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Today we welcome **MK Dons** to The County Ground for what is our second contest with them, and our first home game, of the season...

We travelled to MK Dons on Tuesday night for the Carling Cup first round and we came away with a good result – and a place in the second round.

However facing MK Dons today will be a different type of game with League One points at stake. Getting three points on the board is a priority and if we can do that then it will be a positive end to a week that didn't start too well. Our players put in a dogged performance at stadiummk and we can expect MK Dons to do the same today. They will have one or two players coming back into the side and it should be a cracking game.

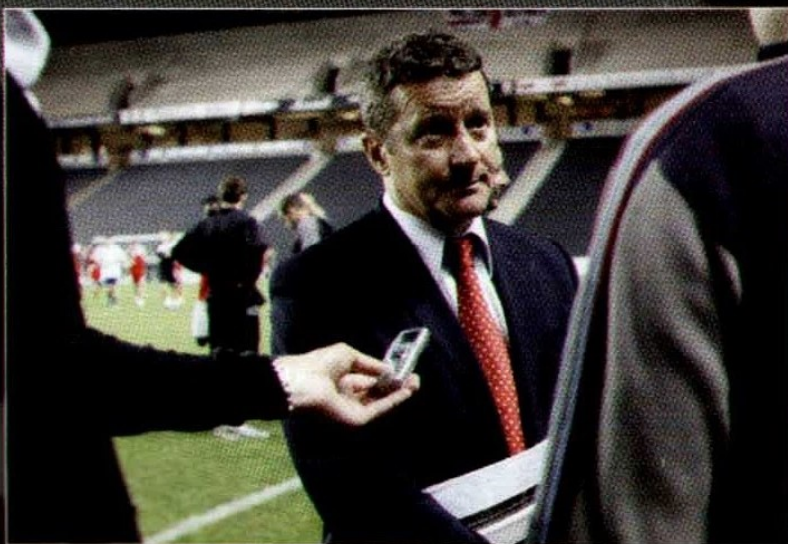
The Carling Cup draw was made late on Wednesday night and it's a fantastic draw for us. I think everybody wanted Manchester City this time, so Crystal Palace were the lucky ones there. However Wolves are a Premier League club and it has the makings of a really good game. We certainly can't complain and if Wolves start the season well and if we can get on a bit of a run

then there could be a good crowd up at Molineux too.

At the time of writing I am hoping to bring in a striker from a Premier League club. The player we are looking at has experience on the international scene and has all the attributes to do well in League One. We have been chasing him for a while so hopefully by the time you read these programme notes we will have a new addition to the squad. I am still looking to add to the squad and by the time the window comes to close there could be one or two more additions.

Jerel Ifil joined Aberdeen in midweek and he joins Aberdeen with all our best wishes. He is a terrific lad but Aberdeen is something he couldn't turn down. Scottish football brings a lot of profile with it and as soon as the offer came in, Jerel wanted to talk to them and we couldn't stand in his way. Once both Jerel and Aberdeen came to an agreement we agreed to release him from the remainder of his contract.

Enjoy the game today and once again thank you for your support in the opening two games. It's great to be back at home and hopefully the players can put on a positive performance again.



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Carling Cup Second Round Draw →

CARLING CUP



The draw for the Carling Cup second round took place on Wednesday

evening and Town have been handed an away tie against **Wolverhampton Wanderers** which will take place on **Tuesday 25th August**.

Town's victory on Tuesday night was the first time in five years that The Robins had progressed into the second round of the competition.

Previous first round games had left a lot to be desired but the 4-1 win at MK Dons certainly set the record straight in emphatic style. The last first round win came back in August 2004 in front of a sparse 1,672 crowd at Rushden & Diamonds. Matt Hewlett's last-gasp effort from close range was enough to secure progress.



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Local firm Mitchell Cycles have shown their support for Swindon Town FC by donating two mountain bikes to the physiotherapy department.

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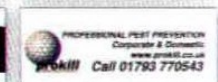


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Nick Watkins:

From the Boardroom

Well here we are at last, the first home fixture of the 2009/10 season as The County Ground once more opens its doors to the Swindon Town fans, friends and guests for what I hope will be a rewarding and exciting journey.

Today it is our pleasure to welcome Pete Winkleman's MK Dons to SN1 not that they are strangers, more like close relatives, having visited them earlier this week to do battle in the first round of the Carling Cup, leaving with a 4-1 victory. As I prepare these Boardroom notes, we eagerly await the second round draw in the hope that we are successful in attracting Premier League opposition. On the occasion of the last MK Dons' visit, on March 7th 2009, we were celebrating the 40th anniversary of Swindon Town's League Cup win and this year the League Cup is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Could there be an omen?

Anyway, back to reality. The new 2009/10 season dawned last weekend with so much hope as Danny Wilson put on show his re-engineered side, containing a number of new faces and a much strengthened defence. The visit to Gillingham was always a potential banana skin, as is any first game in the new season, as other results on the day were to prove but we did not anticipate five banana skins! We did not see this one coming so it always pays to look both ways but as a somewhat shocked and surprised Danny Wilson was at pains to point out, there was no need for over-reaction. After all, blowing up a bear with dynamite brings no meat to the hunter. To everyone's delight the team gave evidence of their true potential against MK Dons in the Carling Cup.



"Look both ways, even in a one-way street..."

Question for the board?

