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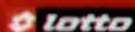
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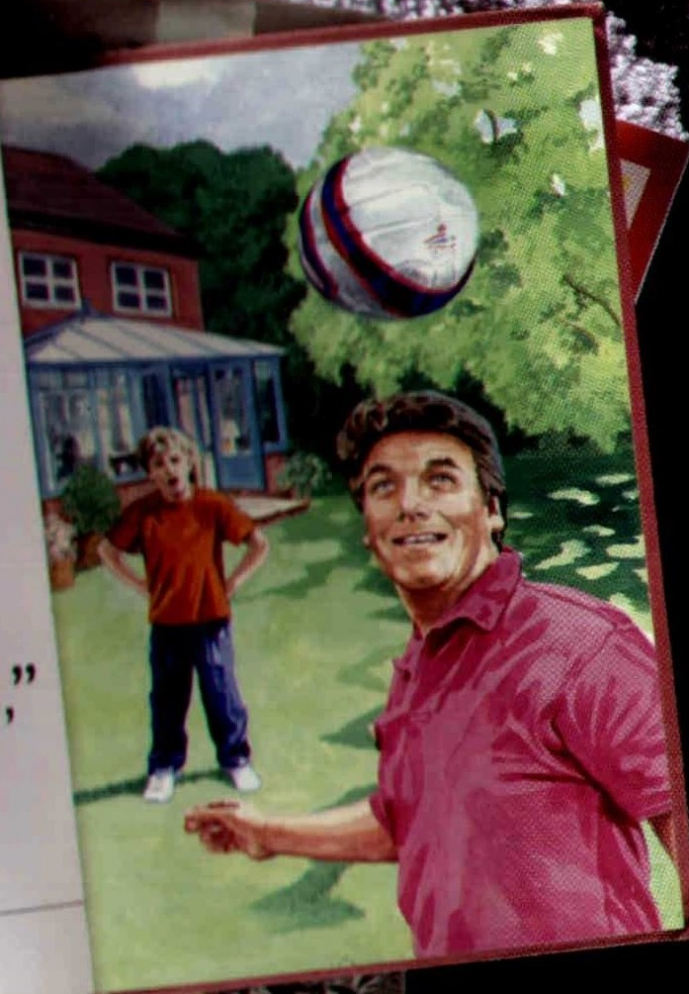


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goal!" screamed
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thought Johnny.

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"I was delighted with the reaction of the players at Stockport County last week."

notes from the manager

maurice MALPAS

Today we are back on home turf for the visit of Millwall. After an away point last weekend the challenge is there to make sure we take all three points this time around.

I was delighted with the reaction of the players at Stockport County last week. The Leeds game was a disappointing display all round and we had to see a reaction from the players. I thought we could have got the three points at Edgeley Park – we certainly made the chances – but on reflection I was happy with the result and more so the performance. We lost a goal and gave ourselves work to do, but we battled back to claim a point. I thought we were the stronger team in the second half and it was good to see Craig Easton on the scoresheet.

On Tuesday night the reserves were in action at Exeter City. There were several 'first team' players involved with Patrick Kanyuka, Jerel Ifil and Yinka Casal all involved. It's important what whilst these players aren't in the starting eleven at first team level that they get games to top up their fitness and keep them playing to a standard. Barry Corr came off the bench at Stockport

County last weekend but was injured before the game at Exeter City and didn't feature.

It was another busy week at the training ground. There was quite a hard start to the week's training for the players



as we look to continually improve the performance on the field. We want to keep the squad sharp and training, in addition to the reserve games, is an important part of that process.

On the injury front Jamie Vincent will now be missing for six to seven weeks. He underwent surgery on his knee on Tuesday night and hopefully by the time you read these notes he is recovering well. He is an

important player for us and we look forward to welcoming him back into the fold after a successful rehabilitation programme. Yinka Casal was on the bench at Edgeley Park last weekend, so he is back fit

and in contention for a first team place.

We now have a good squad of players to choose from. There are options in all positions and I can pick players who have been performing well at either reserve or first team level. Anthony McNamee was left out at Stockport last weekend for tactical reasons and they are the sort of decisions I will have to make. Michael Timlin came in on the left hand side last weekend and did a good job, so we will see what side we go with this afternoon.

We are back at The County Ground today and we have to put in a performance that can get us three points at home. The last few home games have been disappointing so the challenge now is to put that behind us with a win today. Millwall have made a bright start to the new season and currently sit fourth in League One.

Enjoy the game.



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captain hasney

ALJOFREE

Millwall are in Town this afternoon which provides an opportunity to get our home form back on track.

Last weekend we travelled to Stockport County and got a point. Away from home I thought we were strong at times, but conceded a poor goal. We did create chances though and could have got the win at the end of what was a decent afternoon of football. Thankfully we came away from there with something to show.

One of the pleasing factors to come out of the game last weekend was the amount of chances we created. We made a strong start to the encounter and that really helped us along. The players spoke about

the importance of making a positive start to the game and thankfully we were able to do that. We wanted to set the tempo and put the opposition on the backfoot which we did. It was good to see Eastie on the scoresheet too; we were all pleased for him. His shots usually trickle towards the goalkeeper or go into the trees at training, but he certainly found the net last weekend!

Our home form hasn't been fantastic this season and the squad is well aware of the need to turn things around here at The County Ground. Our last two home games have seen six goals conceded and that cannot continue. Colchester came here and took an all too easy three points whilst we

didn't perform to the required standard against Leeds United two weeks ago.

Last year there were some very strange results in the Coca-Cola Championship and I think that has transpired into League One this season. Anyone can beat anyone because the league has become more competitive. One win at this stage of the season can propel a team right up the division, but the key for us at the moment is to find consistency.

There have been some crazy results in League One over recent weeks. Colchester United lost heavily to MK Dons last weekend, a result which ultimately resulted in Geraint Williams losing his job. Yet if

you look over the season so far, we were winners at MK Dons yet lost to Colchester United at home.

Millwall are in Town today and whilst we registered two wins over them last season, this afternoon will be a totally different encounter. They have made changes to their team and have picked up a few good results this season already, with an away win at Leicester City catching the eye.

With another positive start this afternoon and an early goal, then we might just be able to finish the day with the home victory we desire.

**Enjoy,
Hasney Aljofree**





Swindon Town FC Events Calender

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 1st October

Quiz Night -

- Teams of 7, £5 per person
- Raising Money for the Prospect Hospice
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start



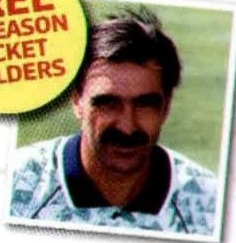
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Friday 24th October

Audience with John Gorman -

- FREE to Season Ticket Holders
- £5 Non Season Ticket Holders
- Food available to purchase
- Tickets will be available from the STFC box office from 1st October.
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start

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Saturday 25th October

Live Bands In The Legends -

- Following the Oldham Athletic game
- Drinks Promotion Available!
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 5.30pm Start



Friday 31st October

Children's Halloween Party -

- Fancy Dress
- Disco
- Food available to purchase
- Book in advance for only £2.00 or £5.00 on the night.
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 6.00pm Start

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Friday 14th November

Audience with Shaun Taylor, Paul Bodin & Fraser Digby -

- FREE to Season Ticket Holders
- £5 Non Season Ticket Holders
- Food available to purchase
- Tickets will be available from the STFC box office from 1st October.
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start

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notes from the **BOARDROOM**

Chief Executive, Nick Watkins >>

A Sunday well spent brings a week of content so let's hope for all fans that the week ahead is a good one and for those impacted by the financial markets, a calm one.

It is our great pleasure to welcome Millwall back to The County Ground for today's fixture. Millwall brought the curtain down on our 2007/08 season when they were our guests here for the final fixture. Thank you to all fans on that occasion for observing the requests not to invade the pitch and for making it such an enjoyable day. The one event, which marred the occasion, was the very bad injury suffered by Millwall defender Danny Senda. I am delighted to be able to report that he is making a strong recovery from such a devastating injury and we all look forward to his return to League One later this season.

Leeds United arrived with 3,500 fans for our most recent home

game and with just over 9,500 home supporters helping pack out the stadium, so much was expected but sadly little was delivered by way of a result. A ten-man Leeds team walked away with three goals and three points. The players, the management and everyone associated with the club were deeply disappointed by the result. Regret however is an appalling waste of energy and the key was to learn the lesson, pick up the pieces and march on. March on we did at Stockport County last Saturday, with some honour being restored and a point away from home being earned. Let's all get behind the Robins today and spur them on to a much needed home win.

The shuffling of the pack continues at The County Ground as we say welcome to some new faces and farewell to some very familiar faces. May I take this opportunity to welcome Amanda Loftus and Derrick Johnson to Swindon Town FC. Amanda joins us in the capacity

of Sales & New Business Development Manager, bringing with her a wealth of sales and commercial experience. Derrick is the club's new Head of Design. There are few more sports industry experienced designers than Derrick and we are delighted that he has elected to join the club. Today marks Ben Lambert's final day as a member of the STFC sales team. Ben has been with the club as Sales & Marketing Manager for a number of years but a recent relocation to Brighton has made commuting to Swindon an impossibility, despite a few months of valiant effort. We all wish Ben well in his new career on the South Coast and thank him for past contributions.

To a great many followers of Swindon Town FC it may come as no surprise to learn that Christian Roberts, the Welsh Wizard, has finally decided to hang up his playing boots. A persistent and long-term knee injury has been the catalyst for the decision.

"Regret is an appalling waste of energy; you can't build on it, it is only good for wallowing in."

We extend to Christian our very best wishes and may he enjoy success down whichever path he chooses to go.

Finally, news of Bath Rugby possibly coming to The County Ground next season has been adorning the back pages of the press this week. There is little to add, other than to confirm that discussions are progressing in a positive manner. In a tight economic environment the club has a duty to prosecute every possible commercial opportunity. However, be assured, in the event that it were to happen, the interests of Swindon Town FC will take priority and strict attention will be paid to the playing surface and investment made by both parties, where deemed necessary.

Enjoy your afternoon.
Nicholas Watkins.



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ANNOUNCES BIG SWINDON SIGNING

An exclusive magazine signing session has been organised to celebrate FourFourTwo magazine's sponsorship deal with Swindon Town Football Club.

Robins stars Kevin Amankwaah, Lee Peacock, Yinka Casal, Mark Marshall and Jerel Ifil will be on hand to sign copies of Britain's best-selling monthly football magazine at Borders bookstore in the Orbital Shopping Centre on Wednesday 1st October.

Fans and shoppers will be able to go along and have their copies of FourFourTwo personally signed by the players between 3pm and 5pm.

The event will be taking place during Magazine Week 2008, a national initiative which



runs from 29th September to 3rd October with the aim of encouraging the public to read magazines "to escape, to be informed, to be inspired or simply to relax."

Said FourFourTwo publisher

Martyn Jones: "We're working very closely with Swindon Town to make our partnership a success, and our commitment to the club and its supporters is paramount. This signing session reflects the mutually beneficial relationship that we're forging and will provide a great opportunity for our readers to meet their Robins heroes." Added Nick Watkins, Swindon Town's Chief Executive: "Our link-up with FourFourTwo is one of the most unique and exciting commercial tie-ins in the League and we're proud to be associated with such a prestigious brand. It's always nice when our fans get the chance to meet the players in person and I'm delighted that our sponsors have been able to facilitate this signing session."

MYSTERY PLAYER

Can you identify the Town player pictured here? The snap was taken at the training ground earlier in the week with the man in question fetching some stray shots, but who is it? Send your answers to press@swindontownfc.co.uk and a winning answer will be selected at random, winning an item of signed Town merchandise.



'93 NIGHT TICKET DETAILS

On the eve of Leicester City's visit to The County Ground, Season Ticket Holders are invited to come and meet three of the stars from the 1993 Play-Off winning team.

Former Town players Paul Bodin, Fraser Digby and Shaun Taylor will be taking fans' questions and speaking about their memories of that great day at Wembley over fifteen years ago.

Tickets are FREE to Season Ticket Holders on a first come, first



served basis and will be available for collection in person from the STFC Ticket Office after October 1st.

CAPTION COMPETITION!

Can you think of a witty one-liner for the photo below featuring Lilian Nalis & Lee Peacock?

Entries will be judged on their humour and originality, so please send your suggestions to press@swindontownfc.co.uk with the winning entry revealed in the next edition of the matchday programme for the visit of Huddersfield Town on **Saturday 11th October**.



AROUND STFC WORLD IN A WEEK

16/09/08: PAUL SMITH RETURNS

Paul Smith speaks to STFC World after making a brief return to The County Ground.



17/09/08: JEREMY WRAY

Part two of an exclusive interview with Town Director Jeremy Wray who thanks supporters for their support.

18/09/08: PRESS CONFERENCE

In a new feature for STFC World subscribers, we gave you exclusive footage of the Stockport County pre-match press conference. Keep an eye out every week for the manager's pre-match views.



19/09/08: MICHAEL TIMLIN

Town's number 4 Michael Timlin chatted about the upcoming trip to Stockport and asked fans to leave all thoughts of Leeds Utd behind.



23/09/08:

MALPAS QUASHES LOW LINK

STFC World sat down and chatted with the Gaffer who dismissed rumours linking Swindon with a move for Josh Low.



24/09/08:

LIL GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Lilian Nalis visits Redoaks school as part of their STFC Week, reading and talking to the children in French. STFC World were there to capture the action.

25/09/08: ROBBO SAYS FAREWELL

Christian Roberts returned to The County Ground after agreeing a deal to end his contract with the Club.



26/09/08: TACHE TAKES OFF

The Tacheback campaign is well under way at STFC with players and staff going the whole 'Hulk Hogan' with their taches. STFC World had a chat to the campaign organiser Craig Easton to get his thoughts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREGORY!

Everyone at Swindon Town Football Club would like to wish Season Ticket Holder Gregory Taylor a very Happy Birthday.

Gregory celebrated his 57th birthday on Tuesday and has not missed a home game since 1969.



CARNIVAL BIRD

Rockin' Robin took to the streets of Pewsey last weekend and helped entertain the crowds at the 110th Pewsey Carnival.

