 22 people to sign up for each game, and filling up fast.

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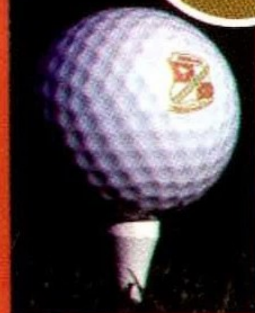
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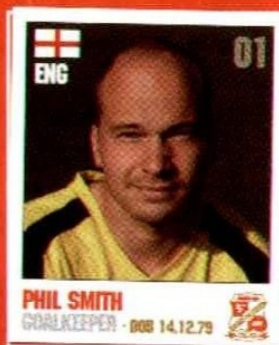
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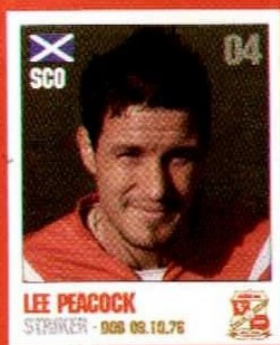
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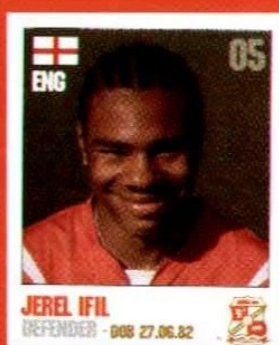
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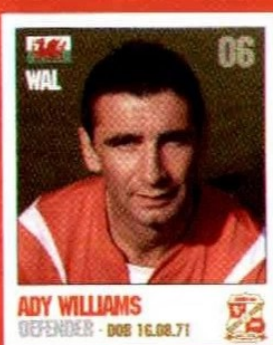
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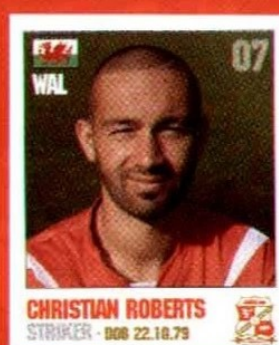
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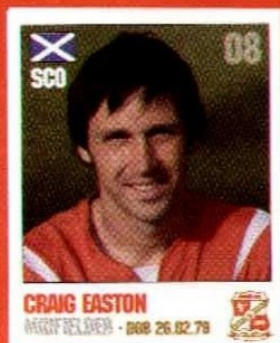
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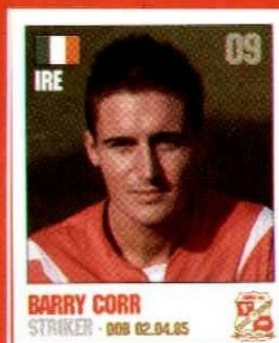
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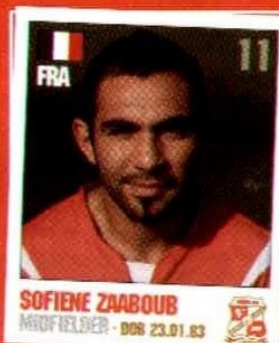
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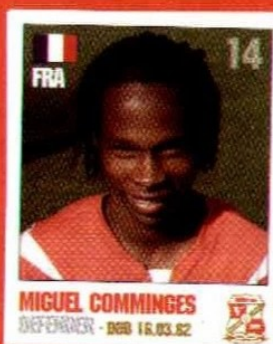
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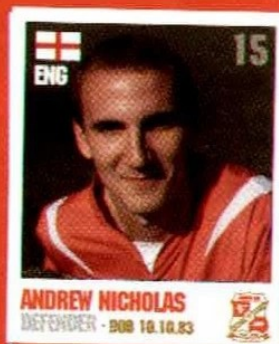
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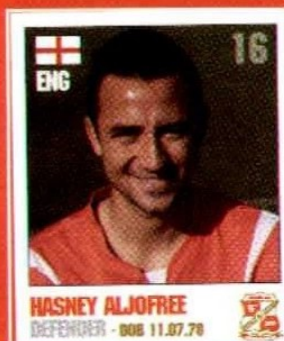


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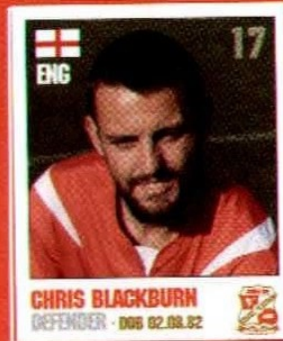
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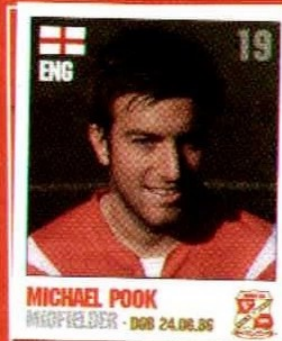
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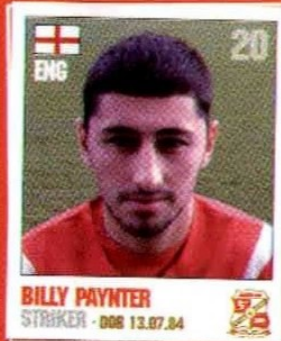
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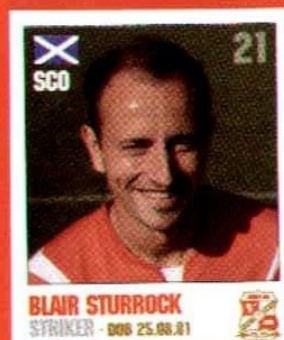
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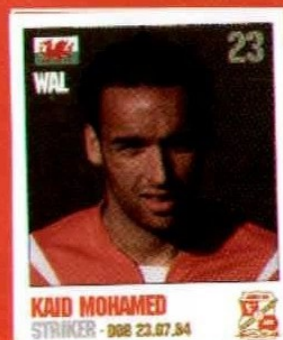
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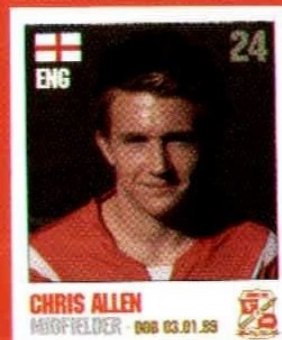
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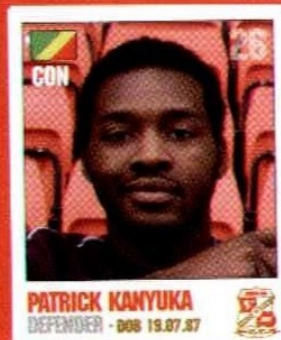
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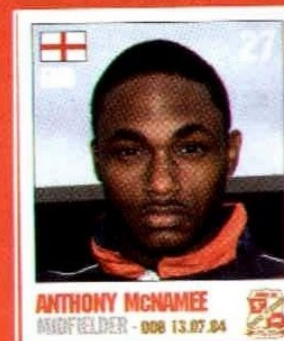
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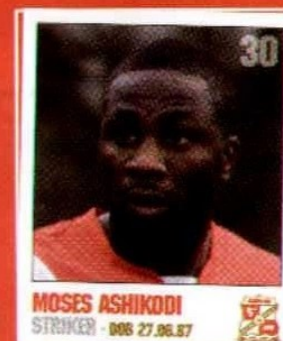
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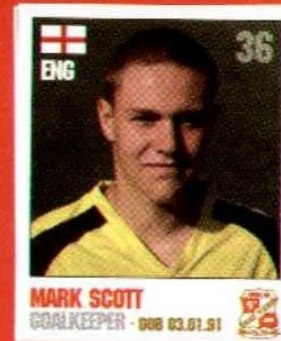
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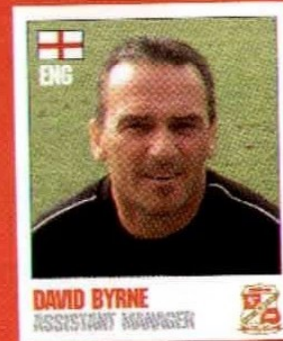
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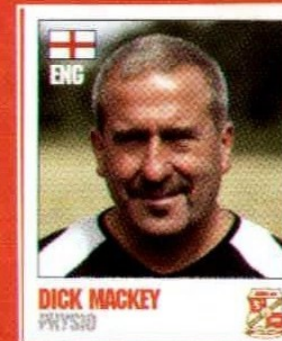
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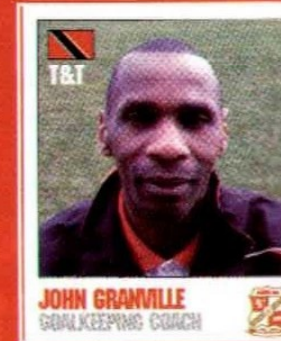
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Good afternoon and welcome to all our **Junior Robins** and to the **Junior Saddlers** here today for this League One clash.

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Last Saturday some of us watched the Swindon Wildcats take on the Romford Raiders at the Link Centre. We had a great time! The Wildcats won 3-2 which sees them edging closer to the play-offs. It was a really good game and this was the first time to an Ice Hockey game for some of us, but it looks like we will definitely be going back for another game. We also received a cheque for STFC from the Link Centre which was the Junior tickets refunded. I would like to send out a huge thank you to Dawn the Kidzone Co-ordinator who organised all this for us.

We will soon be having our own Meet The Players evening. This will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18th March. This will be in the Supporters Club Legends Lounge at The County Ground, and it is for all Junior Robins, friends and families. This is your opportunity to meet the players, ask them questions, have your pictures taken with them and get their autographs. If you have not had the chance to attend a Junior Robins event yet; this will be a great time to join in!

We then have the trip to Brighton & Hove Albion on 22nd

March. At the moment I do have places available, but please book soon, as they will soon go. The coach will be leaving The County Ground at 10.00am. The cost for this trip is £15 for Junior Robins, and £20 for non Junior Robins and adults. This price includes the coach there and back, and getting into the game. So it is a fantastic deal and please remember I can only book people on once I have received the payment.

