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This afternoon we welcome Carlisle United to The County Ground and after a midweek defeat, it's important we get back on track.

The visit to Leyton Orient was a mixed evening for us. I thought we performed well in the first half and took the lead into the break, but the rest as they say, is history. It was a disappointing result in what was an important game for us. We scored a fortunate first goal but I thought we worked hard for the lead.

Unfortunately the second half was something of a different story. It was a difficult ten-minute period after the break and we conceded two sloppy goals. The first one came from a penalty and Miguel shouldn't have given it away. He showed a bit of inexperience to dive in but hopefully he will learn from the experience. The second goal was a free header and we just didn't compete in what was an important position. It was an easy opportunity and Boyd took the chance of a second goal of the evening.

The pleasing factor to come out of the game was the amount of quality chances that we created. I would rather us have the chances and miss them, rather than not be creating them in the first instance. However, we are at an important stage of the season and we really can't afford to be missing these chances. Simon Cox had a great chance midway through the half; but he was in the right place and hopefully if a chance like that comes his way today, he will finish it off.

If we had won the game on Tuesday then we would have gone above Leyton Orient in the table that would have been a good position to be in. Unfortunately we couldn't take the points and we come into today's

game looking for a second home win inside two weeks. We will stay focused, but the players know that they have to improve their consistency if they are to start putting some results together.

In terms of selection we made a few changes on Tuesday night for the game at Leyton Orient. Peter Brezovan came back in between the sticks and he was deserving of his chance. Phil had an opportunity with a four-game run and didn't step forward and take it as perhaps he would have liked. It is now Peter's turn to impress and the competition is healthy between the two. Elsewhere Lee Peacock and Billy Paynter are still ruled out through suspension, with Billy available again for our next league game at Brighton & Hove Albion. Peacs was served with a three-game ban which will keep him out until the Easter Monday clash with Southend United.

At the time of writing we are still working towards adding to the squad ahead of today's game. We need another body or two with the injuries and suspensions we have been having and hopefully by the time you read these notes we will have secured one of our loan targets.

Enjoy the game.

Maurice Malpas

Maurice Malpas

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"quote
of the
week"



→ Looking Ahead: Maurice Malpas explains his views to the media after the home clash with Huddersfield



"The players know that a complete ninety minute performance is needed if we are going to take the three points."

Maurice Malpas

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stfc club history

Year Formed
1879

Stadium Capacity
15,728

Record Attendance
32,000 vs Arsenal
(15th 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 (1926-1933)

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

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

Youngest League Player
Paul Rideout, 16 years 107 days
29th November 1980 vs. Hull City

Record Transfer Fee Paid
£2800,000 to West Ham United for
Joey Beauschamp (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
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Winners, 1979
Anglo-Italian Cup Winners, 1970
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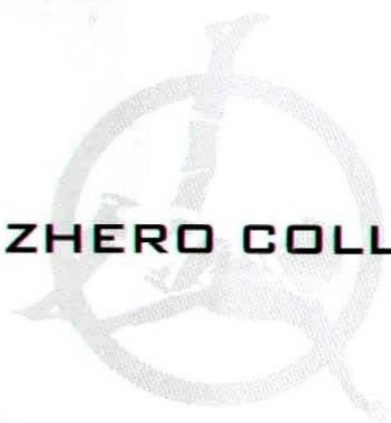
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from the boardroom

"In competition, nothing is less important than the score at half-time"

Welcome and how good it is to be back hosting a match at The County Ground this afternoon after a ten-day interval. The last time we were all together was for that extraordinary match against Huddersfield, certainly a game of two halves! Three goals to one ahead at half-time but then for the greater part of the second half I thought we had re-discovered that ancient old game of Nine Men's Morris! Thankfully, despite the referee's hyperactive red card we held on and earned an important win 3 - 2. Phew!

Last Tuesday evening saw STFC travelling East to the Orient and the Town were a goal up at half time - a positive position to be in at the break but alas not for long. Two swift goals from the Orient early in the second half sealed the match and stole the three critical points. Mercifully STFC did not paint the Town Red on this occasion and aside from a niggling injury to the very promising Chris Allen, the team returned home to Swindon intact. With any more injuries and suspensions, even a game of Nine Men's Morris would have been difficult to arrange.

And so onto to this afternoon's fixture with the team of the moment, Carlisle United. We are delighted to welcome them to The County Ground. What a wonderful season John Ward's team are having and they are certainly one of but a few clubs that are really setting the pace in the upper quartile of League One. The bracing Cumbrian air and a diet of Kendal Mint Cake is clearly a recipe for tremendous success. However, let's hope that the Reds can discover something in the Wiltshire water to fire them to a much-needed victory by 4.45pm today.

Quite understandably the team performance and the corresponding result is the prime emotional driver for the majority of the supporters and even for me, someone quite new to the game of football, match days have become a huge emotional roller coaster. A degree of inconsistency on the field does not help the cause but please be assured that everyone associated with the playing activities, the manager, the coaches and the players are working extremely hard at achieving consistency and collectively,

everyone is confident of the outcome. So hang on to the faith and keep believing because the consistently good results will come, I am sure.

As Easter approaches and the club has a renewed spring in its step, let's not forget where the club was not so long ago, in those dark days just before Christmas. Only a matter of months separates the two festivities but we have travelled a long way in the interim. There is now newfound financial stability, positive progress is being on a number of fronts, orderliness and efficiencies are becoming watchwords for the day-to-day operations and there is a future. I hope you would agree that on the scoreboard of life, there is much to cheer about.

On a slightly less cheerful note, in recent days I have held discussions with our current main sponsors, the Kingswood Group. The hand of good financial fortune is not resting comfortably on their shoulder presently and I fear administration may loom large for them. Consequently they have been relieved of their on-going sponsorship commitments and the club is now actively engaged in dialogue with new sponsors for 2008/09 and beyond.

Finally, it is often said that a good game is one you win - let's hope we have a good game this afternoon.

Happy Easter!



Nicholas Watkins
Chief Executive



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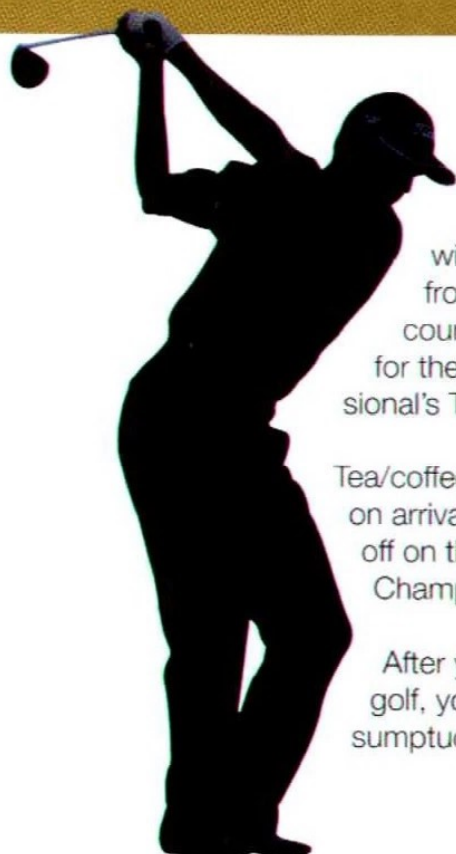


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from the captain

Welcome to this home encounter with Carlisle United at The County Ground. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to visiting manager John Ward.

John was at Wolves during my time at Molineux and he has since gone on to enjoy a successful time in management with the likes of Cheltenham Town, and now Carlisle United. They have kept up their push for promotion and I am sure they will be looking for another result this afternoon.

Our last encounter with Carlisle United was certainly not a memorable one. Unfortunately we lost out 3-0 on a torrid night which also saw young Ben Tozer sent off on what was his last appearance for Swindon before joining Newcastle United. Brunton Park is always a difficult place to go, and Carlisle's push for promotion has benefited greatly from a solid home record. With fifteen home wins, one draw and just one home defeat, they have the best record in the league on their own patch.

On Tuesday night we were in action at Leyton Orient and after a promising start, we were unable to take anything away from the game. Anthony McNamee's pace set us up for the first goal with Alton Thelwell scoring an own goal. We took the lead into the break but set ourselves up for a fall with a below-par ten-minute spell after the interval.

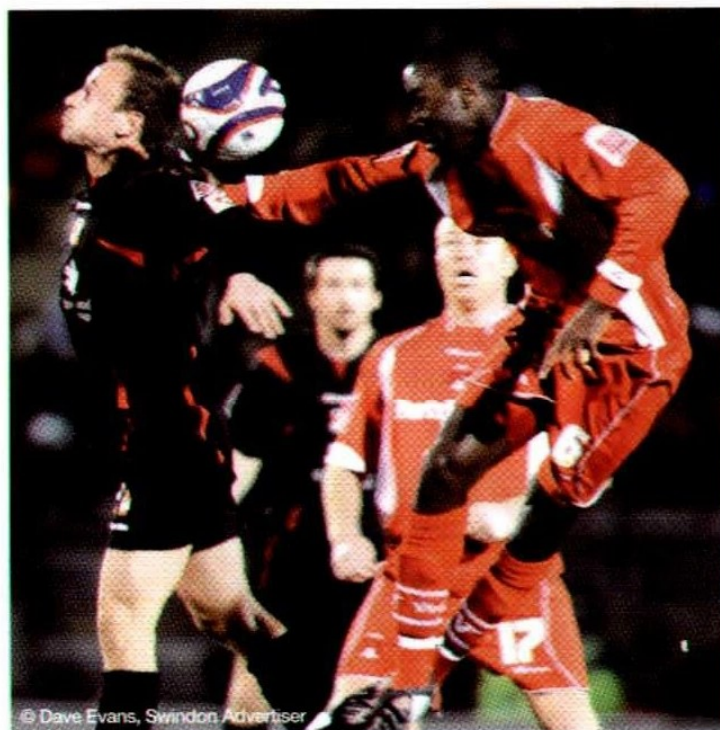
After the game there were a few words said as to how we can progress. Training was good on Thursday and after the session the lads were back at the club to review the Orient game on DVD. Reviewing a game in that method can be an excellent method of pointing out mistakes and I think the lads

will have benefited from the session.

Today we have to be positive in our play and try and take the game to Carlisle. It's an opportunity to perform in front of our own fans and after a win against Huddersfield, it would be great to put back to back wins together. However, Carlisle will provide a stern test for us, but if we can put a consistent performance together, then we have every chance of coming out with a result.

Enjoy the game and keep up the magnificent support.

Ady



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making it count

After today's home game then we only have nine League One fixtures left of the season.

We have four home games left against Southend United, Oldham Athletic and Port Vale before we finish the season at The County Ground against one of my old clubs, Millwall. With five games on the road we will be looking to pick up points away from home.

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The three days are designed for young people to enjoy themselves, have a go with technology and take part in a variety of activities in a positive caring environment.

Days 1 & 2 will be based in the Cecil Green

Suite and include a tour of The County Ground. The young people will have an opportunity to interview a Swindon Town player and create a podcast about The County Ground and STFC.

The pod cast involves producing their own music and editing their own movies using Apple Mac technology and digital video cameras.

Day 3 will include a visit to the STFC

Training Ground near Wanborough, where the children can watch the Swindon Town first team squad in training, get autographs and play small-sided football games. Transport to and from Wanborough is provided

Please note that numbers limited to 36 participants per course and the courses begin at 9.30am until 3.30pm.

Individual course places are available at **£45**. For further information or to book your place call **Kate Steadman** at the STFC Study Centre on **01793 333752**.



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barry corr lends a hand



Swindon Town striker Barry Corr was at Brinkworth Earl Danby's C of E Primary School last week to assist with a coaching session in association with Malmesbury School.

The coaching session was laid on by coach Luke Sharps, of Swindon Town Football in the Community, as part of Fairtrade Football fortnight.

Malmesbury School recently launched the Fairtrade Football Project and after a fundraising event, the school have been able to purchase fourteen netballs and fourteen footballs.

The Fairtrade footballs were in use on Thursday morning as around twenty children were shown a variety of new skills, with Barry Corr on hand to assist with the coaching and answer a number of questions in a post-session Q&A.

Each child was then handed a copy of STFC Magazine to take away with them at the end of the session.

All balls in the scheme are Fairtrade certified; guaranteeing ethical trading from production in Pakistan to sale in the U.K.

For more information about coaching available from Swindon Town Football in the Community, then just call **01793 421 303**.



stfc news

FANS OF THE FUTURE: GROVE CHALLENGERS U8'S

This afternoon we are delighted to welcome Grove Challengers to The County Ground as part of the Fans of the Future campaign.

Grove Challengers are a friendly youth football club, based in South Oxfordshire, that currently run eleven teams right through from Rising Stars (U7's) up to the under 15 age group.

The squad of Ally Patton, Ben Challenger, Connor Daley, Daniel Stokell, Declan O'Hanlon, Freddie Lagden, Harriet Talbot, Harry Bowman, Hasan Bahar, Jamie Bunce, Joe Horton, Joe Parkin, Jordan Parrott, Joshua Yates, Lawrence Smith, Lee Stone, Pearce Jonathon, Samuel Cotterell and Skye Cooper are in their first full season playing regular matches. Although the league is run on a friendly basis every game provides a competitive challenge and with the help of their dedicated management team (Gary Stone and Dave Horton, ably assisted by Gary's son Luke) the players are improving their skills and learning about positional play and new tactics on a weekly basis.

The players have shown a wonderful commitment throughout

the season, turning out regularly for training on Thursday evenings and on Saturday mornings for matches whatever the weather. Throughout a difficult season with only a few wins the players have never let their spirits drop. They have played the game with a smile on their faces and with such enthusiasm they will surely have many fun packed seasons ahead of them.

With just a few regular season matches to go the management are already planning ahead towards the traditional end of season 6 a side tournaments, which are tremendous fun, if somewhat exhausting days out. Plans are also well under way for the club's own tournament that will be held over the weekend of the 5th and 6th July this year.

The club are always looking for new players and people who are willing to take an active role in the running of the club. To find out more about the club and for information on the 6 a side tournament visit the website at www.grovechallengers.co.uk.

TOWN IN ACTION THIS TUESDAY!

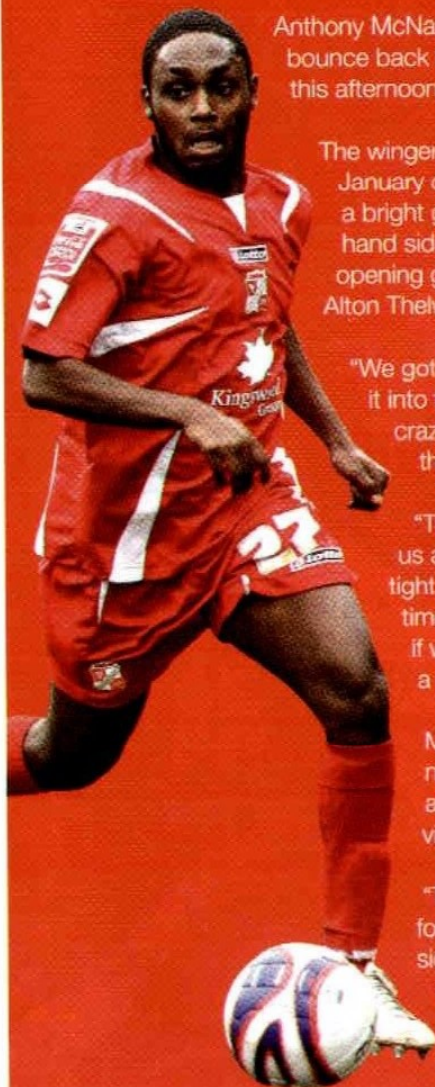


Swindon Town's reserves will be in action at The County Ground this Tuesday 18th March.

Bristol Rovers are the visitors for the Pontin's Holiday combination fixture which will kick-off at the earlier time of 12pm.

Entry is free so why not come down and support The Robins in action against our local rivals?

MCNAMEE TARGETS CUMBRIANS COMEBACK



Anthony McNamee is hoping his teammates can bounce back from a midweek defeat with victory this afternoon.

The winger, signed on loan from Watford in January on a two and a half year deal, had a bright game on Tuesday out on the left hand side of midfield and contributed to the opening goal which saw former Spurs man Alton Thelwell put past his own keeper.

"We got into the lead and although we took it into the second half, we then had a crazy second half spell which cost us the game," he said.

"The manager had a few words with us after the game and we just weren't tight enough. We lost our shape at times and we can't afford to do that if we are going to come away with a result."

McNamee is hoping for a positive ninety-minute performance this afternoon with Carlisle United the visitors to The County Ground.

"This weekend is an important one for us. Carlisle United are a decent side and going for promotion but we are the home side and it is up to us to take the game to them, and put Tuesday's defeat behind us."

timlin glad to be back

notice board



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New signing Michael Timlin admitted his delight at being back at The County Ground after signing a loan deal until the end of the season.

Timlin, 22, spent a successful loan stint with the club last term scoring once in twenty-four games and after returning for a second spell with The Robins, is looking forward to getting back in a Swindon shirt.

"Things were a bit frustrating at Fulham, especially after enjoying success with Swindon last season with automatic promotion last term," he said.

"I played in a lot of the games under Lawrie Sanchez, went to the Far East on tour with them and played quite a bit. There was then a change of management and when Roy Hodgson came in it became clear that I would be allowed to move out on loan."

WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD

Swindon Town supporters are reminded that the Wiltshire Premier Shield Second leg encounter with Chippenham Town has is to be rearranged.

Swindon go into the game with a 2-0 lead after a first leg victory at Hardenhuish Park thanks to goals from former Robins Andy Caton and Ibon Arieta.





carlisle united

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club factfile

Also known as: Cumbrians/The Blues

Ground: Brunton Park

Manager: John Ward

Year Formed: 1903

Record attendance: 27,500: vs Middlesbrough
07/02/1970 FA Cup R5

Most capped player:

Eric Welsh: 4 Northern Ireland

League appearances:

Alan Ross: 466 1963/79

Record goalscorer:

Jimmy McConnell: 126 1928/32

Goals in a season:

Jimmy McConnell: 42 1928/29 Division 3N

Transfer fee received:

£1,500,000: Matt Jansen Crystal Palace February 1999

Transfer fee paid:

£140,000: Joe Murphy Carlisle 10 August 2007

john ward

Upon his retirement from playing John linked up with Graham Taylor, his former boss at Lincoln, to become assistant manager at Watford from 1982 to 1987.