The bouncy bird joined with the walkers at the front of the carnival parade and spent his time meeting, greeting and pecking the locals. From Centurions to Pirates to Abba Lookalikes to Cowboys, the parade was full of colourful creations that were a credit to the people of the small Wiltshire village. Pewsey Carnival committee member (and loyal Swindon

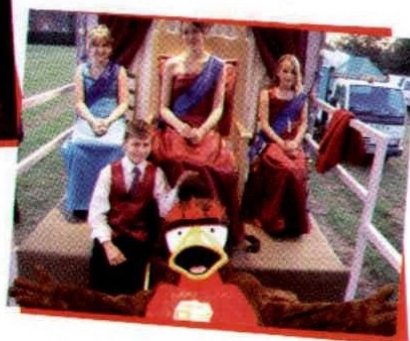


Town fan) Carol Parsons commented:

"This year's carnival was as big and bright as ever. We had over 40 floats taking part in the event, which was watched by around 10 000 people."

STFC has another feather to its cap as this year's carnival queen was Season Ticket holder Lauren Cook. Lauren welcomed Rockin' Robin on to

the Queen's float for pictures and a cuddle before the proceedings began.



Rockin chirped: "I've never met the Queen before and she was smaller than she looks on the TV." Onlookers soon pointed out to RR that she was in fact the Carnival Queen and not HRH!





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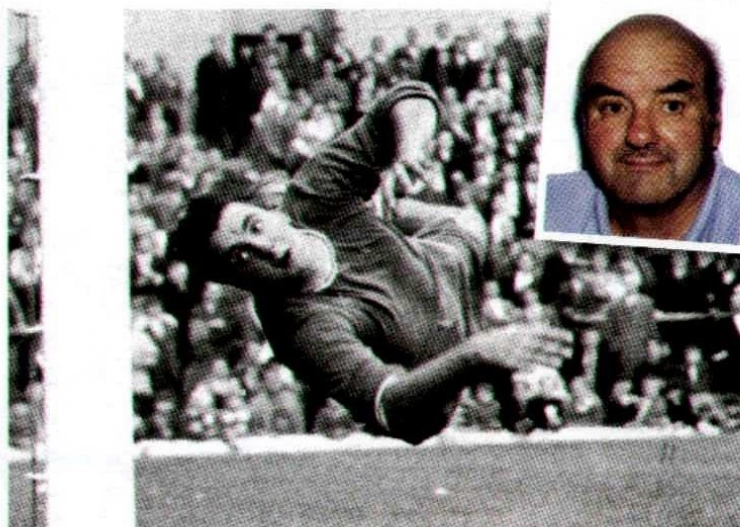
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? TONY HICKS

Goalkeeper TONY HICKS made little more than fifty League appearances, but his brief career saw 'highs' that many others have failed to reach - playing at Old Trafford and Villa Park and pitting his wits against the likes of George Best and England's World Cup winning trio of Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters.

Tony, whose grandfather Freddy was a pre-first War Town player, joined the club straight from school. "We got six pounds a week as an apprentice," he remembers. When he signed a professional contract in October 1962, that went up to £25! He made his first team debut a year later, in a League Cup tie against Southend, during a season that saw a talented young Town side reach the final of the F.A. Youth Cup. They beat Portsmouth and Arsenal, before finally bowing out to Manchester United in a two-legged final. Apart from Tony, only wingers Don Rogers and Bruce Walker



made any impact at Football League level.

Four months after that final, Tony made his Second Division debut for Town after Norman Oakley had been injured in the opening minutes of the season. There were 17,000 at the County Ground and Tony kept a clean sheet as Town defeated Palace 2-0. "There used to be bigger crowds at our reserve games than go to watch the first team

now," he commented. He made 27 League appearances in 1964/65, which ended on a sour note as Town were relegated on the last day of the season.

Manager Bert Head left and Danny Williams arrived that summer, but neither Tony nor Norman were to be first choice for the following season. "I don't think he really liked us!" said Tony. Danny duly brought in Peter Downsborough.

Tony made just four senior appearances in 1965/66, but when Peter was injured in the following December, he enjoyed a lengthy run - which included eleven Cup ties. In the F.A. Cup, Town held West Ham to a 3-3 draw at Upton Park before winning 3-1 in the replay. Then in the Fifth Round, Town met Forest - who finished as runners-up to League champions Manchester United. Goalless at the City Ground, Town drew again in the replay and eventually went out after a third battle at neutral Villa Park.

But following that pinnacle in his career, Tony made just one more League appearance and was virtually discarded at the end of the season. "I had the chance to go to Torquay or Swansea, but I didn't want to leave Swindon to be honest," he reflected. Instead, Tony travelled to Frome and played in the Western League for a season. He then turned out for a number of local clubs, St Josephs, Gorse Hill and Park, before finally hanging up his gloves following a broken leg.

Tony worked as a driver for Arkells before spending twenty years as a milkman. Nowadays he and his two sons, Terry and Chris, run six discount shops in and around Swindon. "They do all the running around, I'm semi-retired now," said Tony, who was 63 last weekend and now lives in picturesque rural Gloucestershire.

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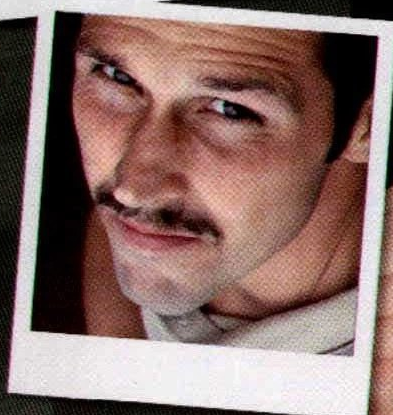
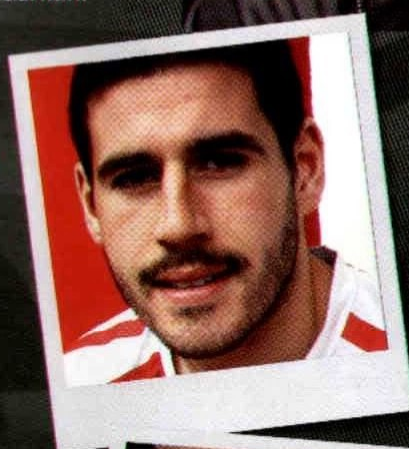
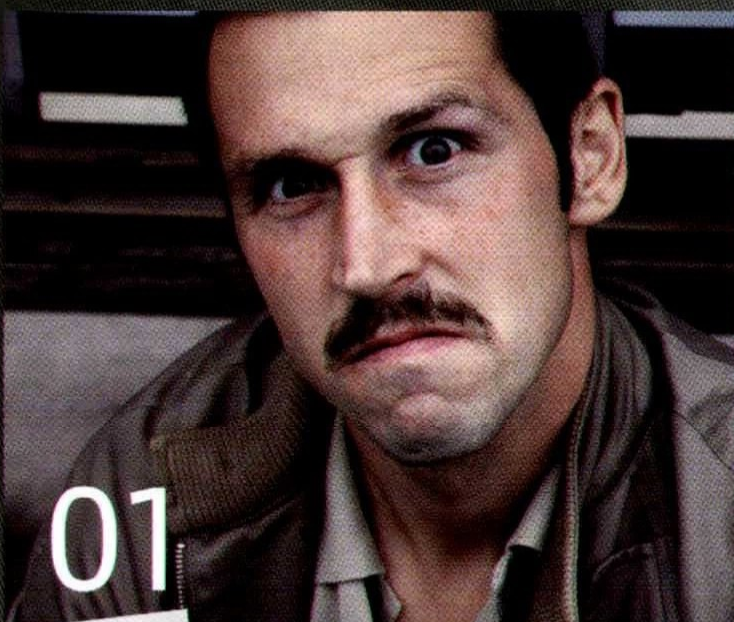
01 SUPPORT THE TACHEBACK CAMPAIGN

Tache's will be a familiar sight out on the pitch this afternoon as Swindon Town face Millwall in League One.

Members of both teams have been growing sponsored moustaches for TacheBack, a fundraiser run by the Everyman Male Cancer Campaign. Michael Timlin and Craig Easton, both pictured here with a tache update taken on Wednesday, have been leading the way with Jon-Paul McGovern also joining in those members of the Robins squad to be proudly displaying facial fluff.

Fitness and Conditioning Coach David Morrison, Media Manager Chris Tanner and Sales and Marketing Executive Adam Wainwright have joined Jerel Ifil, Michael Pook, Callum Kennedy and Blair Sturrock in growing and fundraising for Tacheback.

All money raised by TacheBack goes towards funding vital research into testicular and prostate cancer, diseases which affect around 37,000 men every year in the UK. Several players were photographed by the media on Friday lunchtime with the players showing off their updated tache's! To donate please visit the following online link www.tacheback.co.uk/ Swindon-Town-FC For more information please call 0800 731 9468.



inside track

02 OUT ON THE TOWN!

Town's players will be out and about over the coming days with a number of player appearances lined-up.

On Tuesday night Barry Corr, Simon Cox and Patrick Kanyuka will be attending the Junior Robins Meet the Players evening in the Members Suite, an event which is free to Junior Robins members, getting under way at 6.30pm.

This Wednesday afternoon no less than five first team players will be at the Borders store at the Orbital retail park in West Swindon, signing copies of FourFourTwo magazine as part of the club's main sponsorship deal. Kevin Amankwaah, Yinka Casal, Jerel Ifil, Mark Marshall and Lee Peacock will be available to meet and greet supporters from 3pm until 5pm.

Wednesday evening sees a quiz taking place at The County Ground with midfielder Craig Easton amongst those taking part, with the night raising money for the Prospect Hospice.

There is also an exclusive screening of the new James Bond film taking place at the Empire Cinema at Greenbridge at the end of October. More details of this event will follow in a future programme.





SWINDON TOWN 1 LEEDS UNITED 3

Town were unable to take advantage of a one man advantage as they crashed to defeat against a resurgent Leeds United.

The visitors went a man down after just nine minutes with Alan Sheehan dismissed for a two-footed lunge on midfielder Jon-Paul McGovern.

However it was Gary McAllister's men who took the lead.

A 22nd minute strike from Jermaine Beckford flew into the roof of the net from 12 yards. Swindon then rallied with Jon-Paul McGovern going close before Lilian Nalis was booked before the break.

Simon Cox volleyed Swindon level before the break but a goal soon after the restart from Neil Kilkenny restored the visitors' lead.

Simon Cox almost drew level with a header before the visitors wrapped the points up with a late effort from Jermaine Beckford.



KEY MOMENTS

22 MIN

Jermaine Beckford capitalises on a defensive lapse to shoot Leeds into a one-goal advantage.



44 MIN

It is all square with Simon Cox levelling with a neat volley after a McNamee cross from the left.



46 MIN

Town go 2-1 down with Neil Kilkenny seeing his 35 yard free-kick squirm through the arms of Smith into the net.





SQUAD

Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Kevin Amankwaah, Jerel Ifil, Hasney Aljofree, Jack Smith; Jon-Paul McGovern (Marshall '64), Lilian Nalis, Craig Easton (Timlin '69), Anthony McNamee; Billy Paynter, Simon Cox.

Substitutes not used: Mark Scott (GK), Lee Peacock, Sean Morrison.

51 MIN



Simon Cox is denied by a superb save from Lucas, who tips a close-range header round the post.

63 MIN



Billy Paynter sees a 20-yard curling effort just dip over the bar with Town pushing hard for the equaliser.

84 MIN



Beckford makes it 3-1, latching on to a through ball from Prutton to slide the ball past Phil Smith in the Town goal, netting his tenth of the season.

MAN OF THE MATCH
SIMON COX

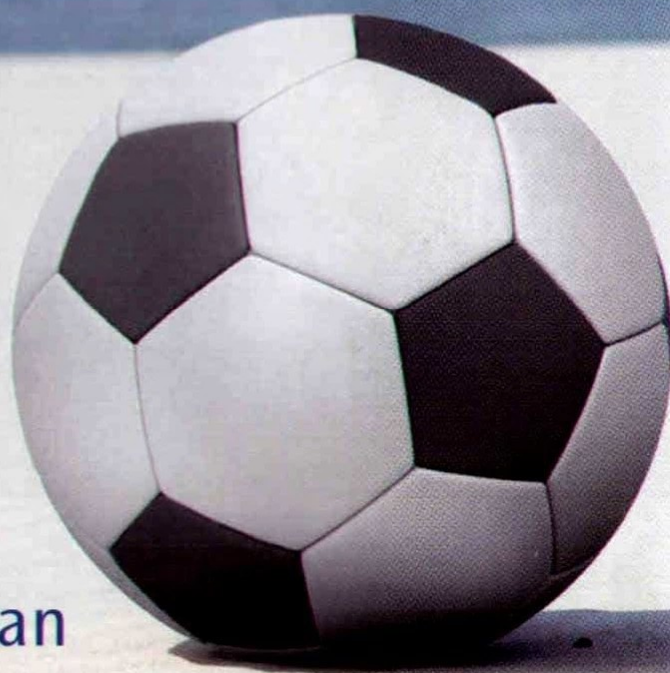




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"What a superb refurbishment! STFC now offers a quality product for meetings, parties and events with great flexibility. It is a vast improvement on the old facilities and is now a real player for the local events market."

TRISHA SIMPSON - Client and Strategic Sales Manager, Venues Event Management

I would like to begin by saying how proud I am to be here at Swindon Town Football Club. It is with both excitement and trepidation that I start this new and wonderful journey with you the fans and the Club.

Business Event

September saw the launch of our newly refurbished facilities with over thirty local businesses attending including Nationwide, Venues Events, Swindon Borough Council and New Swindon Company. All were suitably impressed, with the new look and feel, the catering suggestions and the professionalism shown by the administration team.

Nick Watkins delivered a presentation on **Friends of Swindon Town**, an initiative to help local businesses reward, incentivise and retain staff in a difficult economic climate. This package provides a goodie bag of Season Tickets, hospitality, a Player Ambassador and of course,

promotion in our Matchday programme and the potential of inclusion in FourFourTwo magazine. If you missed our first event, and would be interested to find out more please contact me on amanda@swindontownfc.co.uk

A Triumph!

Thank you, Triumph, who became the first Swindon business to adopt the 'Friends of Swindon' scheme. We look forward to working with you this season.