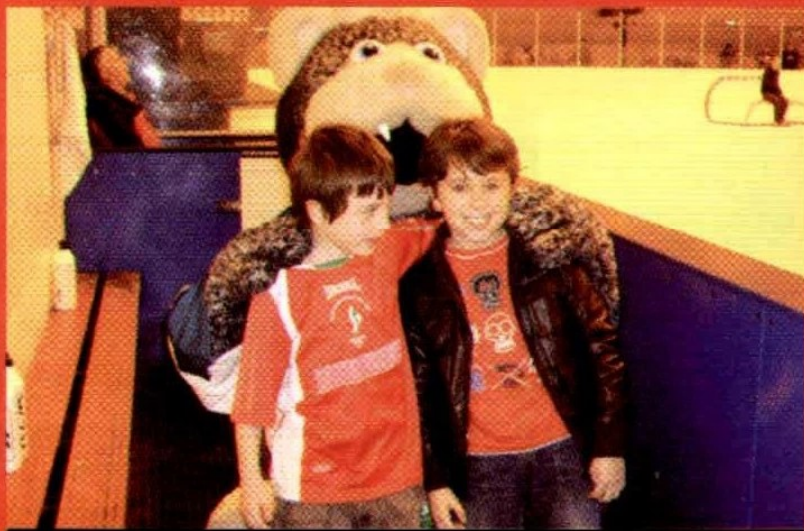
I have also booked up for a Tour around Stamford Bridge, and a trip on the London Eye on 20th April. There will be more details of this to follow.

Contact me on the numbers below if you are interested in any of these. If all goes well today we will be having a penalty shoot-out with six of our Junior Robins and six Junior Saddlers. Please give us plenty of support!

I hope you all enjoy the game, and let's hope for a good result.

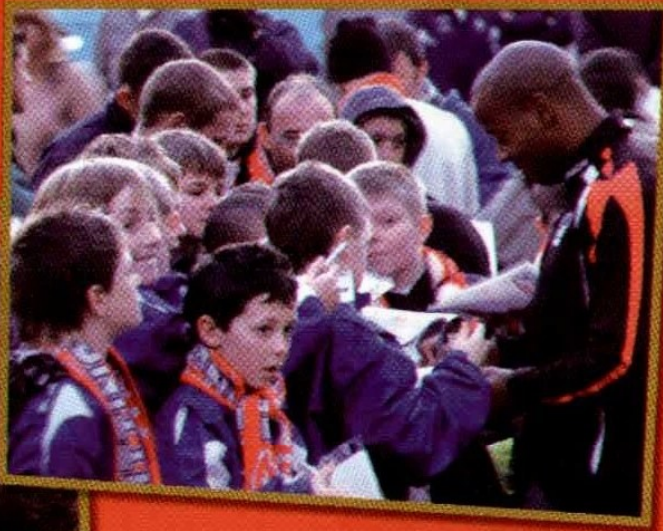
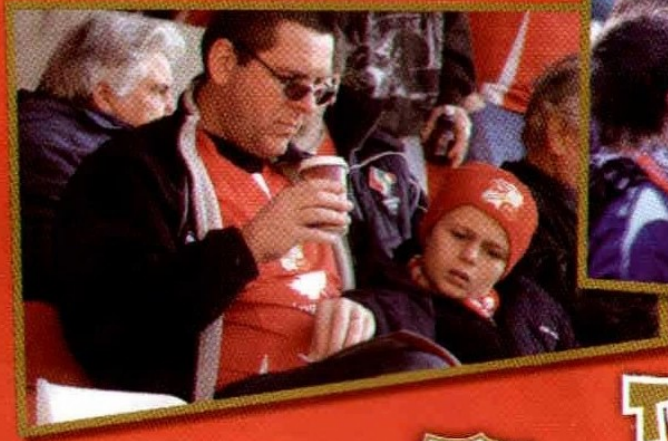
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→ Two members of Town's Junior Robins during the recent trip to see Swindon Wildcats

ROBIN'S PICTURES



RANDOM ROBIN

This week's Random Robin are brothers **Owain** and **Adam Davies** from Greenmeadow.



Your favourite current STFC player?

Peter Brezovan (Owain)
Lee Peacock (Adam)

Your favourite past STFC player?

Sam Parkin

Your favourite non STFC player?

Mikel Arteta (Owain) David Beckham (Adam)

How long have you been Town fans for?

Since we were about 4 or 5.

Furthest away travelled for a Town game?

We play football on Saturday mornings, so we can't get to away games.

What's the best ground you've been to?

Goodison Park

Many Thanks Owain and Adam.

Come on you Reds!



TODAY'S MASCOTS



← **SKYE COOPER**

Skye is celebrating her 8th birthday which was on the 14th February. She attends Charlton Primary School in Wantage and plays for Grove Challengers U8's. Her favourite players are Lee Peacock and Barry Corr.

→ **JOSH BRITTON**

Josh is 13-years old and he is currently in year nine at the Willink School which is located in Burghfield, near Reading. His main hobbies include playing in defence for his local team Burghfield Bulldogs who are currently second in the league table in Division Two. Josh enjoys watching Swindon Town F.C and his favourite players are Jamie Vincent and Barry Corr. He also supports Manchester United.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Declan Shail who was 11 years old on Wednesday 20th February 2008. Declan is a season ticket holder in the Arkells Stand. Lots of Love from Nana, Grandad, Auntie Claire, Kieran, Ruben & Tilley x

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19 MICHAEL POOK



From Chelsea hopeful to Anfield hero via Swindon Town...
Brian Howard is enjoying a steady rise to stardom.

Interview: Nick Judd

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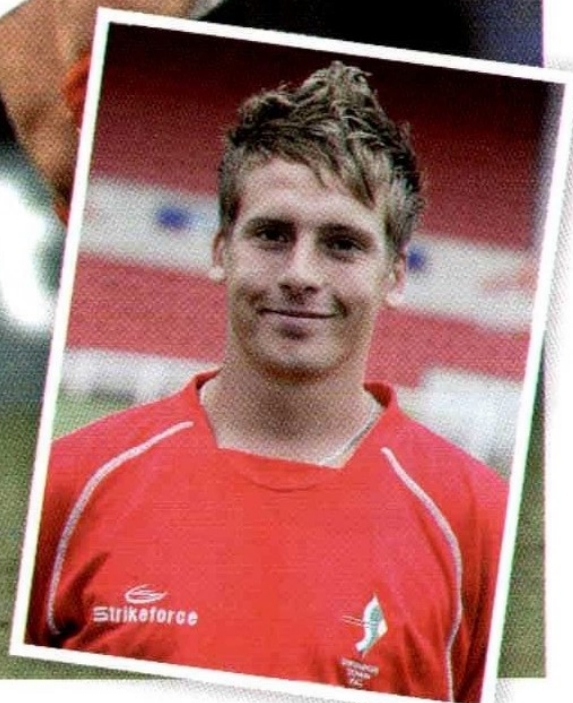
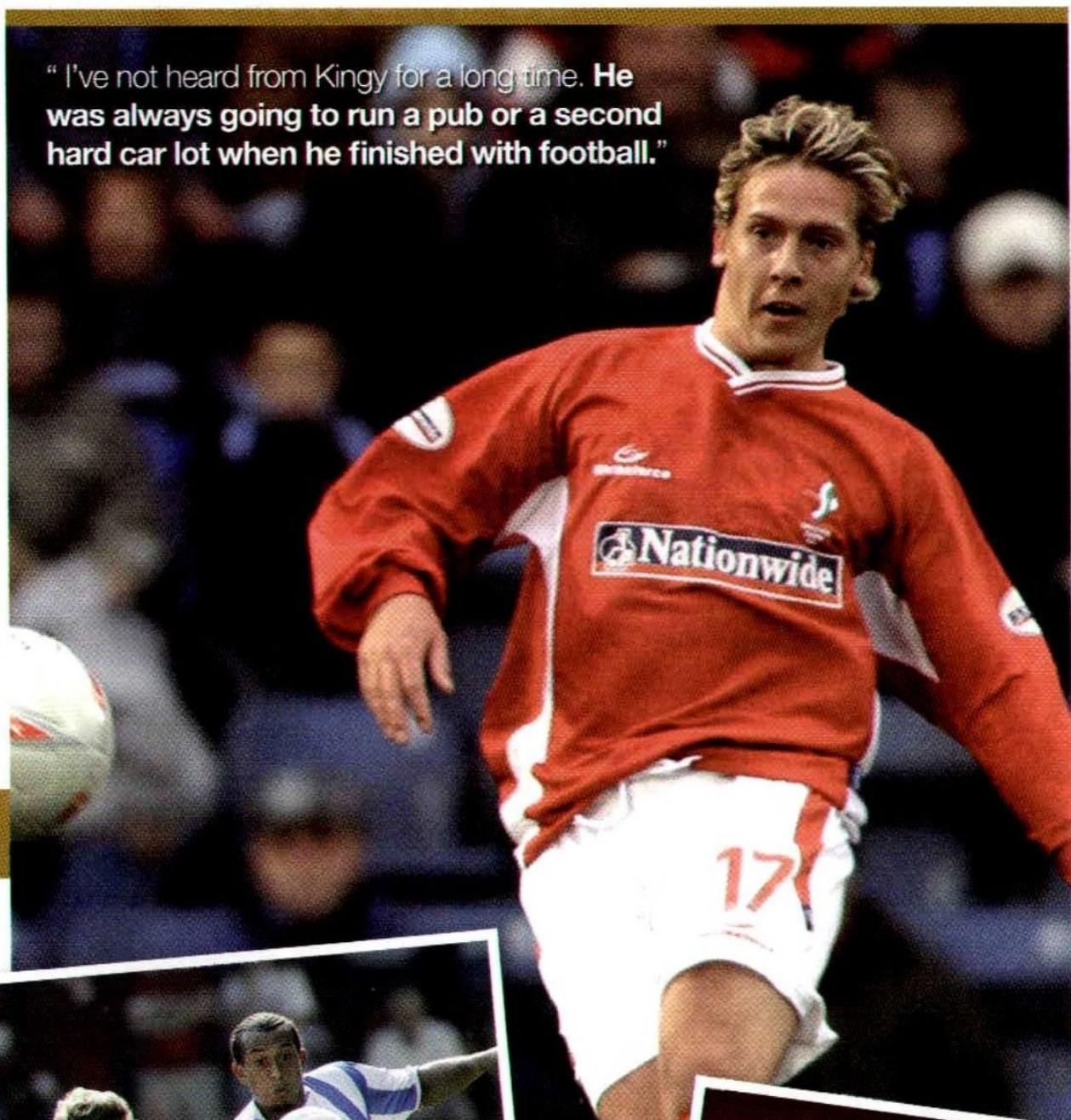
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"I've not heard from Kingy for a long time. He was always going to run a pub or a second hand car lot when he finished with football."