Anthea Fox, Haydon Wick asked:

The Club have held successful concerts here in the past, with Elton John and Bryan Adams both examples. Why have there not been concerts in recent summers and will there be one soon?

NW: Indeed the previous regime did arrange concerts at The County Ground but the two you mention cost the club money. We have the concert issue under review again and I am currently in dialogue with several promoters about the hosting of music events at The County Ground but whatever we do has to be well managed and guaranteed to make money.

Email your questions to:
Programme@swindontownfc.co.uk

Thank you to all those fans who made the trek to Gillingham last Saturday, it must have been a long journey home and to those faithful fans who travelled to Milton Keynes

on Tuesday evening, hopefully a somewhat happier return journey. I cannot tell you how much your support is valued and appreciated.

On the subject of appreciation and before I close these notes, may I just express the Board's appreciation to all members of staff and our suppliers who have worked tirelessly throughout the close season in order to have the County Ground looking so smart and ship shape. The list of plaudits is long but a special mention is due to Marcus Cassidy and Ecosolve for the pitch, Mark Isaacs and his maintenance team for the stadium, Clare Haworth, her retail team and adidas for the new club shop, and Chris Tanner and Derrick Johnson for their media work and the new imagery around the ground. Thank You.

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Gordon Greer:

Captain's notes

Tuesday's performance was really encouraging against a side that were in the play-offs last year.

It was a great opening goal from J-P to set us on our way. He took it really well and it was a spectacular strike. After that Billy got up and running for the season with a couple of goals and as he was playing up top, he deserved them for a workmanlike performance as ever.

Today attentions turn back to the league and this is where we have to continue the good work. MK Dons will come here looking for three points, but we must keep our focus and not get too carried away with what happened on Tuesday. We were really hurting after Saturday and MK Dons will have felt the same after the midweek game. They will want a change of fortunes, but if we apply ourselves like we did against MK Dons on Tuesday then we shouldn't be too far way.

The Manager has talked before about not getting too carried away, whether that is after defeat or after a win. People in football always tell you when you are young that it's how you deal with defeat that is a true test of character. Most of the players here tried to put Saturday behind them and we showed tremendous determination at MK Dons on Tuesday. As I have said, now is the time to put Tuesday behind us and register what would be our first league win of the season to get points on the board.

It will be nice to get out there and play in front of our own fans this afternoon. We had a large away following at Gillingham last weekend and over five hundred or so made the midweek trip for the Carling Cup game. As players we really appreciate your support and we will be doing everything we can to register another victory.

Pitches up and down the country are looking fantastic at the moment, but we know that Marcus, our groundsman, will continue to do a great job and the playing surface here will stay in pristine condition throughout the season. When I first came here from Doncaster I noticed how good it was. Hopefully we can get the ball down and play some attractive football on it.

The draw for the second round of the Carling Cup took place on Tuesday night and Wolves will be a good tie. I played there at the end of last season for Doncaster Rovers when Wolves were presented with the Championship trophy. Our cup tie will be a tough one, but as players we want to test ourselves against the best in the country and the Carling Cup will give us an opportunity to do that.



"As players we really appreciate your support and we will be doing everything we can to register another victory."

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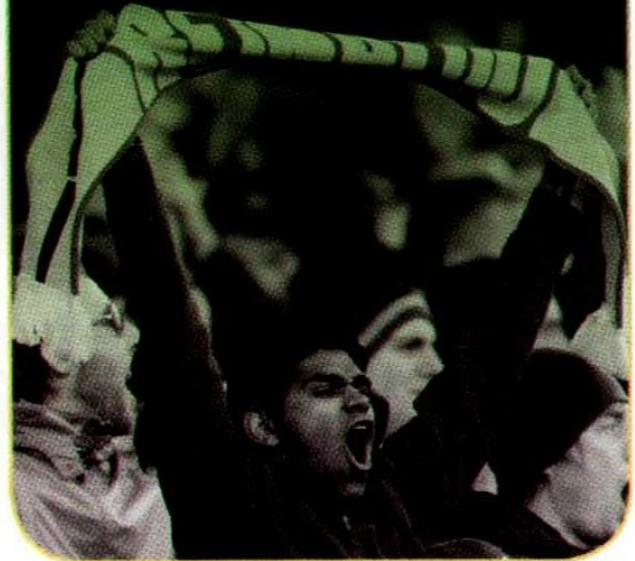
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The **2009/10 Town squad** lined up for the official team photocall four days before the start of the new season. →

Danny Wilson took his place for a first ever squad photo as Town boss, joining new Assistant Manager Peter Shirtliff. New signings David Lucas, Scott Cuthbert, Jakub Jesionkowski, Alan O'Brien and Jonathan Douglas were also present along with Club Captain Gordon Greer.

The British summer saw the rain pouring down throughout the day, although the first team photo and youth team photo both went ahead as suitable breaks were found from the inclement weather.

Each member of the first team and youth team squad also had individual portrait shots taken which are now available to view on the official website – Swindontownfc.co.uk – and will be printed for purchase from the STFC Club Shop.



Dave Evans, of the Swindon Advertiser, passes on the 'say cheese' message!