He followed Taylor to Aston Villa but left in 1991 to strike out on his own as a boss with York City. John guided York to Football League survival in 1992 and the following season got them promoted via the play-offs.

He managed Bristol Rovers between March 1993 and May 1996, taking them to an unsuccessful Division Two play-off appearance, then had a short spell as assistant manager of Burnley before taking charge of Bristol City.

John led City to promotion from Division Two in his first full season but left the club the following season.

He then enjoyed a lengthy spell as assistant manager to first Colin Lee and then Dave Jones at Wolves. After leaving Wolves in 2003 he spent some time coaching at Carlisle United before landing the manager's job at Cheltenham Town, in November that year.

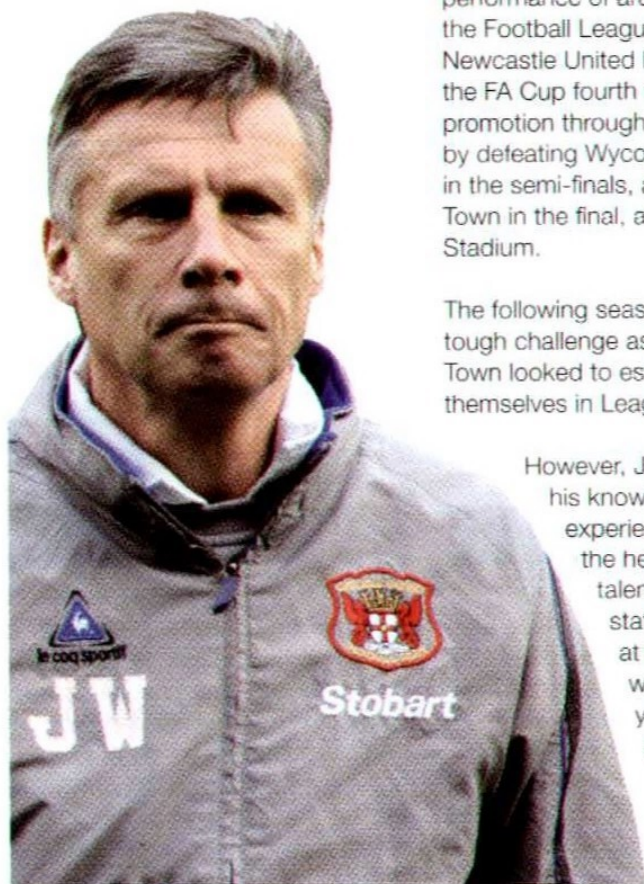
He guided the club to mid-table finishes in Coca-Cola League Two during his first two seasons and was then at the helm for one of the most successful seasons in the club's history during 2005-06.

The team took Sunderland to extra-time in the Carling Cup second round; achieved a best ever performance of area semi-finals in the Football League Trophy; played Newcastle United live on TV in the FA Cup fourth round and won promotion through the play-offs by defeating Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-finals, and Grimsby Town in the final, at the Millennium Stadium.

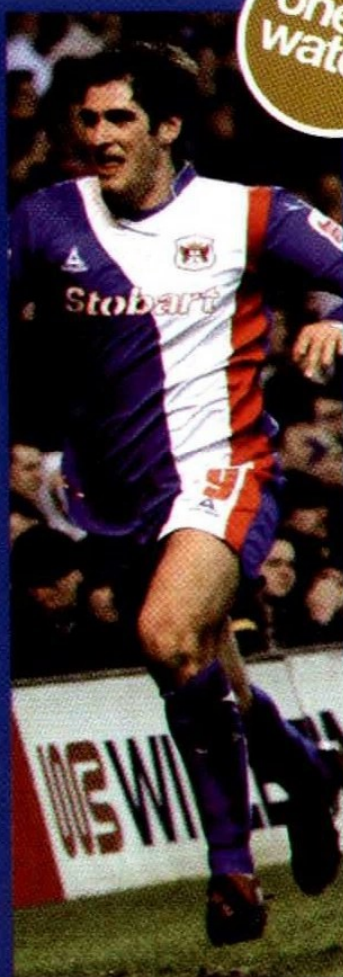
The following season proved a tough challenge as Cheltenham Town looked to establish themselves in League One.

However, John used all his knowledge and experience coupled with the help of a loyal and talented backroom staff to keep the club at the higher level with a promising young squad of players.

He joined United on a 4-year contract.



one to watch!



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danny graham

Signed a permanent deal with Carlisle United in the summer of 2007, after a very successful loan period with the club in the previous season.

Moving from Middlesbrough he has had loan spells at Darlington, Derby County, Leeds and Blackpool, as well as making 15 appearances for Boro, including an appearance in the infamous 1-0 defeat at the hands of Fulham in May 2006, where he was one of ten North East born players in the Premiership's youngest ever starting line up.

A tall, strong forward, he has an eye for goal and an ability to bring others in to play, making him a real handful for opposition defenders. Has scored 12 goals in 27 league starts so far this term and leads the line well.

CARLISLE UNITED ROLL CALL 07/08

GOALKEEPERS

GOALKEEPERS	APPS	GLS
Keiren Westwood	34	0
Adam Bradley	0	0
Chris Howarth	0	0

DEFENDERS

DEFENDERS	APPS	GLS
David Raven	33	0
Zigor Aranalde	27	0
Danny Livesey	34	4
Peter Murphy	22(2)	0
Paul Amison	5(7)	0
Evan Horwood	7	0
Daren Campion	0	0
Dan Kirkup	0	0

MIDFIELDERS

MIDFIELDERS	APPS	GLS
M. Bridge-Wilkinson	33	4
Chris Lumsdon	26(2)	0
Paul Thirlwell	9(3)	0
Luke Joyce	1(1)	1
Jeff Smith	13(8)	1
Neale McDermott	0(1)	0
Simon Hackney	27(4)	7
Ged Dalton	0	0
Shaun Vipond	0	0
Grant Smith	4(1)	0
Cleveland Taylor	6(1)	0

FORWARDS

FORWARDS	APPS	GLS
Kevin Gall	6(1)	0
Danny Graham	27(6)	12
Danny Carlton	5(19)	0
Joe Garner	30(1)	14
Scott Dobie	1(1)	0
Stephen Hindmarch	0	0
Gary Madine	0(2)	0



today's visitors



KIERAN WESTWOOD ↑

Born: 23rd October 1984

An agile keeper who has kept over 40 clean sheets in the past two seasons, joined Carlisle United in the summer of 2004 after being released from Manchester City. Contracted to the Cumbrians until the summer of 2009 and has now made 119 league starts for United.

CLEVELAND TAYLOR

Born: 9th September 1983

Industrious midfielder who started his career at began his career as a youth team player at Bolton Wanderers. After four years at The Reebok Stadium – and three loan spells – he moved on. Made his loan switch to Scunthorpe United permanent in March 2004 before joining Carlisle in January for £50,000.

PETER MURPHY

Born: 27th October 1980

Irishman who started his career with Premiership Blackburn Rovers before a move to Carlisle in the summer of 2001 after impressing during an 18-game loan spell at Halifax. Now has plenty of Football League experience with almost 250 league starts and the majority of those have been in Carlisle colours.

DANNY LIVESY

Born: 31st December 1984

Salford-born defender who began his career with Bolton Wanderers and made it through to the first team with six senior appearances for The Trotters. He then moved to Blackpool in August 2004 but it was a short stay on the seaside with just one appearance for The Tangerines before signing for Carlisle in December of the same year.

EVAN HORWOOD

Born: 10th March 1986

Defender who spent three and a half years at Sheffield United and went out on loan to five different clubs during his time at Bramall Lane. Joined Gretna on a free transfer in the summer of 2007 before a switch to Carlisle in January 2008. Almost 50-career league starts to his name.



DAVID RAVEN ↑

Born: 10th March 1985

A former trainee with Liverpool, Raven came up through the ranks at Anfield and spent an loan spell with neighbours Tranmere Rovers before making a summer switch to Brunton Park in 2006. Yet to register on the scoresheet this season, Raven has picked up four bookings this term.



carlisle united

JEFF SMITH

Born: 28th June 1980
Midfielder joined Carlisle in January 2007 from Port Vale on a two and a half year deal. A strong and determined player, Smith has a powerful shot and is not afraid to have a go from in or outside the box. Started his career with four years at Bolton Wanderers.



SIMON HACKNEY



Born: 5th February 1984
There are some gems to be found in the world of non-league football, and Simon Hackney is a case in point. Signed from Woodley Sports in February 2005 he has gone on to impress for Carlisle and has so far made 50 starts and a further 31 appearances from the bench with 15 goals along the way.

GRANT SMITH

Born: 5th May 1980
A nomadic midfielder, now with his thirteenth professional club. Spent two years with Swindon after joining from Sheffield United in the summer of 2003, scoring 10 goals in 23 league starts before switching to Bristol City two years later. Has since played for Walsall, HJK Helsinki and Dundee United.



CHRIS LUMSDON



Born: 15th December 1979
Newcastle-born middle man who began his career at Sunderland where he was a teammate of former Swindon defender David Duke. After four years with the Black Cats he moved on to Barnsley in December 2001 with a £350,000 move. He joined Carlisle United in August 2004.

MARC BRIDGE-WILKINSON

Born: 16th March 1979
Experienced midfielder who has now made over 250 league starts during an established career which has seen him play for the likes of Port Vale, Stockport County and Bradford City. Had a one-month loan spell at Carlisle whilst with his first club, Derby County in March 1999.

GARY MADINE

Born: 24th August 1990
Young striker who has made two appearances off the bench in the last two weeks, coming on to make his debut at Nottingham Forest before a late appearance in the home win over Brighton & Hove Albion. Still a first year YTS player, but with a bright future ahead of him.

ward delighted with carlisle showing



Carlisle United boss John Ward praised his side's battling qualities after a 2-0 win over Brighton & Hove Albion last weekend. The Cumbrians went into the game after a win at Nottingham Forest, with the Carlisle boss impressed with the way his side went about their business on their return to home territory. "Everyone has been keen to pat us on the back and tell us how good we are after winning at Nottingham," he said. "It was important we didn't get carried away and think we just had to turn up. "We had to fight hard to get some authority on the game and we rode our luck a little bit but we ran out good winners in the end."

united on a home roll

Today's visitors Carlisle United arrive at The County Ground after registering a 13th consecutive home win on Tuesday night, with a 2-1 win over Luton Town. Danny Livesey volleyed home Marc Bridge-Wilkinson's corner from 13 yards to open the scoring for Carlisle. They doubled their lead when Peter Murphy out-jumped Luton goalkeeper Dean Brill to nod Chris Lumsdon's cross into an empty net. The visitors pressed after half-time and David Bell reduced the deficit with a fine left-foot strike from 25 yards. Sam Parkin came off the bench for The Hatters but could not prevent an away defeat. Former Swindon defender Sol Davis also played ninety minutes for Luton.

KICK-OFF

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match action



Swindon Town 3 Huddersfield Town 2

Date: 04/03/2008

Venue: The County Ground

Attendance: 4,840 (152)

Referee: R Lee

Swindon Line-up

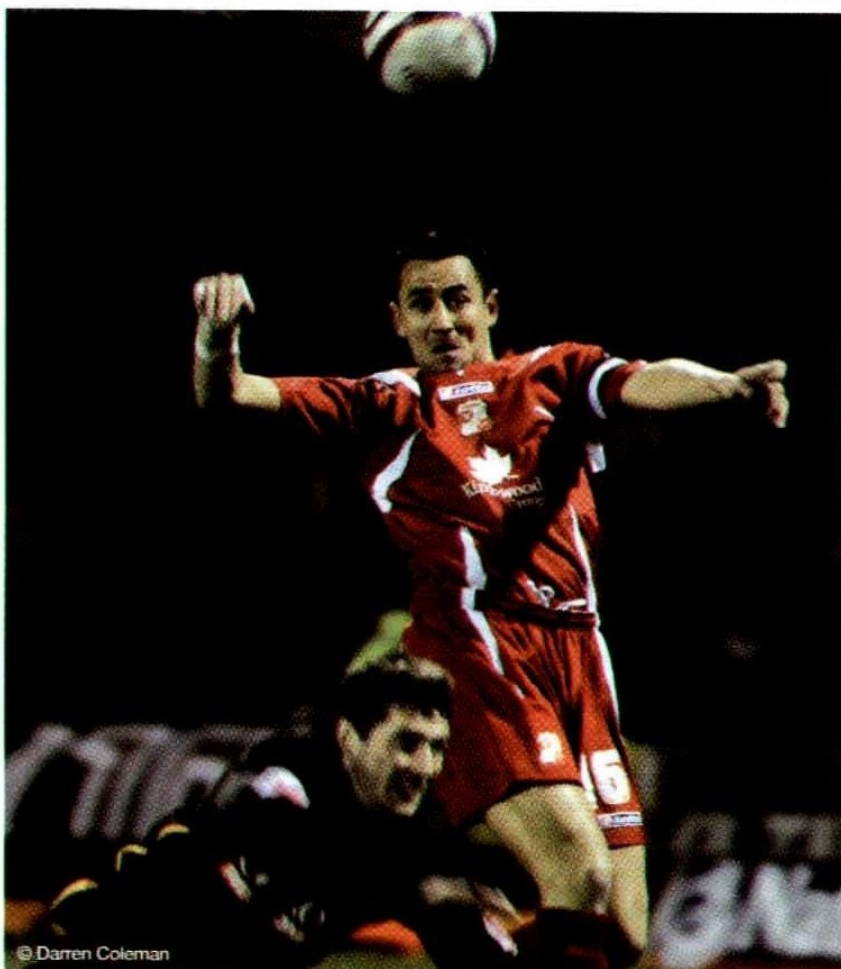
Phil Smith
Miguel Comminges
Jerel Ifill
Hasney Aljofree
Jack Smith
Craig Easton goal 23, 31
Lee Peacock sent off 61
Chris Allen
Anthony McNamee 77
Simon Cox 62
Billy Paynter goal 4, sent off 76
Peter Brezovan
Christian Roberts 90+3
Jon-Paul McGovern 62
Moses Ashikodi 77/90+3
Sofiene Zaaboub

Huddersfield Town Line-up

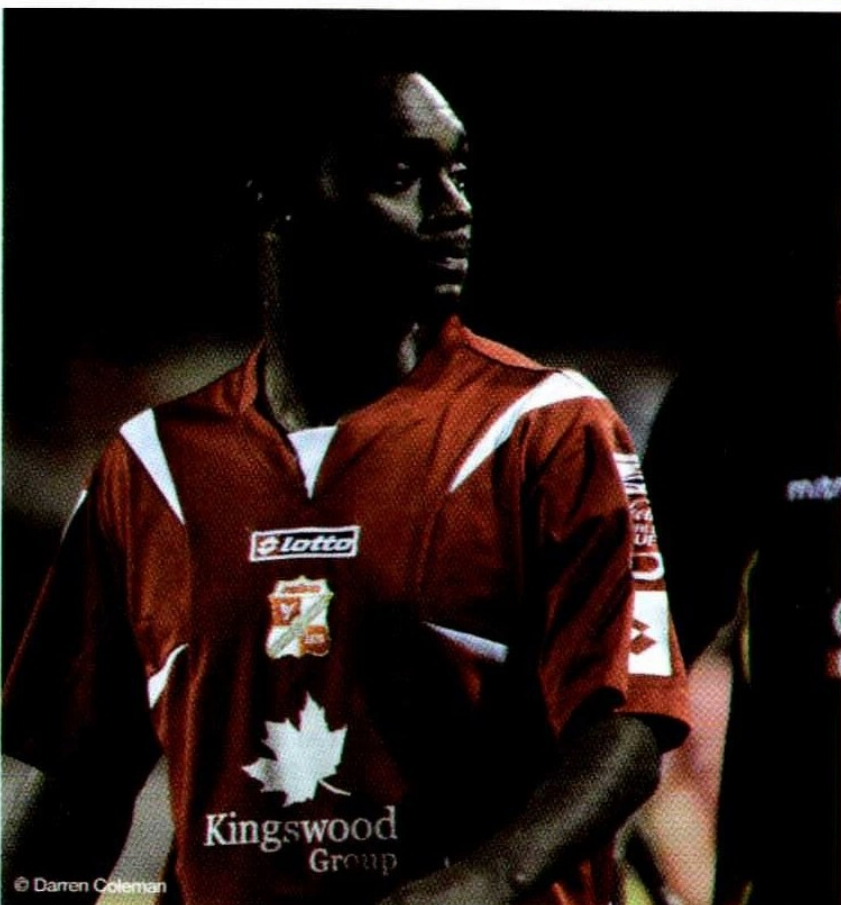
Matthew Glennon
Frank Sinclair
David Mirfin
Nathan Clarke
Robbie Williams 73
Malvin Kamara
Andy Holdsworth
Michael Collins
Chris Brandon
Phil Jevons goal 39 pen, 77 pen
Andy Booth
Simon Eastwood
Joe Skarz
Jonathan Worthington
Luke Beckett 73
Danny Schofield

match stats

	STFC	HTFC
Goals:	3	2
Possession:	52%	48%
Shots On Target:	6	5
Shots Off Target:	1	4
Corners:	2	4
Fouls:	13	8
Yellow Cards:	2	1
Red Cards:	2	0



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**"quick
quote"**

a word from maurice malpas



"I have probably lost a few more hairs after that. We were cruising in the first half but we were struggling at times in the second half. Thankfully we came out of it with all three points and we worked hard for it."