Share the Experience!

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To discuss any of these opportunities in more detail please contact the STFC Sales & Marketing team on **0844 8801094** or via email at sales@swindontownfc.co.uk

Amanda Loftus
Business Development Manager



sales@swindontownfc.co.uk

COMMERCIAL DIARY...

Quiz Night - Wednesday 1st October

- Teams of 7, £5 per person
- Raising Money for the Prospect Hospice
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start

Audience with John Gorman - Friday 24th October

- FREE to Season Ticket Holders
- £5 Non Season Ticket Holders
- Food available to purchase
- Tickets will be available from the stfc box office from 1st October.
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start

Live Bands In The Legends - Saturday 25th October

- Following the Oldham Athletic game
- Drinks Promotion Available!
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 5.30pm Start

Children's Halloween Party - Friday 31st October

- Fancy Dress
- Disco
- Food available to purchase
- Book in advance for only £2.00 or £5.00 on the night.
- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 6.00pm Start

Audience with Shaun Taylor, Paul Bodin & Fraser Digby - Friday 14th November

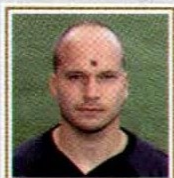
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- Food available to purchase
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- Location: The Legends Lounge
- Time: 7.00pm Start

For more information call Chris Abrook on 0844 8801093 or Adam Wainwright on 0844 8801094 or send an e-mail to: chrisa@swindontownfc.co.uk or adam@swindontownfc.co.uk



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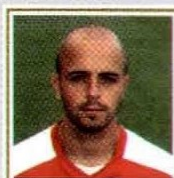


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Goalkeeper

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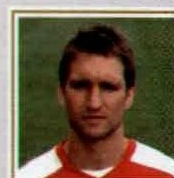


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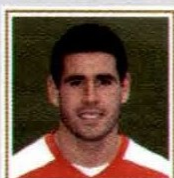


Jamie Vincent 03

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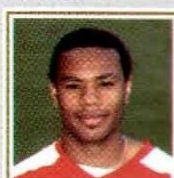


Michael Timlin 04

Midfielder

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Jerel Ifil 05

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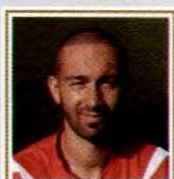


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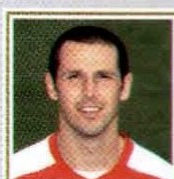


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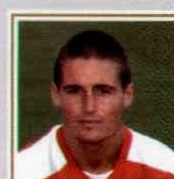


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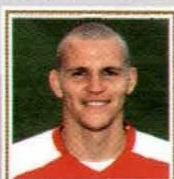


Barry Corr 09

Striker

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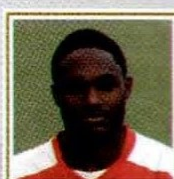


Jon-Paul McGovern 10

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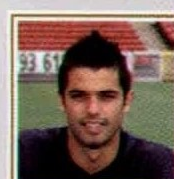


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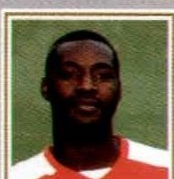


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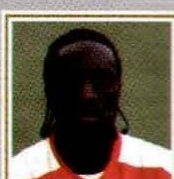


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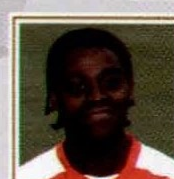


Kevin Amankwaah 15

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Yinka Casal 16

Defender

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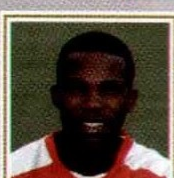


Lillian Nalls 17

Position

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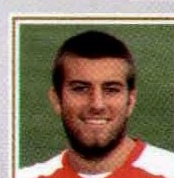


Mark Marshall 18

Midfielder

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Michael Pook 19

Position

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Billy Paynter 20

Striker

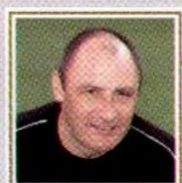
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Blair Sturrock 21

Striker

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Maurice Malpas

Manager

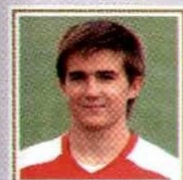
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Ben Joyce 23

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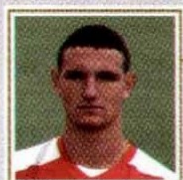
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Midfielder

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Sean Morrison 25

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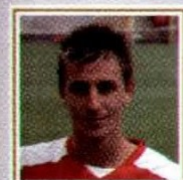
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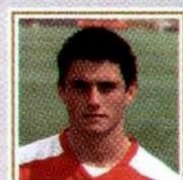
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Jake Hyde 28

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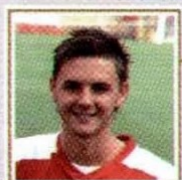
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Sam Morris 29

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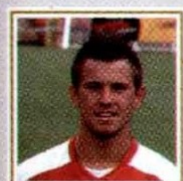
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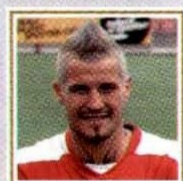
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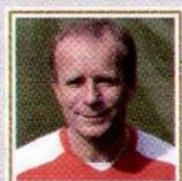
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Lee Peacock 32

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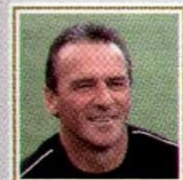
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 A: Lee Peacock's Biggest Fan - Rosemarie Fisher



David Marsh 69

Super Fan

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David Byrne

Assistant Manager

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Ady Williams

First Team Coach

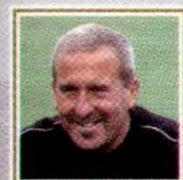
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John Granville

Goalkeeping Coach

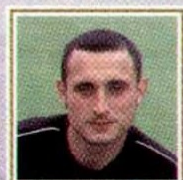
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Dick Mackey

Club Physiotherapist

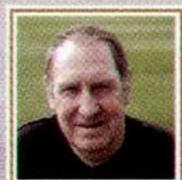
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David Morrison

Fitness & Conditioning Coach

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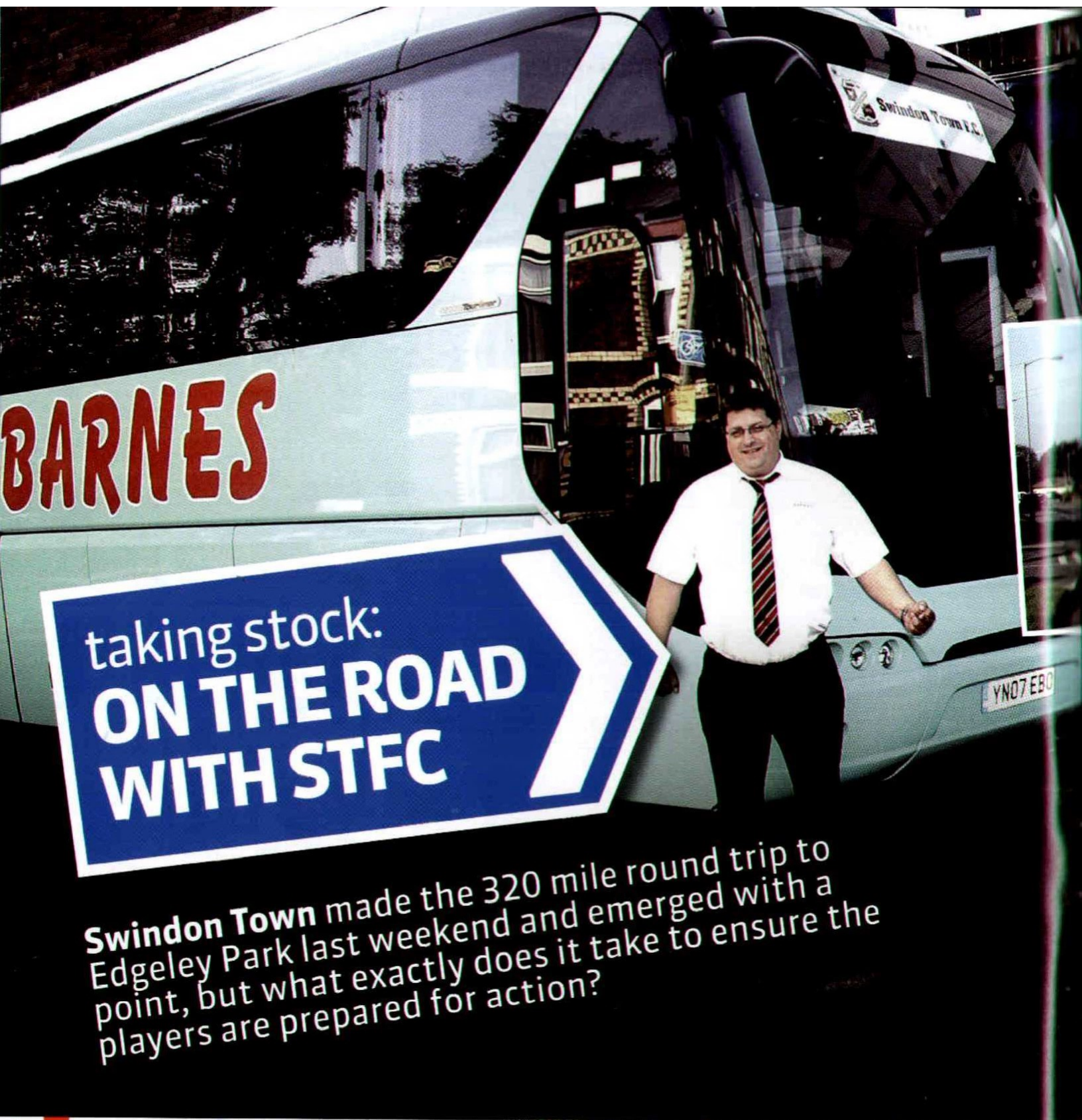


Roger Jones

Kit Manager

Available for Sponsorship





First Team Coach >

Peter Kordula, 38, has been driving the Town up and down the country for the past three years. At the wheel for the trip to Stockport, he explained the torment of a Friday night trip to the North West.

"It was one of our longest ever journeys we have had in my time driving the team. Friday night's are notorious on the M6 and last weekend was no different.



"The coach left The County Ground one o'clock and after getting past the notorious M5/M6 junction, the sheer weight of traffic on the M6 made it a slow trip up. The coach finally made it to the hotel just before seven o'clock in the evening, just in time for dinner!"

Medically Prepared >

Club Physiotherapist Dick Mackey has been a member of the Town backroom team since joining the Glenn Hoddle era. Having tended to the likes of Steve White, Brian Kilcline and Scott Leitch, Mackey is well placed to know all about the build-up to a big game.

Meticulous preparation goes into making sure that members of the Town matchday squad have everything they need before taking to the field.

"There is a routine because if things do

get left behind then it could have dire consequences. I am not saying things have never been left, but it's something you don't want to happen!" says Mackey.

"I generally pack the medical chest we take to an away game 24 to 48 hours before we depart. There are always things that footballers need. It is an obsession for some, but not all. For example certain players like tubigrip to keep their shin pads up, whilst others like wine gums before a game.

"Some of these things may seem trivial, but a lot of the pre-match build up is about routine and you have to bow to the preferences of the players."



Dick Mackey's Away Day Checklist

- One pair of crutches
- 140 bottles of water
- Six cases of Powerade
- Medical chest (containing up to 40 medical essentials)
- One field bag for treating players on the pitch
- One ice box
- One splint
- One arctic flow compression unit (knee and ankle treatment)

Matchday Countdown...

Friday

08:30

Town's players **report for duty** at The County Ground. After a light **breakfast** the squad heads off to the **training ground** for the final training session before matchday.



12:30

After training the players are back at base and are soon back on the food trail, restoring their energy supplies before boarding the **team coach** bound for **Stockport**.

13:00

A **fully-loaded** team coach rolls out of The County Ground packed with kit, food, entertainment and more importantly, **players!**



18:57

Typical **Friday traffic** delays the arrival of the squad to the team hotel, which is located just two miles from **Edgeley Park**. Having sat through hours of queues, the players are relieved to have arrived at their destination.

19:15

Having checked into their **rooms**, the players are back at the trough as they report for **dinner**. The players soon **retire to bed** with matchday just around the corner.

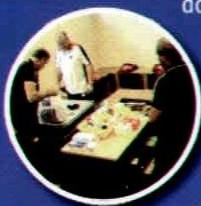


Matchday Countdown...

Saturday

08:00

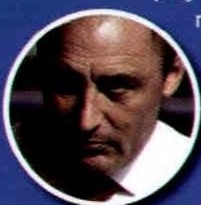
The first members of the squad appear for a **light breakfast**. Management are also down early, discussing plans for the day ahead.



Members of the backroom team, including **Roger Jones, Dick Mackey** and masseur **Steve Irvine** head to the stadium to prepare the away dressing room. Players' **kit is laid out**, water bottles are filled up and **boots are unpacked**.

10:15

John Granville leads the squad out of the hotel for a **pre-match walk** which lasts for around twenty minutes. Some players sport iPods with the mood of anticipation firmly in the air.



Maurice Malpas addresses the squad for a pre-match meeting, giving the players a final opportunity to optimise their thinking before **setting off** on the team coach to the ground.

12:00

13:30

Shortly after arriving at **Edgeley Park** the players survey the playing surface before Maurice Malpas **names his team**. **Mark Marshall** and **Jerel Ifil** are the unfortunate pair to miss out on being involved in the matchday sixteen.

Kitted Out >

Hours of preparation go into making sure Town's players are ready for kick-off on a Saturday afternoon, with much of the work going on behind the scenes and it is not just Maurice Malpas who has to prepare the squad for matchday!

Kit Manager Roger Jones is the man responsible for ensuring The Robins are turned out in pristine playing kit in time for the big kick-off. Last weekend's away date at Stockport County was no different with Jones once again overseeing the transport and set-up of kit in time for the big game.

"The kit chest is packed on Thursday. Once the players are back from training I generally get a squad list from the Gaffer, then I know what we need to take with us up to the game.

"There is a routine to be followed. The list of players is worked through but I also take a set of shirts for those players who are not in the squad, in case there are any problems with the matchday squad."

