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notes from the manager mm maurice MALPAS

It has been a busy pre-season for us. There were a lot of games; a lot of training but that has all been done with the focus on being fully prepared to take on Tranmere Rovers this afternoon.

At the time of writing we are putting the finishing touches to Yinka Casal's move to The County Ground. Some of you may have already seen him in action against Portsmouth and he is a player who at 20-years old, we feel has potential. He has a lot of positives to his game and will add competition to the left-back slot. Hopefully by the time you read these notes he will be available for selection against Tranmere Rovers.

Our coaching team has welcomed David Morrison over the summer months, who has joined us as Fitness and Conditioning Coach. He has settled in well and traveled to Austria with us for pre-season. Ady Williams has also made the transition from player-coach to the coaching staff on a permanent basis. Ady has a tremendous amount of experience to pass on so it's great to have him concentrated on coaching duties now he has hung up his boots.

In terms of injuries we are waiting on the fitness of Jamie Vincent, who has been to a specialist to assess his knee injury. We have other players who could play there but it is something of a concern for us. Hasney Aljofree and Callum Kennedy both had some time at left-back against Plymouth Argyle on Monday night so we do have options.

We are delighted to be able to welcome Simon Cox back into the squad for today's game. He missed out on the last few games after injuring a hand against Hampton & Richmond. He then had an operation to cure the problem, which was successful. 'Coxy' has been training with the players since returning from surgery so he

has kept involved with the players. Pre-season went well for him with six goals in five games, but we expect him to score and hopefully he can continue that into the League One season.

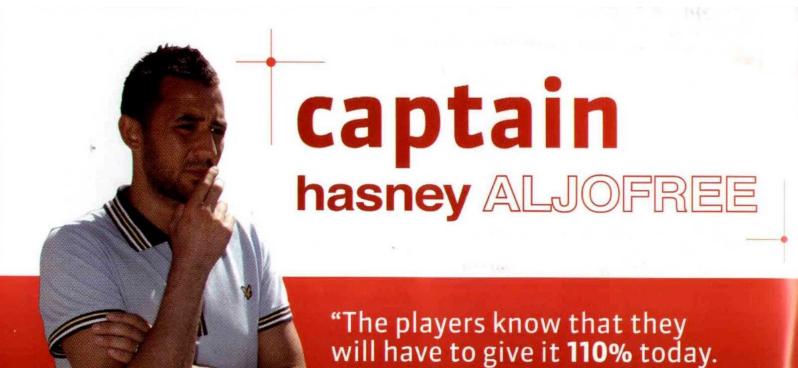
Any team that gets promoted has a striker that scores at least twenty goals and whilst we need Simon Cox to be on form, the rest of the team have to chip in along the way. We are looking for players in the team to score more. We don't score enough from set-pieces and that is something we want to rectify over the coming weeks. As a team we need to be scoring sixty or seventy goals if we are going to be towards the top of the division.

Our target is to be in the mix at the end of the season, whether that be straight promotion or in the play-offs. The main thing is to get off to a good start and then maintain it. I made the mistake last season of talking about the play-offs, so this year we will be taking it a few weeks at a time and adjusting our targets accordingly.

We are back at The County Ground on Tuesday evening with QPR the visitors for the Carling Cup First Round. It is a game I am sure both sets of fans are looking forward to. I went to see them last week against Chievo and they look like a strong side. They have height in their team and they will arrive here expecting to win. We can't show them too much respect and our players have to be up for the challenge. We will take the fight to them and if you, the fans, can get behind us then we have every chance if we can play the way we know we can.







Welcome back to The County Ground for this the season opener against Tranmere Royers.

It hasn't been a fantastic few weeks for me on the field that's for sure. I got a nasty bang to the head against Portsmouth in the middle of July, but recovered from that to play at Salisbury City the following week. Unfortunately I turned my ankle in that game and have been coming back from that. It has been disappointing to say the least because up until the Portsmouth game I had been feeling really good. That's football though and I will just have to get on with it.

On Monday night we took on Plymouth Argyle in what was our last home pre-season friendly. Plymouth brought a very young side, which took us a little by surprise. We got on with the job and ended up comfortable 3-0 winners with two goals from Ben Joyce and a decent strike from Billy Paynter wrapping up the win. A victory against Tranmere is the important thing!

We have had a tough pre-season campaign, but pre-seasons are always going to be tough. There have been plenty of niggling injuries that Dick Mackey has had to tend to, but hopefully by the time we get to today's game we will have a healthy squad to choose from.

At the moment the squad is settled and the lads have bonded well over the

pre-season period. The Austria tour gave everyone a chance to get away and whilst there was a lot of hard work done, it was also an opportunity for the players to get to know each other a little better off the pitch. I have been to Austria several times for pre-season and it is a fantastic environment in which to work in. The training facilities were excellent and the hotel staff extremely hospitable.

Tranmere are a hard-working side."

On Tuesday night we are back in action as our Carling Cup campaign gets under way. Queens Park Rangers make the short trip across from West London and it's another important game for us. The Chairman has made his thoughts clear on the cup competitions and we know

these sorts of games are high on the agenda this season.

The players know that they will have to give it 110% today. Tranmere are a hard-working side and you know what you will be coming up against because they are a difficult team to face. We have to go into the game knowing we can win and it's vital that we make a good start to the season.

It is a massive month for us and with games against Cheltenham, Colchester United and MK Dons to come there is plenty to play for.

Enjoy the game. Hasney











Monday 28th July

Swindon Town FC announce Prospect Hospice as its Charity of the Year for the 2008-09 season calling a new approach to its charitable activities, STFC will provide fundraising opportunities and programme advertising slots for the charity, and will also appoint a team ambassador, who will visit the Hospice on regular occasions throughout the season. The club's stationery and website will also carry the Prospect logo throughout the season.

For its part, Prospect will welcome youth team players to experience the environment of the Hospice, and will also display a framed STFC shirt in its reception in Wroughton, among other activities.

STFC Chief Executive, Nick Watkins, recently visited the Hospice, and said: "STFC is delighted to announce our link-up with Prospect Hospice for the 2008-09 season. "After having taken a conducted tour of the hospice with Vicki Morrey, I was highly impressed. It really is a first-class operation."

Prospect Hospice's chief executive, Vicki Morrey, said: "It's wonderful that Swindon Town FC will be supporting our work in 2008-09, and we are very excited to be linking up with the club at this particularly exciting time in its history. We're both much-admired features of our local community, and this tie-up seems to be a very natural fit for both parties.

We wish everyone at the club every success for the forthcoming season,"

"

SUPPORTERS CLUB DONATION



Thursday 24th July

As the Club look to continuously improve services on a matchday, the kiosk catering facilities are now being upgraded with the assistance of the STFC Supporters Club.

The aim of the work is to ensure that Swindon Town fans receive the best quality and delivery of food and services. The new branding, equipment and services will be in use for the first time this afternoon for the visit of Tranmere Rovers.

Roger Bunce Chairman of the Supporters Club commented: "I am delighted the Supporters Club have committed to a very significant donation, which will allow for a number of improvements to be made to the food outlets around the ground and in the Supporters Club Legends Lounge aimed at bringing an all round better offering.

"This project reinforces our working partnership with the Football Club aimed at improving matters at The County Ground for all fans."

SWINDON 11/1 TO BE PROMOTED

Wednesday 23rd July

Odds for the new season are unveiled with The Robins currently 11/1 to be promoted in 2008/9 at Bet365.com.

Town's first league opponents at The County Ground, Tranmere Rovers are 7/1 and local rivals Cheltenham Town are the longest odds at 22/1.

Leeds United, who Swindon face at home on Saturday 13th September, are favourites to go up to the Championship at the end of the season at 4/5. The second favourites are Gary McAllister's Leicester City at 13/10.

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09/8

PLAYERS TOUCH DOWN IN AUSTRIA

With games against the likes of Fenerbahce and Steaua Bucharest, Town's 2008 Austria tour was always going to be memorable and there were a few surprises along the way.

The tour squad touched down in Munich on Wednesday 9th July and after a three-hour journey to Kaprun, were straight into the tough training schedule the next morning. The first game of the tour saw The Robins race into a 2-0 against Steaua Bucharest thanks to an own goal and a Simon Cox strike. The Romanians hit back with two late goals to earn a draw but it was an impressive performance from Swindon – who featured FourFourTwo journalist Ben Welsh as a late substitute.

Possibly the biggest pre-season game ever taken on by the Club saw Fenerbahce as the opposition at Kufstein. Roberto Carlos and Mateja Kezman started the game for Aragones's side who took the lead with Kezman heading home in the first half. Simon Cox equalized after the break with a spectacular longrange effort – a goal of the season contender already.

Two more days of training followed before the final game of the tour. A bruising encounter with Czech side FC Zlin saw Town succumb to a 2-1 defeat. Cox scored again though, his third goal in as many tour games.

TOUR LINGO

'Ching-Ching' – Player fines 'Text Book' – Facebook 'Nature boy' – Craig Easton 'American boy' – Michael Pook 'Joffers 1978' – Hasney Aljofree 'Bronco' – Billy Paynter 'Smudger 2' – Jack Smith 'Knightrider' – Jerel Ifil

10/8 STEAUA BUCHAREST 2 SWINDON TOWN 2

The Robins came within a minute of a historic victory over Champions League side Steaua Bucharest in a keenly-contested friendly opener in Austria.

Maurice Malpas saw his side go into the break two goals to the good after an own goal was followed up by a predatory Simon Cox finish shortly before half-time.

It was a determined effort from The Robins who battled all the way, only to be denied a victory by a late equaliser.

Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Jack Smith, Patrick Kanyuka, Sean Morrison, Kwasi Oduro; Jon-Paul McGovern, Chris Allen, Michael Pook, Anthony McNamee; Simon Cox, Billy Paynter





10/8 FENERBAHCE 1 SWINDON TOWN 1

A superb strike from striker Simon Cox was enough to secure Town a draw against Champions League side Fenerbahce in Kufstein.

Town created a host of chances against their high-profile opponents with Jon-Paul McGovern and Craig Easton going close with Roberto Carlos also smashing an early drive against the post. Kezman headed Fenerbahce ahead before Cox's impressive second half leveler.

Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Jack Smith, Patrick Kanyuka, Jerel Ifil, Jamie Vincent; Jon-Paul McGovern, Craig Easton, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee; Billy Paynter, Simon Cox

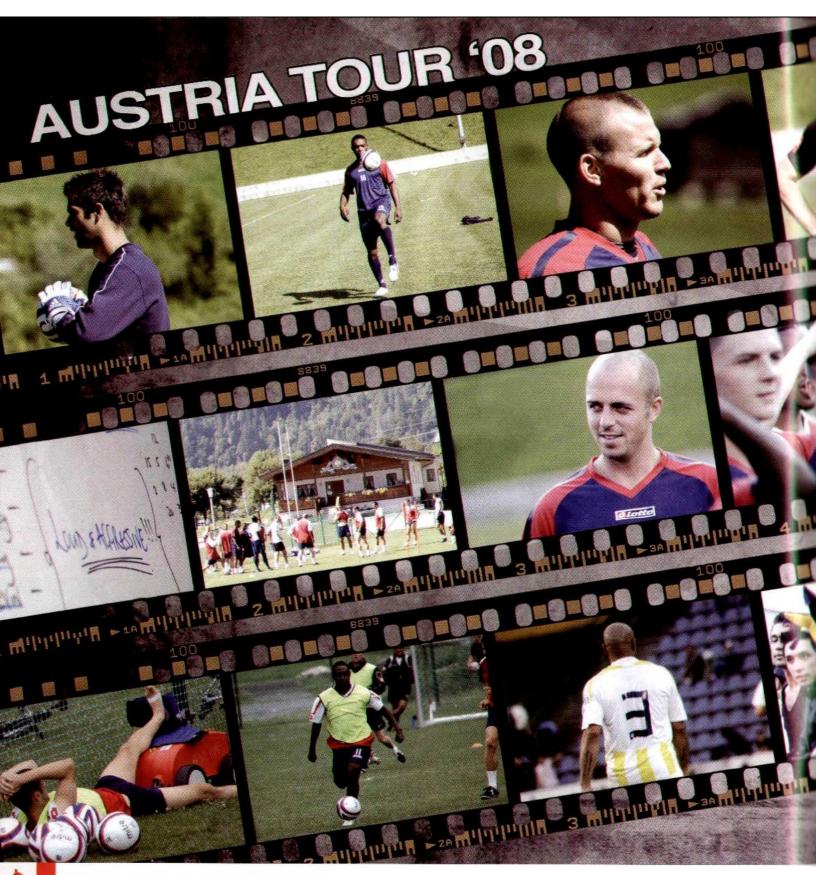
15/8 FC ZLIN 2 SWINDON TOWN 1

A goal in each half from FC Zlin ended Town's hopes of an unbeaten Austria tour despite Simon Cox netting his third goal in as many games.

Cox's goal came late on in the second half although Swindon were made to pay for conceding a second goal just sixty seconds into the second half.

Swindon Town: Peter Brezovan; Kevin Amankwaah (Smith '56), Patrick Kanyuka (Ifil '56), Hasney Aljofree (Morrison '56), Kwasi Oduro (Vincent '56); Jon-Paul McGovern, Chris Allen, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee (Pook); Billy Paynter, Ben Joyce (Cox '68)









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"Too many people live in the belief that someone will take care of the distant tomorrow. Who is this mysterious someone, and what will they do, and with what resources?"

It was once said that "three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do," that is of course unless it is to watch a game of football. And so with three o'clock rapidly approaching on Saturday 9th August, the 2008/09 League One season is about to kick-off with every supporter across the land full of optimism for what their particular season may hold. Good luck to you all with your hopes and aspirations.

The County Ground is delighted to open its doors to Tranmere Rovers for this the first fixture of the season and we welcome our friends from the Wirral most warmly.

Whilst it only seems like yesterday since the curtain came down on 2007/08 season, there has been an increasing air of eagerness around the club for the 2008/09 campaign to get under starters orders. There is only so much pre-season training the playing squad can endure and only a limited out of pre-season friendly fixtures that the management can sit through, fearful of player injuries,

before putting all of the preparation and planning to test in the real crucible of competition. 3 o'clock cannot come too soon for them.

Off the pitch a great deal of pre-season planning, preparation, and refurbishment has been going on in readiness for today and the season ahead. The pre-season friendly fixtures permitted some testing of the new systems to take place and for some of the improvements to be viewed by those fans that attended the games. Hopefully, the improvements were evident then and will continue to be evident throughout the season. However, ambition can often be defeated by time and indeed time has been something of an enemy and not all of the projects have reached the finishing line but it is only a matter of weeks before they do.

In tandem with all of the work that has been taking place on and off the pitch has been the Race to 6K challenge. As I sit down to prepare these Boardroom notes we have just sneaked over the 5,000 mark and the deadline has been extended to midday on Monday 11th August in order to get to as close to 6,000 as possible. Brian Powell and his box office team have worked wonders and to all of those fantastic fans who have made the Season Ticket commitment already, a very sincere thank you from Andrew Fitton and his Board of Directors. It is your support and resources that help keep the club alive.

All new school terms begin with a new intake of masters and pupils and this is an ideal opportunity to welcome the following to the Swindon Town family. Dave Morrison has joined as Fitness & Conditioning Coach whilst Kevin Amankwaah, Lilian Nalis, Michael Timlin and Yinka Casal have joined the first team squad.

Welcome back to all our existing fans and a welcome to all new fans. Let's all hope that by the 4.45pm our League One campaign is well and truly underway.

Nicholas Watkins





01

COX HAS 03 TWENTY/20

After having surgery on a wrist injury, Simon Cox took advantage of a rare Saturday off recently with a visit at The Rose Bowl.

The front man took up an invite to a Twenty/20 match to see Essex, Middlesex, Kent and Durham in action, with Cox explaining his views on an afternoon away from football.

"It was a great day and nice to go and see a different sport first hand. The food was fantastic and it was a really enjoyable day," he said.

"I enjoy watching the Twenty/20 games, they are a lot more exciting than the test matches."



inside track

TOWN ARE BOWLED OVER

The squad and backroom staff turned out to play lawn bowls recently in order to raise money for Prospect Hospice. See Swindontownfc.co.uk for action pictures!

02

PAT JUST KEEPS ON SLEEPING

If there was an award for the strategic sleeper of the Austria Tour, then there would only be one winner.

Defender Patrick Kanyuka managed to sleep through a myriad of coach trips, departure lounges and flights. The former QPR man was never without his trusty 'flight-pillow'.

"I couldn't travel anywhere without it," said Pat, in a break from sleeping. Thankfully for Swindon fans Kanyuka has been anything but sleepy on the pitch, as he has impressed in the build-up to today's season opener.



TRAINING FOR THE MASSES

Town fans were given the opportunity to get up close and personal with the first team squad with an open training session at The County Ground on Tuesday 29th July.

The doors were opened at 10am with hundreds of supporters taking the chance to come and take a look behind the scenes. Maurice Malpas then took the squad for what was the final preparations ahead of the Cardiff City friendly later in the day.

Also in attendance were 200 children attending the club's Football in the Community course. The youngsters were given the chance to meet the players as well as collecting autographs and photos from the day.

Today we welcome our Main Match Sponsors

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Today we welcome our Main Match Sponsors Brakes, who are the club's main catering suppliers. I do hope Brakes and their guests enjoying the hospitality of the newly refurbished suites enjoy their day with us, likewise all fans reading these notes from their seats in the stadium.

We have all worked tirelessly over the summer to improve the Swindon Town Experience, your comments on the changes made and any additional suggested improvements will be most welcome.







The first Audience With Swindon Town of the season will take place on Thursday 11th September. This will take place in The Legends Lounge with doors opening at 7:30pm.

The entire STFC First Team Squad and management team will be in attendance. Now in its third year, this night is always very popular with fans. Previous after dinner Q & A sessions have had the audience in stitches, so if you want to quiz your favourite players about life behinds the scenes at STFC then this night will provide the perfect opportunity to do so. This event is available to all Swindon Town supporters, and will provide fans with the opportunity to meet and mingle with both the players and management team.

Tickets are priced at just £25 plus VAT for shirt sponsors' guests and Season Ticket Holders, or £30 plus VAT per person for others.

Welcome the return of John Gorman...

Looking further ahead to Friday 24th October, we are delighted to welcome John Gorman back to the club. John, whose autobiography Gory Tales will soon be available, will entertain fans with tales from his time at Swindon, as part of the England set-up, Southampton and Tottenham. Further details and ticket prices to be announced shortly.

Finally this time, a reminder to parents that the Mascot Package for the 2008-2009 Season has been revamped. There will be a maximum of four Main Mascot Packages on offer per game with Mascots and their families enjoying their own private suite. George and Brenda Chadwick, who have been looking after the Match Day Mascots for 30 years, will host the Mascot suite. The package detailed is for four guests. We can also offer packages for additional guests so please contact us for more details.

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SWINDON TOWN 1 PORTSMOUTH 3

Simon Cox's fourth goal in as many games was not enough to prevent Swindon from going down 3-1 to Premiership Portsmouth at The County Ground in the first home friendly of pre-season.

It was Swindon who took the lead after Simon Cox had been bundled over inside the box with just nine minutes on the clock. Cox stepped up and sent England stopper David James the wrong way to hand The Robins the early advantage.

Town continued to press with Anthony McNamee excelling on the left hand side of a four-man midfield. His plentiful supply of crosses ensured the chances came, with Cox and Paynter going close to doubling the tally. However Portsmouth showed their class before the break with two goals to put them ahead. Hermann Hreidarsson's slick one two eventually saw the Icelandic defender lift the ball over Brezovan for the equalizer.

Jeremain Defoe then fired home from the spot on 42 minutes to make it 2-1 Pompey.

Maurice Malpas made a flurry of second half changes, with winger Mark Marshall coming on to make his first appearance in the red and white. There were no further goals until Portsmouth wrapped up the win on the stroke of full-time. A late effort from Danijel Subotic secured the victory, converting a deep cross from Ben Saha.



11 MIN



Cox is brought down by Noe Pamarot inside the box. The former Reading striker steps up to confidently fire past England keeper David James for the opener.

15 MIN



McNamee almost makes it two after stepping inside Campbell before being denied from close range by a strong save from James.

39 MIN



It's one all with Hermann Hreidarsson netting a goal of international quality. A one two on the edge of the box sees the ball chipped past Brezovan.



Peter Crouch, an £11 million signing from Liverpool, made his second debut for The Blues as a second half substitute. It was Swindon who took an early lead through Simon Cox before goals from Hermann Hreidarsson, Jermain Defoe and Danijel Subotic sealed the win for the visitors.



Swindon Town: Peter Brezovan; Kevin Amankwaah, Patrick Kanyuka, Hasney Aljofree, Jamie Vincent; Jon-Paul McGovern, Chris Allen, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee; Simon Cox, Billy Paynter

Substitutes: Jack Smith, Phil Smith, Ben Joyce, Jerel Ifil, Michael Pook, Mark Marshall, Sean Morrison, Blair Sturrock



44 MIN



The visitors take the lead for the first time. After Defoe is fouled inside the box the striker then steps up to find the net from the spot to make it 2-1 Pompey

45 MIN



Peter Crouch enters the action, with defender Sylvain Distin also brought on by Harry Redknapp.

90 MIN



Portsmouth wrap up the win with second half substitute Danijel Subotic converting a deep cross from the left to seal a 3-1 victory.

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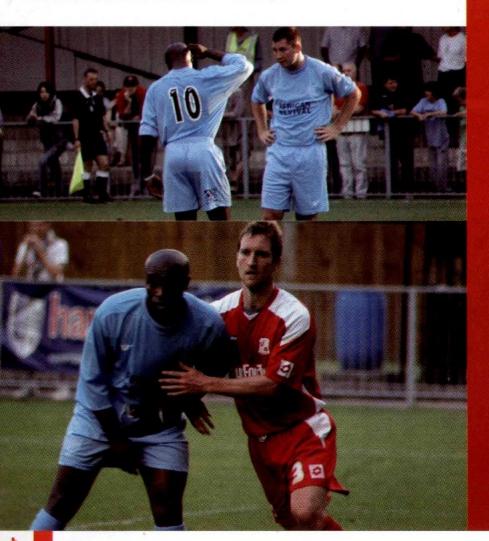
Portsmouth Swindon Town 3



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Swindon Town traveled to South West London on Tuesday 22nd July and returned along the M4 with a 2-1 friendly win.

Alan Devonshire's side put up a strong test with The Robins sealing the win thanks to a double strike from Simon Cox, his fifth and sixth goals of the pre-season campaign. It was a hard working performance from the Town, with Maurice Malpas also using the game as a chance for Mark Marshall and John Hills to try and impress during their trial spell.