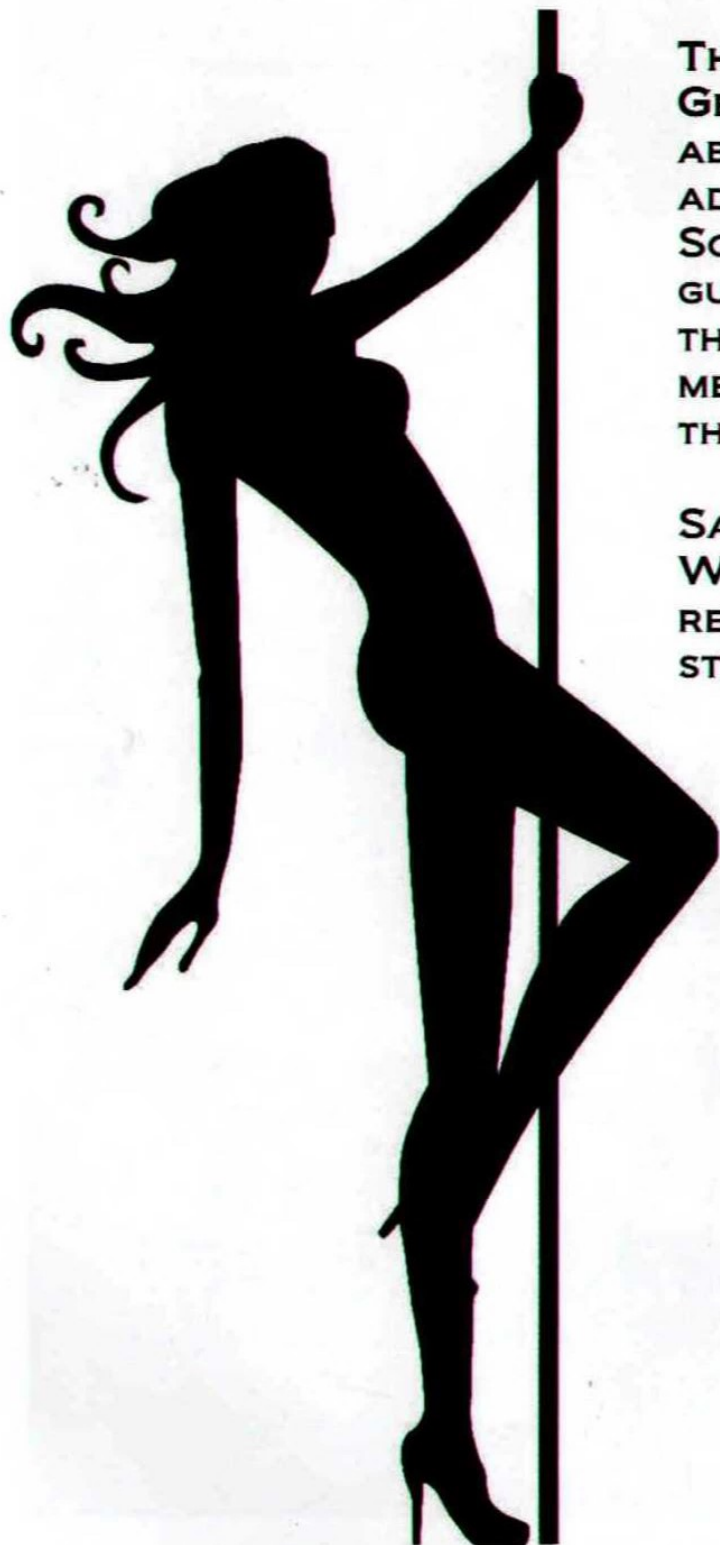
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Was it raining Rog?

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TALK OF THE TOWN:

THE BIG ID

In the first of a new series, we discuss Town issues with three fans. This week, we start with **pre-season**, the **new signings** and **Danny Wilson's tactics...** →

Q What were your impressions of the side in pre-season?

STEVE: Good in defence, good in midfield...

ANDY: I agree, a very solid make up, with an impressive spine.