Roger Jones' Away Day Checklist

- 18 player shirts
- 18 player shorts
- 18 pairs socks
- 18 warm-up t-shirts
- 37 pairs of football boots
- 20 items of underarmour
- 20 pairs cycle shorts
- 25 sweat tops
- 20 rain jackets
- Tracksuit bottoms
- 5 x staff kits
- 10 x footballs
- 16 warm-up bibs
- 20 Cones
- 16 pairs flip-flops
- 1 x tactics board
- 1 x stereo
- 1 x air fan
- 20 pairs shin pads
- Spare sets of studs
- 10 pairs white socks



"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that." **Bill Shankly**



Kick-off

15:00

The big **kick-off**. The League One clash gets under way with **Billy Paynter** and **Simon Cox** getting the ball rolling.



16:49

Referee **K D Hill** calls time on the game with Swindon taking a **point** thanks to a second half equaliser from **Craig Easton**.



16:55

Fitness and Conditioning coach **David Morrison** oversees a running session for substitutes **Anthony McNamee**, **Peter Brezovan** and **Yinka Casal** with non-playing squad members **Mark Marshall** and **Jerel Ifil** are also put through their paces.

17:50

The coach is fully packed up with the players back on board, soon refuelling with post-match **protein shakes** and food to replace energies lost during the game.



20:48

After a somewhat shorter return journey, which sees the travel time almost halved, the team coach pulls into **The County Ground** with the players returning home. **The backroom team** set to work unloading the hoards of kit and other equipment.

21:00

Kit Manager **Roger Jones** heads into the laundry room to begin the unenviable task of washing the first team kit.



swindon v millwall

League 1: 28/09/08



After an away win at Leicester City two weeks ago, The Lions arrive in Town today looking to secure another valuable victory away from The New Den. However they will face a Swindon side determined to rectify a poor start to the season at The County Ground.



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- 2 Danny Senda
- 3 Andy Frampton
- 4 Danny Spiller
- 5 Paul Robinson
- 6 Zak Whitbread
- 7 Alan Dunne
- 8 Gary Alexander
- 9 Neil Harris
- 10 Lewis Grabban
- 11 Ryan Smith
- 12 Chris Hackett
- 14 David Brammer
- 15 Tony Craig
- 16 Scott Barron
- 17 Tresor Kandol
- 18 Ahmet Brkovic
- 19 Ashley Grimes
- 20 Adrian Forbes
- 21 David Martin
- 22 Ali Fuseini
- 23 Preston Edwards
- 24 Marc Laird
- 25 Karl Moore
- 26 Nadjim Abdou
- 29 Darren Ebsworth
- 30 Marcus Bignot
- 37 Gary Bowes
- 38 Lyle Taylor



in town

David Forde



County. The 28-year old stopper signed for Millwall in the summer.

Began his career with Barry Town where his performances earned a move to West Ham United in February 2002. The £75,000 switch saw him remain at Upton Park for two years before spells with Cardiff City and Derby

Chris Hackett

Oxford-born, Hackett made over 100 appearances for his hometown club before a switch to Hearts in January 2006. After linking up with his former Oxford boss Graham Rix at Tynecastle, Hackett found opportunities hard to come by North of the Border and he joined Millwall in August 2006. Now approaching 50 appearances for The Lions.

Paul Robinson

Robinson began his career as a trainee with Millwall, turning professional in August 2001. The 25-year old made his Millwall debut in September 2002 and has now made over 150 league appearances for the club. A fans' favourite, the defender has also spent time with Fisher Athletic and Torquay United on loan.

Zak Whitbread

Texas-born defender who came up through the youth ranks at Liverpool, where he was a teammate of former Swindon man Andy Nicholas in the youth

team. After seven appearances for the Anfield club, he joined Millwall in the summer of 2006 after a successful loan spell towards the end of the 2005/06 campaign.

Nadjim Abdou

French-born midfielder who began his career with home-town club Martigues in 2002 prior to joining Sedan in 2003. He then switched to Championship side Plymouth Argyle in the summer of 2007. Scored his first goal for The Pilgrims in December but left Home Park at the end of last season, joining Millwall on a free transfer.

Ali Fuseini

Still only 19-years old, Ghana-born Fuseini has made almost 50 appearances for Millwall. Joined The Lions as a scholar and made his full debut at Gillingham in September 2006. A lively customer, he played in both games against Swindon Town last season and will be looking to avenge two losses in those encounters.

Ashley Grimes

21-year old striker who may be remembered by some Town fans after a loan spell at the County Ground in March 2007. Made four substitute appearances for The Robins before returning to Manchester City. Signed for Millwall in July after finding opportunities hard to come by at The City of Manchester Stadium.





Gary ALEXANDER

The striker got his season under way by scoring the only goal of the game in Millwall's 1-0 win at Leicester City two weeks ago.

Lambeth-born, Alexander began his career with West Ham United, but his first taste of senior football came with a successful loan stint at Exeter City in the 1999/2000 season. He scored 16 goals in 37 league games for the Grecians which was enough to convince former Town boss Colin Todd to make a move for him. A £200,000 switch to The County Ground soon followed in August 2000.

Scored his first goal in Swindon colours in the 2-2 home draw with Wigan Athletic almost exactly eight years ago to the day. Notable names in the visiting line-up that day included Northern Ireland International keeper Roy Carroll and now Swansea boss Roberto Martinez.

His final goal for The Robins came in the seventh minute in the end of season relegation decided against Peterborough United in April 2001. Alexander opened, a Reeves own goal levelled before Danny Invincible's last-gasp winner. In total Alexander netted just nine goals during the 2000/01 campaign before being sold to Hull City in the summer of 2001. A superb first season saw him score 23 goals for The Tigers before he returned to London with a move to Leyton Orient in January 2003.

He soon established himself as a first team regular for The O's and scored 52 goals in 165 league appearances. However, after rejecting the offer of a new contract in the summer of 2007, he joined Millwall, the club he supported as a boy. He netted eight goals last term, which was matched by just as many yellow cards.





“The atmosphere should be good. I am sure Millwall will bring a few down here but we have to perform, that’s the bottom line.”



WILLO READY FOR LIONS REUNION

Town coach **Ady Williams** is looking forward a Sunday afternoon showdown against one of his former clubs.

Williams made 12 appearances for today's visitors during the 2005/06 season, scoring once in a 1-1 draw at Norwich City, with England striker **Dean Ashton** on target for the home side.

Having retired from playing duties in the summer, 37-year old Williams looks back on an enjoyable spell with Millwall.

"I enjoyed it there," recalls **Ady**. "I wasn't in the first team at **Coventry City** at the time and joined **Millwall** on loan when **Colin Lee** was the manager. I played a few games and met some great characters down there.

"I still keep in touch with the physio, the kit man and a few

of the other lads because they made me feel really welcome. There was always a lively atmosphere down there and there were one or two cracking games during my time with them."

The Lions have made a flying start to the new campaign and arrive in Wiltshire high in confidence after back to back wins against **Leicester City** and **Cheltenham Town** last weekend, inflicting a first defeat for new Robins boss **Martin Allen**.

"**Millwall** have started really well. They are fourth in **League One** and won't want to be in this league forever. As a side they have managed to stay relatively clear of injuries and suspensions which have helped them along.

"It is always easier to be able to name a settled side, but they will be without **Kandol** this weekend. When he has played against **Swindon**

alongside **Jermaine Beckford** they have always caused problems for us.

"We keep saying it, but it is not about the opposition it is about what we do. We need to get back to performing like we know we can do. This season we have put in good displays against **Tranmere Rovers**, **MK Dons** and in the second half at **Stockport**."

As defensive coach, Williams is looking

forward to welcoming **Jamie Vincent** back into the Town squad after the defender underwent surgery on a knee injury earlier this week.

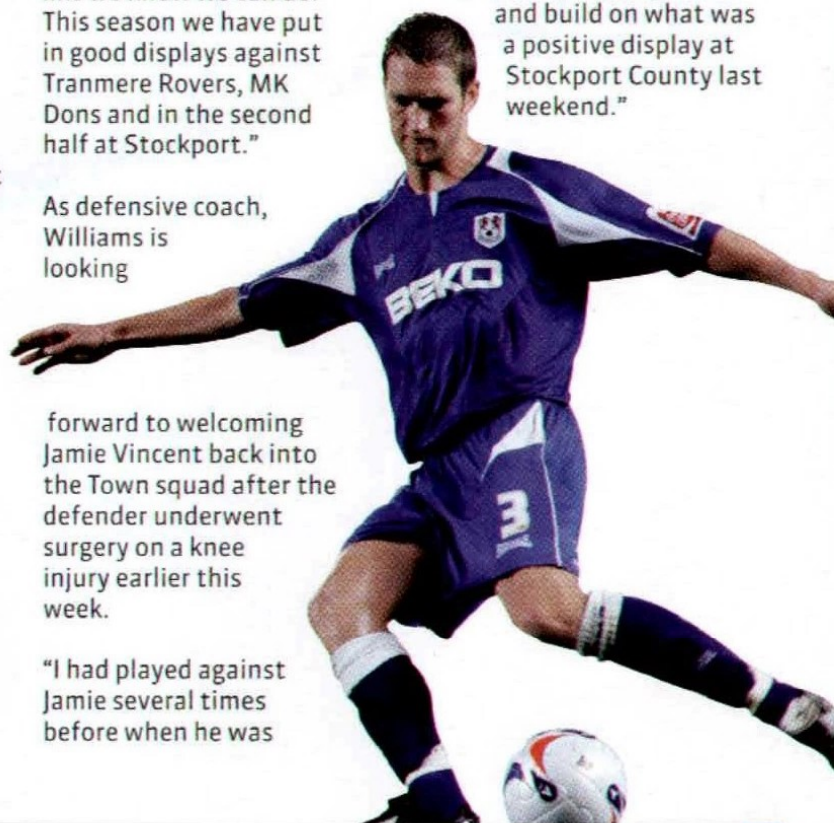
"I had played against **Jamie** several times before when he was

at **Derby County** and **Crystal Palace**. We were at **Millwall** together for a spell then **Dennis Wise** brought us both to **Swindon** in the summer of 2006

"**Jamie** is a seven out of ten every week and is very vocal at the back. We have missed him this season and hopefully he will be back fit and raring to go after rehabilitation."

With a Sunday afternoon kick-off against **Millwall**, the former Welsh International is looking forward to a tasty affair at **The County Ground**.

"The atmosphere should be good. I am sure **Millwall** will bring a few down here but we have to perform, that's the bottom line. Let's forget about the **Leeds** game and build on what was a positive display at **Stockport County** last weekend."



SCHOOL OLD

influence

Town striker Billy Paynter believes a tough start to his football career will help him build on a successful start to the 2008/09 campaign in front of goal.





Paynter has forged a strong partnership with Simon Cox in the Town front line and between them the duo have netted nine goals between them.

The Liverpoolian striker made his debut for Port Vale at Walsall at the end of the 2000/01 season and went on to hit 30 goals in 119 league starts for The Valiant before a switch to Hull City in January 2006.

"I like to put myself about on the pitch and honesty is a big part of my game," Paynter said, speaking to Swindon after training earlier this week. "I never like to give up and as a team we want to make progress in League One.

"My debut for Port Vale came when I was sixteen and I was thrown in, but despite the nerves it went ok. As the years went by I was learning so much and that really helped me.

"Stephen Brooker is someone who uses his body well and links up with players around him. He was one of the main influences on my early career as well as the likes of Tony Naylor, Stephen McPhee and Martin Foyle. Between them they had a tremendous

amount of experience and that was great for me as a young lad coming through.

Paynter has now hit 10 goals in 30 league starts for the Robins and is now eager to make the current campaign one to remember for Town fans.

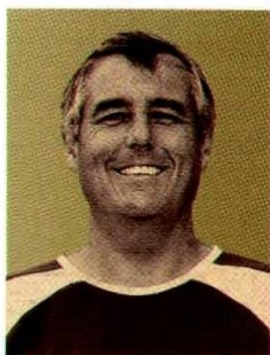
"I feel like I have really settled here now. I feel a lot fitter and have benefited from having a really good pre-season behind me. The manager has made me feel part of his plans and things are going well.

"I scored in a few of the opening games after I moved here but from there it slowed up a little. I have learned a lot from the last year or so and feel I am a better player for it."

With just one home win so far this term, there is a determination amongst the squad to rectify the situation with Paynter eager to fire Town to victory.

"Millwall is a big game for us. League One is always going to be a tight league but we have to start putting some wins together and there is no better time to do that than Sunday afternoon."





A classic encounter

Words: Dave Wallis

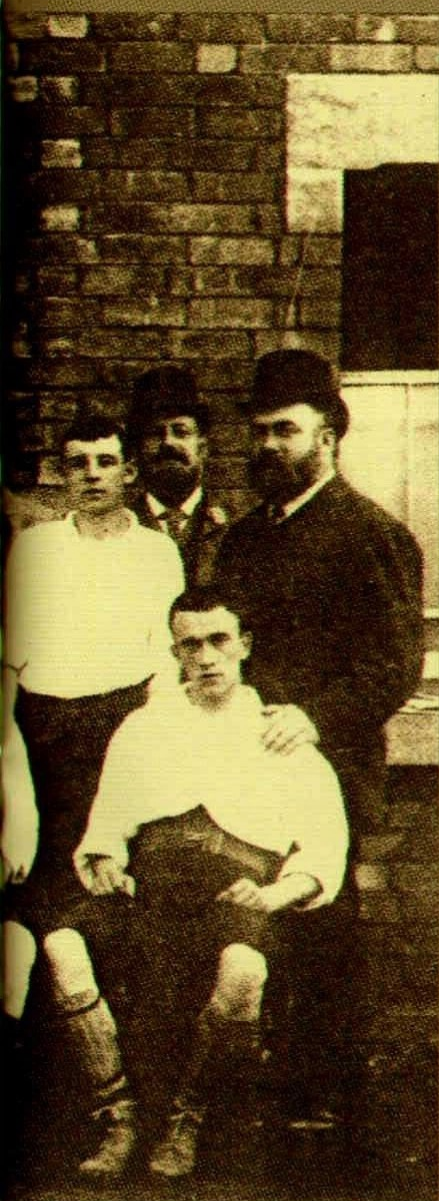
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vs Millwall

Pictured below:
Swindon Town Football Club,
Season 1894/95.



