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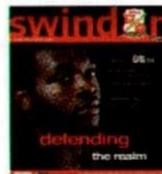
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notes from the manager

maurice MALPAS

We were all delighted with the opening day win over Tranmere Rovers, but this is the cup and we now have to focus firmly on applying ourselves in the correct manner against difficult opposition.

QPR are a good Coca-Cola Championship outfit but we have had them watched and know what to expect of them. I went down to see them in pre-season against Chievo. They have a lot of height in their side and it could be quite a physical test.

I have spoken before about the cup competitions. The Chairman has spoken to the squad as a whole and we share the same views on how we should approach these games. In the past the cup games have been an opportunity to take a look at squad players, but the fans do not want to see weakened sides put out and that's not the approach we will be taking. The FA Cup, Carling Cup and Johnstone's Paint Trophy all provide opportunities for Swindon Town to stand up and be counted.

Saturday was a fantastic start to the season. The result was excellent and although we didn't keep a clean sheet, there were some really pleasing factors to our game. There were a few nerves ahead of kick-off but as soon as things got underway we

really got into our stride. We passed the ball well and took the chances we had.

The goals were well taken and it was good to see the team creating so many chances. Billy Paynter got the first goal, which came about after two good crosses into the box.



Macca put in the first one and then J-P followed that up to give Billy the opportunity to open the scoring, which he did well. Billy works tremendously hard for the team and he deserved the goal because he is a real team player.

The next two strikes were both well-taken. Simon Cox had been in excellent form going into the season, although he was forced to miss the last couple of warm-up games with his injury. He is a confident lad and having been put through

on goal, few would have backed him not to score. J-P was there to finish off a loose ball for the third and he took it well to give us a good advantage. I was pleased with the contributions of our new

signings too. Lilian Nalis has settled in well since his arrival and he certainly adds experience and quality to the side. When the game needed to be slowed down; he was there to do it. He is a calming influence on the other players and I am sure he will do well for the team this season. Yinka Casal also started the game, just days after signing from Cambuur. It was a quick introduction to life in League One but he coped admirably.

“Your support on Saturday was magnificent. I hope that together we can put in a performance to be proud of and work towards a successful start to our Carling Cup campaign.”





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After a great start to the season it is important that we continue the good work with a solid performance this evening.

Saturday was a dream start to the new league season. I think we more than deserved the win and although we could have scored more goals, we can't really complain about the way the day went.

The start to the game was pretty frantic and as per usual, I got another whack inside the first minute. I seemed to have picked up a few knocks over the last couple of games but that's just my luck. It's part and parcel of being a defender and you just have to get on with it.

The most important thing about any game on the opening day of the season is to make sure you come out of it with the three points. The fixture list offered us a start at home which is what we all wanted. The next step challenge was to come away with the three points. A lot of hard work went in during pre-season; a lot of training, preparation and discussion. Saturday gave us the opportunity to put all that into practice and it was a great feeling after the game.

The lads were all delighted for Billy Paynter, who scored the first goal. He worked his socks off and he was like an extra man

for us at times and hopefully he can crack on now and have a really good season. Coxy got a goal too and he has been in magnificent form. For the front two strikers to both score on the opening day of the season was fantastic. Billy and Coxy chased down all game and really put the hard graft in.

We went into the break two-nil up and the manager urged us to continue the hard work after half-time. He told us to believe we could go on and get more goals and we did just that. We spoke about our concentration levels and by in large we managed to stay on track. J-P chipped in with a goal soon after the restart and he is another guy who does a lot of work for the team. He worked in to out and out to in, covering a lot of ground during the game. It was almost a two-man shift he did and the boys were delighted for him to get on the scoresheet.

The two new signings played their part. Lil has that extra class and hopefully he can make us play through midfield, which is how the manager wants us to play this season. He adds a lot to the team and it is great to have him on board. Yinka had a great game as well. He is strong, quick and long may he continue playing like he did at the weekend.

After the game the manager spoke to us about making sure our recovery was correct.

We were back in at the Club on Sunday for a recovery session, which is an important part of being a professional footballer these days.

Tonight we play QPR in the Carling Cup and it's a big test for us as a team. We are up against a Championship side who also won their first game of the new season. If we apply ourselves in the correct manner then there is no reason why we can't progress through to the next round.



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AZ to

Nick Judd



To celebrate the anniversary of Town's League Cup win in 1969; here we remember our finest hour (or two) once more...

Arsenal

The Gunners were overwhelming favourites and intent on making up for defeat against Leeds United in the same final a year earlier. However, a number of Arsenal players were suffering from flu and an upset was on the cards.

Bertie Mee

Bertie Mee's decision not to sign Don Rogers as Arsenal manager when he had the chance wasn't one of his best. He told the press Rogers was "too inconsistent". Whoops!

Corinthians

The superlatives thrown Swindon's way were plentiful. The best came from the Daily Express, who described the team as 'Corinthians'; "They went out to win the Cup by stirring and often brilliant attacks."

Downsborough, Peter

Don Howe admitted Town's custodian had "the match of his life", but Downsborough saved his best for last when, with the final whistle approaching, the Halifax-born stopper made a crucial save at Jon Sammels's expense to take the game into extra-time. The Arsenal midfielder sank to the ground and pounded the mud in frustration.

Extra-time

30 minutes, two goals... for those that were there, this will remain the greatest half-hour in the club's history.

Fitness

Arsenal's fitness was expected to shine through, but they underestimated their opponents. Even the Sunday Express were surprised by Town's endurance: "Last? They hardly let Arsenal have a single kick in that 30 minutes of extra-time," they wrote.