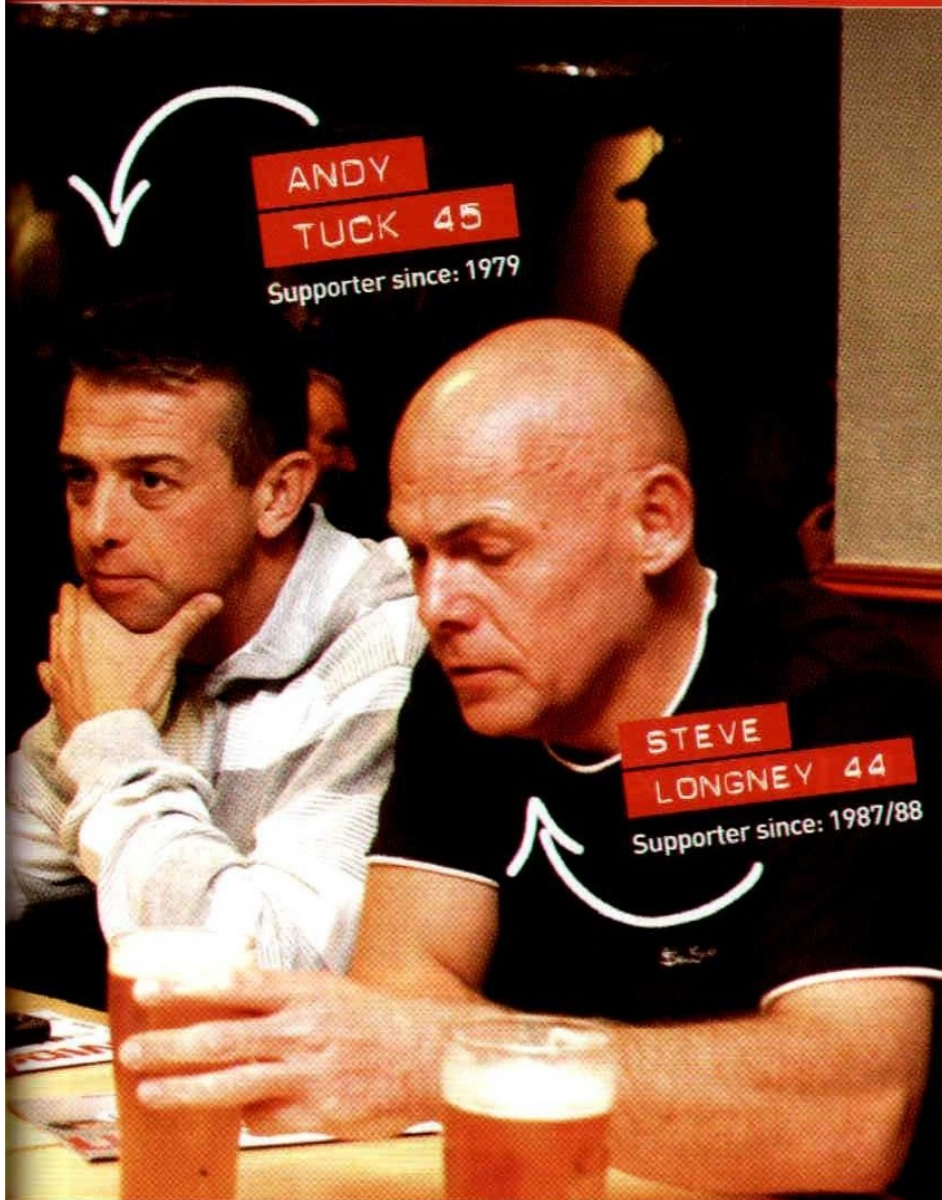
Despite Gillingham, I think we'll be harder to beat with the way he's [Danny Wilson] set the team up. We've got a really strong midfield.

DEAN: Having a strong midfield will make a nice change from previous seasons.

ANDY: Like everyone else, though, I do have concerns with our strike options...

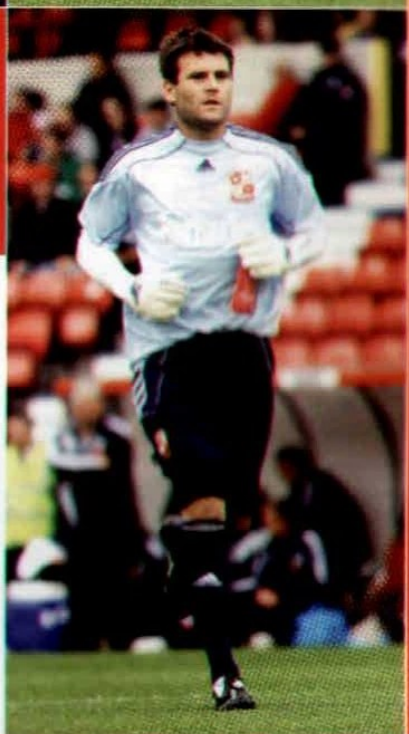
STEVE: I was wondering if we'd see any more of Jan Klukowski, the trialist who scored two against Swindon Supermarine.





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ANDY: I could score two goals against Supermarine...

STEVE: Well, he scored two for Carlisle last season as well. They really rated him.

DEAN: David Lucas has got a good mouth on him, which bodes well...

ANDY: We were talking about the goalkeeper situation earlier, and we were surprised we'd signed a third keeper, the young lad from Poland Jakub Jesionkowski.

STEVE: He's one for the future,

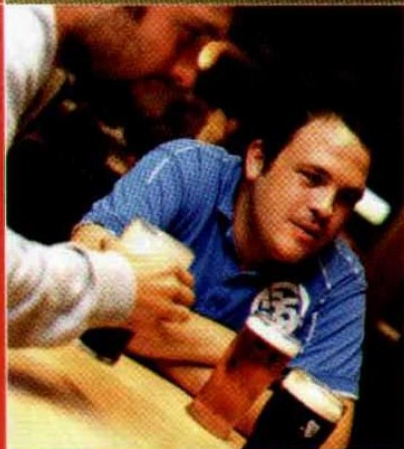
I reckon.

ANDY: That, or he's a business-driven signing.

STEVE: Maybe, he's cost us nothing, he's very highly rated, he's 20, so that would fall into line with that theory.

DEAN: I don't think he's been brought in to replace either of the other two just yet. Phil Smith's still got another year on his contract...

ANDY: I like Phil Smith, too. He's always had a good relationship with



"We've only needed someone like him for the previous five seasons..."



"I don't think playing him on his own up front is going to get the best out of him."

the fans, because we all appreciate how much he wants to be here. I thought he deserved his contract after a good end to the season, and he played well against West Brom in pre-season.

DEAN: He made some mistakes at the start of last season, which made me question whether he was good enough, but he did come back and finish the season really well.

STEVE: He did come back strongly, you're right.