“With the Southern League containing both amateur and semi-professional clubs there was bound to be some differences in abilities, and boy did it show that day at East Ferry Road almost exactly 114 years ago.”

Final Score: Millwall 9 Swindon Town 0

Opposition: Millwall
Date of match: 29th
September 1894

In 94, Town travelled to Millwall for the first away match of the season. And lost 9-0. To clarify, this wasn't 1994. It was 1894.

With all the participants of the Football League based in the North of the country, pressure had grown to start a completely new competition in the South, with much of that influence coming from Millwall Athletic as they were then known. Town were amongst the teams invited to partake in the inaugural season of the Southern League, and it was some baptism of fire for Town.

With the Southern League containing both amateur and semi-professional clubs there was bound to be some differences in abilities, and boy did it show that day at East Ferry Road almost exactly 114 years ago.

Top man was home team forward J Wilson, who was an Athletic star in more ways

than one it seems. He netted four times past Town's keeper Harry Southall, but while the archives certainly give the score at 9-0, it seems the identity of one of the goal scorers is unknown, so Mr Wilson could have had five.

By halftime Town were six goals behind, and it might be a crumb of comfort that we appear to have tightened up at the back a bit.

Also on the scorers list in these formal team sheet days was W Jones with a brace, while J Matthews and H Robertson both chipped in with one apiece.

Certainly unable to hit the net for Town that day (unless that missing scorer was Own Goal) included Welsh inside left Dick Jones who went on to skipper his side, and versatile Swindon born Charles Selwood who appears to have started in a left half back position but apparently was often called upon to move forward in search of a missing goal.

It's difficult to consider an

occasion more worthy of that sort of desperation.

Town keeper Southall would have been particularly pleased to hear the final whistle, but disappointingly it's not thought that defender Harry Webb, and his namesake Cliff Richard, are one and the same person. Even if their ages would appear similar.

So, not the most auspicious start to our new status then, especially as we'd already lost 4-3 at home to Reading on the opening day.

Town went on to finish ninth at the completion of the first ever Southern League season, which doesn't seem too bad until it's explained there were only nine teams in the division. Nine seems to be an important number in this story.

Robbie Reynolds went on to finish Town's top goal scorer that season on... no not nine, but just five.

Millwall meanwhile went on to storm to the title by six points.





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KEY MOMENTS

11 MIN



Simon Cox connects with a Timlin cross but sees his header crash off the crossbar with Town pushing hard.

32 MIN



Stephen Gleeson capitalizes on some slack defending to fire in the opener from just inside the box.

49 MIN



Town are level. Jack Smith plays in Easton who turns on the edge of the box before rifling in a shot past Fon Williams.

Town took a point from the away trip to Stockport County last weekend with a second half strike from Craig Easton enough to secure a point.

Maurice Malpas made two changes to the Swindon line-up with Anthony McNamee dropping to the bench with Michael Timlin returning to the starting eleven. Jerel Ifil was left out of the squad altogether with Sean Morrison handed his third start of the campaign.

It was a bright start from The Robins who forced six corners inside the first quarter of an hour. Chances came and went though and it was the home side who opened the scoring with Stephen Gleeson, on loan from Wolves, firing in unmarked from inside the box.

Swindon rallied and created a number of openings with Simon Cox and Billy Paynter going close before a second half equalizer arrived. A Jack Smith ball into Craig Easton saw the midfielder turn on the edge of the box and fire into the bottom corner.

After the goal there were chances to win the game for the visitors, with Michael Timlin and Billy Paynter both missing the target from close range. Barry Corr replaced Billy Paynter for his first appearance of the 2008/09 campaign before Lee Peacock came on for Simon Cox late on.



SQUAD



Swindon Town: Phil Smith; Kevin Amankwaah, Sean Morrison, Hasney Aljofree, Jack Smith; Jon-Paul McGovern, Lilian Nalis, Craig Easton, Michael Timlin (McNamee); Billy Paynter (Corr), Simon Cox (Peacock).

Substitutes not used: Peter Brezovan, Yinka Casal.

55 MIN



Cox latches onto a loose ball before squaring to Paynter, who blasts over from 14 yards.

63 MIN



Barry Corr comes off the bench to replace Billy Paynter in the front line, for his first opportunity of 2008/09.

65 MIN



A late run from Timlin sees the midfielder presented with a golden chance, but his effort fizzles narrowly wide.

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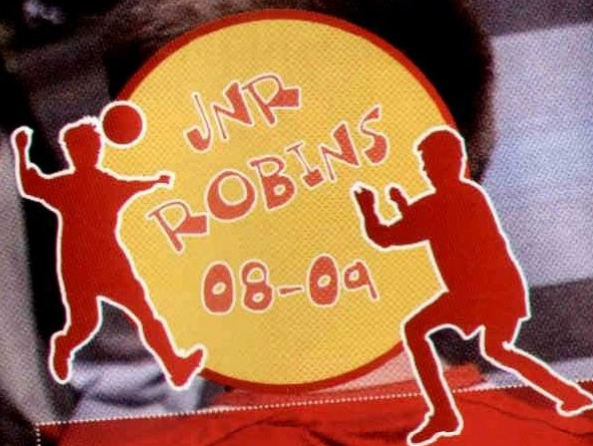
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JUNIOR ROBINS

Hello everyone and welcome to the Junior Lions who have made the journey here today.

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Any queries please contact Sharon on 0777 6207 655 / 01793 527 470 or email shazfranklin@aol.com

A warm welcome to Terry and his Junior Lions who have made the journey West to be with us at The County Ground today.

We had a Junior Robins trip to Millwall last season and will be doing the same when we travel to The New Den in January. There will be a penalty shoot-out between some of our Junior Robins and some Junior Lions towards the Town End goal at half-time today, so please cheer us all on!

Last Saturday the Junior Robins had a coach going up to Stockport County. Although it was a long journey it was good to see a competitive game. Stockport were great hosts and I would like to say thank you to Ian and Denise and the rest of the team for the food, face painting and letting us enjoy their family room!

We had a great view of the game from right behind the goal and the 1-1 draw seemed like a fair result for both teams. We had our usual prediction quiz on the coach, which Vince won. We also had a draw on the way up to Stockport for the Swindon mascot which was won by Emma Clinch (pictures on this page) who ran out with the team, so well done Emma!

We will be holding a Meet the Players evening for Junior Robins on this Tuesday evening at The County Ground, starting at 6.30pm. This is for Junior Robins and accompanying adults only, so if you are not a JR yet please contact me about joining. This should be a great evening with five or six players.



You can ask them anything (within reason!) and then there will be time to get signed photos. This will be held in the Members Lounge and please show your Junior Members membership card at the door. We have some great benefits for our Junior Robins this season, so there are even more reasons to join us. This year we can

confirm that Junior Robins can get discounts at the Swindon Karting Centre,



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takeaway. So if you have not already joined us please pick up a Junior Robins membership form from the main office, or call me and I will send one out to you.

Lastly, I have to make a huge apology to everyone who has had a birthday so far in this season and I haven't mentioned you in the programme. So here's some birthday wishes to you all.

**Samuel Cox
George Gough
Harry Ward
Kieran Cozens
Thomas Dent
Nathan Clinch
Arran Frayling
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Harry Kemp
Josh Bird
Nicholas Curtis
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I'm starting to understand what it must be like to cover a Premier League team.

Not that Swindon's players have turned into a bunch of overpaid, preening, prima donnas performing in front of tens of thousands of fans, unfortunately (well unfortunately as far as the crowds are concerned anyway). No, it's more because we're all here sat watching a game on a Sunday afternoon – to be followed by one of the longest trips of the season this coming Friday night.

The safety of fans is vital, and shouldn't be underestimated by anyone. But are you really telling me there's any kind of worry about

Friday's trip to Hartlepool? Of course there isn't, it's just a commercial decision taken by the home team. And the finances of teams shouldn't be overlooked here either, given the precarious position many lower league clubs find themselves in. Hartlepool have three Premier League teams in easy travelling distance, and I can completely understand why they would do this, in the same way that Swindon were going to look at Friday night football.

But the people who get overlooked in all this are the fans, particularly away ones. Almost every Swindon supporter who will make the trip to Hartlepool will have to take the day off work to

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"Almost every Swindon supporter who will make the trip to Hartlepool will have to take the day off work to do so."

do so. The already lengthy journey to the north east isn't going to be any easier on roads which will undoubtedly be much busier on a Friday. So all in all, what's already an expensive trip just got more expensive and stressful.

I have no idea what to do about it all, other than to make sure supporters have as much notice of these changes as possible. I'm just glad Swindon don't have too many of these games coming up this season. But it does make me appreciate the fact the Town are lucky to have most of their games kick off at 3 on a Saturday afternoon.

Anyway, back to Millwall and a 2-1 win over the Lions

brought an end to the Town's last campaign with more than a hint of optimism. Sadly, my abiding memory of that match was of their defender Danny Senda suffering a knee injury which is likely to keep him out of action for a while longer. In seven plus years of watching Swindon thankfully I can't remember too many really bad injuries, but the other one which does stick in my mind is Keith O'Halloran's broken leg against Bournemouth in a game played at Dorchester. It was the sound as much as anything else, as we were so close to the pitch. O'Halloran was never the same player again, and having seen plenty of Senda on the field in recent seasons, I hope his recovery is more successful.



Peter Brezovan saves a penalty at Victoria Park in August 2006



OXFORD UNITED 0 SWINDON TOWN 2

Saturday 13th August
The Liddington.

Swindon Town's youngsters made a flying start to their Puma Youth Alliance cup campaign with a 2-0 derby win over Oxford United.

The victory came courtesy of goals from midfielder Lloyd Macklin, who has now hit five goals in four games.

Under 18's boss Paul Bodin was delighted with the victory, especially with the win coming over Town's fierce rivals.

"It was a typical local derby affair. Both teams worked hard to earn the right to play the football but overall we came out on top.

"Lloyd did well for both the goals, racing onto a through ball from Jamie Taylor for the first before finishing from close range for the second.

"The 2-0 lead at the break gave us a nice cushion but to be fair to Oxford, they pushed us all the way. The defence held firm and it was a resolute display from the backline."

With regular Under 18's stopper Mark Scott called up to the first team bench, Under 17's keeper Callum Antell was handed another chance to impress.

"Callum did well. He has developed already in the two months he has been at the club.



Callum Antell

His kicking has improved and his general all round game is coming on."

SWINDON TOWN 2 CHELTENHAM TOWN 0

Saturday 20th September
The Liddington.

Swindon continued their good form in the Youth Alliance Cup with midfielder Lloyd Macklin continuing his hot scoring streak.

The first half ended at 0-0 with the home side opening the scoring just before the hour. A powerful run from Kurt Hammonds saw the midfielder steal possession before advancing towards the Cheltenham box. He then unleashed a low drive from 22 yards which rifled into the net to make it 1-0.

It proved to be a close encounter with Swindon having to work hard to contain the visitors, although a second goal did arrive before the full-time whistle blew. Lloyd Macklin scored his sixth goal in five games following good pressure from midfielder Matt Barnes.

Despite the win, Manager Paul Bodin was disappointed with the ball retention of his players as he explained.

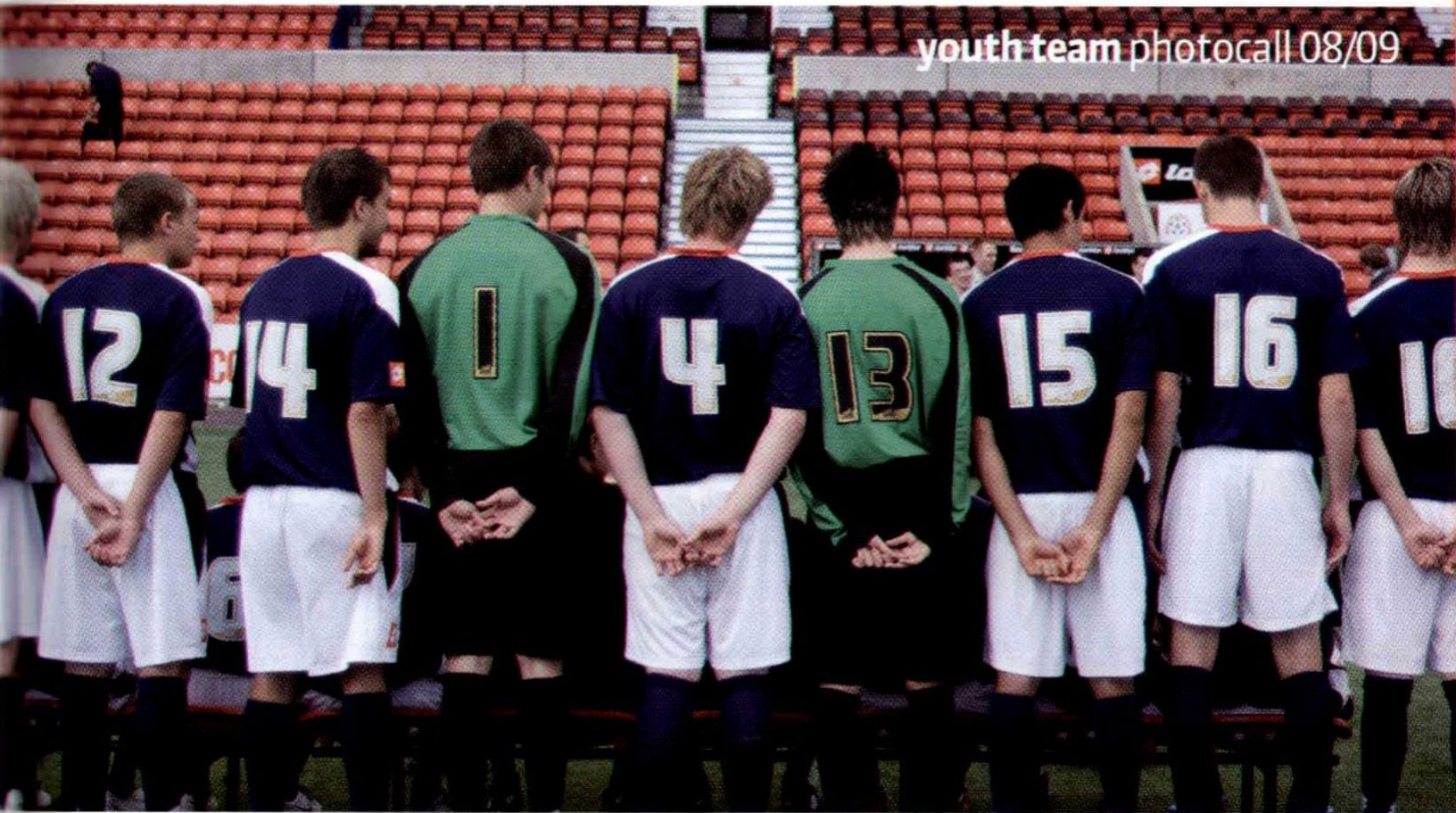
"We didn't implement the passing sequences that we had practiced in training," said the boss.