Gould, Bobby

Arsenal's goalscorer cried after he levelled four minutes from time, the lone striker declaring his tears resulted from a Harland kick not the emotion of equalising in front of the twin towers. Gould headed home after Downsborough's initial clearance eluded Harland.

History makers

Arsenal's defence had conceded just 23 in 40 matches in all competitions; Town's triumvirate was the first time the Gunners had conceded more than two goals in a game in 1968/69, as Town became only the second Third Division team to win the League Cup

Inaugural

Harland was the first Town Captain to lift a major trophy, while this was Town's first major final having fallen at the FA Cup semi-final stage in 1910 – when Newcastle United proved too strong – and 1912, when they lost to Barnsley.

Journey

Town saw off Torquay, Bradford, Coventry and Derby before facing Burnley at the semi-final stage. The Reds

needed a replay to beat the Clarets 6-5 on aggregate, and they played almost twice as many games as Arsenal to make it to the final.

King, Clive

The only Swindon Advertiser journalist in history to see Town win a major cup, Clive King was understandably overjoyed. "It's ours!" he exclaimed. "The memories of this remarkable match will remain in the minds of the Swindon supporters for an extremely long time." They did, and still do...

Legends

Danny Williams, Peter Downsborough, Rod Thomas, John Trollope, Joe Butler, Frank Burrows, Stan Harland, Don Heath, Roger Smart, John Smith, Peter Noble, Don Rogers and Willie Penman.

Man of the Match

Don Rogers. Who else? Two goals and a performance that left the watching hacks open mouthed...

"Fabulous is the only word I can use to describe this footballer in full flow. He goes as if a maniac with a hand grenade is chasing him," said the Sunday Express. "It was Rogers the master and Arsenal the mastered," enthused The People.

Noise

Not surprisingly, having pulled off one of the greatest shocks of all time, Town's players celebrated in style. "I will always remember the Swindon boys making so much noise," Bob Wilson later told the Evening Advertiser.



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On target

Arsenal had 22 shots at Town's goal; Town fired 11 in response. Arsenal missed 12 opportunities, which gives you some idea of Downsborough's contribution. 10 of Town's 11 shots hit the target; the other hit the post...

Princess Margaret

George VI's youngest daughter presented Harland with the trophy. Town's troops would have felt heavy legged after their toils in the mud (see Q), but the 39-step climb to the Royal Box was well worth it.

Quagmire

Muddy pitches are as common as quick transfers these days, but on this rainy day in March the Wembley pitch was drenched, heavy and "sanded in parts like a bull ring" said the Sunday Express. The pitch was "more suited to mud wrestling" said another, but Town were up for the fight.

Regent's Circus

The day after the victory around 8,000 fans gathered in Regent's Circus, as the players emerged on the balcony of the Town Hall. Alf Brown – Swindon's mayor – raised a glass to the Club and called for "promotion" (see Z).

Smart, Roger

The Swindon-born inside forward scored the opening goal after benefiting from a mistake in the Arsenal defence. He then created two more for Rogers.

Tactics

"The death knell of mere rugged defence," wrote one newspaper; "Arsenal set out to play defensively with a stolid, unambitious 4-3-3 formation. Swindon, on the other hand, went for 4-2-4. And made it pay by dominating the midfield," said another.

UEFA Cup

Town were unable to take part in the UEFA Cup the following season as a result of the competition only being open to teams from Division One. Instead we had to settle for the Anglo-Italian Cup, which we won. Twice.

Vast

98,189 was the attendance...

Wembley

30,000 travelled down the M4 from Wiltshire to cheer their team on to victory.

Xcuses

We've slightly cheated with this one, but the excuses for Arsenal's defeat ranged from a bad pitch, to flu (see A). "Six of us had flu and it didn't help that the pitch was cut up so badly," said Frank McLintock, who later admitted Swindon were "terrific".

YES!

The collective cry from the Town fans at the final whistle.

Zone

Town were in the zone alright - they won promotion from Division Three two months after their Wembley heroics. A draw at Rotherham was enough to make it a delightful double.