KICK-OFF

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match action



Leyton Orient 2 Swindon Town 1

Date: 11/03/2008

Venue: Matchroom Stadium

Attendance: 3,082 (413)

Referee: D Whitestone

Swindon Line-up

Peter Brezovan
Jack Smith
Jerel Ifil
Hasney Aljofree
Miguel Comminges
Jon-Paul McGovern
Craig Easton
Chris Allen 25
Anthony McNamee 81
Blair Sturrock
Simon Cox

Phil Smith
Jamie Vincent
Sofiene Zaaboub 25
Sean Morrison
Moses Ashikodi 81

Leyton Orient Line-up

Glenn Morris
Adam Chambers
Alton Thelwell goal og 20
Brian Saah
Aiden Palmer
John Melligan
Paul Terry
Sean Thornton
Jason Demetriou
Wayne Gray 78
Adam Boyd goal 51 pen, 55 84

Stuart Nelson
Wayne Corden
Andy Barcham 84
Jabo Ibehre 78
Clayton Fortune

match stats

	LOFC	STFC
Goals:	2	1
Possession:	49%	51%
Shots On Target:	4	2
Shots Off Target:	4	11
Corners:	9	4
Fouls:	7	17
Yellow Cards:	0	0
Red Cards:	0	0



KICK-OFF

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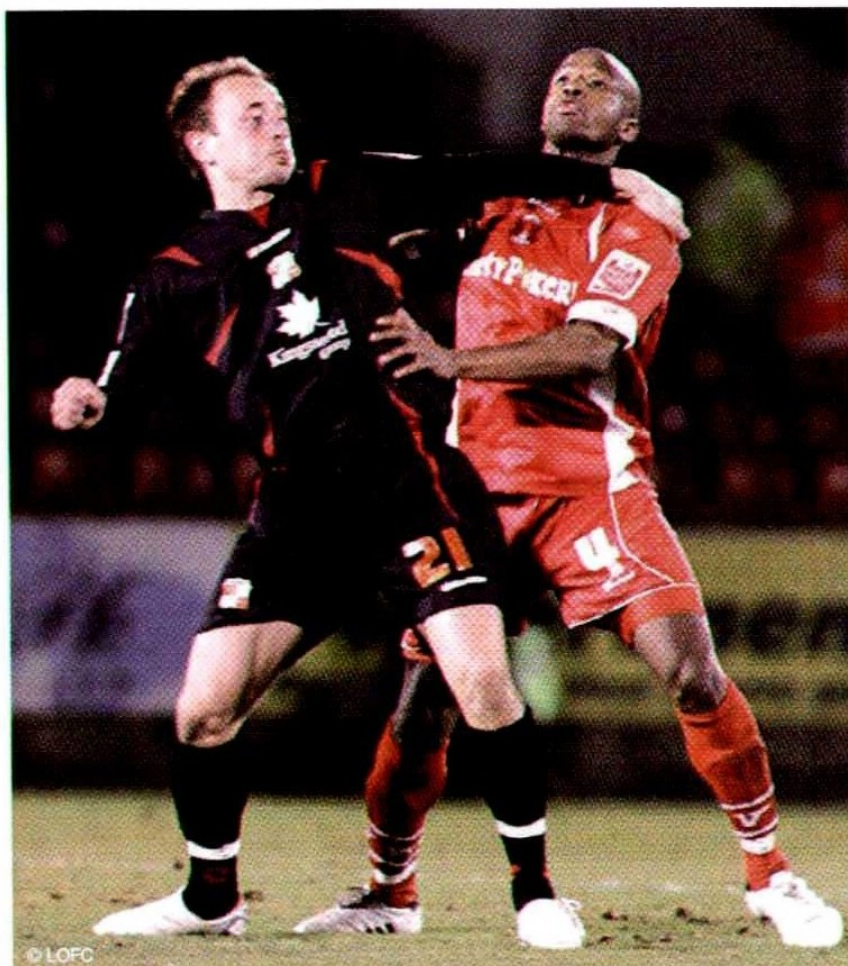
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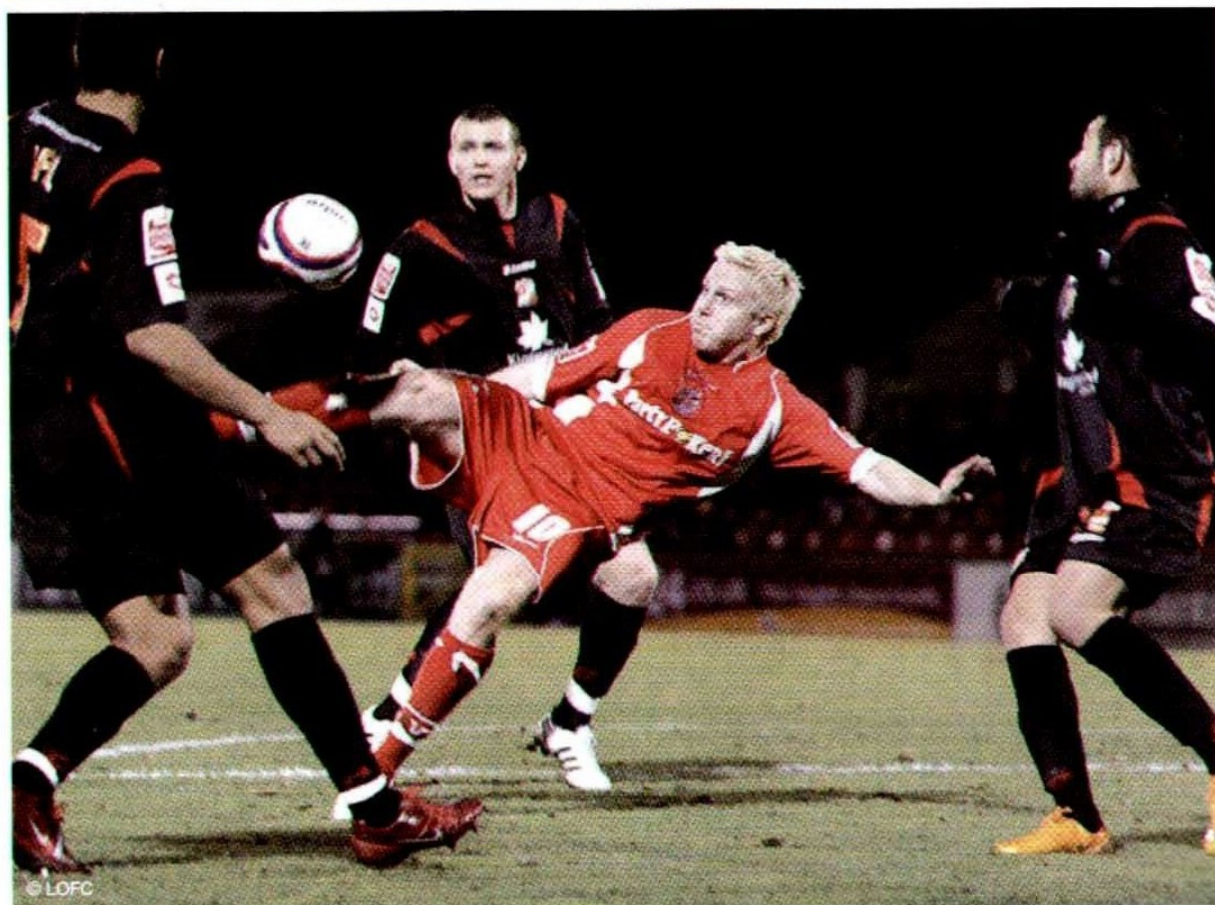
"We had all the chances and whilst I am pleased that the chances are being created, we are at a crucial stage of the season and we need to be putting chances away."

KICK-OFF

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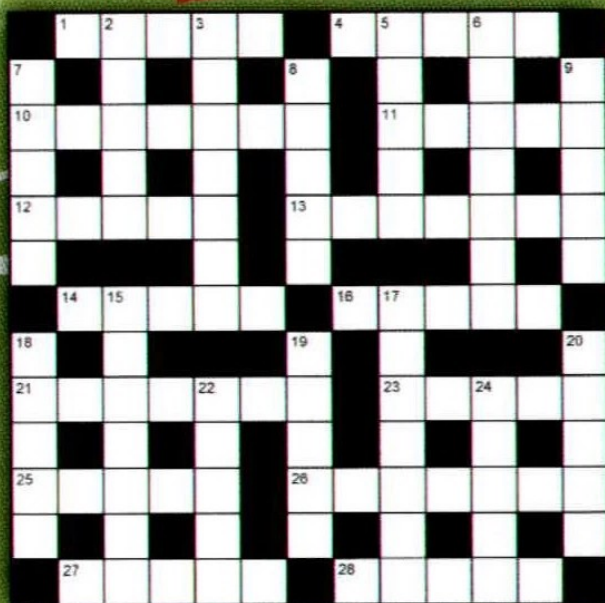
QUIZ



QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS

HALF-TIME

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ACROSS

- 1 Jumps race but not over hurdles (5)
- 4 Soccer's Rioch or Union's Reihana (5)
- 10 Traditionally, the first major handicap of the Fiat season (7)
- 11 Stanislav _____, defender who returned to Sunderland after spell at Celtic (5)
- 12 Brazil's victorious World Cup 1994 captain who took over as coach after 2006 exit (5)
- 13 Golfing nickname of Dunfermline Athletic (3,4)
- 14 Neil _____, 200 games for Leeds and 300 for Port Vale and now boss of Harrogate Town in Blue Square North (5)
- 16 One of Sven's Italian clubs (5)
- 21 Partick or Inverness Caledonian (7)
- 23 1998 World Cup Golden Boot (5)
- 25 Federer's nemesis on clay (5)
- 26 90s Italian striker with Wednesday, Villa and Bradford City (7)
- 27 Tennis' Agassi or cricket's Nel (5)
- 28 Sold out to Abramovich at Chelsea (5)

DOWN

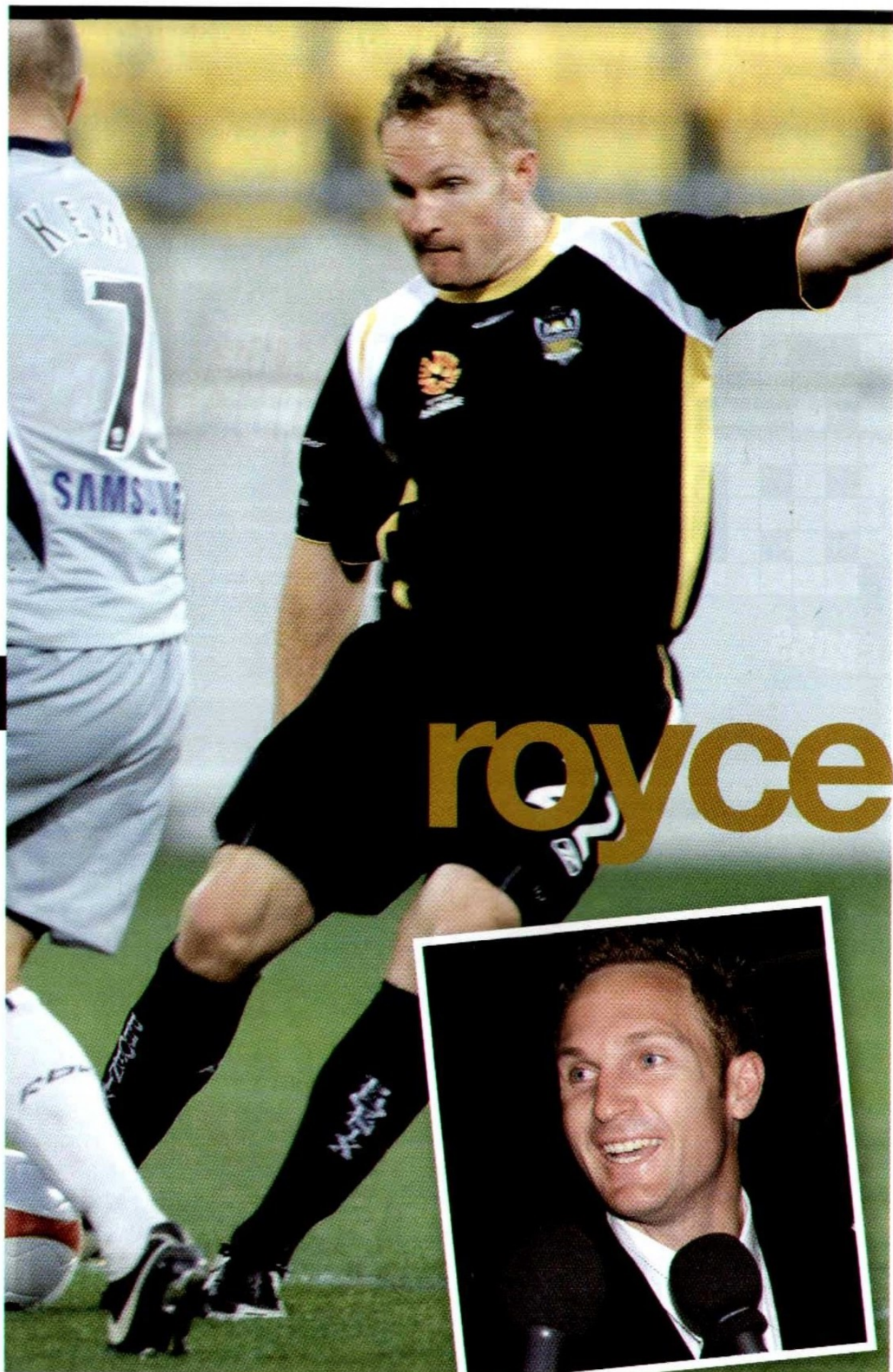
- 2 Justine _____, tennis champ no longer -Hardenne (5)
- 3 Big Phil once touted as England boss (7)
- 5 England boss who sold out to the UAE buck in 1977 (5)
- 6 City's Italian frontman signed by Pearce (7)
- 7 Glasgow side managed by Colin Hendry (5)
- 8 England's best keeper batsman post war? (5)
- 9 The name Morten Pedersen wears on his Rovers shirt (5)
- 15 Sturrock left this Town to go to Plymouth (7)
- 17 Defeated in friendly on home soil by England before THAT fateful Croatia match (7)
- 18 Over 300 Test wickets for this South African paceman (5)
- 19 50-1 surprise 1989 Champion Hurdle win for this wooden Road (5)
- 20 Keeper signed by West Ham from Norwich (5)
- 22 Sky commentator alongside Andy Gray (5)
- 24 2006 Golden Boot winner for Germany having scored 5 in 2002 competition (5)

- 01 Now a Cumbrian, this midfielder spent a loan spell with Swindon in 2005.
- 02 Former Town top-flight manager who played for Carlisle United.
- 03 Midfielder who joined from Sheffield United in 1997 and went on to play for Carlisle.
- 04 Former Swindon keeper whose goal kept Carlisle in the League.
- 05 Town's number four who began his career with The Cumbrians.
- 06 1995/6 Swindon striker. "There's only one..."
- 07 Ex-Sunderland midfielder who played 12 games for Town in 1999.
- 08 Inside right who joined Swindon in July 1966 from Carlisle United FOR £8,000, going on to play 237 games for Town.
- 09 Central midfielder who played just two games for Town in 1998 before returning to Newcastle United. Also played at Carlisle.
- 10 Defender sent off in the last meeting between the two sides.

Answers
Across
1. Chase, 4. Bruce, 10. Lincoln, 11. Varga, 12. Dunga, 13. The
Pars, 14. Aspin, 16. Lazio, 21. Thistle, 23. Suker, 25. Nadal,
26. Carbone, 27. Andre, 28. Bates.
Down
2. Henin, 3. Scotari, 5. Revie, 6. Corradi, 7. Clyde, 8. Knott,
9. Gamst, 15. Swindon, 17. Austha, 18. Nini, 19. Beech,
20. Green, 22. Tyler, 24. Klose.
Harland, 9. Stuart Elliott, 10. Ben Tozer
Class, 5. Lee Peacock, 6. Steve Finney, 7. Paul Thirlwell, 8. Stan
McDermott, 2. John Gorman, 3. Graham Anthony, 4. Jimmy

HALF-TIME

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royce puts family first

Former Town striker Royce Brownlie has been released by the Wellington Phoenix with one-year still remaining on his two-year contract.

Despite coming to Wellington with big raps after a season with English League Two side Swindon Town, Brownlie struggled to cement a spot in the Phoenix starting lineup and made just eight appearances.

An omen of Brownlie's season came in the Phoenix's first ever game in the Hyundai A-League.

The 28-year-old's shot in the dying seconds of the match against champions Melbourne Victory at Westpac Stadium took a horrible bounce off the turf and struck the post with Victory goalkeeper

second-fiddle to his career as a professional footballer.

"If someone called me up and offered me the opportunity to play then definitely I'd jump at the chance. But right now, it's about my family. If they're happy then I'm happy, so I've got to look at the big picture. They've backed me 100 percent and come with me all over the world and loved every minute of it. But now it's my family's turn to step into the limelight a bit."

Brownlie said the Phoenix had a bright future.

I think there's a great opportunity for Wellington Phoenix to be a real force in the A-League."

Phoenix chief executive Tony Pignata said Brownlie had been a hard-working member of the team and was unlucky not to have had more opportunities go his way.

"If that shot against the Victory had gone in, who knows, it might have been a different story for him and his season - it would've given his confidence a huge boost. But that's football and he was the first to put his hand up and say that

HALF-TIME

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brownlie

Michael Theoklitos beaten. The match ended in a 2-2 draw.

Although disappointed to be leaving the Phoenix, Brownlie was philosophical about his stint with the club.

"I thought when I played I did well, but I never really got the chances that I wanted. It's one of those things that happen in football and you've just got to deal with it."

Brownlie will return to Brisbane with wife Stacey and their three young children. The former Queensland Roar player will pursue a career in the construction industry but has not ruled out a return to professional football.

For now, Brownlie's focus is on his young family, which has played

"I think things have run really well. It's a great club but, as with all new clubs, there are a few little things to iron out and they'll be looking to a bigger and better season this time around.

things hadn't gone as well as he had expected.

"He's decided it's time to put his family first. I really respect the guy for that."





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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Maurice Malpas

Played 11 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 4 For
12 Against 12

Av Pts/game 1.36

Biggest Win(s) Swindon 3 Huddersfield
2 (04/03/2008). **Biggest Loss(es)**
Swindon 0 Walsall 3 (23/02/2008).