"When we did get the ball down and play, our ball control let us down on numerous occasions. However we did improve after the interval.

"We deserved the win for our overall endeavour. We created a few opportunities that we could have done better with but another clean sheet is always pleasing."



Lloyd Macklin



BODIN JUNIOR IMPRESSES

Town midfielder Billy Bodin has continued his success at international level, after impressing for the Wales at the UEFA Under-17 Championship 2008/09 qualifiers.

The Welsh qualified as runners-up and now look forward to the next set of qualification games which take place in the spring of 2009.

The Under 17 side ended the three-game competition with a 4-2 defeat to Portugal at the Stadium Dr. Jose Matos at Viana. Bodin was handed a start for the encounter, meaning he started all



three of Wales' games during the qualification period.

Bodin returned to Wiltshire at 1am on Monday morning and was soon back at New College to continue his studies, shortly before 9am the same day!

Welsh Line-up:

Wales U17: Paul Walker, Adam Matthews, Joseph Walsh, Reece Jones, Joshua Dawkin, Kayleden Brown, Jonathan Meads, Billy Bodin, Elliot Chamberlain, Daniel Alfei, Lee Lucas.

Substitutes: Rhys Wilson (GK), Max Penke, Leon Clowes, Aynsley McDonald, Emyr Huws, Liam Newman, Ben Jones.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Swindon Town's Under 18's will be taking on the New Zealand Under 19's side at the training ground (The Liddington) on Thursday 2nd October with kick-off at 11am. **All support welcome!**





It has been another few weeks for the Centre of Excellence with a games programme against Plymouth Argyle to report on as well as the team photo day taking place at The County Ground.

Last Saturday, the Under 16's made the long journey to down to Plymouth Argyle and unfortunately came out on the wrong side of a 1-0 defeat. It was a tough game, according to coach Dave Warren, who commented:

"We didn't pass the ball very well and we needed to do the simple things, but couldn't get the ball down and play as we would have liked to. We need to step up our efforts and keep going for the duration of the game," said Warren.

The Under 9's through to Under 15's also had a games programme against Plymouth with the Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 12's and Under 15's playing at home while the Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 14's made

the long trip to Plymouth.

The Under 9's went down 7-4, but at times played some good football and passed the ball very well. The Under 10's continued their great start to the season with an 8-2 win with Jordan Simpson amongst the goals as he netted a hat-trick.

"The Under 10's continued their great start to the season with an 8-2 win with Jordan Simpson amongst the goals."

The Under 11's won 2-1 while the Under 12's won 3-1, with the coaches praising the effort and application of the whole team. The Under 13's drew 2-2 with the Under 14's winning 2-0 away from home. The Under 15's drew 2-2, although I am sure coach John Trollope will be working the team hard on the

training ground to improve upon their overall game.

A few weeks back the Centre of Excellence team photos were taken, right from the Under 7's to the Under 16's. These pictures have now been distributed to the players and as you can see from the image on this page, look very professional and shows just how many young footballers we have at the centre. Hopefully the images will sell well and make some money for the youth department.

Hopefully by the time you read these notes, the Centre of Excellence games programme against Oxford United will have gone well and I can report on a few wins at our next home game against Huddersfield Town on Saturday 11th October.

Enjoy the game

Jeremy Newton
Centre of Excellence Director

John Hathaway gives the half-time team talk to the U10's.




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SEASON 07/08	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
READING	22	19	3	0	75	16	60
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	22	17	3	2	83	21	54
AFC BOURNEMOUTH	22	14	5	3	61	23	47
YEOVIL TOWN	22	12	4	6	41	23	40
CHESHAM UTD	22	11	4	7	39	34	37
LUTON TOWN	22	9	7	6	56	31	34
SWINDON TOWN	22	9	2	11	40	47	29
QUEENS PARK RANGERS	22	7	3	12	53	54	24
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	22	5	4	13	30	55	19
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 Town entertained Weston St John who playing down the slope on the Highworth pitch took full advantage of their chances and went in four goals to the good at half time. The Town had created chances but Hayley Huckin's header and Chantelle Lovell's 35 yard drive were just off the target. The Town started the second half better and within ten minutes had pulled a goal back through April Polden. Hayley Huckin found the net before scoring from the penalty spot after April Polden had been brought down in the box. Almost straight from the restart Weston scored a fifth to put the result beyond doubt.

The Town then made the long trip to South Devon to face Plymouth Argyle who having finish runners up last season, look favourites to take the League Championship this time. The previous week they had beaten Reading Royals by nine goals to one in an away fixture. The Town played well and were unlucky go in a goal down at the break. The Town battled to get back on level terms with Cara Stacy playing well but they succumbed to two late Plymouth goals to give the home side the three points.



This afternoon the Town travel to Somerset to play Yeovil Town in a South West Combination League fixture. Last season the Town were beaten in the home game but won the away match. The two sides also met in the Women's FA Cup and after a thrilling tie the game went to extra time. After a further thirty minutes of play the two sides were tied at four each with Kirsty Jones having scored a hat trick for the Town, and the tie was decided on a penalty shoot out. After the five spot kicks the sides were still level. Kim Reeves scored and the tie was settled when the Yeovil kick flew over the cross bar.

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

24-Aug	OXFORD CITY	TBA
31-AUG	BOURNEMOUTH	0-4
7-Sep	CHESHAM UTD	Post
14-SEP	TEAM WESTON	3-5
21-Sep	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	0-3
28-Sep	YEOVIL TOWN	Away
5-Oct	QPR	Away
12-OCT	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	HOME
19-OCT	READING ROYALS	HOME
26-Oct	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 -1	
14-DEC	CHESHAM UTD	HOME
4-Jan	TEAM WESTON	Away
11-JAN	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	HOME
18-JAN	YEOVIL TOWN	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





Going Down Wembley Way!

Back in May of this year we ran our prestigious six a side competition here at the football club for local teams. It was a glorious day of sunshine and we were very lucky to have the tournament sponsored by First Group.

Claire Tomlinson from Sky Sports was our honorary guest and she helped hand out the trophies and winners up trophies for each section. We had an Under 7's, Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 10's sections and First Group put up a sportsman's award for each age-group.



The four winners were Croft Juniors, Ramsbury, Fairford Town and Chippenham Youth and they were rewarded with a free trip to the brand new Wembley Stadium. This fantastic day took place on Friday 15th August 2008 and a great day was had by all who attended.



The children were impeccably behaved and the ground tour was a brilliant experience for the kids and the accompanying adults. Our sincere thanks go to First Group for enabling this day to happen for these four worthy winners.

October Half-Term Course

The next Football in the Community funweek takes places on 28th, 29th and 30th October.

Applications are coming in thick and fast with over 100 bookings already being made. To avoid disappointment please remind your parents that we can take only up to 200 on each course and we operate on a first come, first served basis. For further details please contact the **Swindon Town Football in the Community Office** on 01793 421303.

The Community Cup

It is that time of year again for us to organise our annual six a side competitions which are aimed at Primary Schools Under 11's and secondary schools Under 13's for girls.

You may recall last year as we gained national success with the Dorcan Technical College girls running out 2-0 winners at The Millennium Stadium prior to the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

This season's grand final is to be staged at the new Wembley so there is everything to play for between now and the end of the competition. The primary schools competition kicks off on 24th and 26th of November at Dorcan Technical College with the girls competition getting under way on Monday 1st December at the same venue.

Please remind your teachers to return applications by **Friday 10th October 2008**. Good luck to all!

Red Oaks Primary

This week has seen Football in the Community and Red Oaks Primary School join together for a history of Swindon Town Week.

The children at Red Oaks school have seen the visit of the Expansion Team to showcase their freestyle skills in an assembly. The team also



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took time out to coach each individual class during the day. Lilian Nalis was also on hand to take a French lesson with Year 5 students which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The end of the week saw players from our first team squad visiting the school to sign autographs for the children. During the week the children had a chance to produce a match report with the Swindon Advertiser on our first away win of the season at MK Dons. We would like to thank the Editor Dave King for this fantastic opportunity and we look forward to working closely with the Swindon Advertiser in the future. On Thursday 500 of the Red Oaks Primary School children visited us here at The County Ground to take up the opportunity of a stadium tour. This week was not only about the history of Swindon Town, but a chance to make links between Football in The Community and local schools, while giving the

children a week to remember. If you think that your school would be interested in having a week with us then contact **Luke Sharps** on **01793 617718**. The History of Swindon Town week will finish off with 20 children from Red Oaks school taking part in the half-time entertainment at the Huddersfield game on Saturday 11th October. Look out in the next Community Section of the programme for pictures and more information of this week.

Disability Football

The disability programme continues to be busy. One major event is the SEN Festival on the 23rd October at Devizes Leisure Centre.

Leading up to this festival it sees Football in the Community delivering a four week coaching programme in the nine special schools across Wiltshire. These sessions will prepare schools

for the festival where they will complete a series of football skills and coaching, finishing off with small sided games. Other information about Disability Football is the exciting news that four teams from Wiltshire will be competing in the South West Ability Counts League with the first round kicking-off today in Gloucestershire. We would like to wish all four teams from Swindon Leopards Ability Counts FC and Salisbury Tigers FC all the best as they compete against teams from all over the South West. Swindon Deaf FC have entered the STFC Adults Community League and Swindon Rockets are continuing with their training and there squad is growing from strength to strength. Finally the Disability Strategy is in the process of setting up coaching sessions for visually impaired children. If you would like information about these sessions please contact **Adam Greaney** on **01793 421303**.



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Course Schedule

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

Oasis (Swindon Borough)
 Monday: 5.00-6.00 8-11yrs
 Monday: 4.30-5.30 5-8yrs
 Saturday: 10.00-11.00 5-8yrs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Croft (Swindon Borough)
 Saturday: 9.00-10.00 5-7yrs
 10.00-11.00 5-7yrs

Dorcan (Swindon Borough)
 Monday: 5.00-5.45 4-5yrs
 5.45-6.30 4-5yrs
 Tuesday: 5.00-5.45 4-5yrs
 Wednesday: 5.00-5.45 4-5yrs
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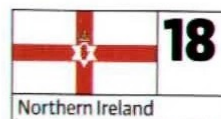
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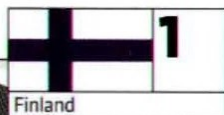
Global Gathering

Town's scouting network has for years extended to the four corners of the globe. Here, Nick Judd charts Town's league of nations...

Words: Nick Judd
thanks to www.swindon-town-fc.co.uk



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Denmark



Netherlands



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Czech Republic



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Jan Aage
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Norway



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Inveric,
Australia



George
Ndah,
Nigeria



Luc Nijholt,
Netherlands



Global Gathering...

Argy Bargy

Argentina 3:

Ossie Ardiles
Nestor Loreno
Juan Cobian



There's only Juan Cobian'. Sadly this ditty wasn't sung following the right-back's move from Aberdeen in 2000, but there were scant opportunities for the former Boca Juniors and Sheffield Wednesday defender to impress the Town faithful. The Buenos Aires-born defender made his debut against Exeter City in the League Cup in 2000 but failed to make an impact and left for Spain two years later.



Slightly more successful were **Ossie Ardiles** and Nestor Lorenzo, both World Cup finalists. Ardiles had the unenviable job of filling the boots left

by Lou Macari, who joined West Ham. In what was Ardiles' first managerial role he exerted his samba influence and transformed Town from a long-ball team to one playing with more diamonds than Hoddle and Waddle's chart 'hit' in 1987. He took the Reds to a club-high finish of fourth in the Championship, resulting in a play-off win against Blackburn, the second leg of which saw Town fans thank Ossie with a tickertape reception reminiscent of the 1978 World Cup, in which he starred. The diminutive Argentine was also responsible for signing compatriot Nestor Lorenzo who, like Cobian, was born in the capital. Joining from Italian side Bari, the defender with the flowing locks scored on his debut against Portsmouth but never settled in the area.

Va-va voom!

France 8:

Eric Sabin
Phillipe Cuervo
Frederic Darras
Lilian Nalis
Sofiene Zaaboub
Patrick Naboussie
Sebastian Rouster
Toumani Diagarouga



When Andy King claimed to have signed the next Thierry Henry in Sarcelles-born striker Eric Sabin, Town fans were split. Some were excited, others concerned 'The King' was several sandwiches short of a picnic, yet there's no denying the forward injected an excitement into Town's attack otherwise missing. Had his finishing and touch matched his electric pace he would have been in the Premiership...

More recently, one Frenchman replaced another this summer when, after saying 'Au revoir' to Sofiene Zaaboub it was 'bonjour' **Lilian Nalis**. Zaaboub was French fancy one week, frustrating the next but no doubt fans will remember his silky skills as well as his glove-wearing antics.

Frederic Darras continued Ian Culverhouse's calming influence in 1996 as Town sought to establish themselves back in League One after promotion under Steve McMahon. Cuervo was less consistent, but on his day few players brought fans to their seat like the enigmatic winger. The Ris-Orangis born trickster joined with dreadlocks and left having dyed his hair more colours than the Arkells



Frederic Darras: STFC Apps 49



Lilian Nalis: STFC Apps 8



Frank Talia: STFC Apps 118

Stand had different coloured seats! Toumani Diagarouga joined on loan from Watford under Iffy Onoura and was a forceful presence in midfield. Fans were disappointed when he returned to Vicarage Road, but they'll come face to face again when Town travel to Hereford in the second round of the Johnstone Paint Trophy.