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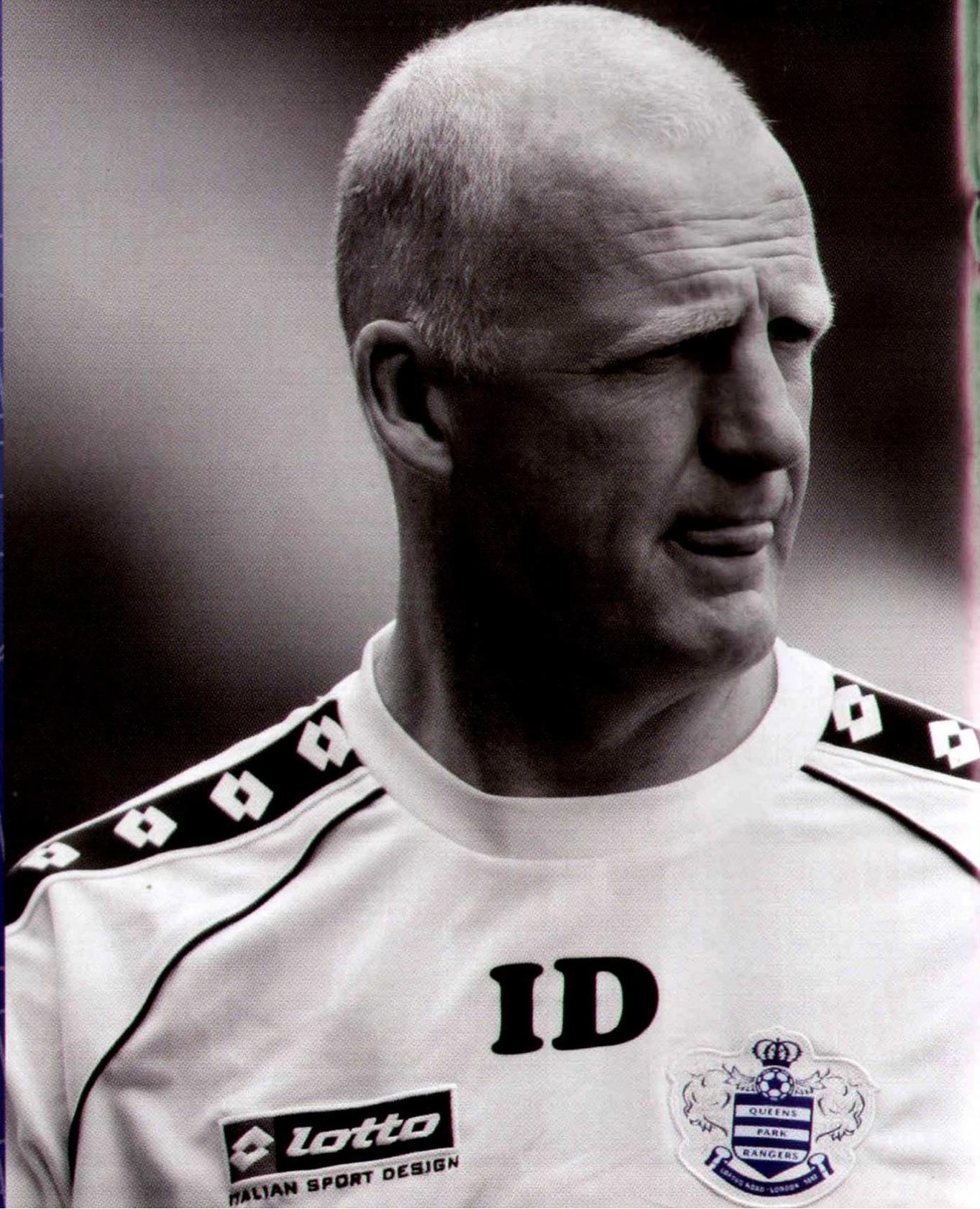
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Swindon vs QPR

Carling Cup First Round :: 12/08/08



Both sides go into tonight's Carling Cup First Round clash on the back of an opening day win. Two goals from Fitz Hall handed Rangers a 2-1 win over Barnsley at the weekend, but Town are hoping to spring a surprise of their own tonight with a place in Round Two at stake...



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in town



Lee Camp

After putting pen to paper on a £300,000 transfer from Derby County in the summer of 2007, Lee Camp was an ever-present in goal for the R's last season: The former England Under-21 stopper made 46 appearances in the Championship, keeping an impressive 14 clean sheets.

Peter Ramage

A versatile and committed defender, Peter Ramage's career began with his boyhood Club Newcastle United, who he joined at the tender age of 11. The Ashington-born defender went on to make 51 starts in all competitions for the Geordies, only to spurn the chance of a new contract in the summer of 2008.

Gavin Mahon

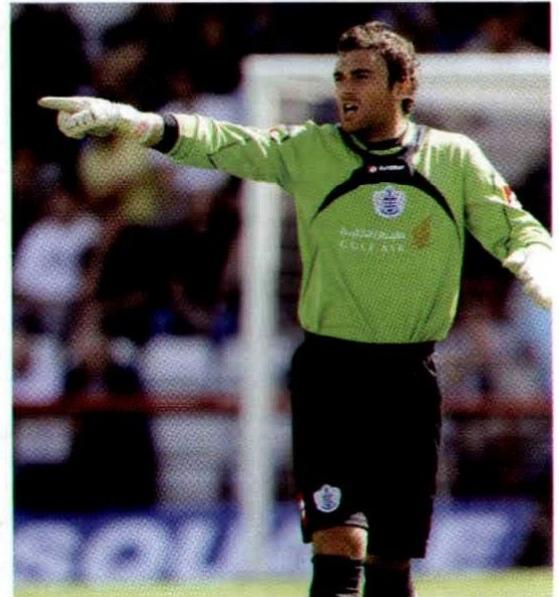
Midfielder Gavin Mahon joined QPR in January 2008, making his debut from the substitutes' bench against Leicester City on New Years Day. A solid and reliable midfield general, Mahon skippered former Club Watford to the Premiership during a five-year spell at Vicarage Road.

Damion Stewart

Jamaican international Damion Stewart signed a three-year contract with the R's in the summer of 2006. After a steady, if unspectacular start, Stewart was a virtual ever-present in his first campaign in W12 and then went on to enjoy a productive second season at Loftus Road. Scored five goals last term.

Kaspars Gorkss

Rangers ended their search for a centre half with the capture of Kaspars Gorkss in late July. The 26 year-old put pen to paper on a three year deal, after the R's agreed an undisclosed fee with Blackpool for his services. The Latvian



defender has ten international caps to his name, joined on loan prior to making the deal permanent in January 2008, scored six goals in his first 13 appearances.

Patrick Agyemang

Patrick Agyemang joined QPR from Preston in January 2008 on a four-and-a-half year deal, after the two Clubs agreed an undisclosed fee for his services. The Ghanaian international enjoyed a honeymoon period to remember for the R's, bagging eight goals in his first six league appearances.