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A lot can happen in seven days. For characters in classic horror film 'The Ring' it often resulted in a grizzly death, while singer Craig David managed to consummate his love in the same time period. As for Barnsley midfielder Brian Howard, he's gone from local hero to the centre of national attention following his dramatic last-minute winner for Barnsley at Anfield in the FA Cup last weekend.

For those who like to follow the fortunes of former Townies last week's cup exploits won't have come as a big a surprise. The former Town midfielder's stock has risen exponentially after a series of influential performances for the Tykes following his move away from The County Ground in 2005 – his display against the likes of Lucas and Xabi Alonso last week merely enhancing what has already become a tidy reputation.

With Anfield's clock ticking down with the all the menace of the Countdown timepiece Howard, Captain of Barnsley, crowned an impressive performance with a superb late strike from 20 yards to dump Rafa Bentitez's men out of the competition, silence the Kop and crush the hopes of all those with 'home win' on their betting sheet the land over (this writer included).

It was the stuff of legend, the chance few footballers outside (or inside, for that matter) of the Premiership get to experience – but for Brian Howard it was the culmination of hard work and a career growing momentum ever since he switched Swindon's Red for Barnsley's.

"My phone's been absolutely red hot for a few days, but any publicity is good publicity. I can't complain," he tells STFC. "I've got to make the most of it."

And why not? For Howard knows that football can deliver disappointment as quickly as success – Swindon Town was the

perfect education for that.

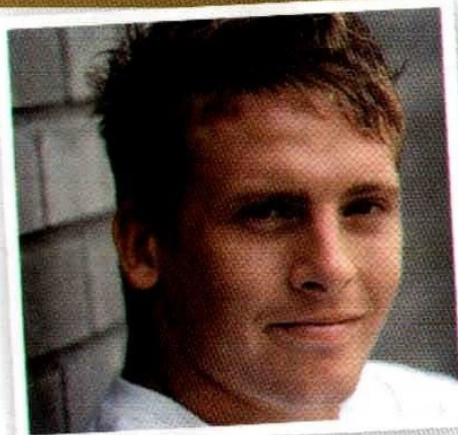
"I look back on my time at Town with fond memories," he says of his two-year stay. Howard joined from Southampton on a free transfer in 2003/04 and made his debut in the 3-2 home defeat against Sheffield Wednesday. He left two seasons later after 83 appearances and 10 goals, with Town fans perhaps not seeing the best of the midfielder's services.

"I was always telling Kingy I wanted to play in the centre but he had a thing about me not being defensively minded enough. The gaffer at Barnsley recognised that and bought in a defensive player to play alongside me. It gives me the freedom to get forward and score goals and I was close to being top scorer last year. I'm top scorer this time around – so I'm playing to my strengths more. I think when I was out on the wing at Swindon I struggled to get into the game as much – I don't think Town fans saw the best of me.

"I obviously wasn't too happy about the way in which I left because I felt we had the nucleus of a very good team. But football's not always going to go your way. I'm still close with Sammy Igoe, Sammy Parkin, Grant Smith – I made some great friends there – so it's one of the highlights of my career."

Howard formed part of the side that came so agonisingly close to reaching the Play-Off final in 2004, Town giving away a last-minute equaliser in a rain-drenched Withdean Stadium before losing on penalties to Brighton. Yet despite the disappointment, Howard went on to make amends two years later when, after his switch to Barnsley, the Tykes won promotion to the Championship.

"Losing to Brighton was massively disappointing," he recalls of Town's defeat. "Losing that night



was one of the lowest points of my career. We did well all season and to let in a late equaliser and lose on penalties was devastating. It was nice to put that memory behind me when Barnsley went up two seasons later – the Swindon experience helped me greatly – I was so intent on not feeling that disappointment again."

Howard has gone on from strength to strength, not only in becoming Barnsley's captain but also their most consistent performer.

"Getting promoted in my second season was good and it continued into my second year. I scored a lot of goals from midfield and started to get some good press. I was rewarded with a new deal by Barnsley in the summer and now I've got 11 goals from midfield this season. People who know their football know I've been playing well this season, and that I've been doing the business week in week out. It's nice when something like Liverpool happens [to get a bit of national attention]."

It's done more than that. Howard's face hasn't left the back pages of the national newspapers and with the Tykes drawn against Chelsea in the quarter-finals, the club where it all began for Howard, he gets the chance to try and do it all over again.

"It still hasn't really sunk in, the fact that we beat Liverpool at Anfield and that I scored the winner," he admits. "It's been one phone call after another and to

brian howard career history

Name: Brian Howard
Date of birth: 23-01-1983
Position: Midfielder
Nationality: England

Playing record at Swindon:

	Apps	gls
'04/'05	34 (+8)	6
'03/'04	26 (+15)	4
Total	60 (+23)	10

Transfer information:

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Jul '03 IN Southampton	unattached
Jul '05 OUT Barnsley	Bosman

be honest I'm living the dream a bit at the moment.

"Our attitude [before the game] was that we were playing at Anfield in the last 16 of the FA Cup, and to just go out there and enjoy it. We were all keen to make sure the moment didn't pass us by – for a lot of us it was a first time at Anfield and it could be the last – so it was a one-off opportunity to prove we could play at a high level and cause a big upset.

"After we equalised our keeper made some incredible saves; I think we were all beginning to wonder if it was going to be our day. Our keeper had come in two days before the game in an emergency loan – he only trained once and he was on a laptop the night before trying to learn everyone's names!

"In the last 10 or 15 minutes we had three or four chances and before the goal, we should have had a definite penalty. When the goal goes in it's fairytale stuff. It's probably not the best goal I've scored, but it's certainly the one I've enjoyed the most. I had my family up so we had a few beers in the house and watched Match of the Day about 20 times over!

"I had a bit of time at Chelsea and I still know a few of the lads there. It's going to be another big game for us, but we've only last twice at home all season so there's no reason why we can't do it again."

You can't help but feel pride for the player many predicted could go on to have a bright future. While some Town fans argued his weight would hinder his progress Howard has gone on to carve out a good career at a high standard, not that he'd ever forget his roots.

"Andy King gave me my first chance week in week out and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I remember

the highlight at Town was the side going on a really good run in my first season. The experience kick-started my career.

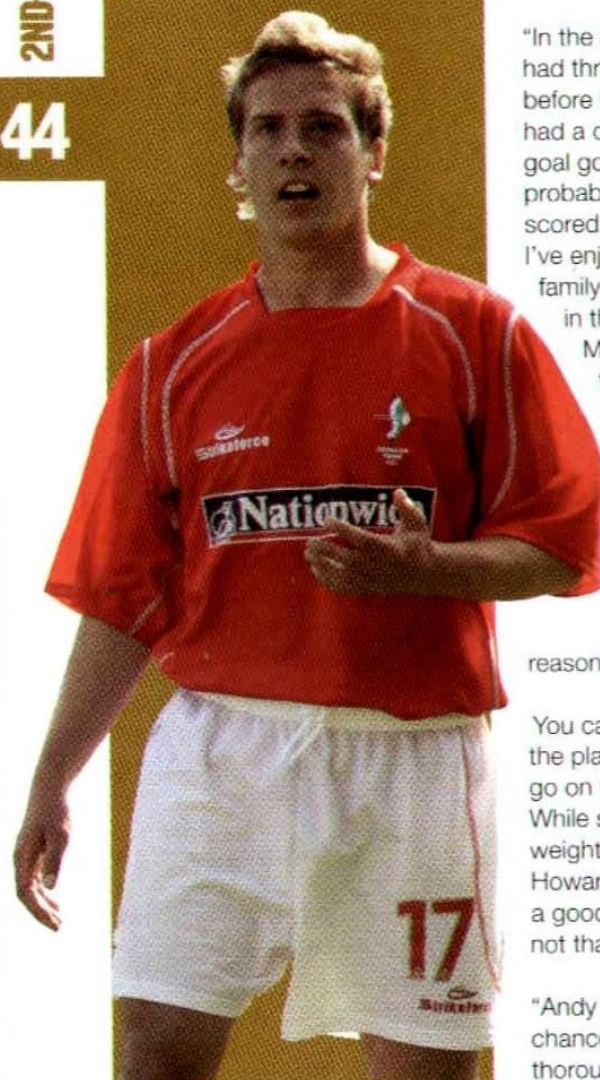
"I've not heard from Kingy for a long time," he continues. "It would be lovely to say hello. He was always going to run a pub [King had a spell as a landlord near Luton, before taking up a scouting post with Plymouth] or a second hand car lot when he was done in football (!) but he was great, a real character and I thought he did well on limited resources at Swindon. Had we gone up I think it would have been a great success for the club – but I hope he saw what happened last week and felt as proud as I did.

"I was surprised to see Town go down [in 2006]. I remember they got beat in the first game that season and they never recovered, but it was a shame to see so many friends on and off the pitch go through that. It's good to see things are on the up again and maybe one day I'll be back playing as an opponent, you never know. Promotion for them isn't out of the question."