John Ward

Played 25 Won 15 Drawn 4 Lost 6 For
37 Against 23

Av Pts/game 1.96

Biggest Win(s) Carlisle 4 Hartlepool 2
(01/01/2008). **Biggest Loss(es)** Bristol
Rvs 3 Carlisle 0 (29/12/2007).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ...0	Maurice Malpas.....0	John Ward.....0
Draws ...0	Goals 0	Goals 0

Player with the most...

shots

Billy
Paynter 48

shots on target

Billy
Paynter 25

shots off target

Lee
Peacock 24

assists

Sofiene
Zaaboub 7

crosses

Jon-Paul
McGovern 40

fouls

Jerel
Ifil 56

free-kicks-won

Billy
Paynter 47



Player with the most...

shots

Joe
Garner 88

shots on target

Joe
Garner 47

shots off target

Joe
Garner 41

assists

Marc
Bridge-
Wilkinson 7

crosses

Simon
Hackney 88

fouls

Joe
Garner 56

free-kicks-won

Joe
Garner 107

GAMES SINCE

0	a win	0
0	a home win	0
3	an away win	0
1	a defeat	7
1	a home defeat	9
1	an away defeat	3
2	a score draw	5
9	a no score draw	22
0	conceding a goal	4
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	7
0	scoring > 1	0
5	keeping a clean sheet	0
1	failing to score	7
16	back to back wins	0
3	back to back defeats	7
0	gaining a point	0
1	losing a point	5
5	win by > one	0
3	loss by > one	7

SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	Carlisle	CCFL Cup	Tot	
Simon Cox	9	1	10	14	0	14
Billy Paynter	7	2	9	12	2	14
Christian Roberts	5	1	6	7	0	7

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played27	Swindon wins7	Carlisle wins7
Draws13	Goals 30 (1.1 per game)	Goals 33 (1.2 per game)
0-0's6	Times failed to score 9	Times failed to score 11

Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:

12/03/1973 & 30/04/1963 & 29/11/1986 Swindon 2-0 Carlisle

No wins for Carlisle



2007/08 LEAGUE STATS



13	Position	3
35	Played	34
12	Won	19
11	Drawn	7
12	Lost	8
45	Goals For	49
43	Goals Against	31
47	Points	64



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	6	9	22	8	3	5	2

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
10	5	3	8	11	4	3	6

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	6	1	11	15	5	2	4

Record When Conceding First

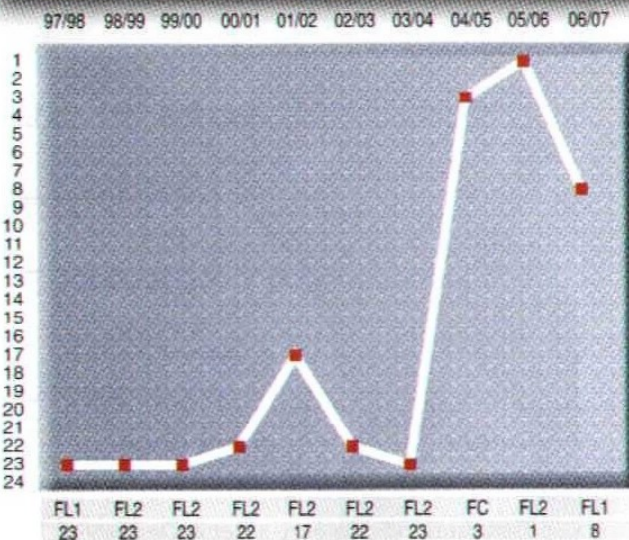
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	4	11	20	4	1	6	1

Match Scores

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

Wins: 1-0[8], 2-0[3], 2-1[2], 3-0[1],
3-1[2], 3-2[1], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], **Losses:**
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CARLISLE - TEN SEASON RECORD



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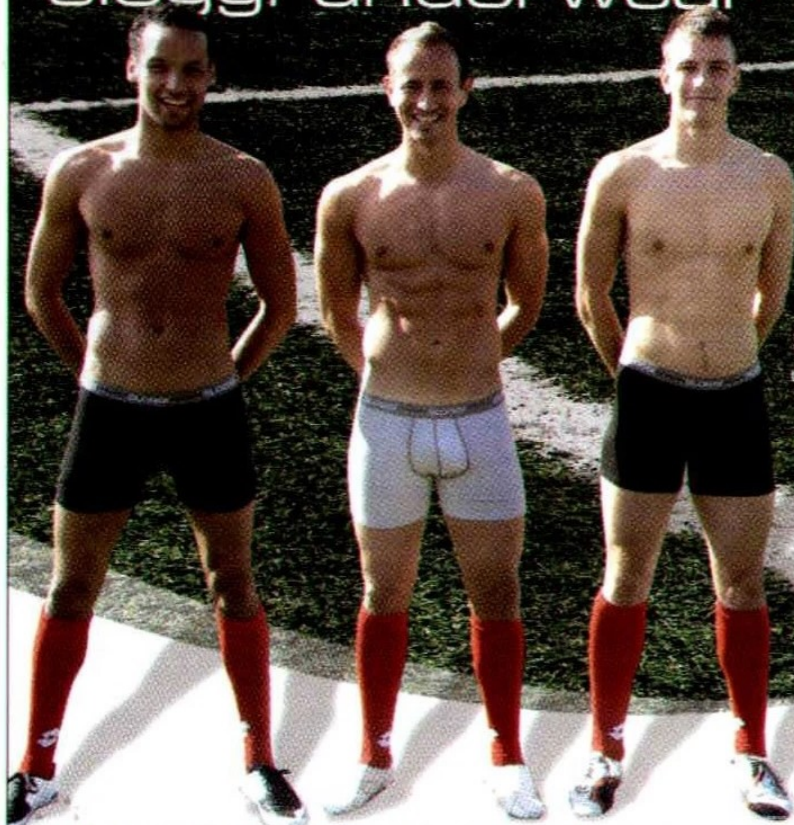


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abseil success at swindon

The Stroke Association have confirmed they have already raised £26,000 after a sponsored abseil event took place at The County Ground last weekend.



Just under 200 people took on the challenge of an abseil from the top of The Kingswood Stand, with sponsorship money still arriving for their efforts which could see the total figure top £30,000.

Louise Bennett, Fundraising Manager for Wales/Deputy Head of Regional Fundraising for the Stroke Association, commented:

"Events such as abseils are crucial

not only for raising much needed funds for The Stroke Association's local services in Swindon which support people who have had a stroke and their family and friends, but also in raising awareness of stroke in the local community.

"The abseil was a huge success and thank you to everyone who took part on the day and to Swindon Town Football Club for letting us 'jump off' the Kingswood Stand!"

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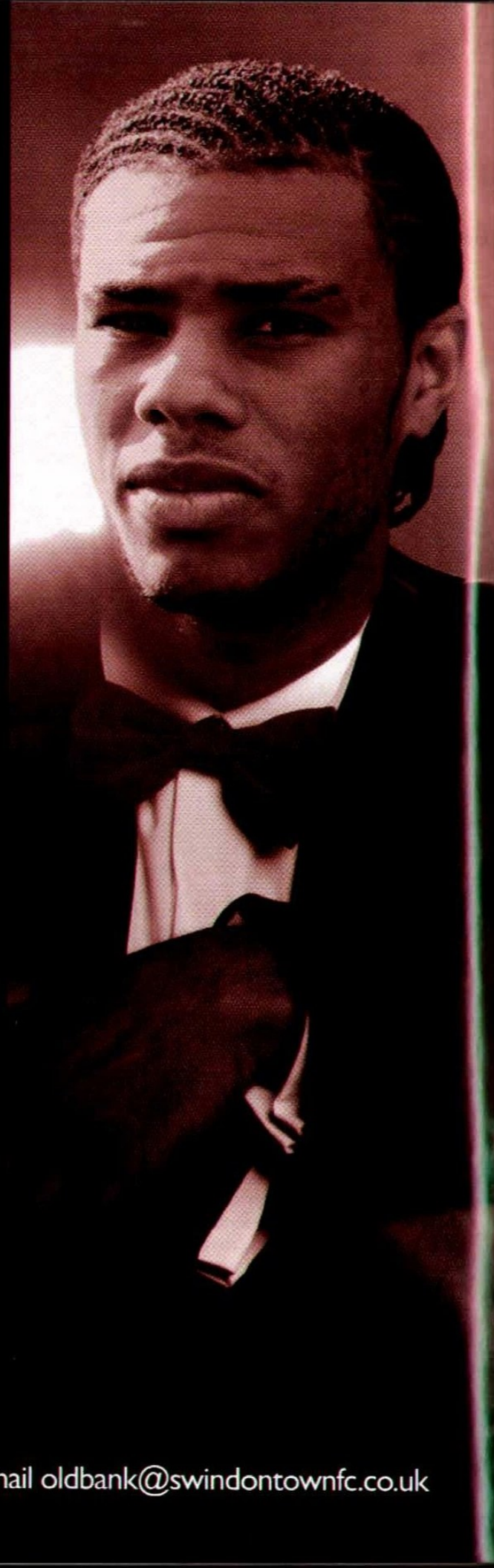
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I do hope Mavis, Rod and their guests enjoys the hospitality here today. Our Matchball Sponsors are R & J Pearce, welcome to Julian Pearce and his guests also.

Following the success of last season's Black Tie extravaganza at The Devere Hotel, this week we announced the details for this year's end-of-season party, which will take place on Sunday 4th May, just 24 hours after the final game of the 2007/08 season. The Directors, Players & Management will be hosting the special event over all three floors at The Old Bank, a prestigious venue in Old Town. The event will take place over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend so hopefully the majority of those attending will not have to worry about going to work with a hangover the next day!

Having listened carefully to the feedback following last season's event, this year we are offering two separate packages: The Gold Package, primarily aimed at the club's sponsors and corporate guests, and The Silver Package, designed with our loyal supporters and season ticket holders in mind.

Discounted tickets will be made available to the following groups: Season Ticket Holders, members of the STFC Supporters Club, and members of Trust STFC. All guests attending on the night will be entered into a fantastic prize draw. The winners will have the opportunity to win either their season ticket for the 2008-2009 season, or a full Match Day hospitality package for the opening game of the new season.

Full details of the two packages on offer are listed on the opposite page, and at www.swindontownfc.co.uk. There has already been a fantastic response and

tickets are selling fast. For a booking form and further details please contact Adam via the contact details below.

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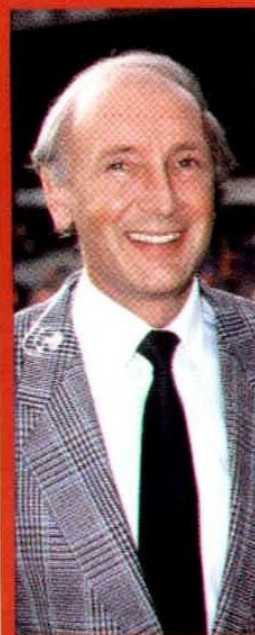
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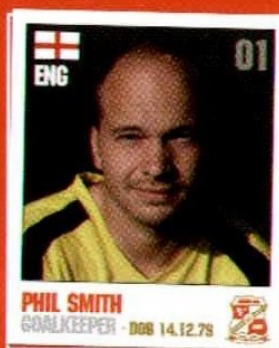
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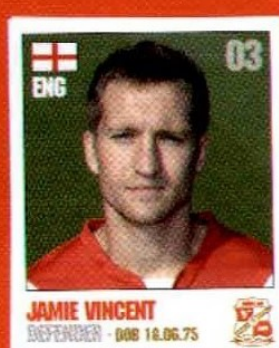
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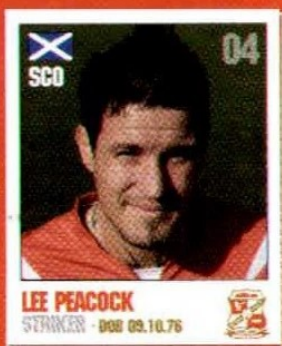
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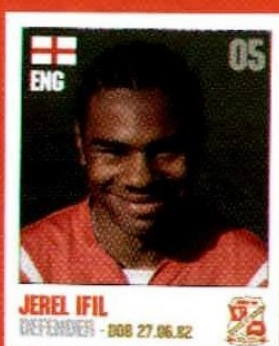
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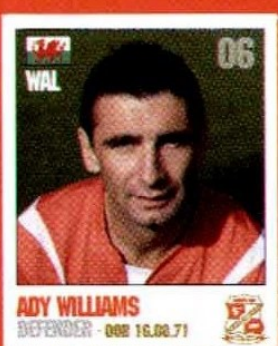
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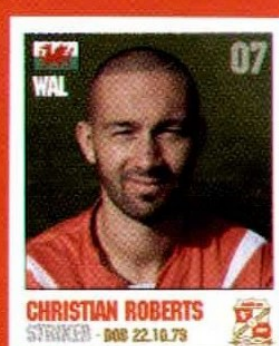
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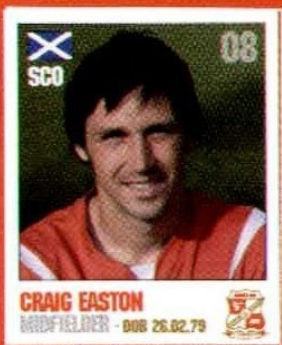
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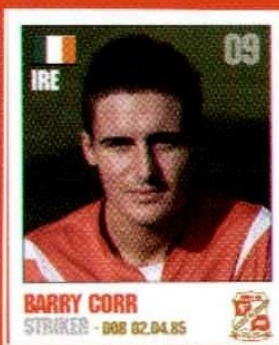
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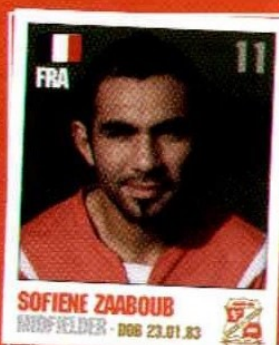
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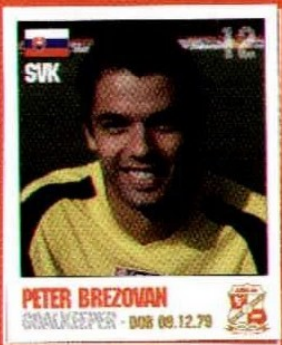
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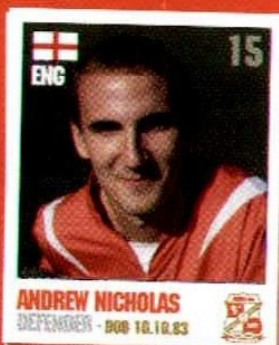
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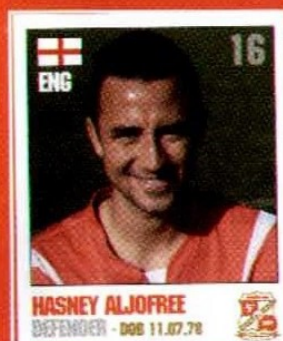


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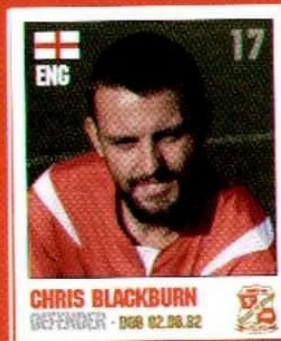
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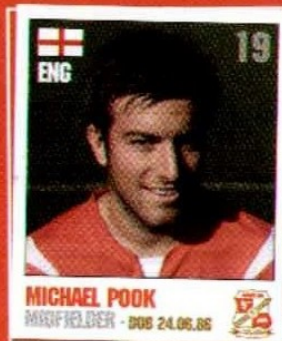
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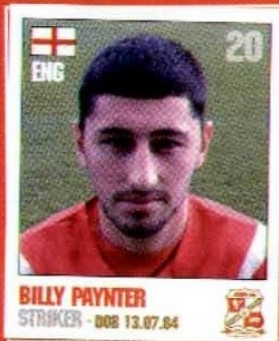
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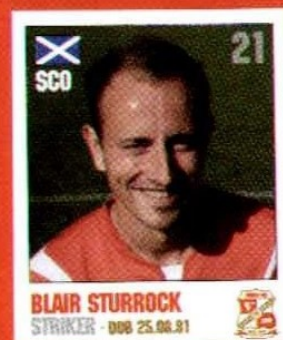
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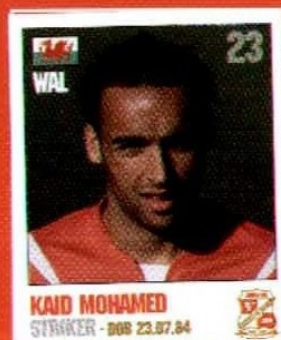
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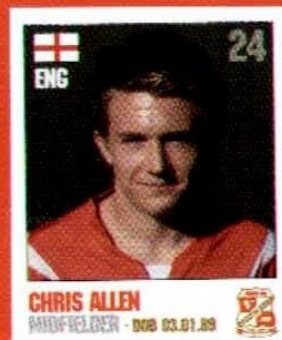
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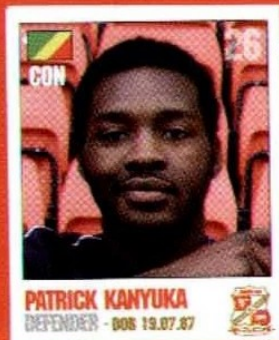
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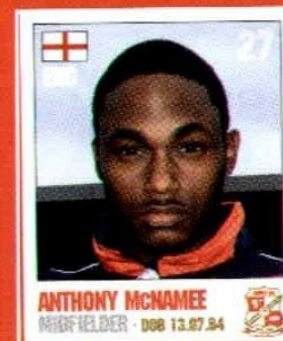
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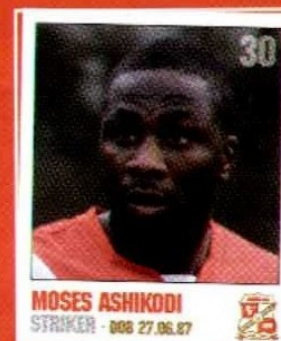
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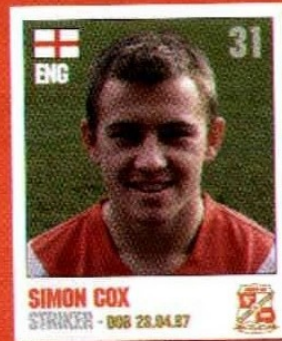
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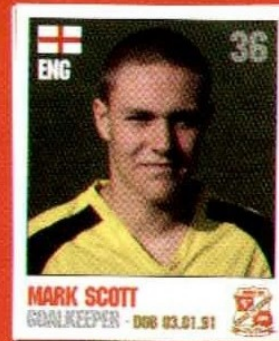
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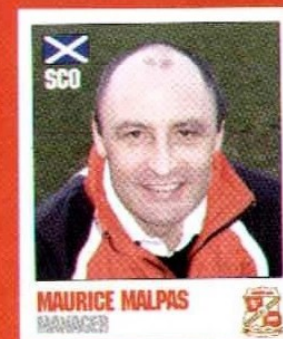
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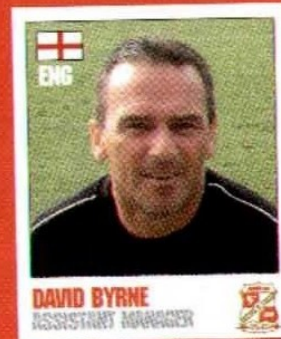
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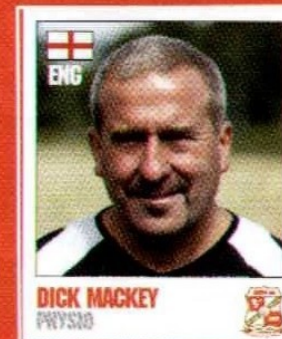
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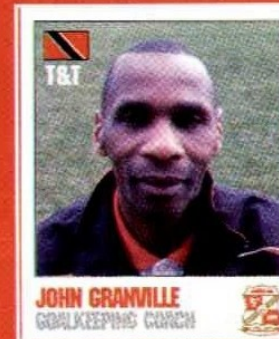
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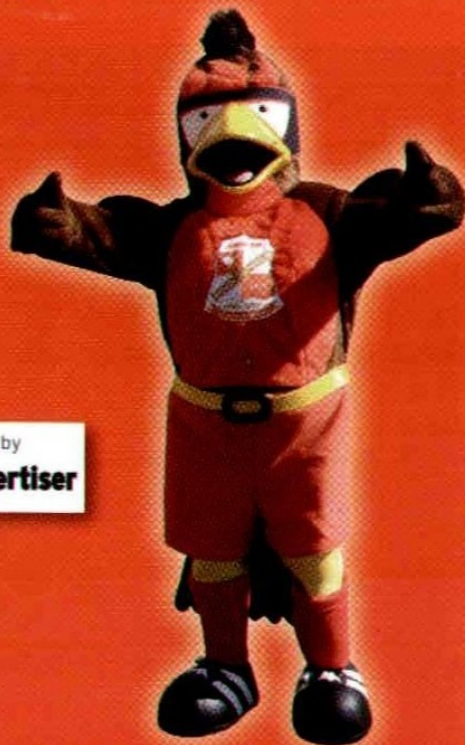
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With only five games left of this season, let's hope today's encounter is a good one as we have certainly seen some goals in the last few home clashes!