Fitz Hall

Fitz Hall penned a four-and-a-half year deal with Rangers at the start of the 2008 January transfer window, and made his debut in the FA Cup defeat at Chelsea. The defender, who gained vast Premiership experience during spells at Wigan Athletic and Crystal Palace, made 15 appearances for the R's last season.

SQUAD

- 1 Lee Camp
- 3 Damien Delaney
- 4 Damion Stewart
- 5 Gavin Mahon
- 6 Mikele Leigertwood
- 7 Daniel Parejo
- 8 Rowan Vine
- 9 Dexter Blackstock
- 10 Akos Buzsaky
- 11 Patrick Agyemang
- 12 Adam Bolder
- 13 Kaspars Gorkss
- 14 Martin Rowlands
- 15 Peter Ramage
- 16 Matthew Connolly
- 17 Lee Cook
- 19 Angelo Balanta
- 20 Emmanuel Ledesma
- 23 Chris Barker
- 24 Radek Cerny
- 25 Hogan Ephraim
- 26 Gareth Ainsworth



daniel PAREJO

The R's agreed a deal with Real Madrid for highly-rated midfield ace Daniel Parejo Munoz prior to the start of the 2008/09 season.

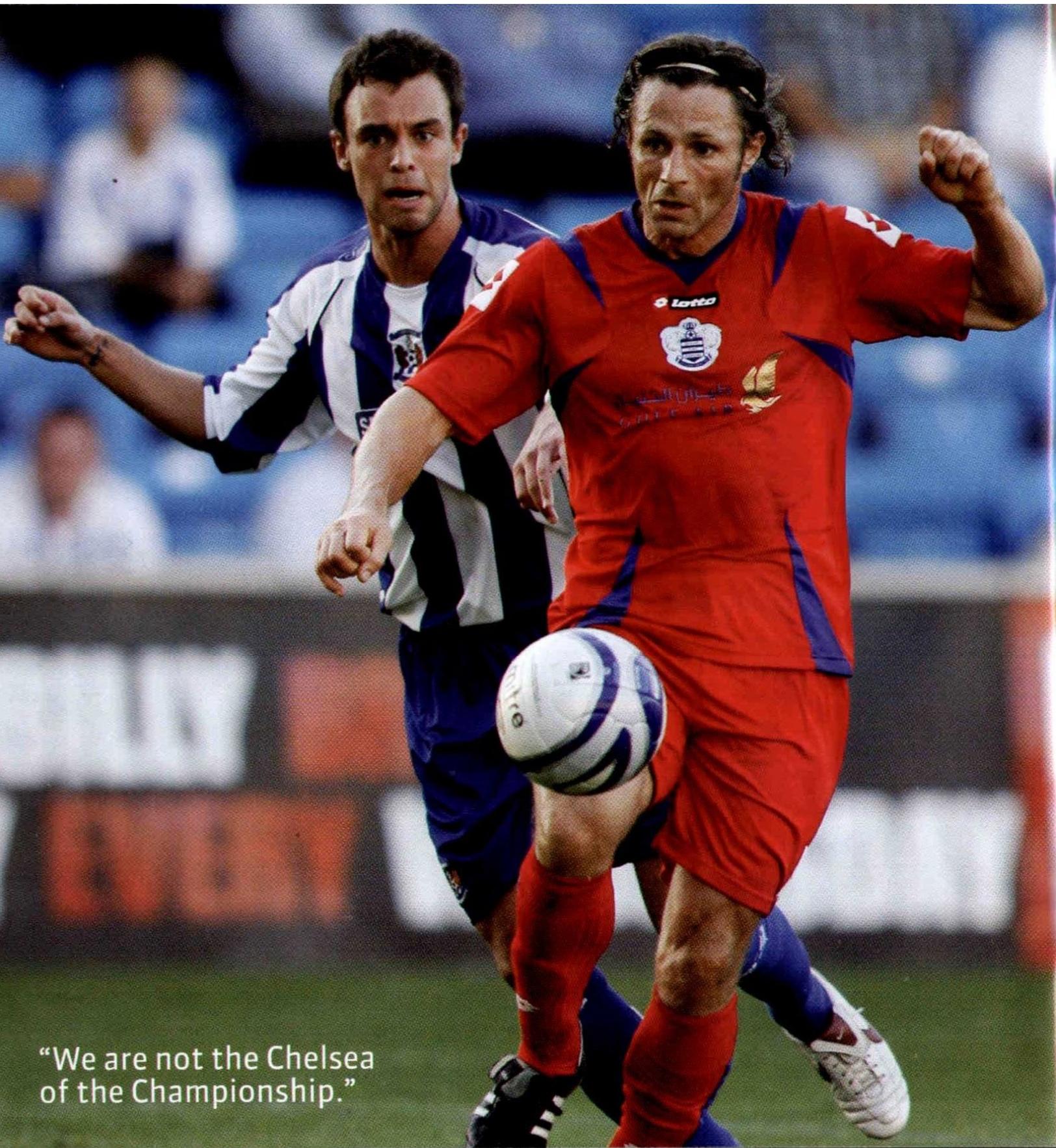
Rangers beat off stiff competition from a number of Europe's top Clubs - including Arsenal, Deportivo La Coruna, Espanyol, Getafe and Villarreal - for the young starlet, who made his name playing for Madrid's nursery Club Castilla last season.

Currently rated as the best youth player in Madrid's set-up by the legendary Alfredo di Stefano, the 19 year-old made 33 appearances for Castilla in the 2007/08 season, scoring ten goals.