Perhaps more immediate is the prospect of Howard playing international football. His goal at Liverpool has prompted Scotland manager George Burley into enquiring into whether or not he can represent them, despite having played schoolboy level for England.

"I've had a lot of calls about playing for Scotland. I would definitely be interested in representing them. The only sticking point is that I've played for England's Under-20s in the Toulon tournament and various qualifiers, so that might hold me back."

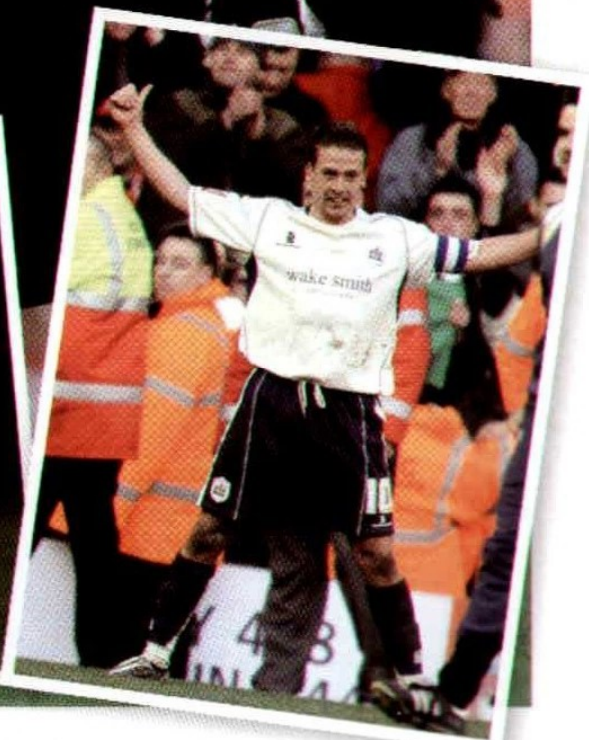
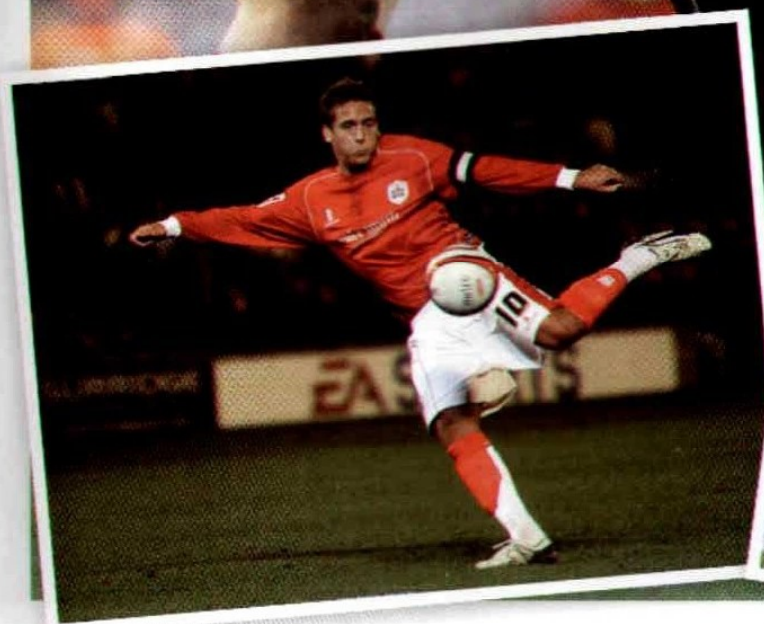
One thing's for sure, when it comes to domestic football the only thing likely to hold Howard back is himself, and with the opportunities last week's goal will inevitably give him, you know that that's not going to happen...



"I had my family up so we had a few beers in the house and watched Match of the Day about 20 times over!"

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1 Trevor Benjamin

Big striker who has played at the highest level with Leicester City and once moved for £1.5 million. Spent the latter part of the 2005-6 season here at The County Ground after being drafted in on loan in the unsuccessful fight against the drop from League One. After leaving Swindon he returned to Peterborough United but was sent out for two loan spells during the 2006/07 season. The first of which was at Boston United before a successful stint with League Two Walsall. 'Benj' hit two goals in eight games to help Walsall to earn promotion straight back into League One. Benjamin left Peterborough United in the summer of 2007, destined for Hereford United. 10 goals in 27 league appearances so far this term shows that the striker has made a big impression at Edgar Street.

2 Chris Westwood

Dudley-born defender who came up through the ranks with Wolves but after three years at Molineux, joined Reading on a free transfer. He never made an appearance for The Royals and joined Hartlepool United in March 1999. It was a successful six-year stay in the North East. His dominant displays at the back earned him accolades throughout his stay with The Pools and after 244 league starts, he made the move to Walsall in the summer of 2005. In two years with The Saddlers he made 64 league starts and helped guide Money's men back into League One as Champions with a 1-1 draw at Swindon on the final day of the 2006/07 campaign. Walsall's promotion was not enough to keep him at The Banks's Stadium though. Big-spenders Peterborough United tempted Westwood to join the Posh ranks in May 2007.

3 Ashley Westwood

Joined Swindon on loan from Chester City in March 2007. Played a valuable part in the end of season run-in, adding experience to the backline in what was a crucial time of the campaign. Started the final game of the season against Walsall from the bench but was introduced into the action after just 19 minutes after an unfortunate injury to Jack Smith. Returned to Chester City after the end of his loan stint at The County Ground but was then loaned out to Port Vale in the summer of 2007. Featured against Swindon at Vale Park in October and enjoyed a win over his former side. After his loan spell expired at Port Vale, Westwood returned to The Saunders Honda Stadium to link up with Chester, before signing a permanent deal with Blue Square Premier side Stevenage Borough where he has now made six league starts.

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Is money the answer? I don't know if you watch the Sunday Supplement on Sky Sports on Sunday mornings? It's become a bit of a must watch for me. Last season it took place in Jimmy Hill's splendid kitchen but he no longer features. He spent far too much time talking about foreign players, scuppering England's chances of ever winning anything because very few English players play in the Premier League. Or at least make the starting lineup.

Anyway. One of the hot topics last week was the FA Cup. And Arsenal's performance at Old Trafford reflecting their so called reluctance to compete in a "minor trophy". Minor compared to the Champions League or Premier League title. The panels opinion not mine. And whether the magic or romance of reaching a Wembley final is no longer there for the big clubs. We do still have Championship

and League One interest in the Quarter-Finals but the last time anyone other than Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester United or Chelsea won the FA Cup was Everton in 1995. They field weakened sides and still have the audacity to win it.

One answer was to put up a £10 million pot of gold for whoever lifted the cup. To encourage more interest and full strength effort. Great! More "loads of money" going to the rich.

What we need at the top of football in this country is a modern day Robin Hood. Someone who takes the plight of the poorer clubs in the lower leagues seriously. Someone who will plunder the very rich and cascade much needed cash down into the lower leagues. Richard Scudamore need not apply. And if grass roots football gets more cash and is used wisely to help football clubs develop young talent then perhaps Jimmy Hill's prayers will be answered.

A play-off place is still in sight so come on you Reds.

Keith Stainer
News Editor



→ Captain's View: Williams Gallas has words during last weekend's FA Cup clash

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Swindon Town's Youth Team were dumped out of the FA Youth Cup on Tuesday night with Under 18's manager Paul Bodin now looking for his troops to step up their efforts.

A footballing masterclass from Charlton had seen The Addicks cruise into an early 4-0 lead before Ben Joyce grabbed a consolation before the break on a bitterly cold evening in South East London.

"The Valley was always going to be a tough place to come to. It was a real uphill struggle once the goals went in but to be fair we did pick up in the second half," explained Bodin.

"It's a harsh learning curve for the players. There are lads there who have recently signed pro contracts who have to look themselves in the mirror and step up their game."

Bodin added: "We will reflect on this and assess our performance. There is eighteen months hard work ahead for many of these players and unless we see that work ethic, there could be changes."

With just seven minutes on the clock, Charlton were ahead. A cross in from the right was struck by Danny Uchechi who saw his shot parried by Mark Scott in the Town goal. The ball fell loose to Jonjo Shelvey who rifled home into the corner from eight yards.

It didn't take long for Steve Gritt's side to double their lead though. After another quick break, Charlton fed the ball wide and after Joe Smith's clearance hit the uprights, goalscorer Shelvey was on hand to fire home for his second of the night with 19 minutes played.

Uchechi, involved heavily from the start, saw his overhead effort strike the bar five minutes later before Scott Wagstaff, the Charlton Captain, lobbed Scott for a third from the edge of the box.

It was four on 25 minutes after another defensive mix-up. Scott did well to make the initial save but the ball only fell to Ben Godfrey who had the simple task of rolling the ball into the empty net.

Swindon grabbed a goal back on 32 minutes. After a good move down the left, a cross in from Adam Everiss resulted in a misunderstanding between centreback Mambo and keeper Woodley. The ball rolled onto the post before Ben Joyce finished well with his left foot from close range on the angle.

It was 5-1 to the home side with 54 minutes on the clock. Captain Scott Wagstaff helped himself to his second goal of the evening. After cutting in from the right, Wagstaff jinked inside two challenges before seeing his left foot shot curl into the bottom corner.



**Charlton Athletic 5
Swindon Town 1**

Swindon Line-up

Mark Scott
Jack Winter
Callum Kennedy (C)
Kurt Hammonds
Sean Morrison
Joe Smith (Evans '53)
Lloyd Macklin (Thompson '60)
Sam Morris
Jake Hyde
Ben Joyce
Adam Everiss (Wallington '77)

Substitutes

Billy Bodin
Will Evans
Elliot Knight
Nathan Thompson
Danny Wallington

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→ Time to Reflect: Under 18's Manager Paul Bodin speaks after Tuesday's loss



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centre of excellence

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game with Walsall.

Last weekend saw our Centre of Excellence games called off due to the frost, so every age group suffered from Under 9's to Under 16's.