SWINDON TOWN 2 HAMPTON & RICHMOND 1

KEY MOMENTS

20 MIN



A well-worked corner sees Mark Marshall box the ball for Simon Cox who gets in first to head home at the near post.

26 MIN



It's almost 2-0 to Town as Kanyuka powerfully heads just over from a Timlin corner.

60MIN



Trialist John Hills, formerly of Everton and Blackpool, enters the fray for his first appearance in a Swindon shirt.

65 MIN



Dean Wells appears to handle a low drive from Michael Timlin although penalty appeals are waved away.

67 MIN



Cox makes it 2-0 after following up a stinging shot from Marshall which was spilled by the home keeper.

87 MIN



Elliot Frost reduces the arrears with a close range finish but Town hold out for the win.

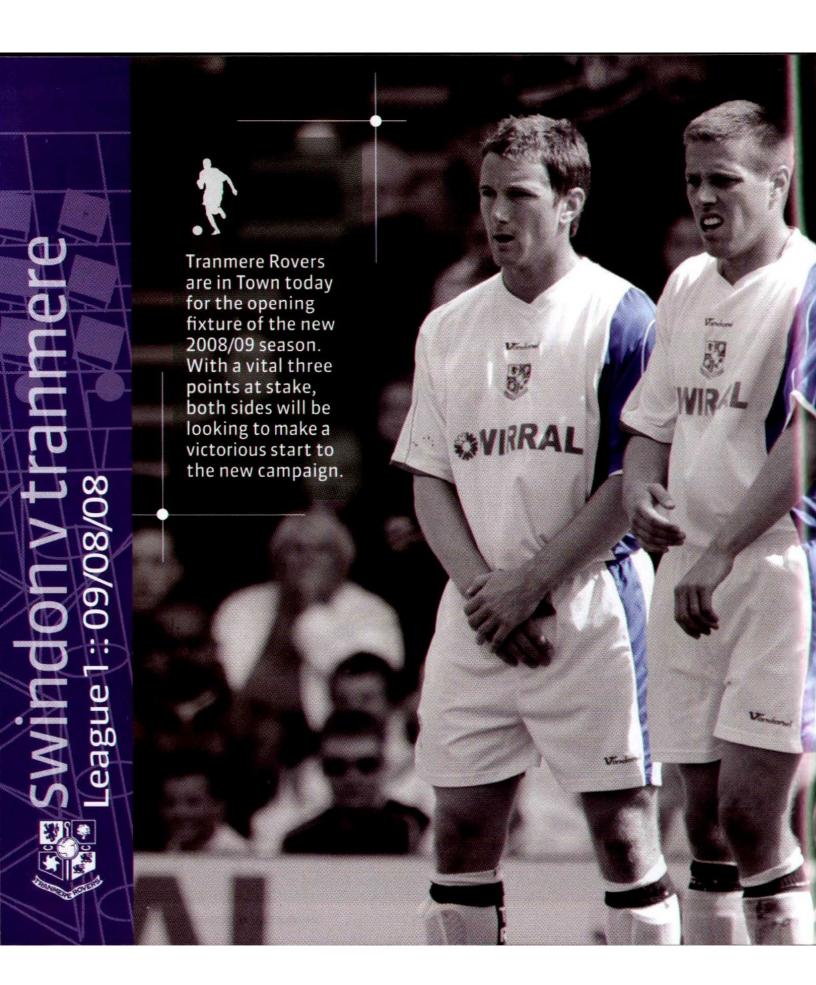


Swindon Town: Peter Brezovan; Kevin Amankwaah, Jerel Ifil, Patrick Kanyuka, Jamie Vincent (Hills); Mark Marshall, Jon-Paul McGovern, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee (Sturrock), Billy Paynter, Simon Cox

Substitutes not used: Phil Smith, Jack Smith, Ben Joyce, Sean Morrison, Michael Pook









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in town

John Achterberg

John signed a new two-year contract as player / goalkeeper coach in the summer of 2007. Having arrived at Prenton Park in September 1998, the Dutchman has made more than 250 appearances for the Club and has been the first choice keeper of four different Rovers managers.

Danny Coyne

Welsh international goalkeeper Danny Coyne returned to Prenton Park in July 2007 for a second spell, having made more than

100 appearances between 1992 and 1999. After leaving Tranmere in 1999 Coyne made more than 200 appearances for Grimsby Town. He then played for Leicester City in the Premiership before moving to Burnley in 2004.

Ben Chorley

Tranmere completed the signing of central defender Ben Chorley on a two-year contract in June 2007. Then aged 24, he joined from Milton Keynes Dons where he made more than 130 appearances. He made 36 appearances in his first season at Tranmere.

Ian Goodison

Ian joined Tranmere in February 2004 under Brian Little and was an instant success at the heart of the defence. The former Jamaican international has since played more than 150 times for Tranmere and became team captain in the 2006-07 season. Signed a new two and a half year contract in November 2006.

Chris Greenacre

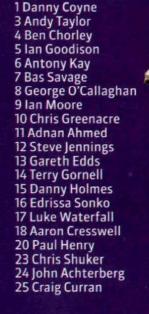
Chris is now in his fourth season at Tranmere Rovers having signed in July 2005 on a two-year contract from Stoke City. 37 goals in his first two seasons earned the striker a new two-year deal in April 2007 and shortly after he was named Players' Player of the Season.

Bas Savage

Savage, 26, signed from Millwall on a two-year contract over the summer and will no doubt be looking to entertain the Rovers fans this season with his trademark celebrations. His career started at Reading in 2002 and he had played for Wycombe, Bury and Bristol City before joining Millwall in January.

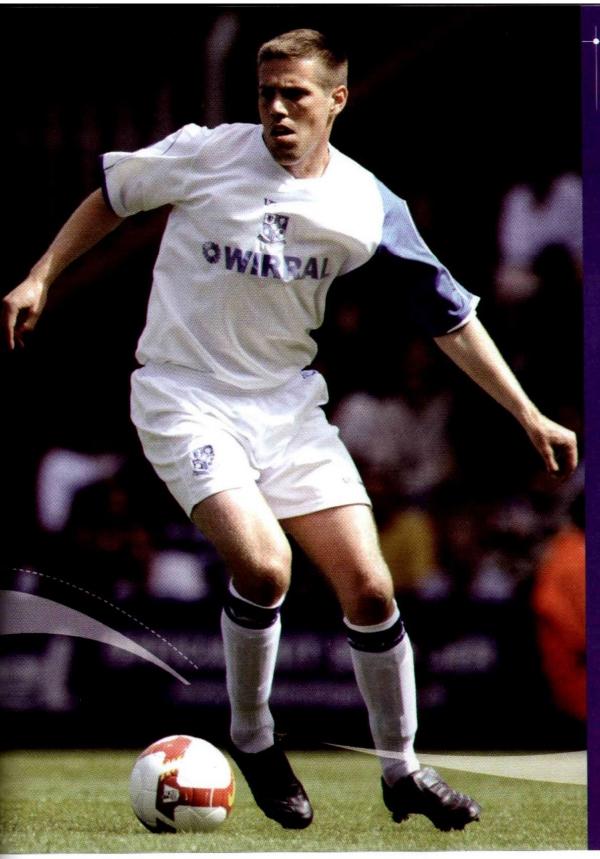
Chris Shuker

Chris Shuker signed a two-year contract with Tranmere in July 2006 which he extended at the beginning of the 2007-08 season. The 26-year old, who was born in Liverpool, joined from Barnsley where he has spent the previous two years. Could miss today's game with injury.



SQUAD





gareth EDDS

The 27-year old utility player will be well-known to Town fans after spending a year at The County Ground.

Signed for Swindon under Andy King in the summer of 2002 and started the season at right-back, although found a regular first team place hard to come by in the second half of the campaign. In total he made 14 league appearances for The Robins before joining Bradford City the following summer.

He joined Tranmere from newly promoted League Two champions and Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners Milton Keynes Dons where he spent the previous four seasons.

Edds, from Sydney, Australia, began his career in England as a trainee with Nottingham Forest.

He joined Milton Keynes Dons in 2004 following spells at Bradford City and Swindon Town and has made more than 200 career appearances, almost 150 of which came for Milton Keynes Dons.

One of the highlights of his time there was his double strike against Tranmere on the last day of the 2004-05 season which saw his side avoid relegation to League Two.

in the spotlight

BAS AIMS TO LIGHT UP LEAGUE ONE

Tranmere Rovers fans will be hoping the Bas Savage dance is a regular occurrence in League One this term. The striker has perfected the Michael Jackson moonwalk over the past few seasons and after signing for Rovers in the summer, is looking forward to strutting his stuff at Prenton Park.

Despite being only 26, Savage has already played for eight clubs although is hoping Prenton Park becomes more of a base over the next few years.

"It is great to have the contract in place," he said.
"Last season I did pre-season at Brighton & Hove Albion, played a few games but then couldn't agree a deal with them to stay down there. I then had the chance to go to Millwall and finished the season with them.

"I remember playing at Swindon last season, twice! I played there in December with Brighton and we came away with a 3-0 win. I came back with Millwall at the end of the season but we lost on that occasion.

"The boys are buzzing and really looking forward to starting the season. Swindon is a good place to play and it should be a really good game as well."

The striker is also looking forward to meeting up with former Reading teammate Ady Williams, who is now on the coaching staff at The County Ground. Savage has nothing but praise for his former Skipper.

"Ady was great with me when I was at Reading. I was there for a few years and he was



Bas Savage in his Millwall days. Bas is known for his celebratory 'moonwalk' dance

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well-respected by everyone there. It will be good to meet up again on Saturday and have a chat.

"He was a tremendous Captain. He always gave me good advice and he was a great guy to have on your side."

Having had a host of clubs over the past few seasons, Savage revealed he could have been lining up in Town colours this afternoon. The front man almost joined The Robins during Andy King's reign as boss, although the move never materialised.

"I was very close to signing. I think the Club and the manager at the time, Andy King, had a bit of a change of heart at the last minute. I came down to meet Andy King and was shown around the stadium. Talks went well but the move never got over the line."

Now very much part of the Tranmere set-up, Savage hopes to channel his energies into helping Rovers enjoy a successful season in League One. His trademark celebration is well-known in football circles, although Swindon fans will hope they go without seeing it this afternoon.

"Hopefully Tranmere fans will see the celebration twenty or thirty times this season."

We want it to be a successful season and there is no reason why Tranmere can't finish as high as possible.

"I don't think there is any team in League One that is unbeatable. Tranmere just missed out on the Play-Offs last term and the sole aim is to be promoted at the end of the season."







Twelve months ago Anthony McNamee was preparing for the new season as a squad player with Coca-Cola Championship side Watford. A year on and the winger's dazzling pre-season performances have made him one of the first names on Maurice Malpas's teamsheet.

Impressive displays since joining from The Hornets in the January transfer window left many Town fans wishing the season would never end, with the 24-year old winger one of the highlights of the back-end of the campaign. And after sparkling shows against the likes of Portsmouth and Cardiff City, the Robins faithful know that normal service has resumed on the left flank.

McNamee though is not one to single himself out for special praise and recognizes the importance of a team work ethic. Speaking after training this week he told Swindon about his hopes for the new campaign.

It has gone well. I have played a lot of games and this is the first time I have gone through a pre-season programme and played every game. I really can't wait for the season to get under way and the rest of the boys are really looking forward to it too.