Magnificent 7

Australia 7:

Dave Mitchell
Danny Invincible
Frank Talia
Gareth Edds
Royce Brownlie
Mark Robertson
Jamie McMaster



Danny Invincible continues to polarise opinion, despite having left Town five years ago [to join Kilmarnock]. Some feel the man with the name pronounced 'In-vin-chi-bi-le' was a luxury player, others loved the unpredictability, got to their feet whenever he touched the ball and will forever thank him for that goal against Peterborough United, when his last-gasp volley (albeit via his shin) helped keep Town in League One in 2002.

Paving the way for the likes of the Brisbane bomber was David Mitchell. Signed from Chelsea by Glenn Hoddle, the, er, bearded bomber came to prominence in his second season after Duncan Shearer left to join Blackburn Rovers. Mitchell

formed a potent relationship with Craig Maskell and scored a hat-trick in the memorable 6-4 away win at Birmingham City – Town had been 4-1 down. His last game came in the Wembley play-off final win in 1992.

Royce Brownlie is Town's most recent Aussie and he followed stints from Gareth Edds, **Frank Talia** and Mark Robertson. Brownlie scored a belter to help snatch a late win for Town at home to Barnet under Dennis Wise in 2006 but was never given a consistent run in the side. He returned to Oz after a spell at Chester City.

The Reggae Boyz

Jamaica 3:

Fitzroy Simpson
Trevor Benjamin
Deon Burton



Deon Burton scored three goals between them in two loan spells that saw the duo accumulate nine appearances

between them, but Fitzroy Simpson was the club's first – and most famous – Jamaican.

Simpson – with 39 international caps – was a regular in Town's midfield. Starting on the left of Ossie's diamond he gradually became more centralised behind Town's front two and under Hoddle he was the attacking fulcrum of a central threesome. His skills often opened up scoring opportunities for others while he was capable of the odd spectacular finish himself. No surprise, then, that in

1992 his services attracted interest from a variety of clubs. He eventually signed for Manchester City. Now an agent, Simpson is a regular at The County Ground and appears eager to work with developing Town's future stars.

Triple Dutch

Holland 3:

Bart Griemink
Luc Nijholt
Antoine Van der Linden

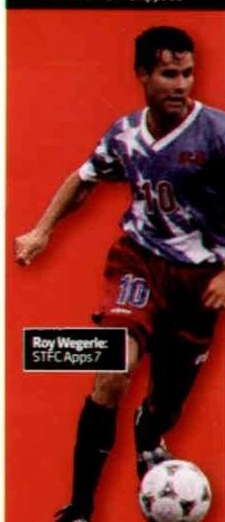


Under King, Town was capable of Total Football and he regularly fielded two Dutchmen. Emmen-born Bart Griemink was everpresent until England under-21 international Rhys Evans assumed the no.1 jersey. He signed for Southend in 2004 after four years, but compatriot (born in Rotterdam) **Antoine van der Linden** didn't hang around so long. 'The boy van der Linden' – a centre half – was often used as a battering ram in attack late on. Needless to say the two didn't always get on and after Town's 4-0 defeat away at Stoke City on the final day of the 2000/01 season he returned to Holland.

Arguably Town's favourite Dutchman was **Luc Nijholt**, who made no secret of his desire to return to the club as manager following Paul Sturrock's departure. Nijholt was as hard as they come; a no-nonsense defender or midfielder with a razor-sharp hair cut and tackle to match. He was a stalwart of the Premiership campaign and scored a deflected effort in Town's 2-2 draw with Manchester United at The County Ground.



Van der Linden: STFC Apps 39



Roy Wegerle: STFC Apps 7



Luc Nijholt: STFC Apps 94

All around the world:

the best of the rest

Stefani Miglioranza could be counted as Town's only Brazilian, or one of three Italians to have played for the club. The wonderfully named Franco Sperti played one game in the 1973/74 season, before left-midfielder Pail Fiocca made a solitary appearance.

United States midfielder

Roy Wegerle joined on loan from Chelsea in March 1988 and went on to play seven games for The Robins. His only goal in Swindon colours arrived in the 2-2 draw with Bradford City in late March. He went on to establish a successful career in England with the likes of Blackburn Rovers, Coventry City and Luton Town. He also gained a number of International caps for the USA and played in two World Cups – 1994 and 1998.

Yinka Casal's recent arrival makes him Town's fifth player with Nigerian connections. He follows in the footsteps of George Ndah, Moses Ashikodi, Iffy Onoura and the Bambi-legged Fola Onibuju.

Remember Adrian Bakalli? He's Town's only Belgian. He made his debut – and only appearance – against Stoke City in 2001. More dubious signings in the Todd/ King era find defender Marko Tuomela, Town's only Finnish representative, and **Kim Heiselberg**, who wasn't such a

Great Dane but more of a pig's ear. More successful was Jan Aage Fjortoft, Town's only Norwegian, not to mention our solitary St Lucian, Jerel Ifil.





away travel



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Friday 3rd Oct 2008



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Saturday 18th Oct 2008

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CGFM

MAKE PLENTY OF NOISE FOR THE **SWINDON** BOYS

Good afternoon and welcome to the County Ground for our League One encounter with Millwall.

Our opponents come to Town on the back of three straight wins and they currently occupy fourth position in the League One table. Like the Leeds United game this is another three points that we need to pick up here in SN1.

Our boys responded brilliantly to the Leeds reversal with an away point at Stockport County last Saturday. The

atmosphere will once again be electric here at The County Ground and I am sure that you our twelfth man on the field will do your best to call us home to victory.

Many thanks to Clive Fisher for taking the pitchside position for the past couple of games. Shaun is back from his holiday in Egypt and I am sure he will have many tales to tell about his expedition - he might even have seen a pyramid. Welcome back buddy.

I hope that you are enjoying

the CGFM experience this season with our additional features, of pre-match interviews with the club management and local sporting stars. We have the Robinettes and of course the Rockin' Robin Haka. We are trying to improve this each week and your feedback would be appreciated so get in contact with us at our email address of cgfm@swindontownfc.co.uk

As ever please keep your birthday and special occasion notifications coming into us

at The County Ground and if you would like that special piece of music played at the same time then please let us know.

Please keep the volume up from the stands this afternoon by making plenty of noise and keep the atmosphere up. It really makes the difference for the players - let's have three points today!

Enjoy the game
Stuart and Clive





supporters club



MY favourite ever



Name: Colin Watts

Address: Hungerford

Favourite Goal:
Glenn Hoddle's goal against Leicester in the play-off final at Wembley.

Town Player:
Shaun Taylor - always gave 100% and scored a few goals too!

Favourite Game:
April 1993 - Winning 6-4 at Birmingham City after being 4-1 down!

Predicted Score Today:
3-1 Swindon

swindon town vs millwall 28.09.08 | 14:00

Welcome back to The County Ground for the visit of Millwall – let's hope it's a Sunday Best!

Details of the wining tickets for the half time draw for the Leeds match were as follows:

1. Carol Edwards of Swindon ticket number 1070 winning **£480**
2. Natasha Young of Swindon ticket number 795 winning **£50**
3. Ticket number 1157 won **£10**

It's always great when I get chance to meet and present the prizes after each game but don't forget even if you haven't been lucky with that draw - you can still be a "winner" with the Supporters Club this season.

Whilst our members will be aware that for their membership they get a list of benefits and discounts, I have become aware that not all fans appreciate those that are available.

Full details can be found on our website at www.swindontownsupportersclub.com, but today I would like to focus on two that will be of great interest to fans and can more than match your membership fee pound for pound and give real financial benefit.

Don't forget membership of the Supporters Club costs just **£5** per annum with it being less for juniors and concessions.

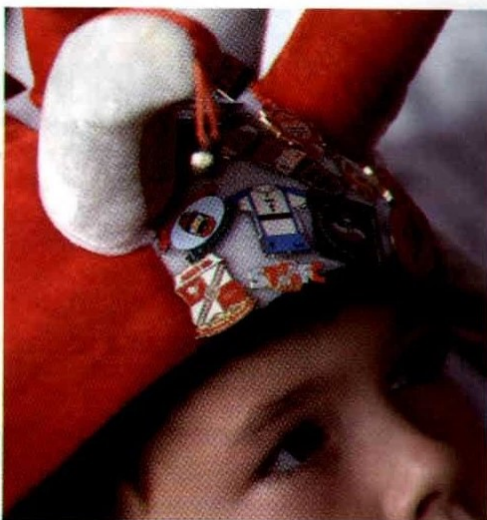
1. Members get **10% discount** in the Club Shop but this is increased to 15% if you also hold a Season Ticket. Please note you will have to present both your membership card and the Season Ticket booklet at the time of purchase, when claiming the 15% discount.

2. **Away travel** - if you are a fan who travels to away matches with SAS (2005) travel, discounted fare is available to members. For example both the Stockport County and Hartlepool United matches the cost is reduced from £2 on the standard fare and whilst this may not seem much over a season, it can save a tidy amount.

On **Thursday 18th September** I opened our AGM with a thank you to all those in my team for their hard work in ensuring that the previous season was once again a successful one for our organisation. I also acknowledged the work by those involved in our various activities which are crucial to the previous mentioned success.

I am delighted that my existing committee was returned to office and I look forward to all us continuing to work together and bring further improvements for fans who attend The County Ground on a matchday or with our support of youth development.

Regards to all,
Roger



£'s for points

2008/2009 Participants	£
Jeremy Wray	5
Kevin Legg	5
Sandy & Peter Gray	5
Mike McQueen	3
Peter Cuss	2.5
Andy Whitaker	2
Honor Fraser	2
David Barry	2
Robert Stephenson	1.5
Maureen & Chris Kirkland	1
Iris Higgs	1
Paul Bartlett	1
Simon Bayliss	1
David Toddington	1
David Johnson	1
Mike Dew	1
Max Johnson	1
Bill Dolman	1
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	1
Jerry Walsh	1
Joan Griffiths	1
Eileen & Paul Bailey	1
Paul Spearman	1
Fred Nash	1
Mike & Olive Spearman	1
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	1
Toni Cix	1
Kim Young	1
Wendy & Jim Murray	1
Trust STFC	1
Frank Bunce	1
The Fox Denchworth	1
Lloyd and Fiona Russell	1
George and William Woodley	1
Rose and Mike Jones	1
Shirley Hollister	0.5
Ruby & Trevor Wainwright	0.5
Pete Toddington	0.5
Bradley Carter	0.5
Anna Tomkins	0.5
Dennise Webb	0.5
Ken Bunce	0.5
Maurice Heritage	0.5
Andrew Hounsell	0.5
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THE DON

They say football is a funny old game and League One has certainly proved that this season.

Home form has been a hot topic over recent weeks. The County Ground was a fortress whilst I was here and we won twenty out of twenty-three home games one season, but then again we struggled on the road. If you can win the majority of your home games then it gives any team a good chance of finishing in the top half.

The last few home games have been difficult but hopefully the team can turn things around with a win against Millwall this afternoon. Home form is the key to success and whilst the season opened with a good win against Tranmere Rovers, the performances against Colchester United and Leeds United failed to yield any points.

The Leeds game saw a home defeat but I think the quality of the opposition has to be taken into account. It was a very good display from Leeds, even with ten men. After a win in midweek over Hartlepool United in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Leeds have now stretched their unbeaten run to eight games.

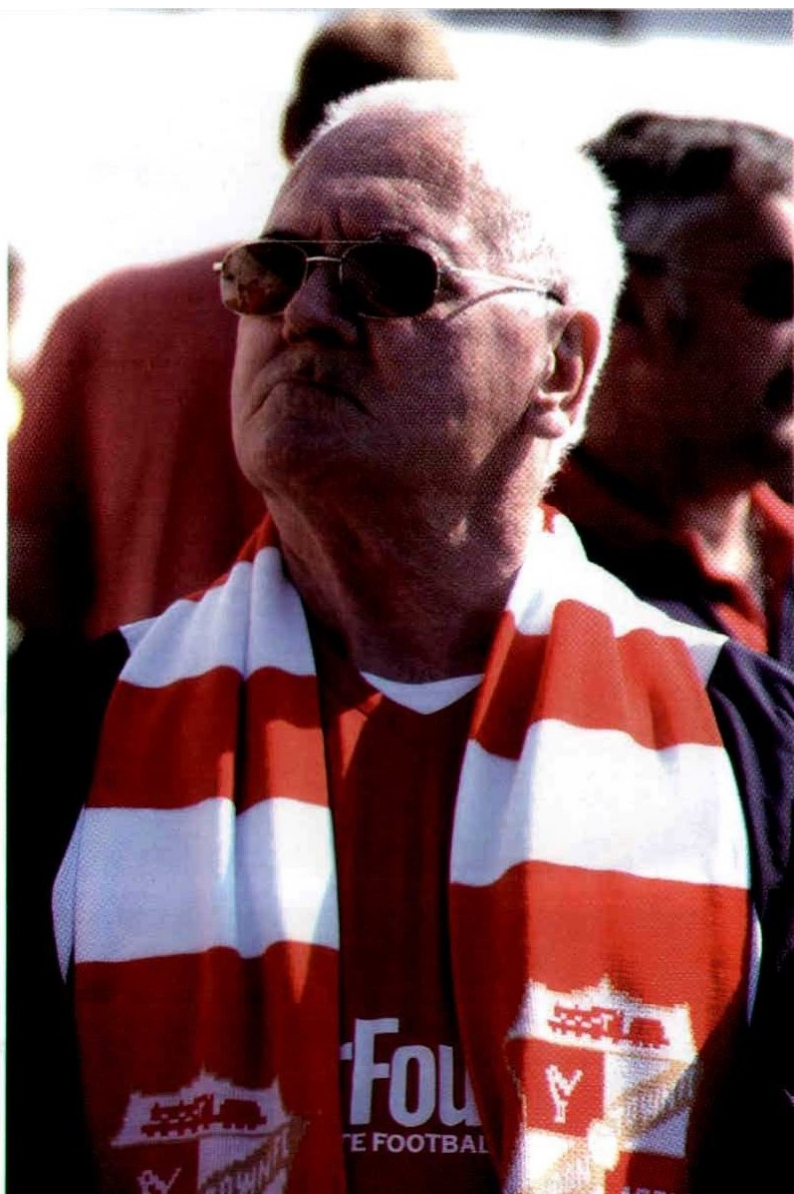
Over the past ten days the managerial merry go round continued with Geraint

Williams (Colchester), Lee Sinnott (Port Vale) and Keith Downing (Cheltenham Town) all losing their jobs. The news of Colchester's change was somewhat surprising to me as I thought they played very well when they came here in August. They were a good team and looked lively. Martin Allen has now taken over at Cheltenham and he seems a very enthusiastic manager. For a club like Cheltenham I think he will do well.