The Centre of Excellence has been closed this week due to half-term, although the Under 15's and 16's have been training with the youth team, whilst the Under 9's had a trip to play Chelsea at their training ground at Cobham.

The U9's played three games against Chelsea, who had three different teams. It was a good exercise as it showed us how far we have come as Chelsea are a real force.

We started off very well, winning the first game 2-1 and then we won the second encounter 3-1. The third and final game was lost 2-0. We took eleven players and didn't have the luxury of having extra players, having said this it was a very cold day, and I think that the players and the parents enjoyed the day. The boys and the coaches can take credit

for the way they conducted themselves on and off the pitch. The U9's are a very good group and this was evident from the way they played and the experience of playing Chelsea will only help the players in their future development.

After Chelsea, I went along to Bisham Abbey to attend the exit trials. This is a game featuring players who had been released from their clubs and are looking for a new club. The players here are doing their best to impress the watching scouts and there is a lot of pressure on the players.

This weekend the U16's play AFC Bournemouth away whilst the Under 9's to Under 15's play Bournemouth. The Under 9's, 10's, 14's and 15's are at home with the 11's, 12's and 13's making the trip to the South Coast.

Enjoy the game today.

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director



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→ On Cloud Nine: The mist and fog made an appearance at Chelsea's Cobham training ground for the visit of Town's Under Nines

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stfc reserves report

It was as you were in the Pontin's Holiday Combination as third place Plymouth Argyle drew 1-1 with fourth place Swindon Town.

Rory Fallon was named on the left-hand side on midfield for the home side who also included Lukas Jutkiewicz in their starting eleven.

In a lively opening period, Argyle had the best of the chances, with former Exeter City front man Jamie Mackie going close after cutting in from the left hand side and rifling a right footed shot low at keeper Phil Smith.

However, Swindon then took the lead against the run of play thanks to striker Moses Ashikodi.

Just minutes later, a Martin Watts free-kick from the left channel was floated in. Fallon got his head to it and steered it into the back of the net only for the assistant on the near side to raise his flag for offside immediately.

Argyle then had 'keeper Lloyd Saxton to thank when he tipped over a looping free-kick from Sofiene Zaaboub, a former Plymouth trialist.

Argyle were away on the next attack however, when Luke Summerfield pinged a shot just past the post and perhaps should have passed with Jutkiewicz and Mackie for company on either flank.

When the teams came out for the second-half, Fallon and Jutkiewicz swapped positions so that the big Kiwi could act as a target-man up front.

This proved a great tactical move and Argyle didn't have wait long for an equaliser.

After a Jamie Mackie shot, the ball bounced loose in the area and it was Fallon who was first to react - nestling the ball into the bottom corner against his former club with a half-volley from six-yards.

Argyle then looked for another when left-back Martin Watts won the ball in the channel, cut inside, beat his man before firing just wide.



league table

	P	GD	PTS
Bristol City	11	15	25
Yeovil Town	11	15	23
Plymouth Argyle	11	5	18
Swindon Town	10	3	18
Exeter City	12	-2	18
Bristol Rovers	10	-1	11
Forest Green Rovers	12	-5	11
Cheltenham Town	12	-10	10
Swansea City	10	-11	10
AFC Bournemouth	9	-10	7

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Plymouth Argyle 1
Swindon Town 1

Swindon Line-up

Phil Smith
Jack Smith
Andy Nicholas
Chris Blackburn
Patrick Kanyuka
Ady Williams (Morrison 60)
Christian Roberts
Chris Allen
Moses Ashikodi
Denny Wallington (Thompson 85)
Sofiene Zaaboub (Joyce 60)

Substitutes

Jake Hyde
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Sean Morrison
Nathan Thompson



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→ Green Machine: Town winger Christian Roberts pictured during Wednesday's reserve clash



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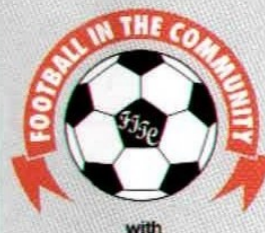


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It's been another busy week in the Football in the Community Office with over 210 rising stars attending our Half-Term course.

The weather this week has been in our favour with it being extremely cold, but remaining cold for the duration of the three-day course. It was fantastic to have all of the children back over at St. Joseph's School. The younger groups were working on the astroturf surface, with the older groups training on the newly drained sports field.

Our dedicated team of qualified coaches and assistants did a great job again putting the children through some great sessions during over the three days. On Wednesday we were treated to a really interesting question and answer session with first team player Michael Pook and Club Physiotherapist Dick Mackey. This gave the children a real insight into what goes on at a professional football club, particularly in relation to rehabilitation after injury.

Today we welcome three groups to our ever-popular Saturday Team Club. These are Mitcheldean Juniors who have been organised by Carol Loade. Paul Cooper and his Under 12's group from Bassett Rangers are also with us. We also welcome Adam Bewley and his Under 10's from Devizes Town Youth who are here after their recent competition win. Adam Bewley is a familiar face here at the club and he is a valuable member of our part-time coaching team. We hope you all enjoy the day with us and witness a Swindon win.

Bookings are now being taken for the two Easter Courses. Please note we do not confirm places so please assume that if you return the form to us promptly you have a place on the course. If paying by

cheque please make it payable to 'STFC Community Office'.

Enjoy the game this afternoon.

Clive and Jon



→ Bassett Rangers Under 12's visit The County Ground this afternoon



→ Devizes Town Under 10's will be hoping to celebrate a win over Walsall today



→ Mitcheldean Juniors are pictured here with World Cup winner Geoff Hurst

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Wiltshire Football Association Friendly Festival

Sunday 10th February saw four teams from Wiltshire partake in the Wiltshire Football Association's Friendly Festival at Stanley Park, Chippenham, in glorious sunshine.

The festival, which ran alongside the South West Ability Counts League, was for local adult disability teams and day resource centres. It was an ideal opportunity for these teams to compete in a football festival and to witness a South West Ability Counts Festival, which boasted 21 adult teams from all over the South West.

The friendly festival saw each team play three league games and an extra game in a Playoff and the Final. The Playoff was fought out between two Swindon sides, Upham Road and One Step Ahead.

Earlier, both teams had already competed in a highly entertaining game during the group stage with Upham Road edging One Step Ahead out by one goal, finally winning 4-3. The Play-off again witnessed an extremely compelling game but this time One Step Ahead beat Upham Road by the same scoreline.

The Final brought the two Salisbury Tigers teams together in another competitive match. Both teams were

tied on 7 points in the group stage so the final was going to be a tight affair. Both teams played some very good football with little between the sides.

Adam Greaney, STFC Disability Officer, commented: "It was great to see all these players enjoying themselves and competing to the best of their ability. The players gave their all and the coaches can be very proud of them."

"It is also a fantastic chance for these players and coaches to see what opportunities there are for them with regards to playing in a league throughout the year. Hopefully next season a team from Wiltshire will be competing in the South West Ability Counts League".

The County will be delivering more festivals for adults with learning and physical disabilities across Wiltshire over the following year. The next festival is currently being planned with Salisbury Tigers hosting the event in May. If you would like any further information on up and coming festivals or disability football in general then please contact Adam Greaney at Swindon Town Football in the Community on **01793 421303**.

Shane, Sharpy and Adam



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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)

Monday:	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs
Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-8yrs
Saturday:	10.00-11.00	5-8yrs

Highworth (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-8yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

Stratton

Monday:	3.30-4.30	6-7yrs
	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)

Saturday:	9.00-10.00	5-7yrs
	10.00-11.00	5-7yrs

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	5.45-6.30	4-5yrs
Tuesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
Wednesday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
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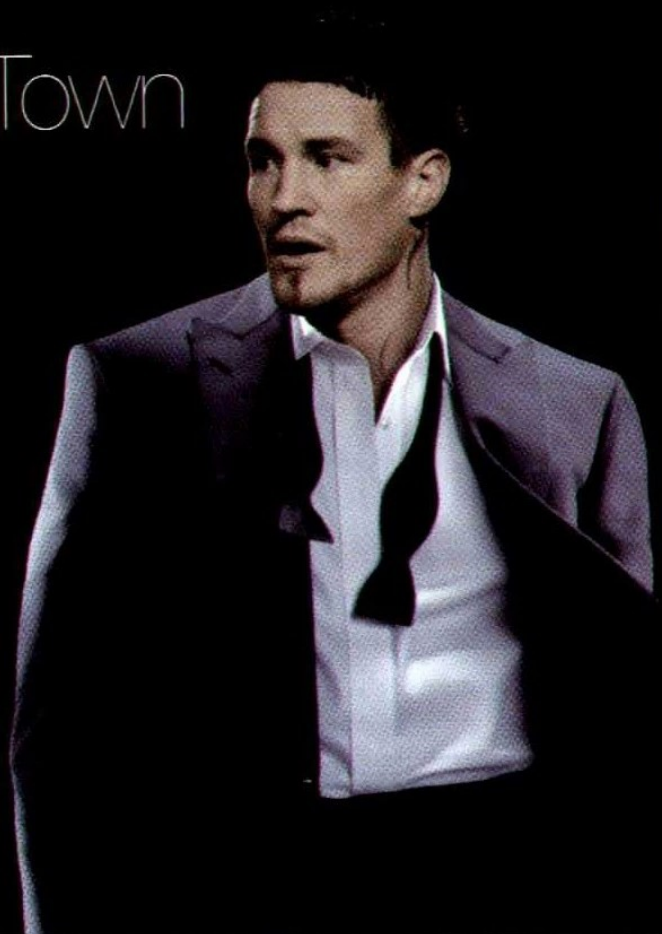
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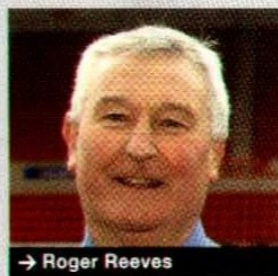
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→ Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies picked up three valuable points when they beat Luton Town by three goals to two in a South West Combination League match at Aldbourne.