DEAN: I'm really looking forward to seeing Ilescinel Jean-Francois this season.

ANDY: I've been really impressed with him this summer. He seems to have grown in stature and he played well in the friendlies.

DEAN: He looked great in the last game of the season away at Peterborough, too.

Q have you been impressed with Jonathan Douglas?

DEAN: We've only needed someone like him for the previous five seasons...

STEVE: And the rest!

ANDY: He reminds me of Craig Easton, in terms of the way he holds the ball up. He's a very similar player in that role, but obviously Craig fell away a bit last season.

DEAN: Douglas looks happy to break things up and give the ball to the more attacking players, which is what we need.

STEVE: I think it's difficult to judge people on pre-season alone, so I'm going to reserve my opinion.

DEAN: True, there were players who did well last summer who didn't progress during the season.

STEVE: Gordon Greer was the key capture of the summer for me, he's continued where he left off last season.

ANDY: Greer's excellent...

STEVE: He looked so solid against West Brom. He controls the defence and the players who play alongside him grow in stature as well. For example, Jerel's a different player alongside him. Morrison's commanding a bit more, too. He reads the game well.

ANDY: I agree. Greer is the foundation of that defence. I think Morrison and Ifil are both good

players, but they do perform better when alongside him. Greer just gives everyone a bit of composure.

DEAN: I think it's important there is some consistency in the centre of defence this year. It was hard for Morrison, a young player learning his trade, having to play alongside different players each week.

STEVE: The thing is, defenders in the third division will always make mistakes. If they didn't, they'd be playing in the Premier League. You have to expect the odd mistake, that's just part of life at this level, and some of our fans don't appreciate that.

Q on the subject of younger players, what about Lloyd Macklin?

ANDY: I'm sure he'll grow and grow as a player. He has great potential...

DEAN: He needs a goal. He works so hard and you can see him giving everything. I think as soon as he gets that first goal you'll see him go...

STEVE: He's scored enough for the reserves, so he obviously knows where the goal is.

Q Billy Paynter?

STEVE: I think he's a really good player, but I don't think playing him on his own up front is going to get the best out of him.

DEAN: You need someone with rapid pace if you're going to play one up front, no offence to Billy!

ANDY: You know what you're getting from him. He works hard, he puts his shoulder in and gets about, and he brings others into play. He works so hard for the team, he often does the work of two players. Coxy was Coxy and he could get behind the defence, but Billy's not that kind of player.

STEVE: Coxy liked to come deep and get the ball last season, as did Billy. I think that was partly because they felt like they had to at times, but with the midfield we've got now, Paynter won't have to do that this season.

STEVE: I think we'll definitely see more goals from midfield and defence this season. And you can quote me on that!


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ANDY: If we do go with one up front, then we need to have a player in the hole. I'm not sure who that player is, but maybe Anthony McNamee, Alan O'Brien or John Paul McGovern. Maybe Michael Timlin? He often used to sit a bit deeper, but with Douglas alongside him, he might be able to bomb forward a bit more...

DEAN: And let's not forget Easton. He was excellent in his first season and he can play coming in from the right.

STEVE: One thing's for sure, Wilson loves his quick wingers...

DEAN: You're right. It'll be O'Brien and McNamee on either wing, I think.

ANDY: Paul Sturrock liked his wingers as well, which is he why he bought McGovern...

DEAN: He was excellent against Bristol Rovers (April) last season.

ANDY: He made the second goal. He can be sublime at times, although I'm probably his biggest critic!

STEVE: My issue isn't with our wingers going forward, it's about being able to defend as well and get a foot in. You have to defend from the front.

DEAN: I thought McNamee really improved that side of his game in the second half of the season last year. But it depends on the formation; you can't ask them to defend if they're playing off a lone striker.

Q What have you made of Alan O'Brien?

DEAN: I'm glad we've got a right-sided winger, because I felt Hal Robson-Kanu made a big difference to us last year. In fact, I think he's part of the reason we stayed up. It meant we weren't doing everything through McNamee.

ANDY: The guy's lightning fast. He's so quick.

DEAN: And I think Wilson is the right man to develop him as a player.

ANDY: If anything, he's too rapid. I'm worried he'll be so quick he'll break forward and get ahead of the rest of the team!

STEVE: Hopefully he's got the delivery to match his pace, because we'll be lethal from set pieces. And you can quote me on that.

ANDY: I agree. I think the way we're set up, we'll be far more dangerous from set pieces. Last year they were

our undoing defensively, but this year I think we'll be solid at the back, and more dangerous from them at the other end.

Q You all seem to like the Gaffer...

ANDY: Him and Fitton as a team, as a partnership, is great.

STEVE: He says the right things, he makes the right decisions; I never expected overnight success. Dean might have done...

DEAN: I wanted success by Christmas last season...

STEVE: ...but he came in and even before taking the team properly, when we played Leyton Orient on Boxing Day, we had a good reaction to his appointment and we won the game. Once he bedded in, there was a gradual improvement. Brighton away, Northampton away... good results and brilliant games.

DEAN: I think Wilson will show his true colours this season. I still think he's building his squad.

STEVE: He's definitely building...

ANDY: And the relationship he has with the board is a good one. You don't get that very often. They're very open, which goes both ways. And he definitely has a striker up his sleeve...

STEVE: Even if it's a loan player, I'm not worried about the striker situation. He seems calm about it, which suggests he has a plan or two.