Parejo emerged as a possible target for Gunners boss Arsene Wenger after he sent scouts to check on the youth international during last year's Under-19 European Championships.

A technically gifted midfielder with pace and skill in abundance, Parejo has been earmarked by the Spanish giants as the next product off their impressive academy production line, following in the footsteps of international trio Raul, Iker Casillas and Guti.





“We are not the Chelsea
of the Championship.”

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The bustling midfielder's contribution to the Rangers cause has been without question ever since his arrival, providing leadership and guile, as well as priceless assists and match-winning goals.

Five years after joining QPR, midfielder Gareth Ainsworth is looking forward to the new campaign as much as ever.

Despite two serious injuries during the 2006/07 campaign, Ainsworth returned stronger than ever last season, making 25 appearances in all competitions. After a brief stint assisting former Manager Luigi De Canio, the experienced midfielder was handed a player-coach role by Iain Dowie in the summer of 2008.

Ahead of tonight's Carling Cup First Round clash, he spoke to Swindon about the season ahead.

You have been at Rangers five years now. How time flies!

It has. There has never been a dull moment in my five years at the Club and hopefully the good times are just around the corner. It is a great time to be involved at QPR and we are all looking forward to the new season and all that it brings.

What has been the highlight of your time there?

That's an easy one – promotion to the Coca-Cola Championship. It was a fantastic season and everything seemed to be going against us at the time. Gianni Paladini had just come

in with a cash injection and we went into the last game at Sheffield Wednesday needing to better Bristol City's result. Eventually we ran out 3-1 winners and that was enough to secure promotion. It was one of the greatest days of my career.

How high are the expectations this term?

We are trying to keep them pretty low because it is not like the Club is spending millions and millions of pounds. The guys who have come in don't waste money, that's how they have got to where they are in business. Some people say we are the Chelsea of the Championship, but I disagree with that.

What are your targets for the 2008/09 season?

We have to improve on last year. We finished fourteenth last year and we want to finish higher than that without a shadow of a doubt. I am not a great one for setting targets but we will go into games believing that we can win. At the end of the day the table doesn't lie and that's what we can assess at the end of the season.

What can you tell us about Patrick Kanyuka?

He's a great guy. I was with him for five years at Rangers and although he had a few injury problems, he is a cultured footballer. I am sure he will be looking to show QPR what they have missed out on when we meet. I think a new start and being a big part of Swindon's plans will do him a world of good. He has a lot to offer.

through the ranks, but the game has changed too. Although laid back, I am sure Pat will be a success down there.

What are your memories of playing at The County Ground against Swindon?

My earliest memory is when I came down to play Swindon with Cambridge United



He seems to be permanently asleep in his spare time!

The younger lads at QPR seem to take life in their stride and it's great to see. It is completely different to when I was a kid coming

in 1992. I had signed for Cambridge that summer and was part of the squad that travelled down. Glenn Hoddle was instrumental, he ran the show and I was just in awe of him. I think Cambridge got beat 4-1 in the end!

Pat's Battling Back

Town defender Patrick Kanyuka admits a win over former club Queens Park Rangers this evening would be 'the icing on the cake'.

Kanyuka joined Rangers as a sixteen-year old in 2003 following a spell with Leyton Orient and went on to sign a professional contract with the club in February 2005. He made twelve league appearances for Rangers during his time with the West London outfit and joined Swindon during the January transfer window.

Now very much part of the Town set-up, Kanyuka played a big part in the pre-season tour of Austria. Tasked with taking on the likes of Mateja Kezman and Roberto Carlos on tour, Kanyuka emerged with flying colours.

The defender is relishing the contest against his former employers, as he told Swindon

in the build-up to this evening's clash.

How did a move to Loftus Road come about?

I played for Leyton Orient against QPR in a trial game. I had a good game and they signed me soon after that. After coming through the youth and reserves I started to get involved in training

with the first team and it went from there.

And we understand you had a good understanding with Danny Shittu during your time there?

Yeah, Shittu was a player who I learnt a lot from that's for sure. He was great with me and we got on well in training, in games and around the club.



His advice really helped me along as a youngster. He told Ian Holloway that he had confidence in me. Shittu is a big presence and I hope the summer move to Bolton works out for him because he is a great guy.

It wasn't long until I made my debut for the first team, which came at Burnley in

April 2005. That day was a fantastic moment and one I will remember for the rest of my career.

Speaking of partnerships, you certainly combined well with Jerel Ihl during the pre-season build-up .

I would say so. We played as a central defensive pair in a few

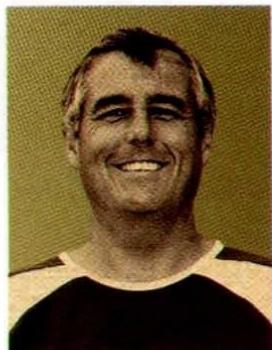
of the pre-season games and he is a good player to be alongside. We have a good understanding and it worked well.

You came to Swindon in search of regular football. How much are you looking forward to the challenge here?

I haven't really had a sustained run of first team games in my career and that's something I am looking to do here at Swindon. This is a really good Club, one that has seen a lot of changes but things are moving in the right direction. We have some good players here and there is no reason why we can't do well this season.