The Town's were paying a Luton side that had only lost one game previously this season. The Hatters were a team know to start well and have been killing teams off in the first fifteen minute so the Town were prepared for an early onslaught. But within four minutes the Town were two goals up. First Catherine Reid collected the clearance from her corner to curled the ball just inside the far post. Two minutes later Kirsty Jones latched onto a loose goal kick to run on and beat the advancing keeper. The visitors pulled a goal back before Kim Reeves headed in Catherine Reid's free kick. Luton reduced the arrears before the break when they were award a penalty. In a competitive second half neither side were able to add to the score.

The Town Reserves went to first place in the South West Regional League Division One (North) when visited Downend Flyers and one by won

by three goals to one and displaced the Bristol side from top spot. Claire Moreton scored twice and Hayley Huckin also found the net. Tomorrow the Town are without a South West Combination League fixture although they did play Southampton in a midweek fixture but at the time of going to press that result is not known.

The Town Reserves play Newquay Reserves in the semi final of the Bristol Soccer World Cup. This should be an interesting tie as the Cornish side are top of the South West Regional League Division One (South) whereas the Town are top of the Northern section. This game will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off 2-00 pm.

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

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
6 Jan	FA Cup - 2	0-5
13 Jan	Bournemouth	1-3
20 Jan	QPR	P-P
27 Jan	Yeovil	1-0
10 Feb	Luton Town	3-2
20 Feb	Southampton	A
2 Mar	Luton Town	A

* Town through on penalties

south west combination league

	P	GD	PTS
Reading	13	44	39
AFC Bournemouth	16	48	34
Plymouth Argyle	11	36	26
Yeovil Town	15	29	20
Luton Town	11	35	21
QPR	15	37	18
Chesham United	11	22	17
Swindon Town	11	19	15
Forest Green Rovers	13	20	12
Team Weston	16	17	10
Frome Town	13	12	6
Southampton Saints	13	14	3

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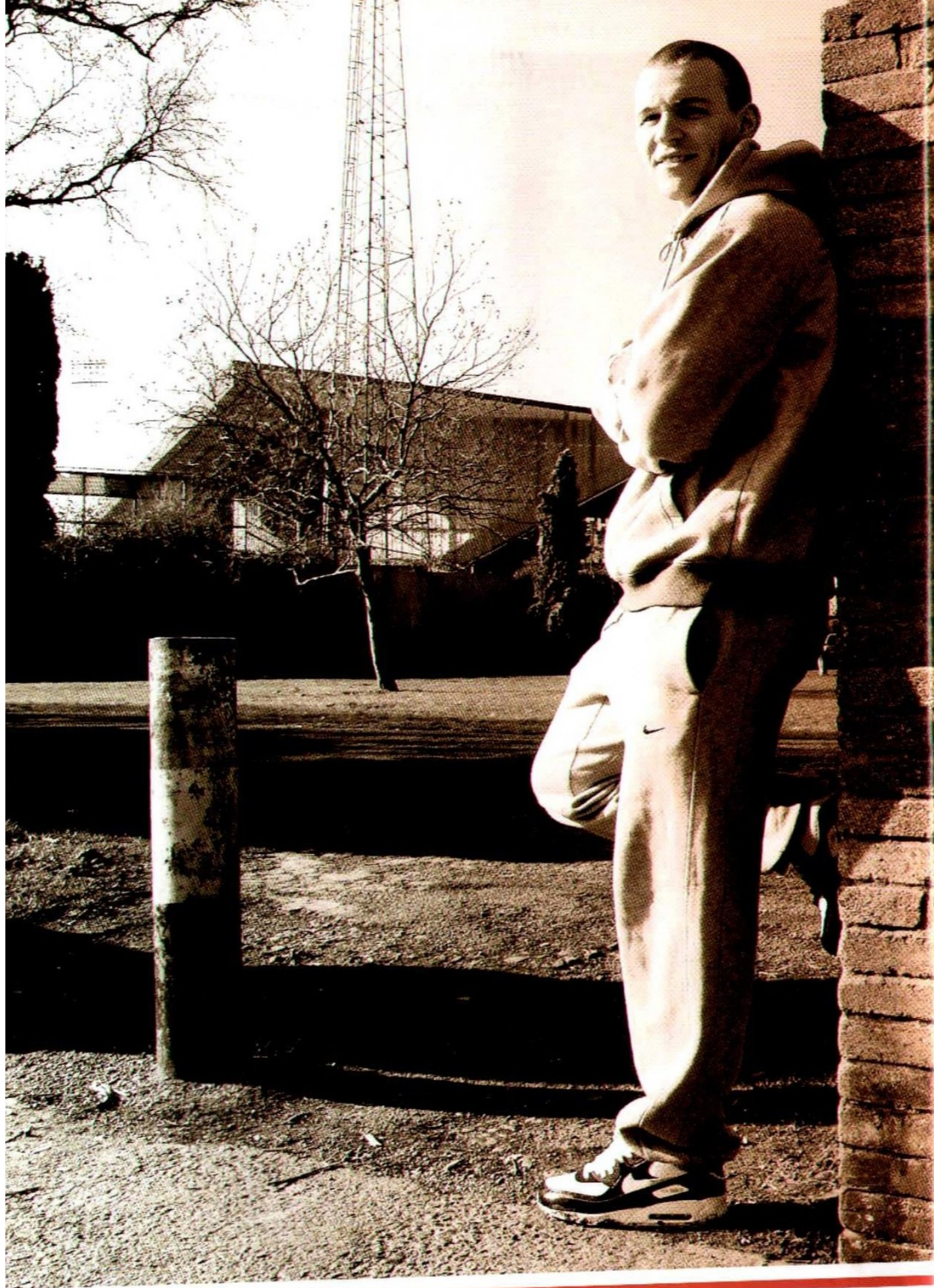
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Six points behind the Play-Off zone with a game in hand is not a bad place to be. With promotion from League One already on his CV, J-P wants to do everything in his power to make sure his side are part of the end of season shake-up.

A man with a short haircut, wearing a light-colored zip-up hoodie, is leaning against a brick wall. He has his arms crossed and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The lighting is bright, casting shadows on the wall behind him.

**J-P celebrates
scoring the
in the 2005
One Play-Off**

Cast your mind back to the transfer deadline day of August 2007 when three players arrived through the County Ground doors.

Jon-Paul McGovern was joined by strikers Simon Cox and Billy Paynter at Swindon and the midfielder has now made twenty-two league starts for Town.

Cox and Paynter have happily grabbed the headlines with their goalscoring exploits, often due to the regular supply of quality service from the right flank.

McGovern's duties have not been restricted to the right wing though. He has also filled in a central midfield role as well as roving behind the front two. Versatility, it seems, is something the Scotsman is happy to offer.

"At the moment we have such a big squad so just to be in the starting eleven is great. If I have to do a job in a different position then so be it. If the manager wants me to change positions during a game then that's something I will do for the team.

"I was brought up to be comfortable with the ball and that doesn't change wherever you are on the pitch. When the new manager came in he reiterated that to me. Whoever is on the ball is effectively in charge."

The 27-year old winger now has over 150 league appearances under his belt with a variety of footballing experiences to call upon. Having started his career at Celtic, the Glasgow-born wing-man has also spent time with Livingston as well as with both Sheffield clubs, Wednesday and United.

"Celtic was a fantastic time for me," he enthused. "In terms of a footballing education I don't think you could better it. In terms of minutes on the pitch then perhaps it does hold you back a little.

"I didn't play too many games up there because there were so many quality players. My first

experience of league football was on loan at Sheffield United when I was about 21.

"There were some big games at Celtic though and it was a tremendous place to learn your trade. Shaun Maloney

was just coming through when I was there and the likes of Stephen McManus and Liam Miller were there too."

Promotion via the Play-Offs is something McGovern knows all about. He was an ever-present for Sheffield Wednesday during the 2005/06 campaign, which ended with a Play-Off final win over Hartlepool United in front of almost 60,000 at The Millennium Stadium. A victory made even more memorable after scoring the opener just before the half-time whistle.

"I was involved a lot that season and the Play-Offs were different class. The coverage we received at the time was fantastic and the atmosphere around the club was unbelievable.

"Winning the Play-Offs with Wednesday is probably my best ever footballing experience."

Goal celebrations have been a hot topic of conversation in Wiltshire over the past few weeks. The 'Superman' show involving Hasney Aljofree and Billy Paynter against Cheltenham Town hit the national headlines. After scoring in the Play-Off final McGovern devised his own celebration, inspired by the film *Any Given Sunday*.

"Myself and Glenn Whelan were watching *Any Given Sunday* on the coach and thought it would be a good celebration to do. It's a shark-style celebration; but there is also another one from that film that we might see here at Swindon.

"I have spoken to Lee Peacock and we have couple of ideas for future celebration, but it will probably take some work on the training ground," he joked.

So having achieved promotion via the Play-Offs once in his career, do Swindon have what it takes to make it a double for the Scotsman?

"It's great that the fans are talking about it; but from a players point of view we have to start putting points on the board on a regular basis.

"We have probably underachieved in recent weeks. There have been a few draws recently where we could have nicked a win, but that's what we need to improve upon.

McGovern added: "At the moment we are not far away from the Play-Off's but it's up to us to make it happen."



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Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground and CGFM for what promises to be a very exciting fixture if last seasons encounter is anything to go by – certainly on the terraces anyway!

The last game of last season here was one big carnival with both sides securing their respective positions for promotion. In welcoming our visitors Walsall FC we also welcome an old friend, a certain Mr Mooney – I hope he gets the right reception because he will always be part of our history and certainly gave 100% every time he entered the playing area.

Results have seen a bit of mixed bag recently, a draw against Northampton Town, 1-0 defeats to Huddersfield Town and Nottingham Forest and a 3-0 win against near rivals Cheltenham Town.