Q So, how are we going to start the season?

STEVE: I think we'll play with 11 players, and a few subs...

ANDY: Very funny! I think we'll be hard to break down, but that we won't score many goals. Lots of 1-0's...

DEAN: We'll beat MK Dons...

STEVE: Tight game, but we'll nick it.

ANDY: 1-0 Town win. Hopefully we'll have more options up front by then...

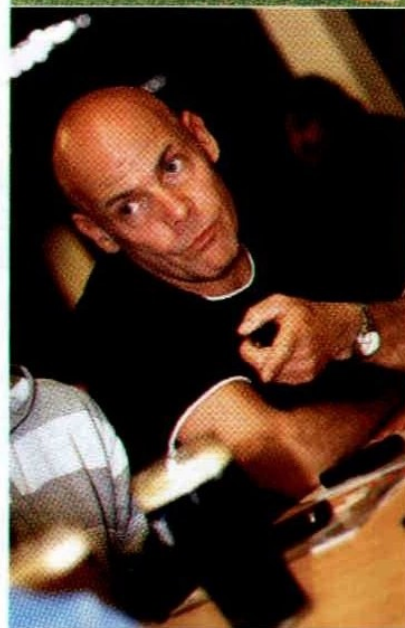
DEAN: We've been their bogey side in recent seasons...

STEVE: Yep, I think we'll win this one.

DEAN: It's just a shame Sean O'Hanlon [injured] won't be playing to witness it...



"I'm glad we've got a right-sided winger, because I felt Hal Robson-Kanu made a big difference to us last year."



"Once he bedded in, there was a gradual improvement. Brighton away, Northampton away..."



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MK DONS

Today sees Town and MK Dons meet for the second time in five days and with important League One points at stake, there will be no quarter given on the field this afternoon.

Danny Wilson has reshaped his Town squad over the summer months with no less than six new faces joining the ranks here at SN1. For many supporters it will be a first glimpse of the new recruits with the likes of Alan O'Brien and Scott Cuthbert set to be let loose on the pristine turf this afternoon.

Swindon, for once, have had an uncharacteristically quiet summer off the pitch. MK Dons meanwhile had to deal with Roberto Di Matteo's

defection to West Bromwich Albion just days before the start of pre-season training. The former Chelsea man took up the Baggies' offer and was soon linking up with Simon Cox at The Hawthorns. MK Dons Chairman Peter Winkelman headed up the search for a replacement and with Paul Ince keen for a return to the hotseat, the self-proclaimed Guv'nor was handed the opportunity to 'finish the job'.

Ince was a busy man throughout pre-season with Jermaine Easter and Jason Puncheon (loan) joining from Plymouth Argyle and Jabo Ibehre making the switch from Walsall.

Meetings between the two sides

have been plentiful over recent seasons, with eight encounters in the last five years. Swindon have enjoyed victory in four of those games, including a memorable last-gasp win at *stadiummk* last term. Goals from Billy Paynter and a late penalty from Simon Cox secured the three points in the sunshine just over twelve months ago.

Swindon go into the game on the back of a 4-1 away victory at MK Dons on Tuesday night. Goals from Jon-Paul McGovern and a double from Billy Paynter helped The Robins to a creditable victory. More of the same this afternoon would provide the perfect end to an unpredictable seven days.

our opponents:

MK
DONS



MK DONS

FACT FILE:

NICKNAME: The Dons

EST: 2004

GROUND: stadiummk

CAPACITY: 22,000

RECORD VICTORY:

5-0 v Accrington Stanley
08/12/2007

RECORD LOSS:

0-5 v Hartlepool United
03/01/05

RECORD FEE RECEIVED:

£1.3m Keith Andrews -
Blackburn Rovers (August 2008)

RECORD FEE PAID:

Undisclosed

RECORD GOAL SCORER:

Izale McLeod (60 goals)

THE SQUAD:

- 2 Jude Stirling
- 3 Dean Lewington
- 4 Mathias Doumbe
- 5 David McCracken
- 6 Sean O'Hanlon
- 7 Stephen Gleeson
- 8 Jermaine Easter
- 9 Aaron Wilbraham
- 10 Jermal Johnson
- 11 Sam Baldock
- 12 Willy Gueret
- 13 Mark Carrington
- 14 Lewis Govern
- 15 Danny Woodards
- 16 Jason Puncheon
- 17 Stuart Searle
- 18 Richie Partridge
- 19 Jabo Ibehre
- 20 Sol Davis
- 21 Luke Howell
- 22 Peter Leven
- 23 Darren Powell
- 24 Michael Bridges
- 25 Danny Swailes
- 26 Luke Chadwick
- 27 David King
- 28 Adam Chicksen
- 30 Daniel Powell

GUERET

Part of the backbone of the Dons' success since his arrival in August 2007, Frenchman Willy signed a contract extension in January 2009 that could keep him in Milton Keynes until 2011.

Born in Saint Claude, Guadeloupe in 1973, Willy's career started with Le Mans in France where he played with a young Didier Drogba.

He moved to these shores on a free transfer to join Millwall in 2000. After four years at the New Den, where he never really had the chance to shine, Gueret joined Swansea City and quickly installed himself as their number one.

He made 132 league appearances for the Swans before joining the Dons in the summer of 2007. It proved an inspired signing as the indomitable Frenchman went on to keep 24 clean sheets in 52 sterling appearances, without missing a league game.