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A classic encounter

Words: Dave Wallis

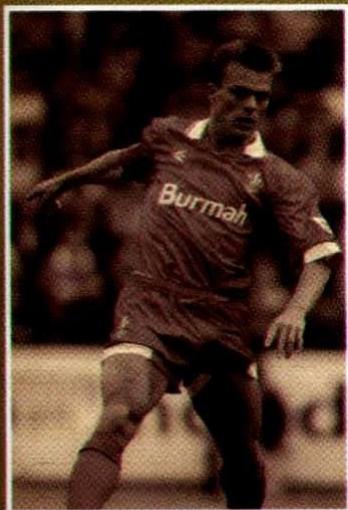


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Today it's four seasons since we faced QPR in a League fixture, but 15 years ago Town played a couple of matches against the Hoops which went somewhat against the grain of the rest of that campaign.

Wednesday 24th Nov. 1993
FA Premier League
SWINDON TOWN 1
QPR 0

In November 1993 we were bottom of the table but occupying our highest league place ever. That's because the previous May, Glenn Hoddle had led us to promotion to the Premiership for the first time in our history, so any place would be an



improvement on anything that had come before. And that is some consolation, even if consolation was to be very

hard to come by that season. By the time Rangers came to Swindon on 24th November they were already on a roll. A 3-0 win at Everton courtesy of a Bradley Allen hat trick the previous Saturday had left the Loftus Road club fourth in the table.

In contrast John Gorman's side was having a torrid time trying to adjust to life at the top. Appointed as successor to Hoddle when the ex-England midfielder and future England boss left for Chelsea, Gorman was struggling to convince his players that they had what it took to compete in the Premiership. Town's 22nd place was indicative of our inability to manage a win in 15 attempts.

When Luc Nijholt was sent from the field for dissent with just 18 minutes gone, few would have believed that record was about to change. But 20 minutes later, Keith Scott, a £300,000 capture from Wycombe Wanderers struck his second goal in only his second Town appearance to break the deadlock, and ten man Town held on doggedly



to celebrate victory under the Wednesday night floodlights. Little of course changed. We stayed bottom and Rangers continued to pursue a top six finish, but at last there was something to smile about.



Saturday 30th April 1994
FA Premier League
QPR 1
SWINDON TOWN 3

Five months passed and we travelled to Loftus Road for the return game. By now Town's

relegation had been confirmed. With this the penultimate game, we already knew we'd be back in the Football League the following season.

QPR meanwhile had slipped slightly, but still lay ninth in the table and were close to completing a very satisfactory campaign. And there was little reason to believe that Town, without an away win all season, were likely to add a sour note to the finish.

Just after the hour mark, centre-back colossus Shaun Taylor opened the scoring for Town, but when Les Ferdinand equalised nine minutes later, both sets of supporters could be forgiven for thinking that normality had been restored.

Then giant Norwegian striker Jan Aage Fjortoft continued his rise for zero to hero with his 12th goal in three months, before a 90th minute strike from Nicky Summerbee brought an unlikely win that sparked celebrations amongst the travelling fans.

Town had managed just five wins throughout the entire 1993/94 Premiership season, and two of them had been against QPR.





SWINDON TOWN 3 TRANMERE 1

Attendance: 7,975

The Robins made a dream start to the new 2008/09 campaign with a fine 3-1 win over visitors Tranmere Rovers on Saturday afternoon.

A pre-match downpour did nothing to dampen the spirits at a rejuvenated County Ground with almost 8,000 supporters in attendance. Chairman Andrew Fitton introduced 1969 goalscoring hero to the crowd before the game for the naming ceremony of the Don Rogers Stand.

The celebrations continued minutes after kick-off, with Billy Paynter getting on the end of a fine cross from J-P McGovern to put Town in the driving seat with just five minutes played.

A confident Swindon side continued to press the visitors, with Nalis and Timlin combining well in the middle of the park, offering Rovers little time in which to compose their own game.

Simon Cox continued his goalscoring form by adding a second on 37 minutes. A header forward from Paynter found the former Reading striker, who advanced into the box before lashing the ball past Achterberg to double the advantage.

A bright start to the second period saw winger Jon-Paul McGovern open his account for the season. After Tranmere failed to clear, McGovern was on hand to lash the ball home from close range to hand Town a welcome 3-0 lead.

The visitors did grab a consolation late on with former Town target Bas Savage firing home from close range after a cross from Edrissa Sonko.



KEY MOMENTS

05 MIN



Billy Paynter heads home from a right-wing cross from McGovern to score the first Swindon goal of the new campaign.

27 MIN



New signing Casal keeps the scoreline intact, heading away from under his own bar after a neat lob from Curran.

37 MIN



Town go two up after an emphatic finish from Simon Cox. The striker then leads his teammates into a rowing boat celebration!

Action replay - 09.08.08



 **SQUAD**

Swindon Town: Peter Brezovan; Jack Smith, Jerel Ifil, Hasney Aljofree, Yinka Casal; Jon-Paul McGovern (Easton '88), Lilian Nalis, Michael Timlin, Anthony McNamee; Simon Cox, Billy Paynter (Peacock '76)

Substitutes not used: Phil Smith; Callum Kennedy, Ben Joyce

“ I had been doing well in pre-season and scored a few goals, but it was good to get one when it actually counted! ”
Simon Cox



50 MIN

Jon-Paul McGovern's powerful drive sends Town into a 3-0 lead after good work from striker Simon Cox. The oars come out again.



76 MIN

Striker Billy Paynter is replaced after sustaining a heavy challenge in front of the Town End. Lee Peacock enters the fray up top.



85 MIN

Bas Savage converts a Sonko cross from the left at the back post to grab one back for the visitors.



MAN OF THE MATCH

Simon Cox





Action replay

04.08.08



SWINDON TOWN 3
PLYMOUTH 0

KEY MOMENTS

12 MIN



Timlin sets the tone with a powerful dipping volley that seems destined for the net from the edge of the box, only for an Argyle defender to block the effort.