Football has been in the headlines for different reasons since our last home game. There was talk about the Premiership playing a fixture away from these shores – I think supporters pay out enough as it is so for me it's a no goer. I did like ex-Town Manager, Glenn Hoddle's thoughts on the subject though – play the 6th round of the FA Cup overseas. That was before Sheffield United/Middlesborough were drawn against Cardiff on Monday – a trip to Asia doesn't sound quite as appealing now!

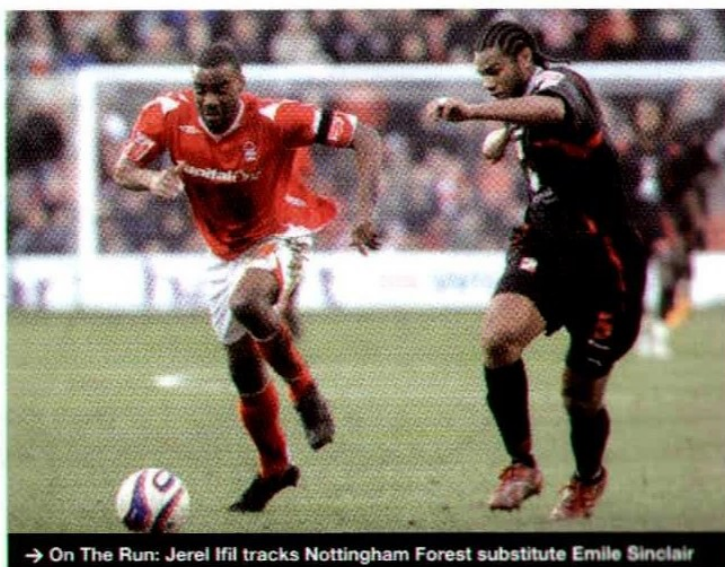
The other subject in the news this week is the use of bad language by the players on the pitch. Apparently it is going to be trialled in the Armgrove Northern League next season that players are automatically given a red card for foul and abusive language. Interested to know your thoughts – should this be extended to the terraces after all most people would not swear in front of their immediate family; so why should it be tolerated in front of children in a football stadium? Fortunately bad language is at a minimum here in The County Ground – although it would be great if it was gone altogether – and that is down to you. The

support you are continuing to give the team is second to none.

As Stuart mentioned in his programme notes last week, if you are a member of a local band or indeed a single artist, with songs that you have written and performed then please send them in and perhaps you could be featured in our half-time segment dedicated to local talent. I know when we showcased the talent from around the county, and beyond, last season as part of our "Loud and Proud" campaign it received rave reviews including a written piece appearing in the Swindon Advertiser.

As always keep showing your support for the team by making as much noise as you can throughout the match and don't forget to keep your requests coming in for those birthday messages or notices of special occasions and we will get them read out at half-time.

Stuart and Gary



→ On The Run: Jerel Ifil tracks Nottingham Forest substitute Emile Sinclair

"In welcoming our visitors Walsall FC we also welcome an old friend, a certain Mr Mooney – I hope he gets the right reception because he will always be part of our history and certainly gave 100% every time he entered the playing area."

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FULL-TIME

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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	15	4	19
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	17	0	17
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	9	6	15
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14
Adam Boyd	L Orient	10	3	13
Nicky Forster	Brighton	8	4	12
Danny Graham	Carlisle	9	2	11

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	16	50	3.12
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	16	49	3.06
The Den	Millwall	16	44	2.75
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	14	38	2.71
Brunton Park	Carlisle	14	37	2.64
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	14	37	2.64
Elland Road*	Leeds	16	42	2.62
Roots Hall	Southend	16	42	2.62
County Ground	Swindon	15	39	2.60
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	16	40	2.50
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	16	40	2.50
Vale Park	Port Vale	17	42	2.47
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	17	42	2.47
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	16	39	2.44
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	16	38	2.38
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	16	38	2.38
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	15	35	2.33
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	15	33	2.20
City Ground	Nottm Forest	16	35	2.19
Prenton Park	Tranmere	17	37	2.18
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	16	34	2.12
Huish Park	Yeovil	16	32	2.00
Boundary Park	Oldham	15	30	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	17	32	1.88

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 227 Bournemouth. shots off target 206 Oldham. corners 219 Swansea. hit woodwork 11 Leyton Orient. offsides 120 Tranmere. fouls 452 Yeovil. yellow cards 61 Northampton. red cards 7 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 106 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Shots on target 50 Craig Davies (Oldham). Shots off target 57 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). Assists 9 Poul Hubertz (Northampton). Crosses 129 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). Offsides 57 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). Fouls 78 Tresor Kandol (Leeds). Free-kicks won 103 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



2007/08 SEASON

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STATS

GOAL COUNTER

925

RIGHT FOOT

513 goals

55.5%

LEFT FOOT

201 goals

21.7%

HEADERS

193 goals

20.9%

Own goals 16 (1.7%). Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Jason Price (Bournemouth vs Doncaster) 0:42

By a substitute after coming on

Leon Constantine (Leeds vs Oldham) 0:12

DISCIPLINARY



2.5 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

Paul Warne (Walsall vs Yeovil) 1:04

SUB TOTALS

Subs used1801

Offsides2290

Corners4189

Shots Off Target4115

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

1 6 6

In the Coca Cola Football League

One this season there have been 4141 shots on target, goals constitute 22.3% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 161 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Gillingham 16). There have been 88 penalties awarded this season and of those 77 have been scored (a success rate of 87.5%). Swansea have been awarded most penalties - 9. Bristol Rvs have given most penalties away 7. The team to score the most penalties is Hartlepool 7. Swansea missed 3 penalties in the Coca Cola Football League One this season.

RESULTS

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

0-0	27
0-1	33
0-2	19
0-3	7
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	41
1-1	54
1-2	21
1-3	8
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	33
2-1	42
2-2	17
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	20
3-1	12
3-2	9
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	7
4-1	8
4-2	3
4-3	3
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
5-2	-
5-3	-
5-4	-
5-5	-

*up to and including 17/02/2008

the stfc supporters club

First off, may I congratulate our half-time draw winner Ian Robinson of Swindon who £394 with ticket number 1041 at the Cheltenham match – a record prize for an evening match!

I noted at Nottingham Forest last week that although there was a crowd of over 23000, their half-time draw only paid a prize of just over £200 to the winner, so given the fact our crowds are significant lower than this, our prize is averaging well over £400 this season. We must be doing some thing right!

I was also pleased to receive a really nice note from Mr G Thompson – a winner in our mascot package competition that grandson Zhenya had a fantastic day out at The County Ground recently when he took up his prize.

Returning to Forest for a minute as well as renewing acquaintance with Colin Calderwood I also bumped in to Tim Flowers who kept goal for us on loan a few seasons back. In keeping (forgive the words!) with the goal keeping history of the Town you may recall that Mike Turner came to one of our Legends



→ Cold as Ice: Icy conditions here at SN1

Days last seasons and he enjoyed the occasion so much, he is returning again with his three grandson's for our game against Leeds next week.

Last week was also one where goal scorers and Swindon stole headlines elsewhere. Many will have seen Brian Howard's shock winner for Barnsley in the FA Cup, but further down the scale great to see that Kaid Mohamed scored two of Torquay's three in their match against Ebbsfleet in their promotion chase in Blue Square Premier league.

What with Iffy Onoura joining the management team at Lincoln City there was certainly a lot to reflect on, over a consolation pint, following our narrow defeat at Forest.

We hope to announce very shortly the proposed date for our End of Season Dinner and we would like to see as many of our members there as possible. The event will also be open to non-members as long as numbers permit. A truly informal occasion, we will no doubt follow the tradition of a four-course meal and have an attendance from the management of the football club and players. It's a great chance for a real social occasion and learn of the Supporters Club player of the Year, which last year went to Phil Smith.

Walsall and ourselves have trodden similar paths in recent seasons and as a result fans of both have seemed to develop an empathy. However, I am sure even Walsall fans, will understand that I would like to see three points for the Town today.

Roger



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Geoff Cherrill	£0.50
Anonymous	£2.50
Peter Cuss	£2.50

CURRENT TOTAL

£ 2752

FULL-TIME

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away travel

FULL-TIME

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SAS travel

directions



Oldham Athletic VS Swindon Town

Tuesday 26th February 2008

Leave the M62 at Junction 20 and take the A627(M) towards Oldham. Take the second slip road off the A627(M) following the signs for Royton (A663).

At the top of the slip road you will find a large roundabout that around it has a McDonalds and a KFC. Turn left at the roundabout onto the A663 towards Royton (beware though of 30mph speed cameras on this stretch).

You will be able to see Boundary Park over on your right. Take the next right hand turn into Hilbre Avenue which will take you up to the large Club car park, situated behind the Lookers Stand. The cost of the car park is: cars £2, mini buses £5, coaches £10.



Oldham Athletic VS Swindon Town

Tuesday 26th February 2008

Prices are as follows:

£19 Adults, £17 Junior

A £2 Discount for is available for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground at 1.30pm 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.

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ticket information for forthcoming league fixtures...



Oldham Athletic vs Swindon Town

Tuesday 26th February 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are priced at **£18** for Adults, **£9** for OAP (over 65), **£9** for Juniors under 16, **£3** Juniors under 12. Ticket prices increase by **£2** on matchday.

SAS Travel coach fare is **£19** for Adults and **£17** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£2** discount. Departs from The County Ground at 1:30pm. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



Swindon Town vs Leeds United

Saturday 1st March 2008 KO: 2pm - Coca-Cola League One

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



Swindon Town vs Huddersfield Town

Tuesday 4th March 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

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



Leyton Orient vs Swindon Town

Tuesday 11th March 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are priced at **£20** for Adults, **£13** for OAP (over 65), **£13** for Juniors, **£13** for Students (Student card required)

SAS Travel coach fare is **£12** for Adults and **£11** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£1** discount. Departs from The County Ground at 3:30pm. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



Bristol Rovers (A): Please note this game has been rearranged for Tuesday 22nd April 2008, 7.45pm KO at The Memorial Stadium.

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.

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Have your credit or debit card details at the ready.