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Don't forget it's our Meet the Players evening on Tuesday 18th March. This will be in the Supporters Club Legends Lounge at The County Ground. 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 do something with the Junior Robins yet, this will be a great time to join in! There will be a raffle, and I will have player photos for sale, for you to get signed.

Next Saturday we are away at Brighton & Hove Albion. The

Junior Robins have a coach going away to that game, so hopefully that should be a really good day for us all. I know quite a few of the Junior Robins and their families have been to The Withdean Stadium before. This will be my first visit and I am really looking forward to it. Hopefully we will be having a penalty shoot-out against the Junior Seagulls there. We lost out in our shoot-out with them here at The County Ground in the reverse fixture, so hopefully we can even things up next weekend!

I have arranged for a tour around Stamford Bridge and a trip on the London Eye on Sunday 20th

April for the Junior Robins. The cost for this will be £36 for adults and £26 for Junior Robins. This includes a guided tour around Stamford Bridge, including their museum, coach travel and a flight on the London Eye. Prices are competitive as Chelsea have given us an excellent deal. The places for this are already going well, so please let me know if you are interested. As with my other trips I can only book you on once I have received the payment. This should be a great family day out, with hassle-free travel.

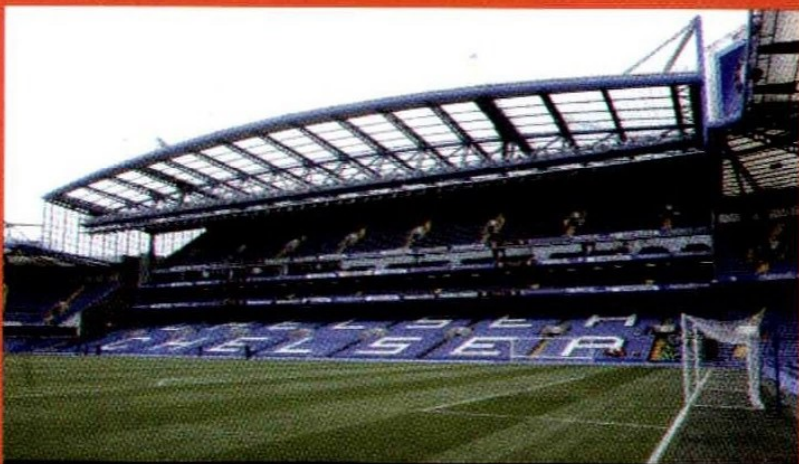
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Don't forget please keep sending in your photos of you showing your Swindon colours, whether it be on holiday, at an away game or around Town! Please email your photos to the email address below.

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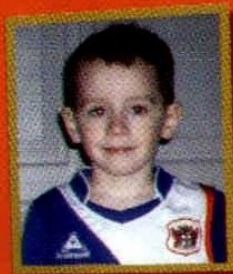
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→ Off to the Bridge: Town's Junior Robins will be enjoying a trip to London in April

CARLISLE MASCOTS



← EWAN

Ewan is five and attends St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Luton. His favourite Carlisle player is Simon Hackney, also likes Liverpool and Steven Gerrard and loves match of the day.

→ CONNOR

Connor is four and also attends St. Joseph's. His favourite player is Zigor Aranalde, also likes Glasgow Celtic and his favourite player is Artur Boruc.



ROBINS MASCOTS



← OLIVER SHORE

Oliver is 7 years old and goes to East Sheen Primary School in London. His favourite player is Barry Corr. Grandad Peter Godwin would have been so proud to see him lead out the team today.

→ PETER HARVEY

Peter is 10 and loves watching Swindon play at every home game and sometimes the away games when his mum lets him. He also enjoys karate and playing footy out with his mates. His favorite player is Lee Peacock.



RANDOM ROBIN



This weeks Random Robin is **Kieran Shail** age 13 from Liddington.



Your favourite current STFC player?

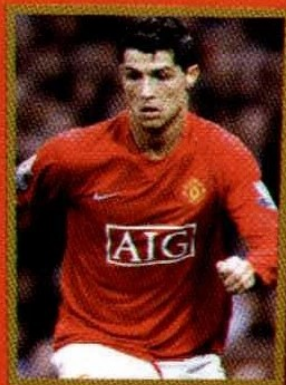
Jerel Ifil

Your favourite past STFC player?

Sam Parkin

Your favourite non STFC player?

Christiano Ronaldo



How long have you been Town fans for?
11 years (since I was 2!)

Furthest away travelled for a Town game?
Manchester United (Cup game)

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



← AIDAN BRAMWELL

Aidan was 6 years old on March 11th. He goes to Bridlewood School and has a season ticket. His favourite players are Jerel Ifil and Barry Corr.

→ JOSHUA DUNNE

Joshua lives in Cheltenham and goes to Holy Apostles School. He plays for Leckhampton Rovers where Samantha Dunne is the coach. His favourite player is Christian Roberts, he likes to sing his song when he comes on the pitch and scores a goal.



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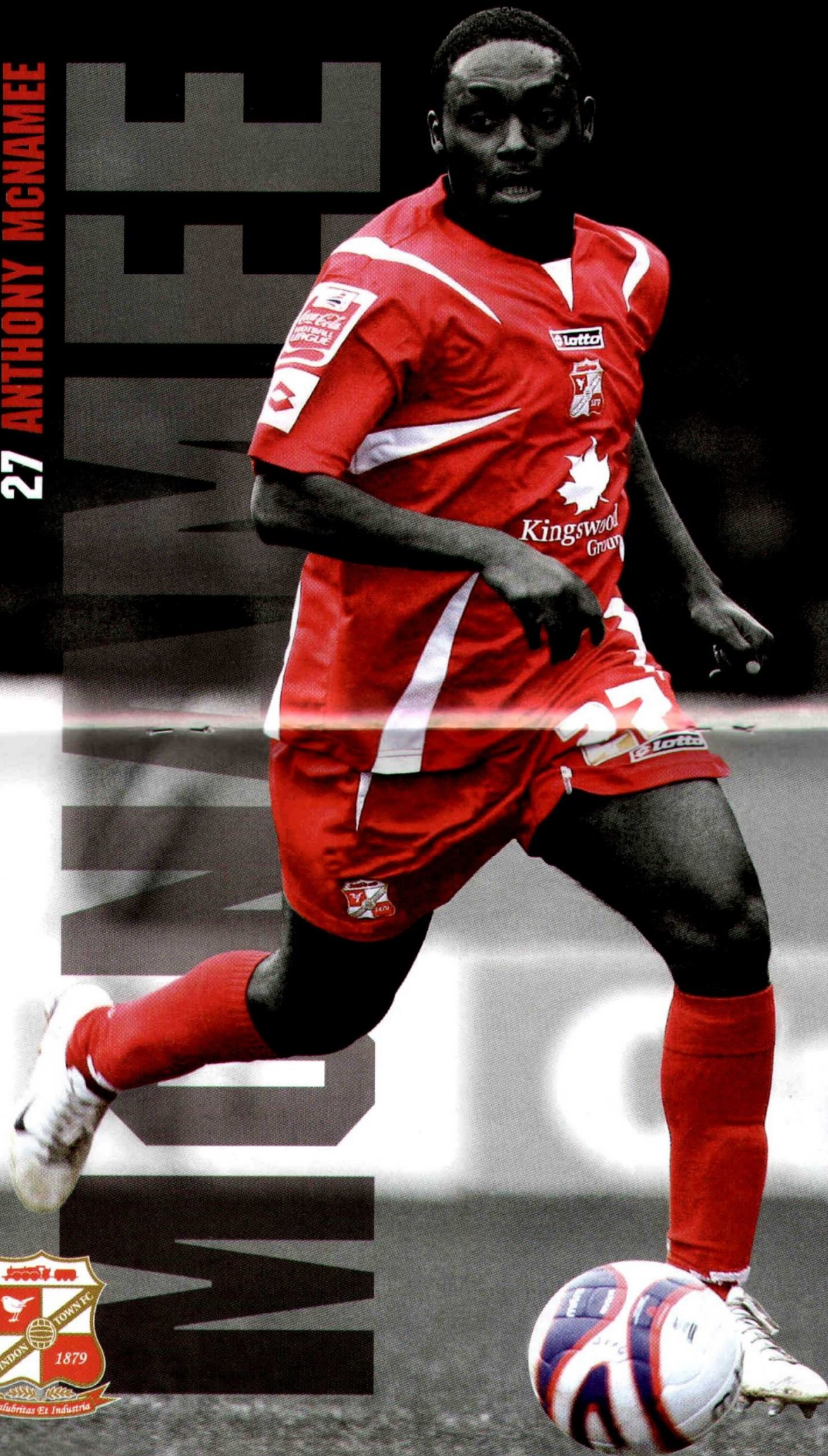


Happy Birthday to Lizzie Skeates for tomorrow and to Noah Cowley and John Jarvis who have birthdays in the next couple of days. I hope you all have a great birthday!

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Another player to have used **Swindon Town** as a stepping-stone, **Michael Carrick** is now hoping for back-to-back Premiership titles with Manchester United and a **return to the England team...**

Interview: Nick Judd

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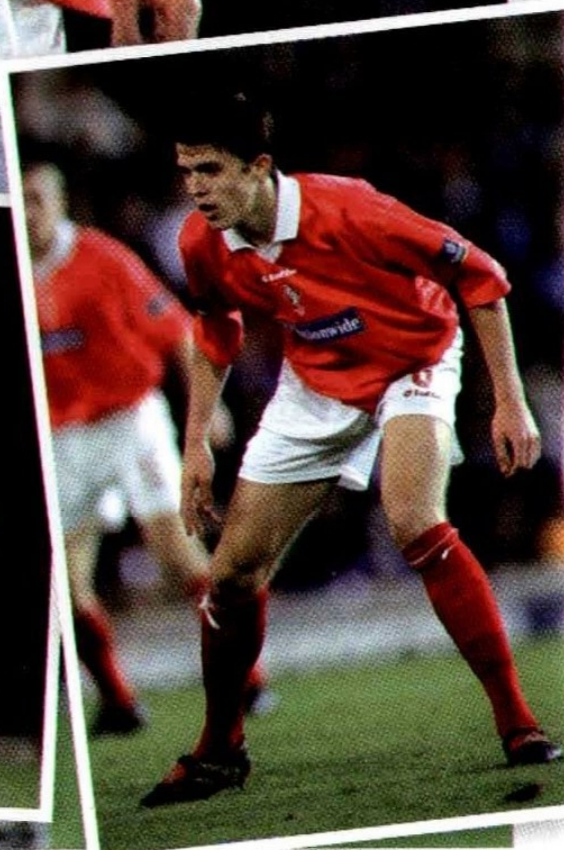
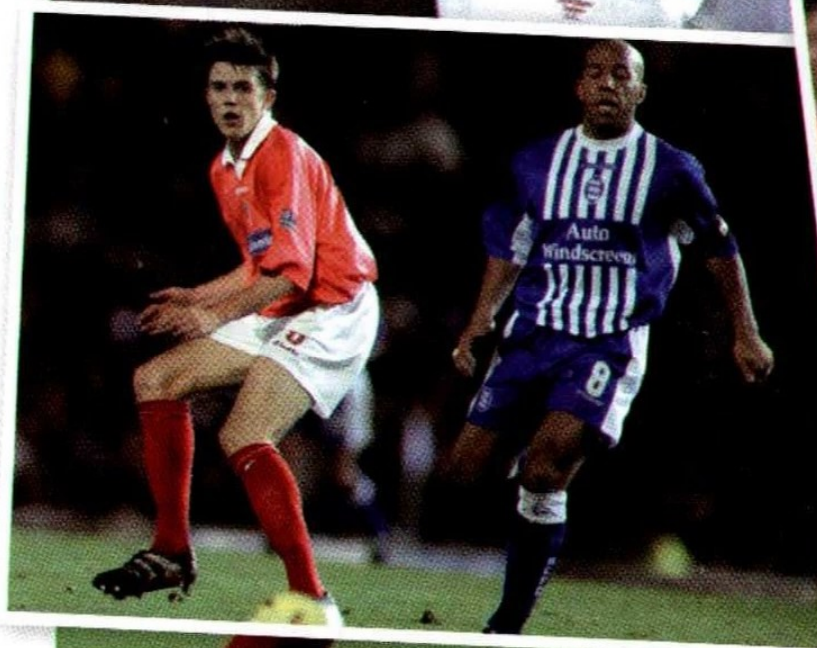
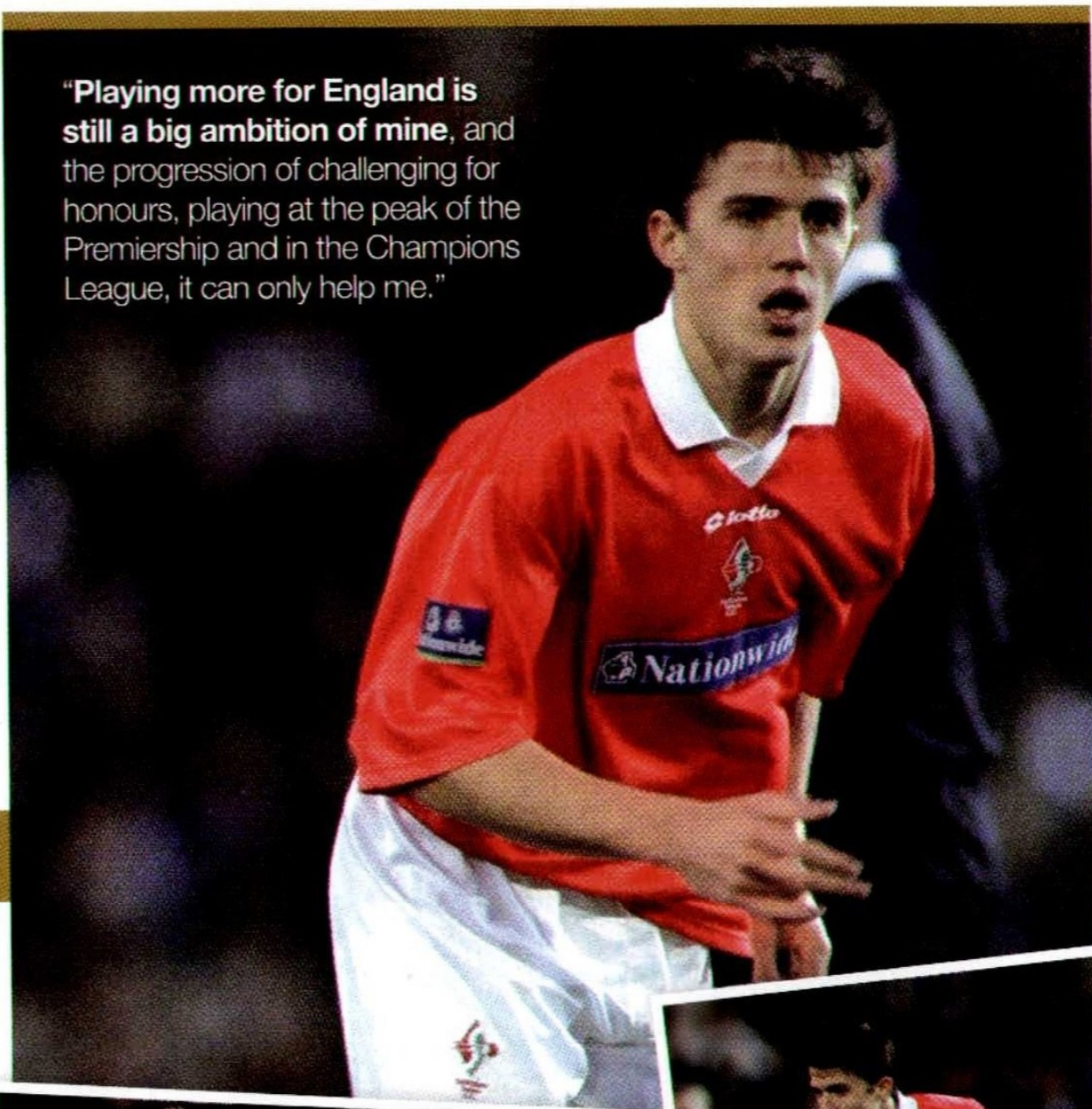
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Andy King's managerial reign will always polarise opinion at STFC. Some will argue he would have bled for the red and white cause, others will point towards his post-match interview technique. Yet whatever your thoughts on the former Robins supremo, there's no denying he had an eye for a player.