42 MIN



Ben Joyce grabs his first. A left wing cross from Timlin is not dealt with by the Argyle defence and the young striker sweeps the ball home to open the scoring.

46 MIN



Maurice Malpas makes sweeping changes at the break with youngsters Will Evans and Nathan Thompson amongst those handed chances to impress.

56 MIN



Billy Paynter could have made it two although he narrowly heads over from close range with Town piling on the pressure.

68 MIN

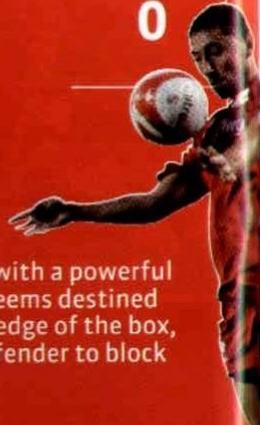


Joyce shows his predatory eye inside the box as he clips the ball under the advancing Pilgrims keeper to double the Town advantage.

70 MIN



Billy Paynter strikes sweetly from outside the box into the bottom right hand corner to give Swindon a 3-0 lead with the visitors unable to stop the Town attack.



A double strike from former Argyle striker Ben Joyce helped Town secure a comfortable 3-0 home win over Plymouth on Monday night.

Joyce helped himself to a well-taken brace with Billy Paynter's second half effort completing the scoring. Barry Corr made his first appearance at The County Ground during the pre-season campaign whilst youngsters Will Evans and Nathan Thompson were also handed a chance to impress.



SQUAD

Swindon Town 1st Half: Peter Brezovan; Jack Smith, Patrick Kanyuka, Hasney Aljofree, Callum Kennedy; Anthony McNamee, Craig Easton, Lilian Nalis, Michael Timlin; Lee Peacock, Barry Corr

Swindon Town 2nd Half: Phil Smith; Nathan Thompson, Jerel Ifil, Will Evans, Hasney Aljofree; J-P McGovern, Craig Easton (Pook), Chris Allen, Callum Kennedy; Billy Paynter, Ben Joyce (Hyde)



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MAKE PLENTY OF NOIZE FOR THE **SWINDON** BOYZ

Tonight we turn our attentions away from League One as we begin our Carling Cup campaign.

The performance on Saturday was excellent and it was great to start the season with a win. The pre-match anticipation soon turned to celebration with Billy finding the net so soon after kick-off. It was a solid display and it wasn't long before Coxy got in on the act with a well-taken second. What was the celebration about though! J-P then added a third and although we

couldn't quite manage a clean sheet, we definitely deserved the victory.

Saturday also gave you, the supporters, the chance to sample the changes we have made here at CGFM. Before the game on Saturday there were pre-match interviews with fans, team management and Club officials – we hope you enjoyed them!

After the game there was also an interview with the Man of the Match which took place pitchside. We linked up with Shaun Hodgetts of BBC Radio

Swindon / Wiltshire to bring you this interview with Simon Cox. It was good to see a number of supporters staying behind in the stands to listen to the interview. This is something we will repeat as the weeks go on, including tonight's game!

There were some new speakers installed in the Arkell's Stand last week and the sound system was certainly more audible at the weekend's game. We have received a few positive comments so far, but please be aware there is still more

work to do to the speakers in other stands which should improve your experience even further.

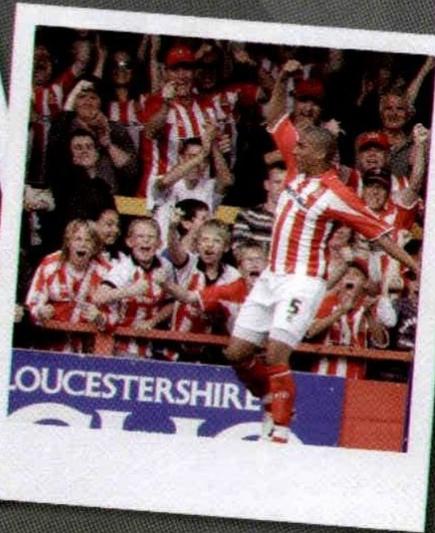
As ever the involvement of you, the supporters, for the ninety minutes of games is vital and quite rightly makes you the twelfth man on the pitch. It gives the team an advantage and lifts the players. Last season you were superb and now we have to build on that.

Stuart and Shaun





away travel



Cheltenham Town
Saturday 16th August 2008



£9 Adults | £8 Junior

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

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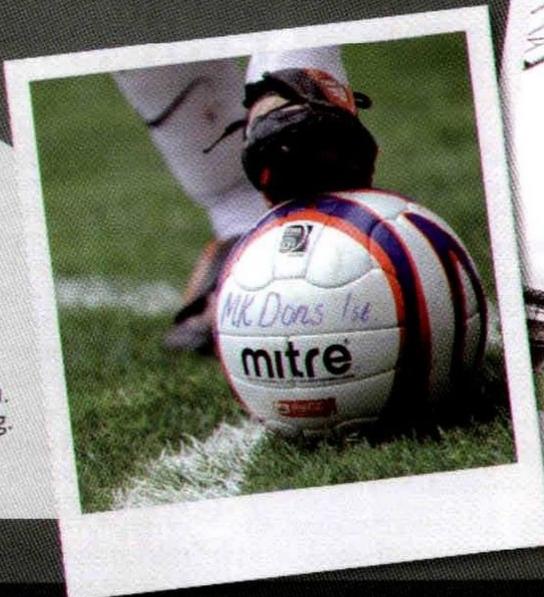