LEWINGTON

The Club's captain, longest serving player and darling of the Cowshed, 'Lewie' has been the embodiment of MK Dons since the Club came into existence.

Such is his standing within the Club and influence both in the dressing room and out on the pitch, former manager Roberto Di Matteo had no hesitation in handing the 24-year-old the Club captaincy following Keith Andrews' departure to Blackburn Rovers in August 2008.

Born in Kingston, Surrey and having graduated through the Dons Academy, 'Lewie' has been with the Club for 13 years and passed 250 appearances during the 2008/9 season.

Lewie is a hard-working left-back that has proved incredibly difficult to pass and is more than a little useful at the other end. He packs an almighty punch with his left peg from distance and delivers a deadly set-piece.



HOWELL

After earning a one-year contract following a trial period in the summer of 2007, Luke's promising performances in a number of positions saw him rewarded with a renewed contract a year later.

Initially brought in as a central midfielder player, Luke has proved a valuable option at right-back – utilizing his strong defensive talents with the drive and desire to get forward. That said, it is in the centre of the park that he clearly enjoys his football most, making a string of excellent appearances at the end of the 2008/9 season. He was subsequently rewarded with a new two-year contract.

Having learned his trade as a trainee at Gillingham, Luke has impressed with his impressive work rate and technical ability since moving to Milton Keynes. Given his relatively-tender age, there could be far more to come from him.

LEVEN



Glasgow-born Peter was the first addition to the Dons' League 2 title-winning squad when he joined on a free transfer from Chesterfield on July 1, 2008. He was Paul Ince's last signing before he moved to Blackburn Rovers.

He was a mainstay in the team during the 2008/9 season, bringing his own brand of drive and creativity to the midfield and chipping in with his fair share of goals too.

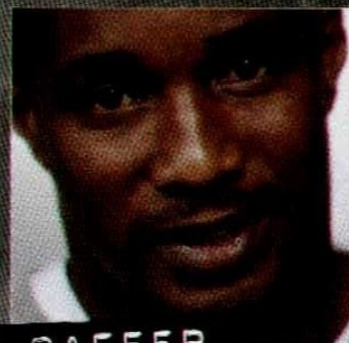
An energetic and busy playmaker, Peter came through the ranks at Glasgow Rangers, overcoming a serious knee injury in the process, but found first team opportunities difficult to come by at Ibrox.

He signed for Kilmarnock in 2004 and went on to make 75 appearances and score six goals in over three years with the Rugby Park club before making the break south of the border.

BEST OF THE REST

Former Plymouth defender Matthias Doumbe made his first appearance for MK Dons last weekend in the 0-0 home draw with Hartlepool United. Another Plymouth connection saw Jason Puncheon rejoin the Dons on loan from Home Park. A player well-known to Town fans, Sol Davis, joined just before the season opener after plying his trade with Luton Town in recent years and made his debut in midweek, against Swindon. Other players to feature in midweek included penalty scorer and former Wycombe striker Jermaine Easter, midfielder Luke Chadwick and Stephen Gleeson. The visitors will be keen to avenge a Carling Cup defeat with victory this afternoon.

our opponents:



GAFFER PAUL INCE

Paul Ince returned to stadiummk in July 2009 for his second spell in charge of the club after the departure of Roberto Di Matteo to join West Bromwich Albion.

In completing the deal, Ince was given the opportunity to return to the Club where he had, barely twelve months previously, secured unprecedented success.

He took charge of the Dons for the first time in July 2007 and immediately introduced a hugely-attractive brand of attacking football that brought the masses to stadiummk in the stadium's inaugural season. Led by an enormously talented group of players and driven on by Paul's inspirational style of management, the Dons romped to the League 2 title with a sizeable total on 97 points while equalling a 61-year-old Football League record of 18 away wins in a season.

But perhaps the most memorable moment of Ince's first reign came on the glorious March afternoon when he led a 33,000-strong MK Army on the Club's first visit to the home of English football. At Wembley, in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final, Ince's Dons overcame Grimsby Town by two goals to nil to secure Club's first ever piece of silverware.

At the end of the 2007/8 season, Paul was lured away from stadiummk by the prospect of managing in the Premier League when Blackburn Rovers came calling.



our opponents:

MK DONS



FACT FILE:

NICKNAME: Sol Davis
HEIGHT: 5.08
WEIGHT: 11.00
DATE OF BIRTH: 04-09-1979
PLACE OF BIRTH: Cheltenham
POSITION: Defender
TOWN DEBUT: vs QPR, 5.11.97
MK DONS DEBUT: vs Swindon Town, 11.08.09



SOL MAN RETURNS TO TOWN...

MK Dons play the second of two consecutive games against Town this afternoon, but few will be better qualified to talk about playing at The County Ground than Sol Davis.

The defender came up through the ranks at The County Ground and made his debut as a fresh-faced 18-year old, off the bench against Queens Park Rangers. In total he made 97 starts for the club before departing for Luton Town in August 2002. Now 29, the full-back recently joined MK Dons a short-term contract to bolster boss Paul Ince's defensive options.

The left-back finalised terms at stadiummk following a successful period on trial. He also played in both the Club's home pre-season friendlies against Wolves and Northampton Town.