Take Jimmy Davis, for example. Had the Bromsgrove-born winger not sadly passed away in August 2003, he would undoubtedly have gone on to bigger and better things. Such was his enthusiasm and talent that Townies looked forward to his bright future, where ever it may have been, if not at Manchester United, then somewhere else. Davis illuminated The County Ground during his loan spell; his low centre of gravity and fleet of foot causing many a defender an embarrassing 90 minutes.

James Milner was another, the England under-21 winger joining Town from Leeds United before he joined Newcastle to become a Premiership regular. Then there was Michael Reddy, Johnny Jackson and Darius Henderson. Under King Town continued a rich tradition of identifying promising loan players at Premiership and Championship clubs and getting the best out of them for the

purposes of firing Town up the table. Selecting a Town-loan best XI would prove to be an excellent pub debate. Heck, the team would certainly give several top-flight sides a run for their money.

Included in my centre of midfield would be Michael Carrick, who joined Town midway through the 1999/2000 season during Jimmy Quinn's tenure as manager. The assured performances of the then 18-year-old, on loan from West Ham United, illuminated Town's engine room in what was a gloomy season for the Reds.

Michael Carrick's deviation to Wiltshire came as a result of his development at Upton Park. The West Ham youth set up contained a number of players who have gone on to become hot property in British football; Rio Ferdinand, Frank Lampard, Joe Cole and Jermain Defoe, among others. Carrick didn't look out of place. The midfielder had been given a good grounding at the infamous Wallsend Boys Club, an education that gave him the grounding to follow in the footsteps of such graduates as Alan Shearer and Peter Beardsley.

"It's the spirit of the place, the discipline it teaches you, the standard of football, the coaches, everything," he explains. "When I was young nearly everyone at our school was playing at the boys' club – it's just part of the whole community."

He started life as a centre forward. Carrick's height gave him an advantage over many other forwards, and defenders for that matter – his strikes for United against AS Roma in last season's 7-1 mauling in Champions League proof that he can hit a ball.

It was under Harry Redknapp, however, that he became the



central midfielder we experienced in 1999, and that we see on TV most weekends. Using his size to fend opponents away from the ball, he found he was blessed with the ability to hit long passes as well as short. Perhaps not quite as dynamic as Frank Lampard, he can control a game with the minimum of fuss while possessing the potential to hit a killer pass.

He starred for the Hammers' youth team, helping them win the FA Youth Cup in 1998/99 when alongside Cole, the Irons beat Coventry City 9-0. Carrick scored two. He soon moved up the Hammers' pecking order, but before becoming a first-team regular he joined the Robins on loan.

"That was a long time ago, eh?" he laughs when questioned about his brief sojourn in the west. "Good, though, good days..."

His first game was a 0-0 draw away at Norwich City; a decent result considering Town had shipped six in their previous two games. Another draw followed, this time against Wolves before Town returned to losing ways, Carrick scoring in a home defeat to Charlton Athletic. He scored another in a 1-1 draw at home to Walsall before his last game, a 3-0 drubbing against City. Despite



michael carrick career history

Name: Michael Carrick
Height: 6'01"
Date of birth: 28-07-1981
Position: Midfielder
Place of birth: WallSEND
Nationality: England

Career Appearances:

	Apps	gls
Man Utd 06	45 (10)	4
Tottenham 04-06	61 (3)	2
Birmingham 00 (loan)	1 (1)	0
Swindon 99 (loan)	6	2
West Ham 98-04	126 (8)	6

Transfer Fees:

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Tottenham to Man Utd	£18,600,000
West Ham to Tottenham	£2,750,000
Career Total	£21,350,000

The full interview first appeared in **INSIDE UNITED** magazine.

failing to secure three points he returned to Upton Park a better player. He did enough to earn six first-team appearances in the top flight upon his return, even scoring against Coventry City.

The next season he began to stamp his authority on the first team. At the end of the 2000/01 season he was nominated for the PFA Young Player of the Year Award, where he came second only to Steven Gerrard.

The following year Carrick was injured for much of the campaign and in 2002/03 West Ham were relegated. Unlike his teammates he stayed to try to get the Hammers back up, but after failing to secure promotion via the play-offs at the first attempt he joined Spurs for £2.75million in the summer of 2004.

Two years later, after having impressed under Martin Jol he joined Manchester United to become the fifth most expensive player in the club's history.

"As soon as I heard there was strong interest and of all the clubs who were talking I was desperate to come [to United], and no-one could have changed my mind," he told Manchester United's official magazine, and in the summer of 2006, with Carrick on international duty at the World Cup, he got acquainted with a number of his new teammates before returning to Blighty to sign on the dotted line in Manchester.

Given the departing Roy Keane's no.16 shirt Carrick has been a revelation at Old Trafford. One of the unsung heroes in an impressive and cosmopolitan midfield, Carrick was a pivotal player as United won the Premiership last season. "United are steeped in success in recent times and it's something I want to be a part of," he said after joining in 2006. "I've come here to win

things and progress my career, and there's no-one better than the gaffer at getting the best out of players and knowing how to treat them at the right time."

This season Carrick has had to be more patient for his chances. With Sir Alex signing Owen Hargreaves and Anderson last summer competition has been fierce. United have used 12 different midfield partnerships in the centre of the park, but in recent weeks Carrick has been one of the most consistent performers.

"You expect competition here," he explains. "We all know that everyone's here for a reason. If you're good enough you're going to play – that's the way I look at it. To have competition and strength keeps you on your toes and, hopefully, pushes you to the next level. It's good for the squad. To rotate everyone around and have everyone a bit fresher, that's better than playing every game. It's a benefit to everyone."

United went out of the FA Cup last weekend but with Arsenal drawing against Wigan the race for the title is back on. And then there's Europe, the Holy Grail. Whatever happens this season Carrick will have a summer off as a result of England's failure to qualify for Euro 2008. Not that he's stopped thinking about impressing the new boss. 18 months after leaving Town Carrick made his international debut against Mexico. Nine years on, his desire to wear the three lions on his chest remains as strong.

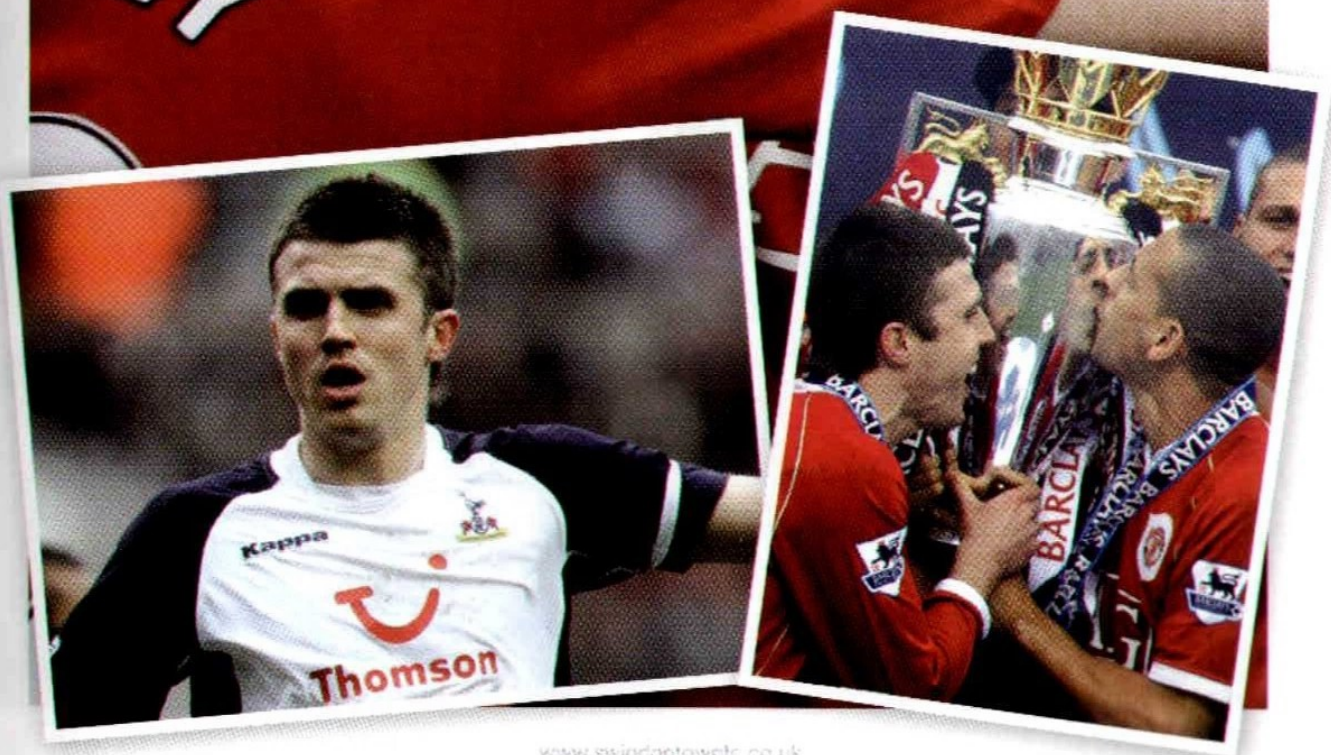
"Playing more for England is still a big ambition of mine, and the progression of challenging for honours, playing at the peak of the Premiership and in the Champions League, it can only help me. Getting in the squad on a regular basis was an achievement in itself but you're never happy with that, you want more minutes on the pitch and that's what I'm striving for."



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1 Luke Garrard

A former Tottenham youngster, Garrard rose through the ranks here at The County Ground to make 14 League One appearances for the Robins during his stay in Wiltshire. He joined AFC Wimbledon in March 2006 and is a versatile and energetic player equally at home at his preferred position of right back or in midfield, where his 'box-to-box' stamina is an asset. Rejected a full-time contract to move into the non-league game in 2005 firstly with Boreham Wood and later Bishops Cleeve, before a spell with Southern League Premier Division Northwood where he was quickly made captain. Won the club's Young Player of the Year accolade for 2006/7 season.

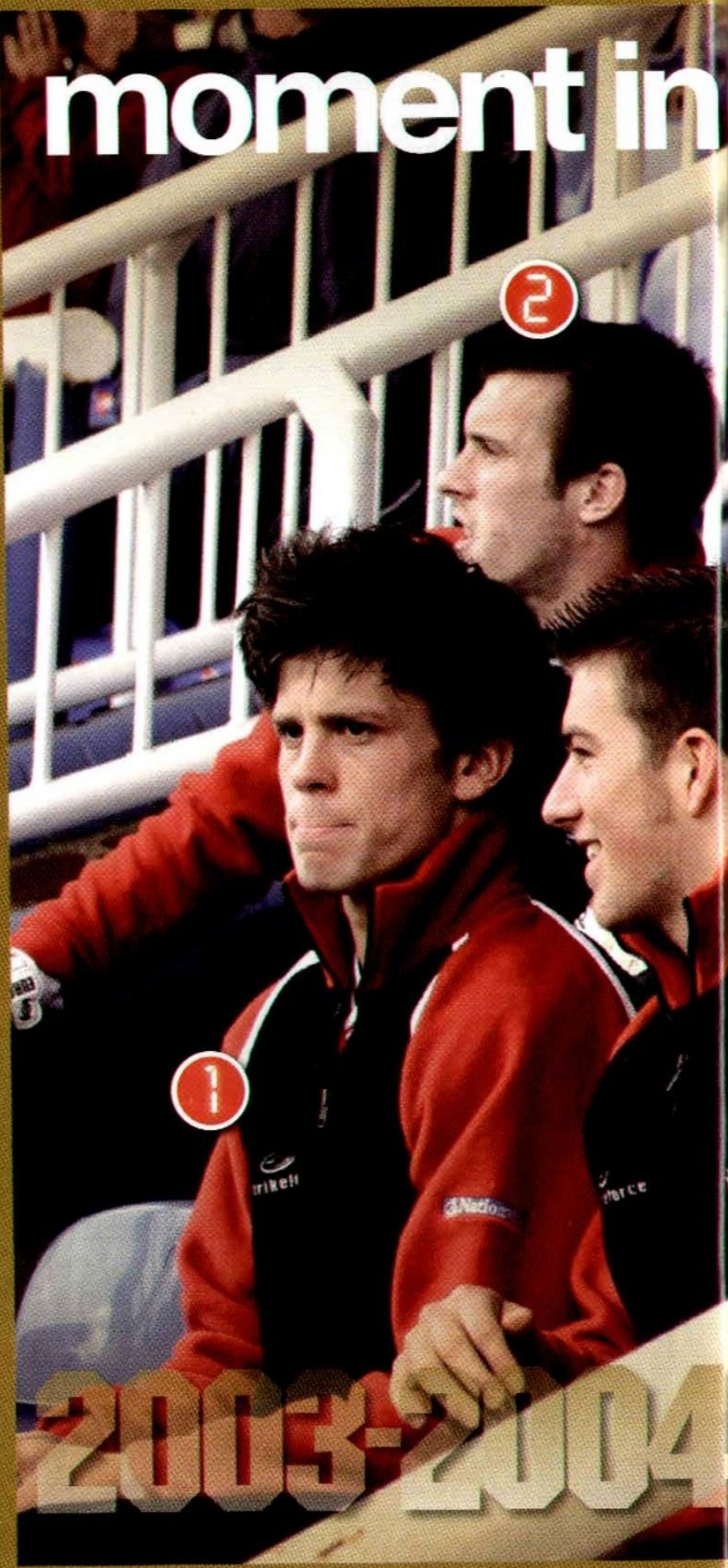
2 Rhys Evans

Now back playing regular football after a difficult start to life as a Blackpool player. After three seasons with Swindon which saw him make 118 appearances for The Robins, Evans made a free transfer switch to Blackpool in the summer of 2006. Has made just 32 league starts for The Tangerines and after falling out of favour with boss Paul Grayson, was forced to look elsewhere for regular game time. Joined Millwall on loan in January 2008 and has since made eleven league starts for the Lions.

3 Jon Stevenson

A striker with pace and power, Stevenson is currently playing - and scoring - for Conference North side Boston United. Began his career with hometown side Leicester City as a trainee. Stevenson did not start a game for the club, making only 12 appearances in the league, all coming on as a substitute. Joined Swindon in June 2003 although made just eight appearances for Andy King's side before being released a year later. He then joined Cambridge City before moving on to Conference North side, Alfreton Town. Spells with Tamworth and Hinkley United followed before he joined Boston United in September 2007 and scored in each of his first three games for The Pilgrims.

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It's Magic!

My recent comments about magic and FA Cup have come home to roost. There is a football god after all.

Portsmouth are the only top-flight side left in the competition. The usual contenders are out. There's no Chelsea, Liverpool, Arsenal or Manchester United. Instead we have a semi-final line-up made up of three championship sides and one from the Premier League.

Good things do come to those who wait. Barnsley last won the trophy ten days after the Titanic sunk. And come May they could be lifting the silverware again. It's the first time Cardiff have reached the last four since 1927. They went on to win the Cup that year. Portsmouth last won the cup in 1939 and held onto it until 1946. Well there was a war on. And for West Bromwich Albion you have to go back to 1968 when Jumping Jack Flash was a hit for the Stones. My money's on Portsmouth.

Moving on and it's a tough old game for Town this afternoon. John Ward and his Carlisle side are genuine automatic promotion contenders. And recent performances led to John Ward getting manager of the month for February. The awards panel is chaired by former Swindon player and now Sky pundit Chris Kamara. He says Carlisle overcame a difficult period at the start of the year to bounce back with a fine run of results in February. John Ward says he wants that to continue having reached an important stage of the season. Lets hope not!

The final word goes to a successful event last weekend when town didn't play. Instead almost 200 brave and generous souls with a head for heights abseiled from a great height at The County Ground. Joining them were Brunel Fm's

Kate Constance and Ben Williams. They abseiled from the roof of the Kingswood Stand. A space normally reserved for sparrows, pigeons and the odd gull! To all who took part well done and over £30,000 will go to the Stroke Association.

Ben Williams commented: "The adrenaline was certainly flowing by the time my legs touched the ground again! The crowd that had turned up to support friends and family were very supportive and it was an unforgettable experience!"

And the tragic death of journalist and broadcaster Carol Barnes at the age of 63 from a major stroke tells us just how important it is to support these charities.

Keith Stainer
News Editor
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→ Brunel FM's Kate Constance and Ben Williams after completing their abseil

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On Saturday morning the Under 18's made the long trip down the M5 to face Exeter City with a pleasing performance from our boys.

We took a strong side down for the game with Kurt Hammond returning in midfield after serving a two-game suspension. We also welcomed back Sam Morris after a wrist injury and both players started the game.

We made a bright start and could have taken an early lead. However, despite dominating the first half we were only able to take one goal into the half-time break. The goal came on 44 minutes with Kurt Hammond heading home from Danny Wallington's cross. After the break we picked up from where we left off with plenty of possession despite playing into a strong wind. We scored a deserved second from a corner from the left. Sam Morris put the corner in with Kurt Hammond scoring his second of the day to make it 2-0. Just after the hour we made a triple change with Elliot Knight, Billy Bodin and Mark Hartman introduced into the action. The lads adjusted well and we continued to dominate the game, but failed to add to the scoreline.

On reflection it was a good all round performance from start to finish, perhaps the best since I took on the role of Under 18's manager. We passed the ball well and created numerous goalscoring opportunities – we just need to be more clinical in front of goal.

Jake Hyde has now played a few games for Weymouth and has done well by all accounts. We will continue to monitor his progress and although he still has another year here with us at Swindon, I am sure his time at Weymouth will be of great benefit to him and ourselves as a club.