At Watford I would play a bit here, a bit there. Maybe come on for twenty minutes and try and impress. At Swindon I know I am going to be involved regularly and that's been great. The amount of pre-season games I have played in has really helped me along.

Every footballer wants to play games and as soon as you cross the line you want to play - however your body feels. I have my touch back

now and am feeling good. The Tranmere game is the one we all have our eyes on.

Austria was very humid and there was a lot of training, but that's what we went there for. We even had to cycle to training! I was pretty knackered by the end of it, but it was great for the fitness.

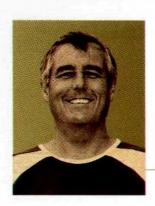
It is. The boys are top class here, the lads are buzzing and it's been great. I roomed with Patrick Kanyuka in Austria so it was good to spend some time with him - although he spent most of the tour either asleep or on Facebook! Everyone gets on together and there is a real togetherness within the squad.

This is probably the most important season of my career so far. Hopefully I can start the season well and get my crosses in, playing my part for the team. It would be nice to get a few goals here and there too.

The first game is tremendously important because we want to try and put a few results together early in the season. The fans have been fantastic with me since I have been at the club and I enjoy getting on the ball and trying to create goals for the team.

A win on the first day! It's a big month with a lot of games coming thick and fast. And we have chances to get wins against every team we play. lust look at pre-season; we played some big, big teams and came away with results. The boys are confident we can have a good start.





A classic encounter

Words: Dave Wallis

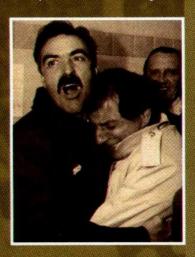


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Here we are at the start of a brand new season, one that will pitch us against many old friends and acquaintances before next May is upon us. There have been many previous encounters between today's two sides, but perhaps none of them have been more important or dramatic than Swindon and Tranmere's two play-off matches of 1993.

Sunday 16th May, 1993 Division One Play-off Semi-Final, First Leg The County Ground

Rovers had finished the regular season in fourth place in Division One, one place and three points ahead of Town. What needed to be decided now was who would go through to Wembley to fight for a place in the recently



formed Premier League, and over 14,000 supporters congregated at The County Ground on 16th May 1993 to see Town and Rovers do battle. In the heart of Tranmere's defence was Steve Vickers, a man with 300 Rovers appearances under his belt, bringing the sort of experience that appeared invaluable for such an occasion. But all those games did little to prepare poor Steve for the start he was about to have.

Within two minutes the unfortunate defender had turned a Nicky Summerbee long throw past his own goalkeeper Eric Nixon to gift Town the lead, then barely sixty seconds, later it was Vickers' misplaced pass that allowed Dave Mitchell to double the advantage.

Merseyside legend John Aldridge had a headed effort ruled out for the away side, but then Craig Maskell intercepted a Vickers pass and fed Mitchell before collecting the return to steer Town three goals to the good.

With almost 60 minutes gone John Morrissey pulled one back for Rovers to make it 3-1, but the final whistle left a breathless crowd and an appreciative TV audience looking forward to the next instalment.

Wednesday May 19th 1993 Division One Play-Off Semi-Final, Second Leg Prenton Park

The action resumed and the goals continued to flow three days later in the second leg at Prenton Park.

First John Moncur restored Town's three goal cushion after a Martin Ling run, then goals from Mark Proctor into contention.
Next it was 5-3 as Craig
Maskell fired home for Town
at the second attempt, before
player/boss Glenn Hoddle
surprisingly conceded the
penalty that Kenny Irons
duly despatched with
seven minutes remaining.

That left us with a nervous end to the game as Rovers looked for the goal that would have levelled the aggregate score at 5-5, but at the final whistle it was Town supporters who punched the



and Pat Nevin after an uncharacteristic fumble by Town keeper Fraser Digby brought Rovers right-back air in celebration. A Wembley place awaited and another 16,000 had witnessed the second leg drama.





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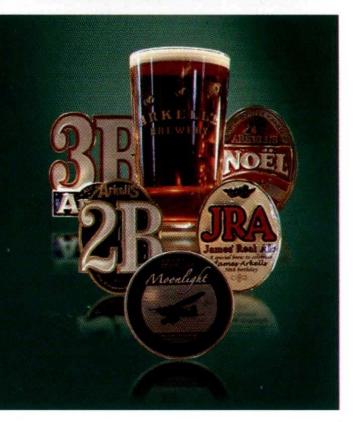
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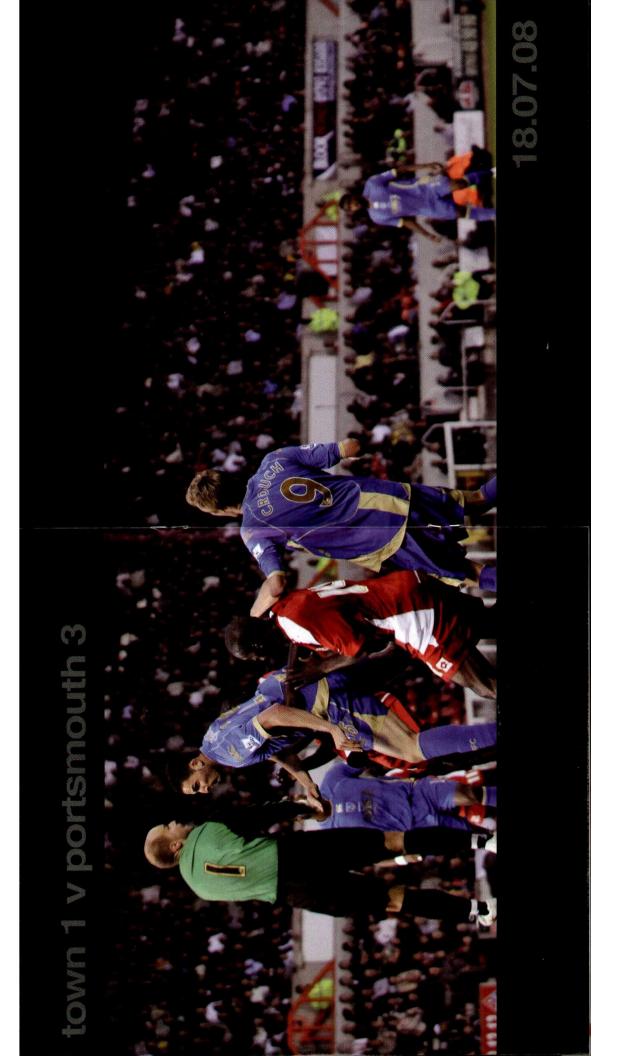


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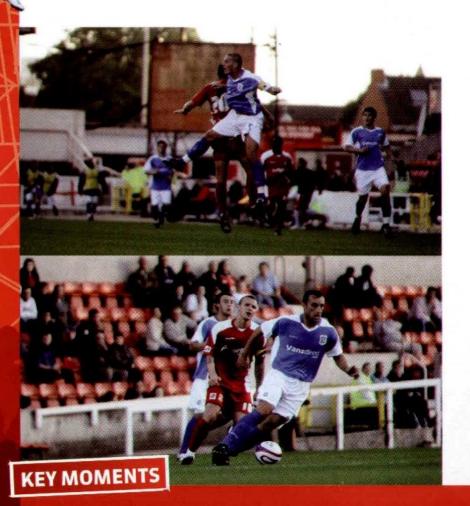






SWINDON TOWN 1 CARDIFF CITY 1

Yinka Casal and Lilian Nalis both impressed during the second home pre-season friendly of July with Cardiff City the visitors to The County Ground.



The Bluebirds included former Town player Miguel Comminges in their starting line-up, although it was a youthful visiting eleven that took to the field. It was Swindon who took the lead with Lee Peacock netting from close range on 32 minutes with Darren Purse unable to prevent the ball from going in off the post.

The visitors hit back though with a defensive slip from Sean Morrison allowing former Hereford United player Paul Parry to fire past substitute Peter Brezovan.



Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil, Patrick Kanyuka, Yinka Casal; Jon-Paul McGovern, Lilian Nalis, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee; Billy Paynter, JLee Peacock

Substitutes: Peter Brezovan; Sean Morrison Callum Kennedy, Chris Allen, Michael Pook, Ben Joyce, Blair Sturrock

30 MIN



Patrick Kanyuka comes to Town's rescue | with a fine block from a Paul Parry drive

32 MIN



Lee Peacock finds space inside the box to squeeze home the opener after being put through by Billy Paynter. Darren Purse is unable to keep the ball from crossing the line.

45 MIN



Manager Maurice
Malpas makes three
changes at the break
with Brezovan, Kennedy
and Morrison replacing
Smith, Kanyuka and Ifil.



48 MIN



Paul Parry gets the better of Sean Morrison before advancing forward and slotting the ball home past Brezovan to make it 1-1.

60 MIN



Dermot Gallagher waves away a penalty appeal after Peacock had been seemingly brought down by the visiting Cardiff keeper.

71 MIN



Sean Morrison heads Town into the lead from the angle after a wellworked free-kick. The goal though is ruled out by the offside flag. **RESULT**

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JUNIOR ROBINS

Hello everyone and welcome to the Junior Robins who have made this long journey here today.

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Tranmere Rovers nearly went out of business in 1899-1900 after the whole team left together to join a rival club!

Last week the Tranmere Rovers ground, Prenton Park, was partially waterlogged. Some of the pitch was under six inches of rainwater, as was the reception area, the tunnel, and the concourse. I really hope the stadium has recovered now!

I hope you are all enjoying your school summer holidays, and there's still plenty of holiday time left!

Well it's finally here - the start of the new 2008/09 season. With various things going on behind the scenes at the Club this looks like it could be a great season for us all. There have been lots of refurbishments going on in and around The County Ground, including the new look Swindon Town Superstore. I know a lot of you will enjoy spending your pocket money in there after the re-opening.

The Junior Robins memberships forms have now been printed, so lots of you should have received one in the post by now. I have also been handing out the new forms at some of the pre-season friendlies, and the open training session at The County Ground last week. If you have not received a form but would like one please me know and I will

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I will also be arranging Meet The Players evenings, discos, at least four away trips to League One games, and a tour around either Wembley or the Emirates. You will also receive 15% discount in the new STFC Superstore for the season (this does not include sale items).

parents, you really are getting your money's worth!

Let's cheer on the Town this afternoon and have a great time.

Any queries please let me know. 0777 6207 655 or 01793 527470. Shazfranklin@aol.com

Many thanks Sharon

JR'S AWAY TRIPS

The first away trips of the season that are already booked up are MK Dons on Saturday 30th August, and Stockport County on Saturday 20th September.

For the MK Dons game the coach will be leaving The County Ground at 11.30am, returning approximately 7.15. The cost for this will be £12 for Junior Robins, and £18 for accompanying adults. This is the total cost, which includes the return coach fare, and entry to the game. These trips do get booked up quite g quickly, so please book up as soon as possible. I can only take the bookings once I have received the payment, and Junior's must be accompanied by an adult. There will be more details about the visit to Stockport County in a future programme.





HOME STARTS & HAPPY ENDINGS

So here we go again. Nine months of trekking up and down the country following the Town's (hopefully many) successes and (very few) failures. Spending far too much time thinking about dodgy knees and sore hamstrings, and too little about just how many hours we've racked up on various motorways.