FAX - 0844 967 1008

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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

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	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 issues 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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Kick-Off 15.00 Saturdays, 19.45 midweek unless otherwise stated

LEAGUE ONE TABLE 21.02.08



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swansea	31	20	7	4	59	25	67	+34
2 Doncaster	31	16	8	7	48	28	56	+20
3 Nottm Forest	31	14	11	6	46	23	53	+23
4 Carlisle	30	15	7	8	44	31	52	+13
5 Tranmere	33	14	9	10	38	30	51	+8
6 Walsall	32	12	13	7	38	27	49	+11
7 Leyton Orient	33	13	10	10	39	43	49	-4
8 Southend	32	14	5	13	49	46	47	+3
9 Leeds	32	18	7	7	51	28	46	+23
10 Oldham	31	11	10	10	34	28	43	+6
11 Swindon	31	11	10	10	40	35	43	+5
12 Northampton	33	11	10	12	41	42	43	-1
13 Huddersfield	31	13	4	14	32	44	43	-12
14 Brighton	30	11	9	10	38	33	42	+5
15 Yeovil	33	11	8	14	29	39	41	-10
16 Hartlepool	32	11	7	14	48	47	40	+1
17 Bristol R	29	10	10	9	33	32	40	+1
18 Cheltenham	33	9	8	16	26	45	35	-19
19 Crewe	32	8	10	14	30	48	34	-18
20 Millwall	32	9	6	17	31	48	33	-17
21 Gillingham	31	8	8	15	30	49	32	-19
22 Luton	31	9	7	15	32	44	24	-12
23 Bournemouth	33	9	5	19	42	59	22	-17
24 Port Vale	33	5	7	21	31	55	22	-24

LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES 23.02.08



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

STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
APPS	GLS	Y/R	APPS	GLS	Y/R	APPS	GLS	Y/R	APPS
1 Phil SMITH	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
2 Jack SMITH	-	1/0	11	-	-	3	-	1/0	14
3 Jamie VINCENT	-	3/0	22	-	-	2	-	3/0	24
4 Lee PEACOCK	3	1/0	26	-	1/0	4	3	2/0	30
5 Jeral IFIL	1	4/1	27	-	2/0	3	1	6/1	30
6 Andy WILLIAMS	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
7 Christian ROBERTS	5	3/0	14(8)	1	-	2(4)	6	3/0	16(12)
8 Craig EASTON	2	3/0	25	-	-	5	2	3/0	30
9 Barry CORR	5	3/1	6(9)	-	1/0	2(1)	5	4/1	8(10)
10 Jon-Paul MCGOVERN	2	1/0	22(5)	1	-	5	3	1/0	27(5)
11 Sofiane ZAABOUB	-	2/1	18(6)	-	-	4(1)	-	2/1	22(7)
12 Peter BREZOVAN	-	-	20	-	-	7	-	-	27
14 Miguel COMMINGS	-	4/0	21(8)	-	3/0	7	-	7/0	28(8)
13 Mauro ALMEIDA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
15 Andy NICHOLAS	1	-	8(2)	-	-	-	1	-	8(2)
16 Hasney AL JOFFREE	1	3/0	26	1	2/0	4	2	5/0	30
17 Chris BLACKBURN	-	1/0	4(3)	2	-	2	2	1/0	6(3)
18 Steve ADAMS	-	-	2	-	-	3(1)	-	-	5(1)
19 Michael POCK	1	4/0	14(8)	-	-	4(1)	1	4/0	18(9)
20 Billy PAVNTER	6	5/1	17(6)	2	-	3(1)	8	5/1	20(7)
21 Blair STURROCK	2	1/0	12(5)	3	-	5(1)	5	1/0	17(6)
22 Ibon ARRIETA	-	1/0	(4)	1	-	1(1)	1	1/0	(5)
23 Kaid MOHAMMED	-	-	3(6)	-	-	1(2)	-	-	4(8)
24 Chris ALLEN	-	-	2(1)	-	-	1(2)	-	-	3(3)
26 Patrick KANYUKA	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
27 Ben TOZER	-	0/1	1(1)	-	-	5	-	0/1	6(1)
27 Anthony MCNAMEE	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
29 Sam COLLINS	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
30 Moses ASHIKODI	-	1/0	4(2)	-	-	-	-	1/0	4(2)
31 Simon COX	9	3/0	20(1)	1	-	1(1)	10	3/0	21(2)
34 Callum KENNEDY	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

Other appearances: Lloyd MACKLIN (1)

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
Sat Aug 11	Northampton	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,210	1,338	11th C. Panton
Tue Aug 14	CHARLTON	LGCP - 19:45	0-2	6,175	799	x A. Woolmer
Sat Aug 18	LUTON TOWN	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	7,520	992	4th J. Singh
Sat Aug 25	Cheltenham	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	5,442	1,790	8th K. Stroud
Sat Sep 1	CREWE	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,595	283	9th K. Friend
Tue Sep 4	BRENTFORD	JPT1 - 19:00	4-1	3,118	151	→ S. Attwell
Sun Sep 9	YEOVIL TOWN	FL1 - 16:00	0-1	6,944	706	11th A. Marriner
Sat Sep 15	Hartlepool	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	4,943	217	12th D. 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	CHELTHENHAM	JPT2 - 19:45	1-3	3,765	295	x 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. Penn
Sat Nov 3	DONCASTER	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	6,517	517	11th G. Horwood
Tue Nov 6	LEYTON ORIENT	FL1 - 19:45	1-1	5,874	475	10th M. Russell
Sat Nov 10	Wycombe	FAC1 - 15:00	2-1	3,332	841	→ K. Friend
Sat Nov 17	Leeds United	FL1 - 15:00	1-2	27,990	1,710	15th L. Mason
Sat Nov 24	BRISTOL ROVERS	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	9,342	2,099	11th R. Styles
Sat Dec 1	FOREST GREEN	FAC2 - 15:00	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	2-1	5,875	202	15th R. Lewis
Wed Dec 26	Yeovil Town	FL1 - 14:00	1-0	6,539	920	13th D. McDermid
Sat Dec 29	Bournemouth	FL1 - 15:00	2-2	6,540	1,464	11th K. Friend
Tue Jan 1	SWANSEA CITY	FL1 - 13:00	1-1	9,426	2,636	12th P. Melin
Sat Jan 5	BARNET	FAC3 - 15:00	1-1	5,944	632	→ D. Deadman
Sat Jan 12	Walsall	FL1 - 15:00	2-2	5,449	781	12th N. Swarbrick
Sat Jan 19	NOTT'M FOREST	FL1 - 15:00	2-1	9,815	1,975	11th M. Thorpe
Sat Jan 22	Barnet (R)	FAC3 - 19:45	1-1	2,810	771	x A. Penn
Sat Jan 26	Crewe	FL1 - 15:00	0-0	4,344	428	11th K. Evans
Tue Jan 29	Luton Town	FL1 - 19:45	1-0	5,738	325	10th C. Boyeson
Sat Feb 2	NORTHAMPTON	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	7,375	645	10th S. Bratt
Sat Feb 9	Huddersfield	FL1 - 15:00	0-1	9,388	383	11th F. Graham
Tue Feb 12	CHELTHENHAM	FL1 - 19:45	3-0	6,483	653	10th A. Wiley
Sat Feb 16	Nott'm Forest	FL1 - 15:00	1-0	23,439	1,264	11th D. Foster
Sat Feb 23	WALSALL	FL1 - 15:00	H			
Tue Feb 26	Oldham	FL1 - 19:45	A			
Sat Mar 1	LEEDS UNITED	FL1 - 14:00	H			
Tues Mar 4	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1 - 19:45	H			
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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			
Tues Apr 22	Bristol Rovers	FL1 - 19:45	A			
Sat Apr 26	Gillingham	FL1 - 15:00	A			
Sat May 3	MILLWALL	FL1 - 15:00	H			

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head to head

	STFC Wins	Draws	LUFC Wins
League	1	4	6
FA Cup	1	0	3
League Cup	0	1	1
Total	2	5	10

Swindon go into next weekend's home clash with Leeds United looking to improve upon their existing record against The Whites.

The last victory over Leeds came in February 1990 with a 3-2 win at The County Ground.

Town's last home clash with The Whites was the last game of our one-season stay in the Premiership, in front of 17,539 at SN1.

next at home



Next weekend one of the biggest clubs in League One visit The County Ground with Leeds United in Town on Saturday 1st March 2008, Kick-Off 2pm.

The game has caught the imagination of the Robins faithful with around 13,500 expected for the all-important encounter.

The two sides have already met once this term which came at Elland Road back in November 2007. A Jermaine Beckford penalty fired the home side ahead on the half hour before Lee Peacock finished well to bring Swindon level. Unfortunately another Beckford strike was enough to seal a home three points for the home side, in front of an impressive 27,990 strong crowd.

At the time Leeds were riding high in the division but since then the picture has changed slightly. Dennis Wise left Leeds at the end of January destined for the Premiership with Newcastle United; a move that has raised more than a few eyebrows. Another former member of the Swindon and Leeds coaching staff, Gus Poyet, is also enjoying life in the top-flight with Tottenham Hotspur.

After Wise's defection to the North East, Leeds appointed ex-Scotland International Gary McAllister as their new boss. The 43 year old, who played for Leeds from 1990 to 1996, joined the club initially until the summer. Going into today's home clash with Crewe, Leeds were still waiting for their first win under McAllister. They will be without top scorer Jermaine Beckford for the game as he will serve a one-match suspension.

Leeds are on the fringes of the Play-Off zone and McAllister believes his side still have the capability of making the end of season shake-up.

"There's still a lot of points to play for and still lots up for grabs. That carrot there is massive. We have dropped a few points recently and we need to get back on track."

Swindon do like the big match atmosphere as wins over Nottingham Forest and Bristol Rovers suggest. Although with a near capacity crowd in Town, it should definitely be an afternoon to remember. Will we see a Swindon win?

Town fans are reminded that this fixture will kick-off at 2pm due to police advice.

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