By the time you read these notes we will have taken on Exeter City at the training ground. Hopefully we will have been able to replicate our performance against them last week with another win and a clean sheet.

Enjoy the game.

Paul Bodin



→ U18's manager Paul Bodin

u18 league table

	P	GD	PTS
Plymouth Argyle	12	+28	32
AFC Bournemouth	13	+9	24
Swansea City	11	+12	23
Cheltenham Town	14	0	23
Swindon Town	13	+9	20
Bristol Rovers	12	+3	20
Oxford United	12	+2	13
Yeovil Town	13	-17	11
Hereford United	13	-19	9
Exeter City	13	-27	3

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→ On Target: Midfielder Kurt Hammond scored twice for the Under 18's at Exeter City last weekend in a 2-0 win for Paul Bodin's side



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It has been a busy few weeks at the club with a games programme against Brentford as well as 'decision time' for members of the Under 16's.

The U16's, who were without a league fixture, organised a friendly against the New College Academy at the training ground. New College Academy have two teams, one competing in the South West Counties league with the other in the Wiltshire Premier League. The New College Academy field players aged 16 – 18 years old and players there can further their education while receiving football training four times a week. It was a tough test against an older side, as we fielded several Under 15 players as well as one Under 14 player. The College won the game 4-2 although the game was an important part of our overall development.

The Centre of excellence had games against Brentford, with all the games at home at the training ground. The Under 10's went down 4-1 to a good Brentford side. The Under 11's won 2-1 which pleased the coaches and the Under 12's went down 3-2. The performance of the day went to the Under 13's who won 3-0, with watching Under 18's manager Paul Bodin delighted with the maturity of play shown by the side.

The Under 14's went down heavily to Brentford Under 15's, which although a defeat, will show what they will expect when they go to Ireland this year for the Milk Cup in July. The Under 15's were without a game so had the weekend off, although some of those players played up a level for the Under 16's. Our Under 8's had a mixed game with our Under 9's which was very rewarding.

During the week, we had a player evening with our U16's. Although it is always tough to tell players they are being released, we have to do the right thing and be honest with the players, their parents and the club. Hopefully the players who have been released will stay in football and we will help them out in trying for trials and to advise them where we can.

The positive news is that we can announce that we have offered 2-year YTS contracts to the following players: Billy Bodin, Will Evans, Mark Hartman, Elliot Knight and Jordan Record.

Enjoy the game today.

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director



→ Listen In: Young players at a recent Football in the Community course



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SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Jason Scotland	Swansea	16	5	21
Jermaine Beckford	Leeds	17	0	17
Richard Barker	Hartlepool	13	3	16
Richard Lambert	Bristol Rvs	9	6	15
Danny Graham	Carlisle	12	2	14
Craig Davies	Oldham	11	3	14
Joe Garner	Carlisle	14	0	14
Nicky Forster	Brighton	10	4	14
Adam Boyd	L Orient	10	3	13

WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
Fitness First Stadium	Bournemouth	18	55	3.06
Victoria Park	Hartlepool	18	55	3.06
Withdean Stadium	Brighton	18	49	2.72
The Den	Millwall	18	48	2.67
County Ground	Swindon	18	48	2.67
Roots Hall	Southend	17	44	2.59
The Memorial Stadium	Bristol Rvs	16	41	2.56
Elland Road	Leeds	18	46	2.56
Vale Park	Port Vale	18	45	2.50
Brunton Park	Carlisle	16	40	2.50
Keepmoat Stadium	Doncaster	17	41	2.41
Liberty Stadium	Swansea	18	42	2.33
Matchroom Stadium	L Orient	18	42	2.33
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	18	42	2.33
Kenilworth Stadium	Luton	18	42	2.33
The Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	18	41	2.28
The Galpharm Stadium	Huddersfield	17	37	2.18
Boundary Park	Oldham	18	39	2.17
City Ground	Nottm Forest	17	36	2.12
Bank's Stadium	Walsall	17	36	2.12
Huish Park	Yeovil	18	38	2.11
Prenton Park	Tranmere	18	38	2.11
Priestfield Stadium	Gillingham	17	34	2.00
Whaddon Road Ground	Cheltenham	18	34	1.89

TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..

shots on target 245 Bournemouth. **shots off target** 229 Oldham. **corners** 246 Swansea. **hit woodwork** 12 Port Vale. **offsides** 129 Huddersfield. **fouls** 491 Yeovil. **yellow cards** 63 Northampton. **red cards** 7 Southend.

PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..

Shots 111 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Shots on target** 50 Andy Kirk (Yeovil). **Shots off target** 61 Jermaine Beckford (Leeds). **Assists** 9 Poul Hubertz (Northampton). **Crosses** 151 Max-Alain Gradel (Bournemouth). **Offsides** 57 Luke Rodgers (Port Vale). **Fouls** 84 Trevor Kandol (Leeds). **Free-kicks won** 107 Joe Garner (Carlisle).



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STATS

GOAL COUNTER 1013

RIGHT FOOT 571 goals

56.4%

LEFT FOOT 214 goals

21.1%

HEADERS 209 goals

20.6%

Own goals 17 (1.7%), Other body part 2 (0.2%)

QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match

Lewis Grabban (Swansea vs Millwall) 0:28

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 used2020

Offsides2538

Corners4706

Shots Off Target4596

BEAT THE TRAFFIC

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

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In the Coca Cola Football League One this season there have been **4586** shots on target, goals constitute **22.1%** of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on **176** occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Gillingham **18**). There have been **98** penalties awarded this season and of those **86** have been scored (a success rate of **87.8%**). Swansea have been awarded most penalties - **10**. Bristol Rvs have given most penalties away **7**. The team to score the most penalties is Swansea **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	30
0-1	45
0-2	20
0-3	10
0-4	2
0-5	1
1-0	46
1-1	59
1-2	22
1-3	8
1-4	4
1-5	-
2-0	37
2-1	45
2-2	19
2-3	5
2-4	1
2-5	-
3-0	21
3-1	13
3-2	10
3-3	-
3-4	-
3-5	-
4-0	8
4-1	8
4-2	4
4-3	3
4-4	-
4-5	-
5-0	1
5-1	-
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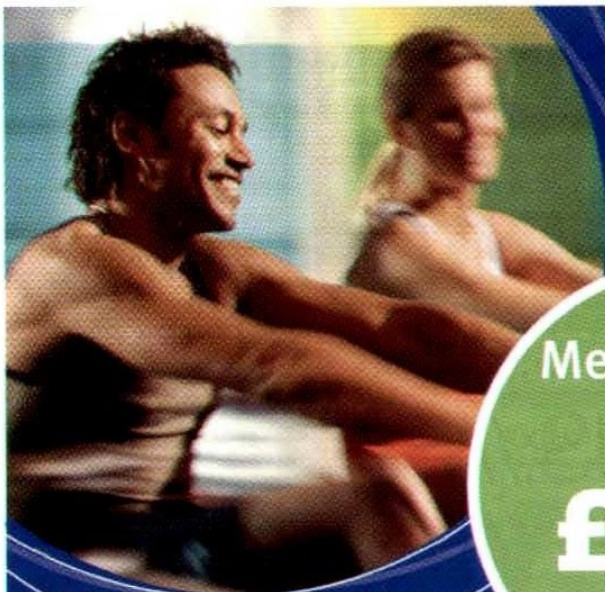
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Good afternoon and welcome to today's home fixture against Carlisle United.

We would like to offer a warm Football in the Community Office welcome to our Saturday Team Club visitors who are Martin Tanner and his group of Under 13's from Worton and Cheverell FC. We also welcome Simon Chamberlain and his players from Trowbridge Wanderers and last but not least, Michael Bolton - one of our Community coaches - who has brought along his team from Croft who are based in Old Town, Swindon. Croft are annual visitors to our Saturday Team Club project and have recently become a Charter Standard club.

The Easter Holidays are fast approaching and both courses are filling up very quickly. A quick reminder of those dates again. The first week runs on 8th, 9th and 10th of April and the second week running from the 15th 16th and 17th of April. For further details please call Swindon Town Football in the Community. We also have all our information for the entire of 2008 so if you require any information please call the number below.

Best Wishes

Clive and Jon

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It's another important League One clash this afternoon with high-fliers Carlisle United the visitors to SN1.

After a narrow defeat on Tuesday night at Leyton Orient I am sure the lads will be looking to get back on track today.

New STFC Soccer Centre

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening a new Soccer Centre at Cricklade Leisure Centre. Cricklade will add to our 10 existing Soccer Centres running in and around the Wiltshire area that currently has over 700 children attending weekly sessions. The sessions will take place on a Friday evening 5.30pm - 6.30pm and are for children aged 5 - 8 years old. We are now enrolling for this Centre so please ring Shane Hewlett on **01793 617718** for more information.

Enrolment Restructure at Stratton

We have had discussions with Stratton Community Centre with regards to our priority enrolment period.

A decision has now been reached with STFC Football in the Community taking full control of the administration for all of the courses. We are now enrolling for the Easter

to Summer term so please ensure that you return your forms ASAP to avoid losing your child's place.

In Schools Coaching

This term we have been continuing our free in schools coaching sessions at schools in and around the Swindon area. The children get put through various skills sessions and all receive a Swindon Town goodie as reward for all of their hard work!

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Enjoy today's game.

Shane, Sharpy and Adam



Course Schedule

Link Centre (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	4.30-5.30	5-6yrs
	5.30-6.30	8-11yrs
Thursday:	4.30-5.30	5 yrs
	5.30-6.30	7-8yrs

Oasis (Swindon Borough)

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	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	8-11yrs

Haydon Centre (Swindon Borough)

Thursday:	4.00-5.00	5-6yrs
	5.00-6.00	7-8yrs
	6.00-7.00	9-11yrs

Stratton

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	7-8yrs

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

Dorcan (Swindon Borough)

Monday:	5.00-5.45	4-5yrs
	5.45-6.30	4-5yrs
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→ Roger Reeves

Swindon Town Ladies are through to the Semi-Final of the "Ambassador" South West Combination League Cup.

The Town were drawn away to Luton Town in the quarter final and beat the Bedfordshire side by two goals to one. The Town had the better of the first half but should have fallen behind when the Hatters were awarded a penalty; to the Town's relief the spot kick sailed over the cross bar. Just before the break the Town took a deserved lead when Kim Reeves, Cara Stacy and Catherine Reid combined to create the opening for Michelle Rich to score with a low drive. After the break the home side pressed and equalised in midway through the second half. With the game looking to be extended to the extra thirty minutes Hayley Huckin was fouled just outside the Luton penalty area. Tara Lofts faked her run up and as the Luton defensive wall parted Michelle Rich drove the ball through the gap into the top corner of the net to put the Town through.

The Town have been drawn away against AFC Bournemouth in the semi

final. This will certainly be a tough challenge for the Town as the south coast side have already completed the double over the Town in the league.

Tomorrow the Town entertain Queens Park ranger in a South West Combination League game. The two sides met in London back in November and a late Lia Painter goal was enough to give the Town a three goals to two victory. This match will be played at the Aldbourne FC Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00 pm.

The Town Reserves are also at home and play Bristol Academy in a South West Regional League fixture. This match will be played at the Zurich Sports Ground and will Kick Off at 2-00pm.

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

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	4-0
2 Mar	Luton Town	2-1
9 Mar	Chesham Utd	0-2
16 Mar	QPR	H
23 Mar	Team Weston	H

* Town through on penalties

south west combination league

	P	GD	PTS
Reading	16	48	42
AFC Bournemouth	18	18	38
Plymouth Argyle	13	43	32
Yeovil Town	18	34	32
Chesham Utd	14	31	26
Luton Town	13	36	22
QPR	17	44	21
Swindon Town	13	23	18
Forest Green Rovers	16	20	12
Team Weston	18	21	13
Frome Town	15	14	6
Southampton Saints	15	14	3

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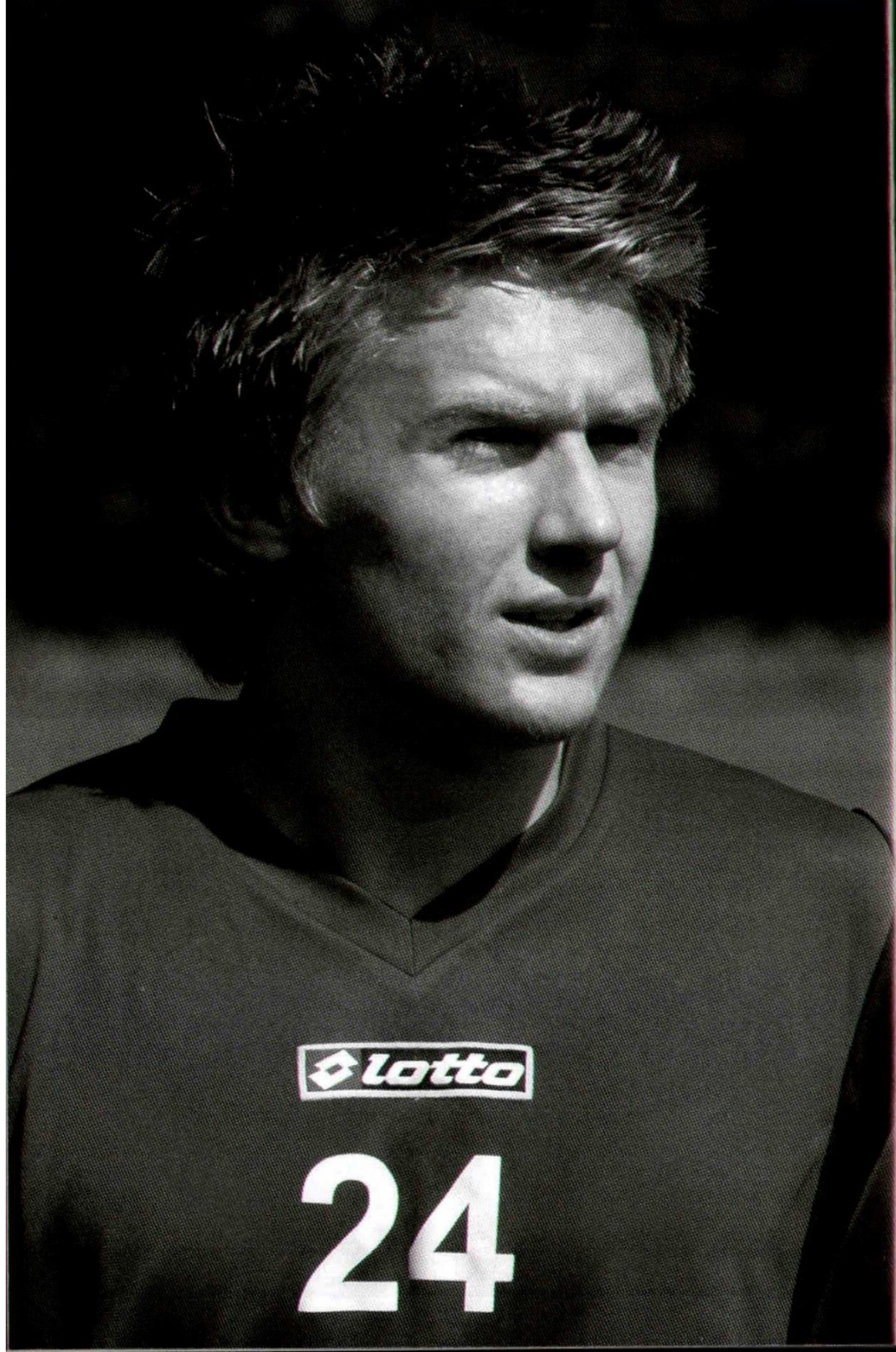
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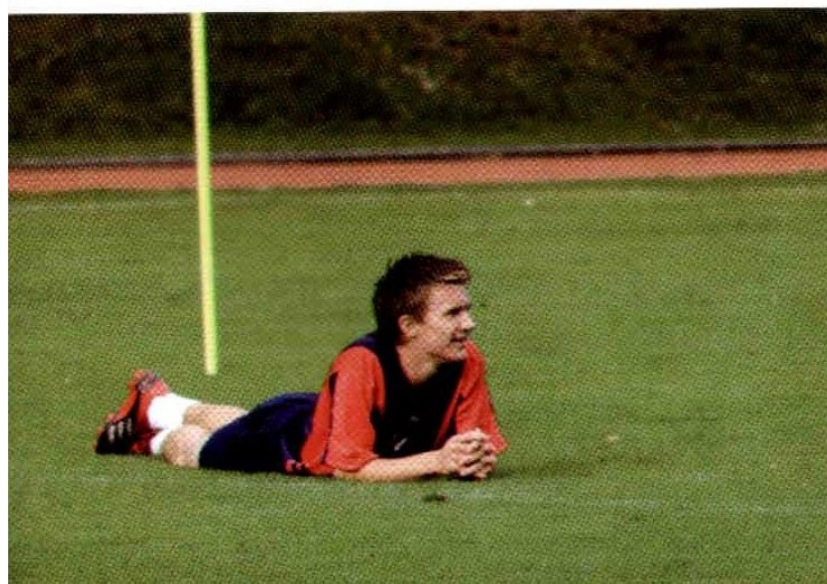
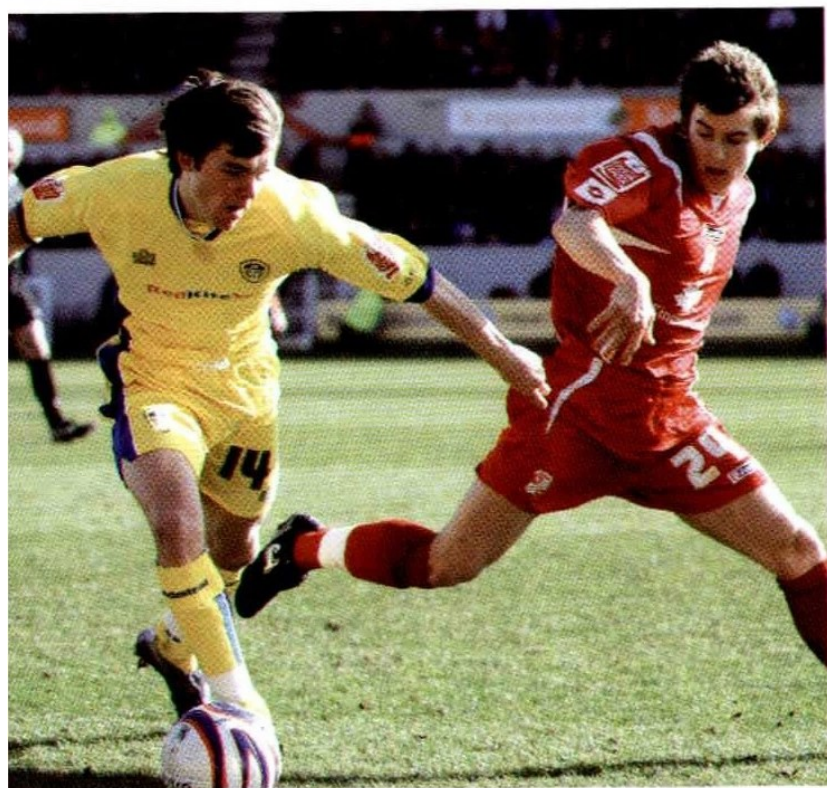
chris allen

After taking over the club, Chairman Andrew Fitton was quick to express his desire to focus on developing young talent for the Town first team. The foundations for developing future stars seem to be solid with the likes of Lukas Jutkiewicz, Leigh Mills and Matthew Collins having rolled off the Swindon youth production line over recent seasons.