And that's just what we do as football fans, isn't it? We don't think about it, we just get on with it. Opening day at Hartlepool (2006), yep - no problem for the 340 fans who made the trip. At least it was sunny for a change in the North East, and we had Peter Brezovan's two penalty saves to cheer on (at this point I know some of you are going "Yeah, yeah but you're getting paid for going to these games. And I am, so you're right it's not quite the same. But I can promise you that for all the stroppy stewards you have to deal with, I've got more than a few stories of what us poor journalists have to put up with. And I'll be telling you a fair few of them over the course of the season).

But generally opening day is definitely one to look forward to, especially when you've only got to travel to The County Ground. Generally the sun is shining. If there's been any football over the summer, England's performances have left us pretty depressed assuming they've even managed to qualify for the tournament in the first place.

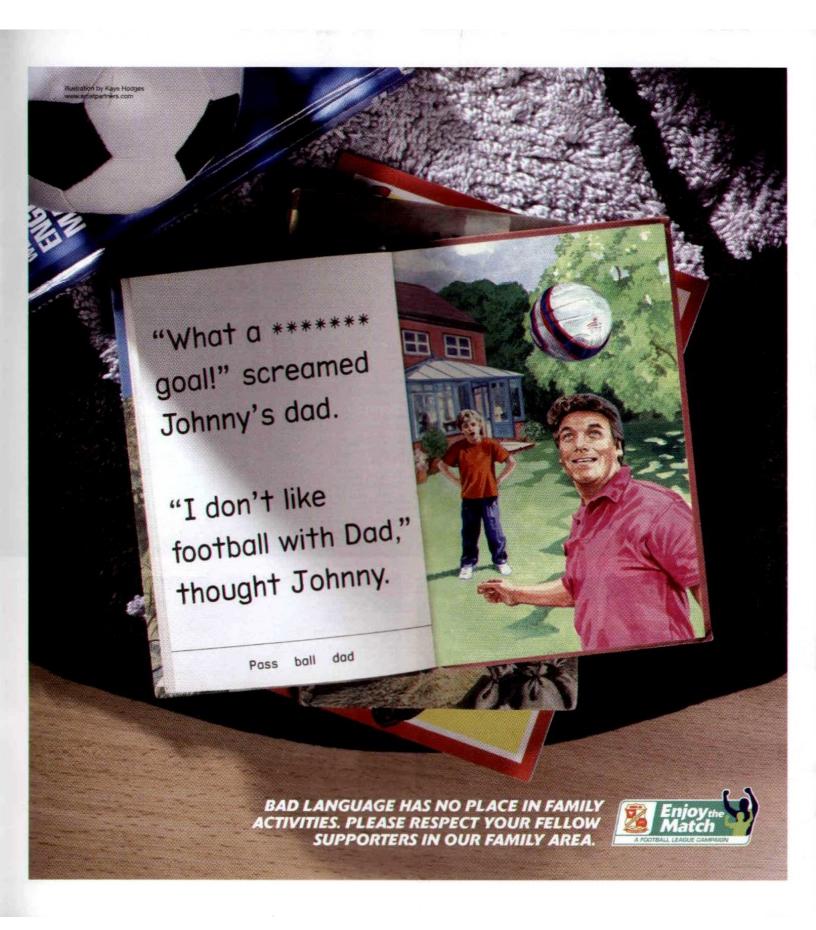
So it will probably be the first time most of us have seen a competitive match in the flesh in three months. And as depressing as defeats at Wrexham and Barnsley were in recent years (and I won't forget the Barnsley game and the "performance" of some of the club's big summer signings for a good while yet) it's not as depressing as a midweek trip to Carlisle United in December, for example.

Today's game is the first time Swindon have been given a home tie on opening day since 2003. Back then Town were on the wrong end of a 3-2 defeat to newly relegated Sheffield Wednesday. It was a poor start to what turned out to be a very good season for Andy King's team, although it did end in miserable circumstances in that Play-Off defeat at Brighton (I'm not sure I've still completely dried out from the drenching I got that night, and we had at least some kind of roof over us, unlike the poor fans who made the trip to that poor excuse for a stadium).

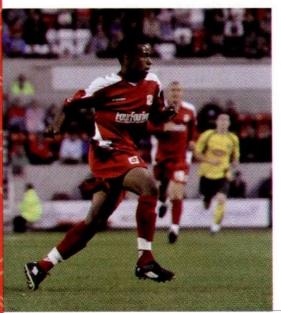
Is that an omen? Well I hope it is because Swindon played some lovely football that season. The Town just need to come up with a better ending.

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PRE-SEASON ROUND-UP

Town's young charges have endured a tough pre-season campaign as youth boss Paul Bodin shapes his squad for the new term.

Seven first year scholars linked up with the squad for preseason training as they begin a two-year scholarship with the Robins, with Bodin offering his thoughts on the build-up.

"Pre-season has been tough with games against the likes of Exeter City, Fulham, New College, Cardiff City and Newport County. We are also due to play Everton on Saturday 9th August and Portsmouth on Wednesday 13th August. It is important that the players have a mixed selection of games.

"The lads had a big win against Newport County and New College which was pleasing although we lost 1-0 to Fulham. The Everton game will be a good test before the season starts at home to Torquay United on Saturday 16th August. "There are a few of our players that will be looking to push on in their last year to see if they can make the step and sign professional contracts. The lads have to make sure they deserve another deal and that they can make the step up."

The Town youth squad will also go into the season with experience in the ranks.
Several members of the Under 18's made first team appearances last term, which Bodin believes could be of tremendous benefit to the rest of his young squad.

"It is great to have experience within the squad. Sean Morrison and Ben Joyce have been with the first team for the majority of the pre-season campaign. They will have picked up a lot of experience which hopefully they can now pass on to the first years.







Jake Hyde replaces Ben Joyce on Monday

BODIN'S DELIGHT FOR EVANS

Town Under 18's Manager
Paul Bodin was delighted for
defender Will Evans after
seeing the 16-year old make an
appearance as a second half
substitute against Plymouth
Argyle on Monday night.

Evans has progressed right through the youth ranks at The County Ground and played 45 minutes against The Pilgrims in what was billed as a first team fixture.

"Will Evans has been a massive plus for us," said Bodin. "He has come right through the system having joined us at eight years old. I have personally been his coach since he joined us at such a young age.

"He has only been with us full-time as a scholar for a matter of weeks and made an appearance for the first team on Monday night against Plymouth Argyle.

"It is a great achievement for him and it shows what we are trying to do within the youth department here at Swindon Town FC."

TOWN EYE CUP SUCCESS

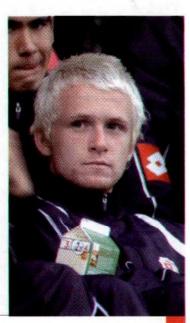
Town Youth coach Jeremy Newton believes his side can make amends for a disappointing FA Youth Cup run last season with success this term.

The Robins went out of the competition at the Third Round stage at the Valley with a heavy defeat at Charlton Athletic, although Town are hoping to take the positives out of last season's cup campaign.

"I don't think we did as well last year in the FA Youth Cup as they would have liked. We went out at Charlton Athletic and didn't perform on the night," said Newton.

"Those players will have learnt a lot from last season's campaign and that's what we have to benefit from.

"We now have a good platform of where we should be. The players shouldn't feel any pressure to do well, although as a Club we do seem to thrive against playing against the bigger clubs."





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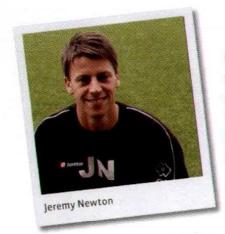
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Centre of Excellence Director Jeremy Newton welcomes all players back ahead of the new season and offers his views on what has been a busy summer for the department. Here he covers the processes behind player recruitment, the Northern Ireland Milk Cup and the latest from the training ground.

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Dave Warren, U16's coach and Youth Development Officer, is in charge of recruitment and has been a busy man over the summer months.

We have a network of over 30 scouts who are all volunteers and are spread over many counties. The scouts will notify Dave, who will then write to the player with a letter of invitation to one our training nights. The players and the parents will be introduced to myself, before being introduced to the coaches. Depending on what we see, the player could earn himself a six week trial with Swindon Town FC, where the player will be seen in training and take part in the games programme.

Although the trial has a maximum of 6 weeks, we could make a decision before that, on whether the player is up to the level of a contract or we think it would beneficial to go back to local football. After all, it doesn't cost anything to take a look at a player who could one day play for the first team.

Milk Cup

We have just returned from our trip to the Milk Cup and once again we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at the STFC Supporters Club. Their kind donation ensured that we were able to make the trip.

We took a very young side to Ireland, so young in fact that some of our squad would be eligible for three years. Normally players only play in one Milk Cup tournament during their careers. We made this year a development year, with all the players gaining massive experience from training and playing games every day. We as a club benefit from the experience the players get as well as the coaches testing themselves against teams from all over the world.

The parade at the start of the tournament was amazing with 10,000 people crammed into the streets of Coleraine to welcome and cheer on every team. It was a tiring trip because as well as training and playing, there

were a number of games to go and watch in addition to the organisation.

I decided to take the players and the staff to Giants Causeway, which everyone enjoyed, especially the ice cream! It was



good to getaway from the ball for a few hours and make the most of the fresh air and spectacular views. Next year will be a good year for us in the Milk Cup as 10 of the 18 from this year's squad can go again.

We concluded the trip with player evaluations, when all players were given feedback on their games and training. This is always important in developing the players' learning, and I think it's vital in making them a better person – on and off the field



>> Right: 'Nutty' mixes with the big guns!





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Training

The Centre of Excellence started back on Monday 4th August and we will train twice a week throughout the month of August. We have a fantastic games programme with the likes of Liverpool, Everton, Portsmouth, Derby, Cardiff, and Charlton lined up.

It is great that our youngsters have the opportunity to play against such big teams, but we have had to work hard to achieve this. The players have the chance to test themselves against established academy teams and see how we are progressing as a club.

Hopefully we can learn from the opposition as well, this is why from the month of September and October, we will be training three times a week. I personally think that an extra session per week on the grass pitches can improve the system, the coaches and most importantly the players. For the months of winter we will be in a new venue, St Josephs School.

Again a new facility and we are all looking forward to be working alongside St Josephs in the future.

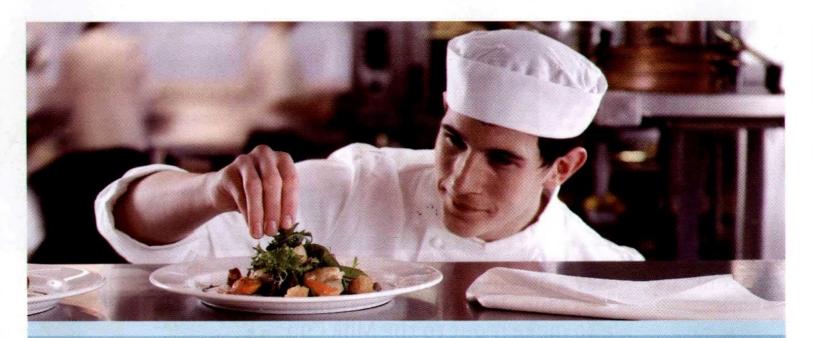
It's the final year in the system for our U16's, and the first year for our new U9's. The U9's are looking forward to their first season with the club whilst for the Under 16's players it is make or break time for them. Making decisions on the older players is the hardest part of the job but you have to be honest with players and try and make the right call. Some

of our Under 16's players have been here since the age of nine - many have had a long association with STFC.