Today we face Millwall with a Sunday afternoon kick-off at The County Ground, something I quite like. I am sure the atmosphere will be good and Sunday is a great time for a game of football. Hopefully we will get a few players from the Wiltshire League or Hellenic League out here to support the team and that in turn could help provide the extra edge needed.

League One is proving to be an extremely tight league this season and one win could catapult Swindon six or seven places. After all, it's a funny old game.

Let's hope we can return to winning ways with victory this afternoon.



Pictured above: A Swindon fan soaks up the atmosphere prior to the Leeds United fixture.

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	Matchday
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Under 7s	Free**
Wheelchair Disabled	£10.00

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****Please note juniors must be accompanied by an adult in the Town End.

up-coming games...



COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Hartlepool United

Friday 3rd October,

Kick-Off 7.45pm, Victoria Park

One of the longest away days of the campaign is just around the corner with the trip to Victoria Park taking place on a Friday night. Ticket details not yet available - please see Swindontownfc.co.uk

Matchday Prices (pay on the day)

Adult	£20
OAP/Student	£10 (over 65 or student card required)
Junior	£10
Wheelchair	£20



JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY SECOND ROUND

v Hereford United

Tuesday 7th October,

Kick-Off 7.45pm, Edgar Street

The Robins secured their place in the hat for the next round after winning on penalties at Aldershot Town. After a 1-1 draw at Edgar Street just eight days ago, can we make progress next time around?

Matchday Prices (pay on the day)

Adults	£10
Concession	£5
Junior	£5
Under 16's	FREE*

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COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

v Huddersfield Town

Saturday 11th October,

Kick-Off 3.00pm, The County Ground

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League One Table

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Oldham	7	5	2	0	18	8	17	+10
Scunthorpe	7	5	0	2	14	7	15	+7
Leeds	7	4	2	1	15	9	14	+6
Millwall	7	4	2	1	11	6	14	+5
Leicester	6	4	1	1	12	3	13	+9
Carlisle	7	4	1	2	14	10	13	+4
Walsall	7	4	1	2	13	9	13	+4
MK Dons	7	4	0	3	11	7	12	+4
Hartlepool	7	3	1	3	13	11	10	+2
Stockport	7	2	4	1	7	6	10	+1
Tranmere	7	3	1	3	11	11	10	0
Southend	7	3	1	3	10	13	10	-3
Brighton	7	2	3	2	7	8	9	-1
Peterborough	7	2	2	3	12	11	8	+1
Huddersfield	7	2	2	3	9	11	8	-2
Swindon	7	2	2	3	9	12	8	-3
Leyton Orient	7	2	2	3	5	10	8	-5
Yeovil	7	1	4	2	8	13	7	-5
Bristol R	8	1	3	4	19	19	6	0
Northampton	7	1	3	3	9	12	6	-3
Crewe	7	2	0	5	12	18	6	-6
Cheltenham	8	2	0	6	8	21	6	-13
Colchester	6	1	2	3	7	12	5	-5
Hereford	7	1	1	5	7	14	4	-7

STFC Player Appearances 2008/2009

	League			Cup			TOTAL		
	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS	GLS	Y/R	APS
1 Phil Smith	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	5
2 Jack Smith	-	2/0	6	-	-	2	-	2/0	8
3 Jamie Vincent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Micheal Timlin	-	2/0	6(1)	-	1/0	2	-	3/0	8(1)
5 Jerel Hifi	1	2/0	5	1	-	1	2	2/0	6
6 Hasney Aljofree (c)	-	2/0	7	-	-	1	-	2/0	8
7 Christian Roberts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Craig Easton	1	-	4(2)	-	-	1(1)	1	-	5(3)
9 Barry Corr	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
10 Jon-Paul McGovern	1	-	5	-	-	2	1	-	7
11 Anthony McNamee	-	-	6(1)	-	-	2	-	-	8(1)
12 Peter Brezovan	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	4
13 Mark Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Patrick Kanyuka	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
15 Kevin Amankwaah	-	1/0	3(1)	-	-	1	-	1/0	4(1)
16 Yinka Casal	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	4
17 Lilian nallis	-	1/0	7	-	-	1	-	1/0	8
18 Mark marshall	-	1/0	0(5)	-	-	0(1)	-	1/0	0(6)
19 Michael Pook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Billy Paynter	2	-	7	1	-	1(1)	3	-	8(1)
21 Blair Sturrock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Ben Joyce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 Chris Allen	-	-	-	-	-	0(1)	-	-	0(1)
25 Sean Morrison	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	3
30 Callum Kennedy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 Simon Cox	4	-	7	2	-	2	6	-	9
32 Lee Peacock	-	-	0(6)	-	-	1(1)	-	-	1(7)



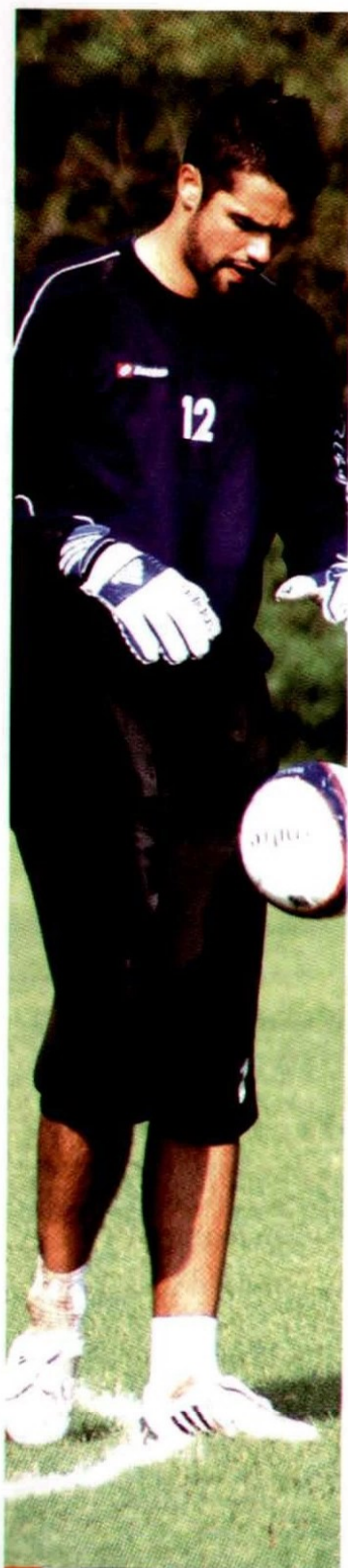
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SAT 09 AUG	TRANMERE ROVERS	3.00pm 3-1	7975	538	3	F Graham
TUE 12 AUG	QPR	7.45pm 2-3	7630	1935	11	RJ Beeby
Sat 16 Aug	Cheltenham Town	3.00pm 0-2	4975	1675	11	P Crossley
SAT 23 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED	3.00pm 1-3	7031	297	19	C Penton
Sat 30 Aug	MK Dons	3.00pm 2-1	8846	1203	10	S Bennett
TUE 02 SEP	Aldershot (JPT-1) (aet 7-6 on pens)	7.45pm 2-2	1814	385	✓	J Linington
Fri 05 Sep	Hereford United	7.45pm 1-1	4061	761	11	G Salisbury
SAT 13 SEP	LEEDS UNITED	3.00pm 1-3	13001	3320	15	D Deadman
Sat 20 Sep	Stockport County	3.00pm 1-1	5536	374	16	K Hill
SUN 28 SEP	MILLWALL	2.00pm H				
Fri 03 Oct	Hartlepool United	7.45pm A				
Tue 07 Oct	Hereford United (JPT-2)	7.45pm A				
SAT 11 OCT	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00pm H				
Sat 18 Oct	Southend United	3.00pm A				
TUE 21 OCT	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	7.45pm H				
SAT 25 OCT	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	3.00pm H				
Tue 28 Oct	Walsall	7.45pm A				
Sat 01 Nov	Scunthorpe United	3.00pm A				
Sat 08 Nov	FACI	TBC				
SAT 15 NOV	LEICESTER CITY	3.00pm H				
Sat 22 Nov	Bristol Rovers	3.00pm A				
TUE 25 NOV	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	7.45pm H				
SAT 06 DEC	CARLISLE UNITED	3.00pm H				
Sat 13 Dec	Crewe Alexandra	3.00pm A				
SAT 20 DEC	YEOVIL TOWN	3.00pm H				
Fri 26 Dec	Leyton Orient	3.00pm A				
SUN 28 DEC	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	3.00pm H				
Sat 03 Jan	Millwall	3.00pm A				
SAT 10 JAN	STOCKPORT COUNTY	3.00pm H				
Sat 17 Jan	Huddersfield Town	3.00pm A				
SAT 24 JAN	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	3.00pm H				
TUE 27 JAN	WALSALL	7.45pm H				
Sat 31 Jan	Oldham Athletic	3.00pm A				
Tue 03 Feb	Northampton Town	7.45pm A				
SAT 07 FEB	SOUTHEND UNITED	3.00pm H				
Sat 14 Feb	Leicester City	3.00pm A				
SAT 21 FEB	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	3.00pm H				
Sat 28 Feb	Tranmere Rovers	3.00pm A				
TUE 03 MAR	CHELTENHAM TOWN	7.45pm H				
SAT 07 MAR	MK DONS	3.00pm H				
Tue 10 Mar	Colchester United	7.45pm A				
Sat 14 Mar	Leeds United	3.00pm A				
SAT 21 MAR	HEREFORD UNITED	3.00pm H				
Sat 28 Mar	Yeovil Town	3.00pm A				
SAT 04 APR	CREWE ALEXANDRA	3.00pm H				
Sat 11 Apr	Brighton & Hove Albion	3.00pm A				
MON 13 APR	LEYTON ORIENT	3.00pm H				
Sat 18 Apr	Carlisle United	3.00pm A				
SAT 25 APR	BRISTOL ROVERS	3.00pm H				
Sat 02 May	Peterborough United	3.00pm A				

^ Opponents own goal

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Match Officials

Swindon Town vs Millwall
Sunday 28th September 2008
Kick-Off 2.00pm

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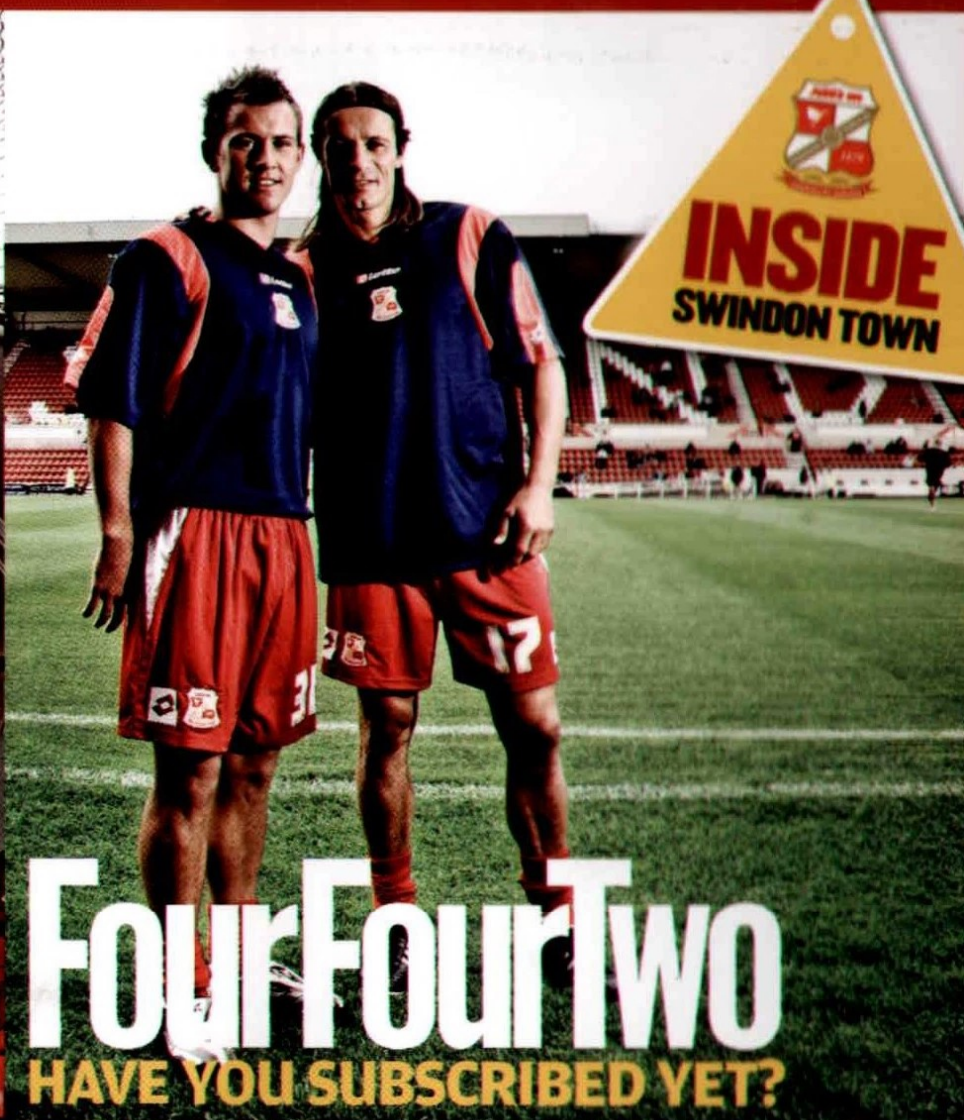
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