Chris Allen is a current example of a

player who has progressed through the Centre of Excellence to stake his claim for a first team place. The Devizes-born central midfielder has now started six league games after being handed his full debut during the Byrne and Williams era of caretaker management.

STFC Magazine sat down with the 19-year old earlier this week and found out a little more about his steady rise through the Robins ranks.



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"I have my feet firmly on the ground. Young players often get their chance but it's what you do with it that counts. I won't get carried away because I need to improve and grow in each game if I want to continue playing in the first team."

It's been a good few months for you hasn't it?

Yeah you could say that. It has been good and it has been great to have a run in the first team. My chance came about through a change in formation and the manager has been sticking with that, so I have had a few more games.

How did you first get into football initially?

I started playing with my local team in Devizes when I was about nine years old. Swindon spotted me after my first year there and I was then invited to join the Centre of Excellence – which I did.

Who were your coaches back then?

There were a few. Robin Hulbert, who played for Swindon before joining Port Vale, did a bit of coaching as well as the likes of Jimmy Fraser, who is now at Chelsea, and Phil Cannon. My Dad also took me for a while when he was with Swindon.

Out of the players you came through the system with, who is still playing?

Scott Doe came through the same side as me and he is now playing for Weymouth. It's a good standard and there are a few other former Swindon players there, as well as Chris Blackburn and Jake Hyde there on loan.

And you have always been a Swindon fan...

I have become a Swindon fan since joining at the age of ten. I support Manchester United and have been

to Old Trafford a few times.

I went to one of their Soccer Schools when I was a lot younger, and won one of their competitions so got to play on the pitch at half-time at a home game with Spurs which was a tremendous experience.

Who is your favourite ever Town midfielder?

Stefani Miglioranza was someone who I used to follow. He has flair, style and was a tremendous passer of the ball. He used the ball well and was entertaining to watch, too.

You had a Joma photoshoot last week with Lee Peacock – how was that?

It was good fun, yes. We both signed a deal with Joma a little while ago and it involves a few photo sessions but it was a fun afternoon and I am grateful for the support they give us.

Who do you room with on away games?

Blair Sturrock. He just sleeps all the time!

How do you relax away from football?

I like to get out on the golf course when the weather is good, but we haven't had much of that recently! I spend a lot of time at home and like to get my rest in, or perhaps a game of snooker.

Free-kicks are something you pride yourself on. How much time do you spend practicing?

After training I try and get a bit of practice in when I can. I used to

take free-kicks when I was in the Under 10's and then all the way through from there. I have had a couple of opportunities at first team level and went close at Oldham with one.

How hard is it not to get carried away with where you are?

I have my feet firmly on the ground. Young players often get their chance but it's what you do with it that counts. I won't get carried away because I need to improve and grow in each game if I want to continue playing in the first team.

Do you have any mentors amongst the older players?

There are a few. Lee Peacock and Craig Easton play in the same position as me and they have been really good. They always offer advice and it's nice to have those experienced players around.

You made your full league debut away at Southend, a difficult place to play?

Playing away for my first game probably helped. We took the lead and being away from home there wasn't as much pressure on us. It was an enjoyable game although a shame we couldn't come away with the points.

What do you feel you need to work on....

The Gaffer has told me I need to work on the defensive aspects, such as tracking my runners and winning headers. It's the ugly side of the game but I will have to improve on that and it's something I am willing to do.

NEXT UP... **SWINDON TOWN VS SOUTHEND UNITED**

MONDAY 24TH MARCH KO 3PM



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SWINDON TOWN VS OLDHAM ATHLETIC
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL, KO 3PM

SWINDON TOWN VS PORT VALE
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL, KO 3PM

county ground fm

with Gary & Stuart
(Stadium Announcers)

Today we welcome Carlisle United to The County Ground for this League One encounter.

We were without a game last Saturday but the Huddersfield encounter had all the tension of a play-off final; with the boys hanging on for those vital three points. Whoever said being a Swindon Town fan was easy couldn't be further for the truth.

If reports are correct on the website from Monday then we could be giving a debut to a new midfield player from a Championship club, with Lee and Billy both to sit it out for three and two games each, the gaffer has had to look for another body to keep us going forward.

Over the past few weeks we have tried to encourage local bands to supply us with their own material so that we can showcase the musical talent that is in abundance here in Wiltshire. We have previously brought you The KillerTones and today it is the turn of Teabo. They are a four piece band from West Swindon that aired their first show in 2002 and haven't looked back since. In their own words they play with all the same intense passion to create music that insights the mind, calms the soul and funks you up! Next few gigs for Teabo are at Moles Club in Bath on the 17th, The Vic in old town on the 21st March, The Furnace on the 29th March and 4th April sees them perform at The Jericho Tavern in Oxford. The band can also be found at their website www.theteaboshow.co.uk the two tracks that they have laid down for us this afternoon are "what I did last night" and "Calm of the storm".

If you are part of a local band with your own material and would like

the opportunity to be played here at The County Ground then please get in touch with me Stuart or Gary c/o the club with a cd and a brief bio of your band and we will be happy to slot you in.

The support you gave the TEAM last Tuesday night against Huddersfield was absolutely fantastic and of course you weren't the Twelfth man on the pitch but you were the Tenth man. So please keep up your vocal support with **PLENTY OF NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ.**

Enjoy the game

Stuart and Gary



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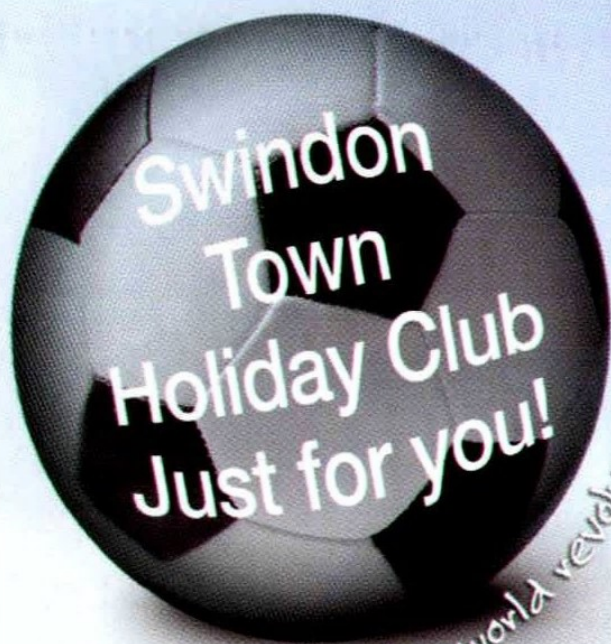
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Let's start by catching up on the half-time draw results!

At the Leeds United game a cracking prize of £577 went to A Burnett of Chiseldon who won with ticket number 415. The next game with Huddersfield Town saw a lower attendance on a freezing cold night, but despite this we still paid a very good prize of £319. The winner of this draw was G Collins of Upper Stratton with ticket 993.

That match certainly had plenty of incidents and kept us right on the edge of our seats right until the last minute and thankfully we emerged with a valuable victory.

I guess that last weekend's FA Cup results showed just what can be achieved with a little bit of luck, hard work and skill. I am sure that many fans across the country that follow football outside of the Premiership will have derived a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that there is still life and soul in the Football League.

In these leagues fans often show great commitment without the media

exposure others may get. None more so than here at Swindon Town where we all know even in times of limited success we will still see the same faces on matchdays – all part of the great Swindon Town family and one of which we can feel rightly proud.

My next notes will include full details of the Supporters Club end of season function and the provisional date has been set for Tuesday 29th April 2008, here at The County Ground. Last season around 75 fans, plus guests from the football club came along to see the presentation of our Player of the Season award and share in an informal evening whilst being served a four-course meal. We hope as many of you as possible can make it this season. Numbers permitting the evening will also be one which non-members may also attend.

Let's hope for another win on the field today.

Roger



→ Take A Bow Son! Town mascot Rockin' Robin in comical mood for the visit of Leeds United



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Brighton & Hove Albion VS Swindon Town

Saturday 22nd March 2008

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

There is an excellent park and ride scheme which is available about one mile north of the ground, at Mill Road. Most away fans will travel to the stadium from the M23 / A23 so the park and ride is ideally located.

SAS travel



Brighton & Hove Albion VS Swindon Town

Saturday 22nd March 2008

Prices are as follows:

£15 Adults, £13 Junior

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

**Departs from The County Ground
at 10.45am 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

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Brighton & Hove Albion vs Swindon Town

Saturday 22nd March 2008 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are priced at **£22.50** for Adults, **£14.50** for OAP (over 65), **£13** for Juniors U16, **£1** for Juniors U10 (accompanied), **£16** for Students (Student card required).

All tickets are now on General Sale.

SAS Travel coach fare is **£15** for Adults and **£13** for Juniors. Supporters Club members get a **£2** discount. Departs from The County Ground at 10:45am. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking Junior seats.



Swindon Town vs Southend United

Monday 24th March 2008 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

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



Tranmere Rovers vs Swindon Town

Friday 28th March 2008 KO: 7.45pm - Coca-Cola League One

Tickets are priced at **£16.50** for Adults, **£9** for Seniors (over 60), **£5** for Juniors U16, **£9** for Young Persons (17-22), **£5** for Disabled (Carer goes free). All pay on the day.

SAS Travel information will appear online at Swindontownfc.co.uk or in the next edition of STFC Magazine.



Swindon Town vs Oldham Athletic

Saturday 5th April 2008 KO: 3pm - Coca-Cola League One

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

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OPENING HOURS

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home matchday ticket prices

ARKELLS/SOUTH STAND

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

TOWN END ****

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

FAMILY ENCLOSURE ***

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

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

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LEAGUE ONE TABLE 12.03.08



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Swansea	35	22	8	5	63	28	74	+35
2 Doncaster	36	20	8	8	54	31	68	+23
3 Carlisle	35	20	7	8	51	32	67	+19
4 Nottm Forest	35	15	13	7	48	25	58	+23
5 Walsall	36	14	13	9	43	31	55	+12
6 Southend	36	16	7	13	56	48	55	+8
7 Leeds	36	20	8	8	56	31	53	+25
8 Oldham	37	14	11	12	44	33	53	+11
9 Tranmere	37	14	11	12	41	36	53	+5
10 Leyton Orient	37	14	11	12	42	47	53	-5
11 Brighton	35	14	10	11	46	39	52	+7
12 Northampton	36	13	11	12	44	42	50	+2
13 Hartlepool	37	14	7	16	55	51	49	+4
14 Swindon	36	12	11	13	46	45	47	+1
15 Huddersfield	36	14	4	18	36	51	46	-15
16 Yeovil	37	12	9	16	31	44	45	-13
17 Bristol R	32	11	11	10	35	34	44	+1
18 Millwall	37	12	7	18	38	51	43	-13
19 Cheltenham	37	10	10	17	32	51	40	-19
20 Crewe	37	8	13	16	31	52	37	-21
21 Gillingham	36	9	9	18	34	59	36	-25
22 Bournemouth	37	10	6	21	46	65	26	-19
23 Luton	36	9	8	19	34	51	25	-17
24 Port Vale	37	6	7	24	34	63	25	-29

LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES 15.03.08



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

STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

APPS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	GLS	YR	GLS	YR	GLS	YR
1 Phil SMITH	-	15	-	-	-	15
2 Jack SMITH	-	1/0 13	-	3	-	1/0 16
3 Jamie VINCENT	-	3/0 25	-	2	-	3/0 27
4 Lee PEACOCK	5	1/1 30	-	1/0 4	5	2/1 34
5 Jarek IFIL	1	5/1 30(1)	-	2/0 3	1	7/1 33(1)
6 Andy WILLIAMS	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
7 Christian ROBERTS	5	3/0 16(10)	1	2(4)	6	3/0 18(14)
8 Craig EASTON	2	3/0 30	-	5	2	3/0 35
9 Barry CORR	5	3/1 6(9)	-	1/0 2(1)	5	4/1 8(10)
10 Jon Paul MCGOVERN	2	1/0 24(7)	1	5	3	1/0 29(7)
11 Sofiane ZARBOUB	-	2/1 18(9)	-	4(1)	-	2/1 22(9)
12 Peter BRECKEN	-	21	-	7	-	28
14 Miguel COMMINGS	6/0 26(9)	-	3/0 7	-	9/0 33(9)	-
13 Mauro ALMEIDA	-	-	-	1	-	1
15 Andy NICHOLAS	1	- 8(2)	-	-	1	- 8(2)
16 Haseem AL JOHRE	1	3/0 31	1	2/0 4	2	5/0 35
17 Chris BLACKBURN	1/0 4(3)	-	2	2	2	1/0 6(3)
18 Steve ADAMS	-	2	-	3(1)	-	5(1)
19 Michael POOK	1	4/0 14(8)	-	4(1)	1	4/0 18(9)
20 Billy PAYNTER	7	6/2 21(6)	2	3(1)	9	6/2 24(7)
21 Blair STURROCK	2	1/0 13(6)	3	5(1)	5	1/0 18(7)
22 Ibon ARRIBETA	-	1/0 (4)	1	1(1)	1	1/0 1(5)
23 Kaid MOHAMMED	-	- 3(9)	-	1(2)	-	- 4(9)
24 Chris ALLEN	-	6(1)	-	1(2)	-	7(3)
25 Sean MORRISON	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 Patrick KANYUKA	-	3	-	-	-	3
27 Ben TOZER	-	0/1 1(1)	-	5	-	0/1 6(1)
27 Anthony MCNAMEE	-	9	-	-	-	10
29 Sam COLLINS	-	5	-	-	-	5
30 Moses ASHIKODI	-	2/0 4(5)	-	-	-	2/0 4(5)
31 Simon COX	9	4/0 25(1)	1	1(1)	10	4/0 26(2)

Other appearances: 11/11 MACDONALD, 11/11 KENNEDY, 11/11

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
Sat Aug 11	Northampton	FL1 - 15:00	1-1	6,210	1,338	11th C. Pantor
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. Marnin
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	0-1	23,439	1,264	11th D. Foster
Sat Feb 23	WALSALL	FL1 - 15:00	0-3	6,265	488	13th G. Ward
Tue Feb 26	Oldham	FL1 - 19:45	2-2	3,923	152	13th C. Oliver
Sat Mar 1	LEEDS UNITED	FL1 - 14:00	0-1	13,324	3,008	14th C. Foy
Tues Mar 4	HUDDERSFIELD	FL1 - 19:45	3-2	4,840	152	13th R. Lee
Tue Mar 11	Leyton Orient	FL1 - 19:45	1-2	3,082	413	14th D. Whitton
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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billy's blue return



Town striker Billy Paynter is set to face his former club with Southend United the visitors on Easter Monday.

Paynter joined Swindon for an undisclosed fee in August 2007 and hit a hat-trick on his third appearance for The Robins in a 4-1 home win over AFC Bournemouth.

Since then the Liverpool-born front man has his a further eight goals and he is chasing Simon Cox for the title of Town's leading scorer.

Paynter spent an ill-fated year with Southend United after joining from Hull City in August 2006 although made just five league starts for The Shrimpers before being loaned to Bradford City, prior to a switch to Wiltshire.

next at home



Southend United are in Town for our Easter home fixture on Monday 24th March 2008.

The two teams have already met once this season in what was an entertaining clash at Roots Hall. The game took place in December and Town went into the game under the temporary charge of David Byrne and Ady Williams. Chris Allen made his first league start for the club that day and the selection paid off with a second minute goal from Simon Cox putting Swindon ahead. Unfortunately after Adam Barrett had equalised on the half hour, Mark Gower netted on the stroke of full-time to earn all three points for the home side.

Since then Southend have continued their push for promotion back to the Championship and currently find themselves just inside the play-off places. Recent wins over Luton Town, AFC Bournemouth and a 3-0 away triumph at Yeovil Town have ensured a top six place at the end of the season remains within reach.

The Shrimpers were in midweek action with a home clash with Nottingham Forest on Tuesday night. A 1-1 draw was the final result with Reading loanee Hal Robson-Kanu netting the opener for Tilson's side with just twenty minutes played, on his second start for

the club. Colin Calderwood saw his Nottingham Forest side take a point thanks to a Matt Thornhill effort just after the hour. Speaking to the media after the game, Blues boss Steve Tilson was pleased with the character shown by Southend.

"A point against Forest isn't bad because they're a club who really should be getting promoted this season. The result has kept our run going and we're right in the mix."

Tilson added: "We were down to 16 players so it's an even better result. I think it was the best we had played for a while and it was a fantastic finish from Hal Robson-Kanu and we had a chance right at the death to win it."

Families can also GO VIP for this game. For just £100 plus VAT for 2 adults and 2 juniors (U16's) a family can enjoy a day in our Executive Lounge. Take a behind the scenes tour of The County Ground before sitting down to enjoy a three-course meal served prior to the game. Additional juniors tickets are priced at £15 excluding VAT each. Complimentary Easter Eggs will be handed out, whilst the Easter Bunny will be on hand to help our younger guests find the few extra eggs hidden away amongst the hospitality lounges!

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