The players will continue to have reviews and assessments twice a year, when they will sit down at the club with their parents, coaches and myself. This review process begins at Under 7 level and through to Under 18's and is logged down with team record books, with all evidence on show for parents and the player. Tough times, but decisions have to be made.



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TEAM WESTON	22	3	5	14	26	59	14
FROME TOWN	22	4	0	18	21	88	12
SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS	22	2	0	20	21	95	6



The League was won by Reading who everyone agreed were worthy winners. They have been promoted to the National League Division One but because of the location of the teams relegated, they have joined the "Northern" Division!

Southampton Saints, having just been relegated from the National League have gone straight through and will play this season in the Southern Regional League. Frome Town, who finished second from bottom, after two seasons in the Combination League, will join the South West Regional League. Because of the geographical location of the teams dropping down from the National League, Luton Town have moved across to the South East Combination League

to ensure that both Leagues have twelve member clubs.

The League next season will have four new clubs. Oxford City have been promoted from the Southern Regional League having been relegated from the Combination League the previous season. Penzance won the South West Regional League so all clubs will have a long trip to the tip of Cornwall. Team Bath and our old rivals Reading Royals will play in the League this season having been relegated from the National League.

The Reserves will continue to play in the South West Regional League Division One, that they won last season. Any women or girls interested in joining the club should contact club secretary John White on Swindon 824470.



SWINDON TOWN 2008/09 SOUTH WEST COMBINATION

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31-AUG	BOURNEMOUTH	HOME
7-Sep	CHESHAM UTD	Away
14-SEP	TEAM WESTON	HOME
21-Sep	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	Away
28-Sep	YEOVIL TOWN	Away
5-Oct	QPR	Away
12-OCT	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	HOME
19-OCT	READING ROYALS	HOME
26-0ct	PENZANCE	Away
2-NOV	TEAM BATH	HOME
9-Nov	FA CUP -1	
16-NOV	OXFORD CITY	HOME
23-Nov	FA CUP -2	
30-Nov	BOURNEMOUTH	Away
7-Dec	"AMBASSADOR" LEAGUE CUP	2-1
14-DEC	CHESHAM UTD	HOME
4-jan	TEAM WESTON	Away
11-JAN	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	HOME
18-JAN	YEOVILTOWN	HOME
25-JAN	QPR	HOME
1-Feb	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	Away
8-Feb	READING ROYALS	Away
15-FEB	PENZANCE	HOME
22-Feb	TEAM BATH	Away





Pertemps Announcement

This afternoon Football in the Community are proud to launch a new three-year sponsorship deal with Pertamps Job Agency.

Before kick-off Football in the Community we will receive a cheque for £10,000 that is the first year of the sponsorship deal. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to work with such a high-class and reputable organization such as Pertemps. The deal will enable us to enhance and further progress our existing projects and help us develop new ideas and schemes for the future.

Anne Wilkes, Swindon Director for Pertemps, commented on the announcement.

"Pertemps is delighted to have been chosen as the sponsor of Swindon Town FC Football in the Community Trust.

"Although we are a national recruitment agency, we are committed to local support, for local people. The Swindon team will be involved in local charity fundraisers and events which provides valuable financial support, needed to help out local children."

She added: "For all your recruitment needs, whether temporary or permanent, or to register permanent employment,

please register your interest by calling 01793 615021 or 614420."

Summer Funweeks

Football in the Community Manager Clive Maguire was delighted with the start made to the summer course.

Almost 200 children gathered at The County Ground on Tuesday 29th July for the start of the summer course, with the week starting with a special open training session laid with the children able to see the first team players training at first hand.

"It was a fantastic start to the summer with all our summer courses sold out in advance of the first week," said Maguire.

"The first week went really well as the course began with an open training session which was laid on for the children at The County Ground. After registration the children watched from the Town End as the players were put through their paces by the management.

"At the end of the session the players came across and signed autographs for the children. It was fantastic to see so many smiles on the faces of the kids as they got to meet the first team squad and management." He added: "The players were great with the children, asking questions about the course and

what they would like to do in the future. The interaction was great and this is something we will be looking to build on."

Soccer Centres

After last years successful Soccer Centres the players are having a well-deserved summer break. It also has been great to see many of you on our Summer Fun Week Courses and we hope to see a few more of you on the remaining courses.

We are currently enrolling for the next terms Soccer Centres where we are still working towards bringing our age groups closer together at Highworth Rec as part of our ongoing improvement of the Centres.

Already for next term Haydon Centre and the Link Centre are full up. All other centres still have limited spaces available.

New All Girls Soccer Centre

We are currently in the process of setting up an all girls Soccer Centre that will run on a Thursday night, 4.00-5.00pm at Grange Drive Community Centre, Stratton.

The course will begin after October half-term. To register interest for this new and exciting session please contact Shane Hewlett on 01793 617718.















Disability Football Update

Some of the disability projects have taken a well-earned summer break however many sessions still continue. Wheelchair football is continuing to run throughout the summer and is currently running on Monday evenings 6pm -8pm at Nova Hreod School.

Its great to see some new faces at this session particularly some younger players. Swindon Rockets are still in the process of obtaining enough playing chairs to participate in competitive fixtures and are well on the way as some players have received funding to buy chairs.

Another session that is currently being delivered is the Swindon Leopards Ability Counts FC. This team has formed over the past few months and are aiming to compete in the South West Ability Counts League in this

forthcoming season.

Also during the summer Salisbury City Tigers hosted an adult disability festival that saw five teams from Wiltshire participate. It is great to see both Salisbury City Tigers and Swindon Leopards planning on joining the South West Ability Counts League. Both teams have come a very long way over the past year and it will be fantastic to see four teams from Wiltshire playing in this disability league.

New Website Launch

Football in the Community are pleased to announce the launch of their very own website. This can be found at www.stfc-fitc.co.uk or click on the link that can be found in the Football in the Community section at Swindontownfc.co.uk * please note the website is currently under construction





Who's Who and Contacts

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Jon Holloway Clive Maguire Shane Hewlett Luke Sharps Adam Greaney Tim Hall / Sean Harper Football in the Community Office t: 01793 421303

Soccer Centre Enquiries

Tiny Tots and Mini Soccer

Course **Schedule**

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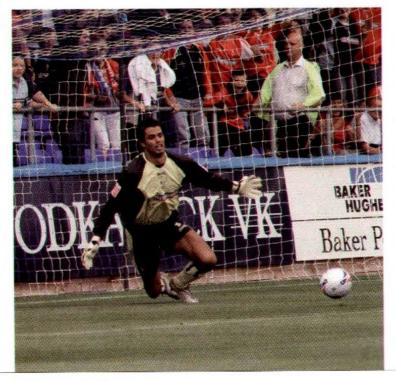


Start as you mean to go on? Season curtain raisers don't always set a precedent...

Record Breakers

Luton Town (9-1) 28/08/1920

As starters go, Town's 9-1 demolition of Luton was right up there with foie gras. The 9-1 (nine) win which still ranks as Town's largest ever league victory -suggested good times lay in store for the Robins, but like Macaulay Culkin's acting career, Town peaked too early and disappeared. The Reds scored just four goals in their last eight games and finished fourth after having looked odds on for promotion earlier in the campaign.



Hartlepool United (1-0) 5/08/2006

Few had heard of Peter Brezovan before the Football League's fixture computer sent Town 261-miles north to Hartlepool on the opening day of the 2006/2007 season.

Two minutes into the game and the travelling Reds were soon signing his name.

120 seconds and Brezovan saved a Joel Porter penalty. Lee Peacock then headed home Michael Pook's corner before Brez – who signed from FC Brno and spoke no English – did it again; this time beating away Ritchie Humphey's spot kick in the 71st minute...

Derbies

Bristol Rovers (2-1) 25/08/1928

That man Harry Morris again. Despite scoring 26 goals he failed to notch in Town's opening day win against. The Gas. Instead he waited until week three to open his account, when he hit two away at Watford and three against Walsall. Joe Eddleton and Les Roberts shouldered the goalscoring responsibility on this occasion, but Morris made up for it later bagged three in the return fixture.

Reading (2-0) 20/08/1949

The campaign that brought an end to Morris' Town career saw the Reds off to a blistering start against Reading. Tom Dawson and M.I. Owen saw off the Royals' challenge, but Town failed to win any of their next three matches. A win against Aldershot couldn't disguise the side's faltering form and consecutive defeats set the tone for the season. Town finished 12th and the team dissembled at the campaign's end.



Derby action: Town take on Bristol Rovers at SN1 last season

Oxford United (0-0) 21/08/1965

In 1965/66 Town scored five goals on five separate occasions before Christmas. Sadly, the season's opener against Oxford wasn't one of them.

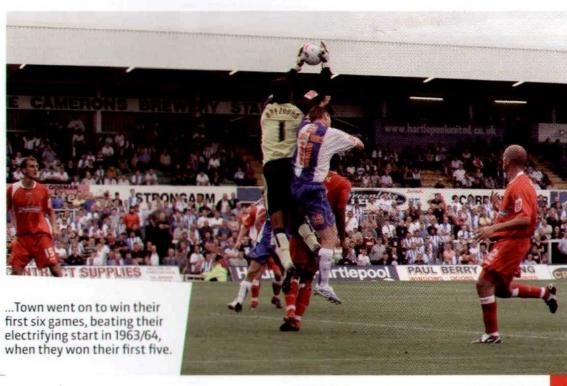
Town's blistering run towards the end of the year made up for it, but their goal-shy ways returned when 'squeaky bum time' arrived in April; Town failed to score all month and finished seventh.

But the class of 2008/09 would do well to fly out of the traps like this lot.

















Hat-tricks

JACK JOHNSON v Bournemouth (3-1) 28/08/1920

Think of the name Jack
Johnson and you'll no doubt
be humming inoffensive
tunes from the Hawaiian
singer/songwriter. That's
unless you're old enough to
remember the Jack Johnson
that became the first Town
player to score twenty goals
in a season in 1922/23. A year
later he bagged a hat-trick
on the opening day of the
season against Bournemouth

as Town romped to an early 3-1 win.

HARRY MORRIS v Southend (5-1)

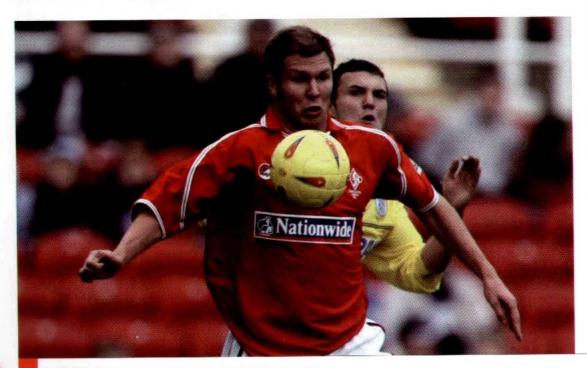
28/08/1926

These days £110 won't get you very far (unless, of course, you support Huddersfield Town, in which case you'll get change after purchasing a season ticket), but in 1926 the sum brought Town fans immeasurable joy. Robins boss Sam Allen paid Swansea £110 for Harry Morris's

services in a deal (steal more like) that would have had Bargain Hunt's David Dickinson more excitable then a dog in a cattery. Morris scored three against Southend to kick-start Town's 1926/27 campaign; he scored another hat-trick two days later. Sadly, Town failed to continue their form into 1927 and in the second half of the campaign they won just six games, culminating in a fifthplaced finish. Morris ended the season on 48 goals. That's £2.30 a strike...