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Saturday 30th August 2008

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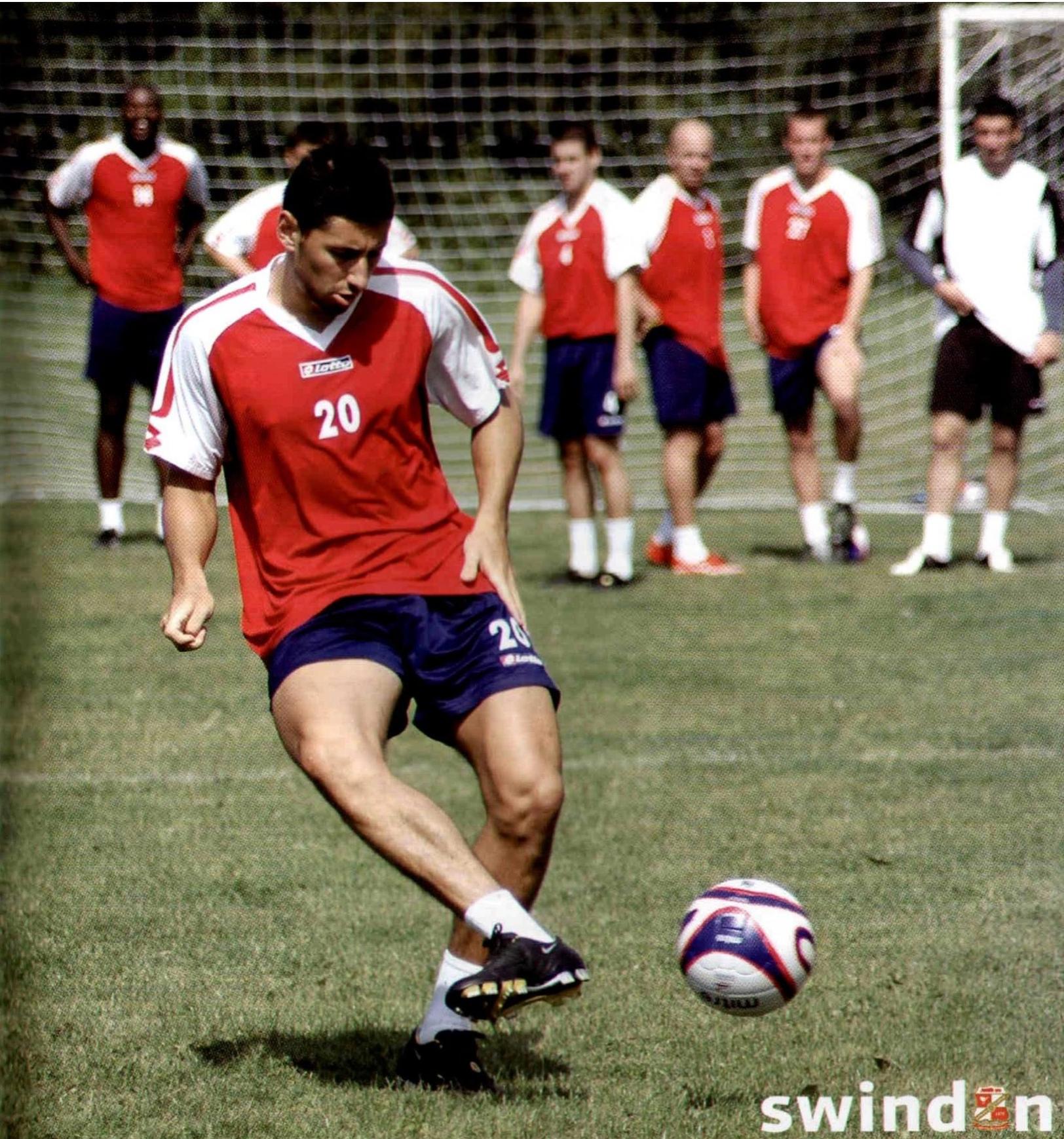


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 Grimsby Town v Tranmere Rovers
 Crewe Alexandra v Barnsley
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Sat 20 Sep	Stockport County	3.00pm	A				
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Fri 03 Oct	Hartlepool United	7.45pm	A				
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Swindon Town vs QPR
Tuesday 12th August 2008
19.45pm

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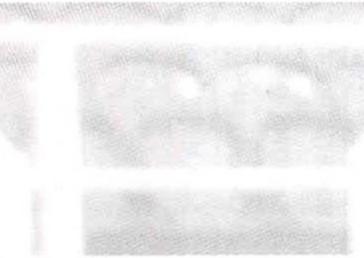
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Paul Cole, brother in law of Town Season Ticket Holder Glenn Whyte, was diagnosed this year with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and will be holding an awareness clinic on Friday 15th August. Paul was recently featured in the Swindon Advertiser and is now in need of a bone marrow transplant. Along with family and friends, Paul is trying to raise the awareness of Bone Marrow donation. The awareness clinic run from 1pm until 5pm at Tyco Electronics on Friday 15th August.

The venue is: In Admin 1, at Tyco Electronics, Faraday Road, Dorcan, Swindon, SN3 5HH. For more details about the clinic please call Glenn Whyte or Clare Whyte on 07548511086 or send an email to bonemarrowforpaul@hotmail.co.uk To find out more about donating bone marrow visit the Anthony Nolan Trust website on www.anthonynolan.org.uk or call their hotline on 0901 88 22 234.



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