A wonderful strike, a top quality striker's goal!

-Andy King on Sam Parkin's first ever town goal



SAM PARKIN v Barnsley (3-1) 10/08/02

Roehampton-born hitman Sam Parkin had already scored in pre-season, but a hat-trick on his debut was a sign of things to come. Town came from behind to beat Barnsley 3-1 in the 2002/03 curtainraiser; with Parkin bagging all three in what was the first of his three Town hat-tricks. Chris Lumsdon put Barnsley ahead with a penalty on the half hour. Parkin notched his first two minutes later with a goal described by King as "a wonderful strike - a top quality striker's goal," and then put the Reds ahead before calmly collecting his first match ball after converting from the penalty spot.

Town finished 10th – one place below Parkin's current employers Luton Town – but his opening-day salvo more than repaid his minimal £50,000 price tag alone.

Four or More

Bournemouth (4-1)

30/08/1930

Another campaign, another bundle of goals from Harry Morris. In 1930/31 he scored 35; the catalyst was a brace as Town beat Bournemouth 4-1 on day one. Alec Cruickshank and the beautifully named Percy Whipp added the others before the trio teamed up again as Walsall were seen off 4-3 in week three.

Notts County (4-1) 27/08/1938

1938 and after The Beano's inaugural release in the summer, Swindon kicked off the 1938/39 campaign against Notts County. Ben Morton scored twice, Billy Lucas and Alan Fowler added a goal apiece as the Magpies were swept aside 4-1 in front of the new Hotel End (Town End). Town won five of their opening six games but finished ninth.

Wimbledon (4-1)

29/08/1981

The league introduced three points for a win ahead of the 1981/82 season and Town made three the magic number as Roy Carter, Mike Graham, Brian Hughes and Roy Greenwood secured a comfortable 4-0 win against Wimbledon. Unfortunately Town failed to keep it up and spent the rest of the season fighting relegation, a battle they lost on the last day of the season against Newport County.

Four plus two: Swindon Town's biggest win of last season arrived in the penultimate home clash of the campaign with a six-nil victory over relegated Port Vale











away travel





Cheltenham Town Saturday 16th August 2008



£9 Adults | £8 Junior

£1 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card.

Departs from The County Ground at 12.30pm.
All seats must be paid for at time of booking.
Proof of age may be required when
booking Junior seats



MK Dons Saturday 30th August 2008

£12 Adults | £11 Junior

£1 Discount for Supporters Club Members on production of membership card

Departs from The County Ground at 11.15am. All seats must be paid for at time of booking. Proof of age may be required when booking junior seats.



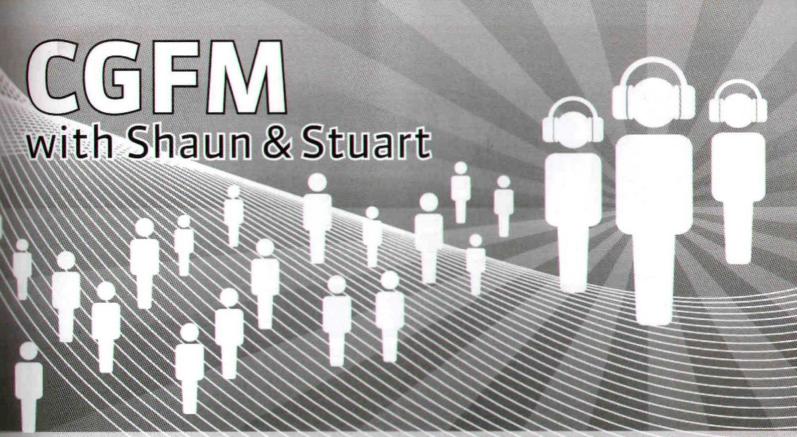




SAS Travel 2008/09

Opening Times:

Tuesday 7pm-9pm Thursday 7pm-9pm The SAS Travel Office, located next to the Football in the Community Office at The County Ground, will be open at all home matches up until 30 minutes before kick-off.



MAKE PLENTY OF NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our opening League One game of the season against Tranmere Rovers.

After seeing him in the pre-season friendlies I would like to officially welcome my new partner in crime at the CGFM Experience Shaun Skinner. He has filled in on the odd occasion that Gary Tate was unavailable. Shaun for those that do not know is the Station Producer at GWR FM and he makes sure that everything hits the local airwaves goes out in pristine quality. Also he is well-known

on the roadshow scene with gigs all over the Country.

We have had several meetings over the summer and plan to introduce lots of new things into the CGFM experience presentation; these will include pre-match interviews with fans, players, team management and Club officials. There will also be a quick interview on the pitch with the Swindon Town Man of the Match straight after the final whistle – starting today!

With a little luck, Operations Manager Mark Issacs assures us that new speakers will have been installed around the ground to make the audible experience more pleasurable, thus consigning the speakers bought from the Swindon Railway Station several decades ago to the skip.

Please keep your birthday requests and dedications for special events coming in to us at the club and if you would like that special request for a piece of music played then please let us have a few weeks notice and we will do our best to enhance your matchday experience here at The County Ground.

We are currently trialling

a new piece of intro music for the team it is 'Esamba' by Junior Jack. Please let us know what you think.

As ever the involvement of you, the supporters, for the ninety minutes of games is vital and quite rightly makes you the twelfth man on the pitch. It gives the team an advantage and lifts the players. Last season you were superb and now we have to build on that.

Enjoy the game and MAKE PLENTY OF NOIZE FOR THE SWINDON BOYZ.

Stuart and Shaun

supportersclub

The S.T.F.C SUPPORTERS CLUB Supporters Club Chairman Roger Bunce welcomes fans back to The County Ground for the first competitive game of the season.

Welcome back for the first competitive game of the season it will be good to see friends old and new as we kick-off the new season with fresh hope for a successful year ahead.

The summer period is always relatively quiet period in terms of fundraising for the Supporters Club but once again today our helpers will be out selling our half-time draw tickets. We have made a minor change this season – as well as the main cash prize, there will be a smaller cash prize on offer together with a third prize of a voucher to the value of £10

that can be used in the club shop-just to whet your appetite even more. The total payout remains at 50% of the tickets sold. With three numbers now being called out, if you miss hearing the being read out, log on to our website at swindontownsupportersclub.com to check them – they are always there within 48 hours of the game finishing and more than often than not, on the evening of the match. Don't forget you also have a month after the match to claim your prize (s).

If you missed my comment in the pre-season programme I would like to endorse my thanks to all our members who sold tickets and made the half-time draw a real success at the last game of the season against Millwall, when we held our mega-draw.

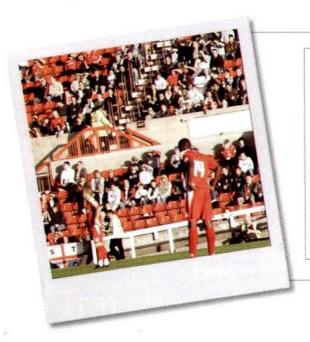
Our other main fundraisers the scratch cards and Pounds for

Points are also back and as well as our support of youth development at the club we have also helped to fund improvements to the catering facilities for fans in the concourses and Legends Lounge during the close season. I will be interested to read the feedback on these new facilities when there have been a couple of matches for them to bed in.

I can also report we have had a number of new applications from fans signing up to the regular payment scheme for the half-time draw which helps us enormously. May I thank everyone for that and also welcome our new members and those that have rejoined the Supporters Club.

Let's hope we all have an enjoyable and successful season.

Roger



Why not join the band of fans who support this initiative which is earmarked 100% for youth development at the Football Club?

You can contact Mavis Knight by email at mavis@swindontownsupportersclub.com or telephone 01235 868755 for further details.

All participants have the opportunity to have their name / business name included on our page of the match day magazine for as little as 50p for each point won by the first team during the league season.

£'s for point total: £60





membership

Application for membership of the Supporters Club is very easy. The forms can be picked up from the away travel office or downloaded from the website at www.swindontownsupportersclub.com.

Membership fees are once again unchanged for the forthcoming season and only cost the following



Family membership - up to 5 people (maximum 2 adults) @ £13 p.a. per family.

Membership entitles you to a number of benefits and discounts in and around The County Ground which will allow you recoup the membership fee through cost savings. Full details of these benefits can be found on our website.

Half-Time Draw Tickets

Half-time draw tickets are always sold on the day of matches, although there is also a regular payment facility available, which allows us to allocate fans the same number for each draw during the season. An application form may be downloaded by visiting the website.

50% of the sales are returned to fans through a major cash prize, which has averaged between £300 and £400 per match for a number of seasons. The top prize last season was £945 and was paid out at the last match of the season to Michael Lynn of Ashbury, Many thanks to all the members who sold tickets for that draw.

Since we started the draw we have paid out over £75,000 to fans in prize money and raised a similar sum for our activities in supporting the football club and improving the environment for supporters.



Away travel

Full details of trips operated by SAS Travel (2005) can be found on page 64 but enquiries may be directed through emailing Salcart@aol.com or by telephone 01793 536757.

Don't forget Supporters Club members get a discount on the standard cost of the coach ticket...

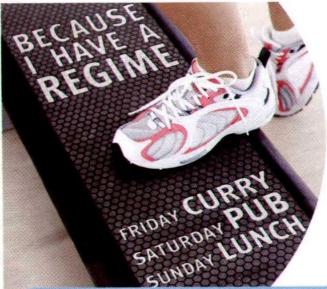
...and in this time of high fuel cost this could be the way to travel to watch the Town during the season.



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THE NOO

1969 League Cup winning hero Don Rogers has joined Swindon for the 2008/09 season as a columnist. Here he offers his views on a summer of change at The County Ground, warm-ups and the importance of winning on the opening day.

This is without doubt the most exciting time of the year. As a player to run-out on the new pitch gives you a tremendous buzz, it really is lovely. The Club looks as if it is on the way up and these are exciting times for STFC. The supporters can now see everyone pulling in the right direction that is a change from recent years. The only person I feel sorry for is Maurice Malpas. Everyone thinks we will do so well because the rest of the Club has been revamped! That's not to say we can't succeed. it's just the pressure is on.

The renaming of the South Stand will take place today and it is a tremendous honour. I am chuffed to bits because you are normally dead before something like that is passed. It is a privilege so see my name on the top of the stand. I feel so pleased that the Club even thought of doing it and I hope the Swindon public are in agreement with it.

The 2008/09 season will mark the 40th Anniversary of the League Cup win over Arsenal and I know the Club will be putting on a few things to mark the occasion. It would be great to catch up with the rest of the side who are still around and for them to come back and see the

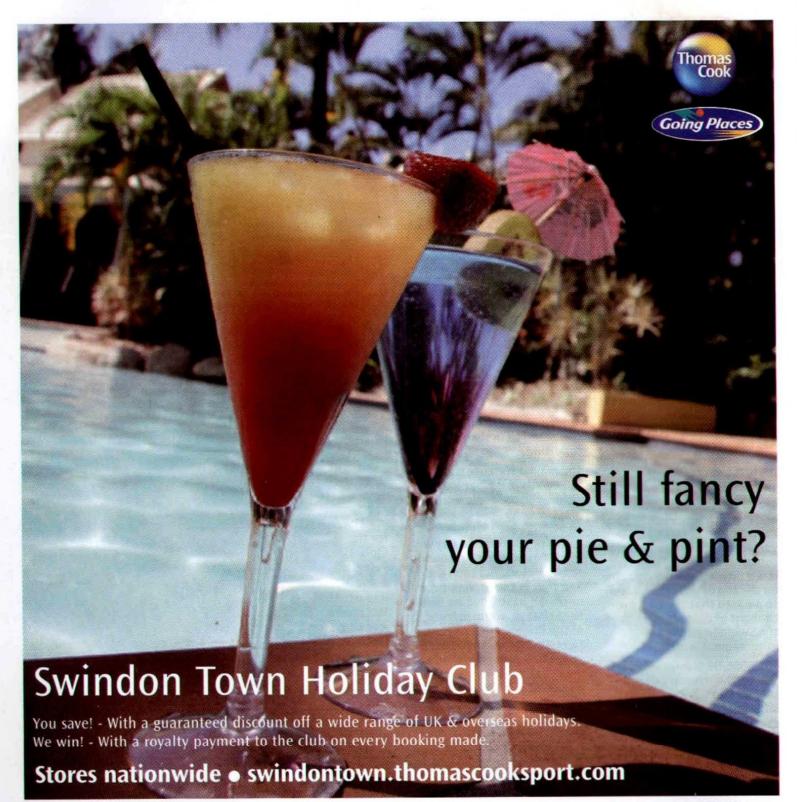
stadium. Whenever we meet up it doesn't feel like we have ever been apart because we all get on so well.

Times have certainly changed since I was playing. The groundsman in my day wouldn't even remove the goalposts to cut the pitch, but they seem to come out straight after a game now to enable the playing surface to be in such good condition.

The main difference compared to nowadays is what happens before the game. Now the players warm-up with cones and things are a lot more technical. Back in the day we used to report to the ground at two o'clock and then sit and chat in the changing room until half past! Then we would then change, warm in front of the fire and then run out. I wouldn't get changed until about half past two, that was my ritual. It seems strange to watch players going through their pre-match routines now, although I suspect it has changed for the better.

Today is of course the opening game of the new season and the excitement has been building ahead of what is a big

match for the Club. Being at home is an important factor and it is vital to pick up a win this afternoon. The fans are expecting a lot and a victory today may tempt a few more of our own supporters along for when we play QPR in the cup on Tuesday night.



No membership or proof of being a supporter required. Supporters receive a guaranteed discount on parkage holidays, cost breaks, crossworldwide travel and UK, weekend breaks hotel-only. Discount can vary - please ask for details at time of booking. Bookings must be made at a Thomas Cook or Going Places store, by calling 0870 751 9954 or online at suindontown thomascooksport come Calls are charged at local rate plus network extras spoke or greater's booking conditions. Thomas Cook Stort is a trading name of Thomas Cook Recall 184, ABTA (1869).





BOX office



Useful Information

OPENING HOURS

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

CALL - 0871 223 2300 Have your credit or debit card details at the ready.

FAX - 0844 967 1008
Please state clearly the game(s)
you wish to buy tickets for, the
number of tickets you want,
what type of ticket (Adult, OAP,
Student or Junior) the value and
your credit or Debit Card details
including your name and address.
State if you wish to collect the
tickets or have them posted.

EMAIL

brianp@swindontownfc.co.uk Enquires only.

PAYMENT

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

ARKELLS / DON ROGERS

Adults	E20.00
OAP/Student	E15.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 7s	Free**
Family (1 adt, 2 Jun)	£35
Family (2 adt, 2 Jun)	£45
Wheelchair Disabled	£10.00

TOWN END ****

Adults	£15.00
OAP/Student	£12.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 7s	Free**
Wheelchair Disabled	£10.00

Matchday

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on 1st August 2008. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will issues tickets in Block 1 of The Don Rogers 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.

up-coming games...



CARLING CUP FIRST ROUND

v Queens Park Rangers

Tuesday 12th August, Kick-Off 7.45pm, The County Ground

The Carling Cup First Round draw has paired Swindon with one of the Championship's big-spenders. QPR have attracted a significant amount of coverage following the takeover by Flavio Briatore and Bernie Ecclestone, and this cup clash provides Town with an opportunity to raise a few more eyebrows.

With defender Patrick Kanyuka eager to impress against his old club in Swindon colours, it should be a keenly contested fixture as Town look to make it into the second round.

Matchday Prices

Adults	£10
OAP / Concession*	£5
Junior	£1

*Concession: Senior Citizen / Young Adult aged between 16 – 20 years old / full-time student (tickets must be purchased before 5pm the day before the game).



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Cheltenham Town

Saturday 16th August, Kick-Off 3.00pm, Whaddon Road

A sun-soaked trip to Whaddon Road beckons for Swindon fans in what will be the first away game of the new campaign.

Cheltenham will be without striker Stephen Gillespie who joined Colchester United in the summer in a £400,000 switch. Gillespie scored 16 goals for The Robins last term but has now linked up with the Championship newcomers.

Boss Keith Downing had been frustrated in his search for a replacement, with the likes of Michael Boulding and Gary Hooper rejecting moves to the Gloucestershire club.

Maurice Malpas will hope to lead his side to their first ever away victory over Cheltenham. Two previous visits have ended in defeat which came in September 2002 and August 2007.

Town fans have been allocated 1,100 tickets in the Carlsberg Stand.

Matchday Prices

Adult £18
OAP/Student £12
Junior £7

Children under 7

They must also purchase their tickets before 5pm on the day prior to matchday.





Opening Day Fixtures Saturday 9th August

Bristol Rovers v Carlisle United Crewe Alexandra v Brighton & Hove Albion Hartlepool United v Colchester United **Huddersfield Town v Stockport County** Leicester City v Milton Keynes Dons Leyton Orient v Hereford United Northampton Town v Cheltenham Town Oldham Athletic v Millwall Scunthorpe United v Leeds United Southend United v Peterborough United Swindon Town v Tranmere Rovers Yeovil Town v Walsall

Season 07/08 League One Results

Club	P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
Swansea	46	27	11	8	82	42	40	92
Notts Forest	46	22	16	8	64	32	32	82
Doncaster	46	23	11	12	65	41	24	80
Carlisle	46	23	11	12	64	46	18	80
Leeds United	46	27	10	9	72	38	34	76
Southend	46	22	10	14	70	55	15	76
Brighton	46	19	12	15	58	50	8	69
Oldham	46	18	13	15	58	46	12	67
Northampton	46	17	15	14	60	55	5	66
Huddersfield	46	20	6	20	50	62	-12	66
Tranmere	46	18	11	17	52	47	5	65
Walsall	46	16	16	14	52	46	6	64
Swindon	46	16	13	17	63	56	7	61
Leyton Orient	46	16	12	18	49	63	-14	60
Hartlepool	46	15	9	22	63	66	-3	54
Bristol Rovers	46	12	17	17	45	53	-8	45
Millwall	46	14	10	22	45	60	-15	52
Yeovil Town	46	14	10	22	38	59	-21	52
Cheltenham	46	13	12	21	42	64	-22	51
Crewe	46	12	14	20	47	65	-18	50
Bournemouth	46	17	. 7	22	62	72	-10	48
Gillingham	46	11	13	22	44	73	-29	46
Port Vale	46	9	11	26	47	81	-34	38

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DATE	OPPONENTS		RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
SAT 09 AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	3.00pm	Н	-35.0			
Sat 16 Aug	Cheltenham Town	3.00pm	Α				
SAT 23 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED	3.00pm	H				
Sat 30 Aug	MK Dons	3.00pm	A				
Fri 05 Sep	Hereford United	7.45pm	Α				
SAT 13 SEP	LEEDS UNITED	3.00pm	H	4 18			
Sat 20 Sep	Stockport County	3.00pm	Α				
SUN 28 SEP	MILLWALL	2.00pm	H				
Fri 03 Oct	Hartlepool United	7.45pm	A	-	A'		
SAT 11 OCT	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00pm	H		0		
Sat 18 Oct	Southend United	3.00pm	A		U		
TUE 21 OCT	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	7.45pm	Н				
SAT 25 OCT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00pm	Н	DOM:			
Tue 28 Oct	Walsall	7.45pm	A				
Sat 01 Nov	Scunthorpe United	3.00pm	A	1			1/1
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Sat 22 Nov	Bristol Rovers	3.00pm	A				
TUE 25 NOV	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	7.45pm	Н	The same	100		
SAT 06 DEC	CARLISLE UNITED	3.00pm	H	SHEET,	1	7 384	
Sat 13 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	3.00pm	A			0.00	-
SAT 20 DEC	YEOVIL TOWN	3.00pm	Н	15 10			
Fri 26 Dec	Leyton Orient	3.00pm	A				
SUN 28 DEC	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3.00pm	н	177			
Sat 03 Jan	Millwall	3.00pm	A				
SAT 10 JAN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	3.00pm	Н	73 - 16			
Sat 17 Jan	Huddersfield Town	3.00pm	Α				See See
SAT 24 JAN	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	3.00pm	Н	32.			
TUE 27 JAN	WALSALL	7.45pm	Н			- 5 %	
Sat 31 Jan	Oldham Athletic	3.00pm	A				
Tue 03 Feb	Northampton Town	7.45pm	A				
SAT 07 FEB	SOUTHEND UNITED	3.00pm	H		1000		-
Sat 14 Feb	Leicester City	3.00pm	A			-67	
SAT 21 FEB	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	3.00pm	Н				4.08.08 Nindon Town
Sat 28 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	3.00pm	A				
TUE 03 MAR	CHELTENHAM TOWN	7.45pm	Н	700		2,	VS ATE
SAT 07 MAR	MK DONS	3.00pm	H	15 00		M .	lymouth Arey
Tue 10 Mar	Colchester United	7.45pm	Α			1	
Sat 14 Mar	Leeds United	3.00pm	Α			1	
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Sat 28 Mar	Yeovil Town	3.00pm	A				
SAT 04 APR	CREWE ALEXANDRA	3.00pm	Н	6, 4	1838	STATE OF THE PARTY.	
Sat 11 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	3.00pm	A				
MON 13 APR	LEYTON ORIENT	3.00pm	Н	2 3			
Sat 18 Apr	Carlisle United	3.00pm	A				
SAT 25 APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	3.00pm	Н	1050	1863		
Sat 02 May	Peterborough United	3.00pm	Α				



A Pompey Mention

Our matchday mascots against Portsmouth were Megan Davies and Declan Pike.

Megan, pictured left, is 14 and attends Dorcan School. She plays for Swindon Badgers as a right back and she supports Swindon & Liverpool. Her favourite players are Lee Peacock & Stevie Gerrard. She loves horse riding and even has her own horse!

Declan Pike is 9 and has been a Season Ticket Holder at STFC for the last two years. He attends Eldene Primary School and plays for Eldene Rangers as a striker. His favourite player is number 31, Simon Cox.





Match Officials

Swindon Town vs Tranmere Rovers Saturday 9th August 2008, 3.00pm

Referee: Assistant 1: Assistant 2: F Graham A Davies A R Hendley K Johnson

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- 9. Barry Corr
- Jon-Paul McGovern
- Anthony McNamee
- Peter Brezovan
- Patrick Kanyuka
- 15 Kevin Amankwaah
- 17 Lilian Nalis
- 19 Michael Pook
- 20 Billy Paynter
- Blair Sturrock
- 23 Ben Joyce
- 24 Chris Allen
- 25 Sean Morrison
- 30 Callum Kennedy
- Simon Cox
- 32 Lee Peacock

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Ronnie Moore

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