Upon completing the deal, Sol told mkdons.com: "I've been based in Milton Keynes for some time and have driven past the stadium hoping I might one day get the chance to play there so I'm really pleased.

"Since I was invited to train here I've been really impressed with the sessions the coaching staff have put on and the Gaffer's record speaks for

"Since I was invited to train here I've been really impressed with the sessions the coaching staff have put on..."

itself. I'm really looking forward to working with him.

"I've only signed a short-term deal so I'm hoping to play as many minutes as possible and show the manager that I'm worthy of something longer term."

Born in Cheltenham in 1979, Sol began his career with Swindon Town, where he featured two years below Town's current Centre of Excellence Manager Jeremy Newton. After signing his first professional contract in 1997, he played 128 games for the Robins over five years before Joe Kinnear paid £60,000 to take him to Luton in 2002.

During his time with the Hatters, Davis became something of a cult hero with the Kenilworth Road faithful and was named Player of the Year following Luton's promotion from League 1 in 2005. Sol's place in the hearts of the Hatters fans was strengthened when he bounced back heroically from a life-threatening stroke suffered in October 2006 and returned to the Luton team a little more than two months later. He made 225 appearances for the Hatters during a seven-year spell.

The defender will wear the number 20 shirt this campaign and made his debut at left-back against Swindon in Tuesday's Carling Cup tie.





Stat Pack

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Danny Wilson

Played 26 Won 8 Drawn 9 Lost 9
For 36 Against 37
Av Pts/game 1.27
Biggest Win(s) Won 3-0 on 2 occasions
Biggest Loss(es) Gillingham 5 Swindon 0 (08/08/2009).

Paul Ince

Played 1 Won 0 Drawn 1 Lost 0 For 0
Against 0
Av Pts/game 1.00
Biggest Win(s) No wins found
Biggest Loss(es) No losses found

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..2 | Danny Wilson1 | Paul Ince1
Draws ..0 | Goals 4 | Goals 4

Player with the most...

shots
Simon
Cox 122

shots on target
Simon
Cox 62

shots off target
Simon
Cox 60

assists
Anthony
McNamee 10

crosses
Anthony
McNamee 82

fouls
Billy
Paynter 66

free-kicks-won
Billy
Paynter 81



GAMES SINCE

2	a win	3
0	a home win	3
3	an away win	1
0	a defeat	5
1	a home defeat	2
0	an away defeat	5
1	a score draw	2
6	a no score draw	0
0	conceding a goal	2
1	scoring a goal	2
0	conceding > 1	10
1	scoring > 1	7
6	keeping a clean sheet	0
0	falling to score	0
8	back to back wins	3
11	back to back defeats	47
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	0
9	win by > one	8
0	loss by > one	10

Player with the most...

shots
Jason
Puncheon 87

shots on target
Sam
Baldock 48

shots off target
Jason
Puncheon 40

assists
Jemal
Johnson 10

crosses
Mark
Wright 103

fouls
Sean
O'Hanlon 58

free-kicks-won
Aaron
Wilbraham 70

SHARP SHOOTERS

Swindon	CCFL Cup	Tot	MK Dons	CCFL Cup	Tot
Simon Cox	29	3	32	Aaron Wilbraham	16
Billy Paynter	11	1	12	Sam Baldock	12
Hal Robson-Kanu	6	0	6	Alli Gerba	10

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played16 | Swindon wins6 | MK Dons wins6
Draws4 | Goals 19 (1.2 per game) | Goals 22 (1.4 per game)
0-0's1 | Times failed to score 5 | Times failed to score 2

Biggest League win at Swindon for each team:

29/08/1981 Swindon 4-1 MK Dons

23/04/1994 Swindon 2-4 MK Dons



2008/09 LEAGUE STATS



15	Position	3
46	Played	46
12	Won	26
17	Drawn	9
17	Lost	11
68	Goals For	83
71	Goals Against	47
53	Points	87



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	9	9	11	11	5	6	2

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	8	8	20	15	4	5	5

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	11	0	16	22	4	4	4

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
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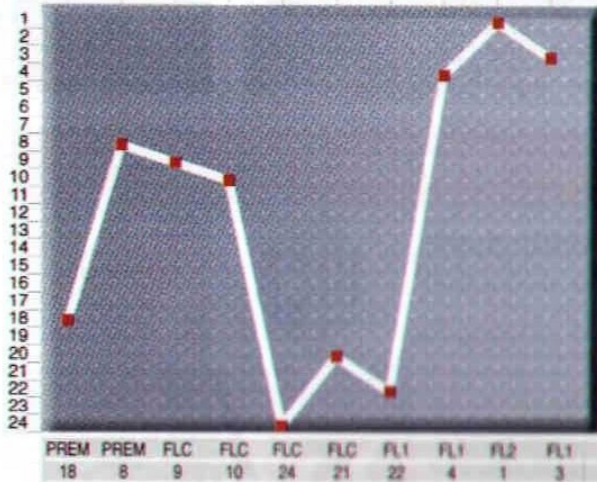
Match Scores

Wins: 2-0[1], 2-1[4], 3-0[2], 3-1[1], 3-2[2], 4-2[1], 4-3[1], Losses: 0-1[6], 0-2[2], 1-2[4], 1-3[3], 2-3[2], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[8], 2-2[5], 3-3[2]

Wins: 1-0[6], 2-0[3], 2-1[3], 3-0[4], 3-1[6], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], 5-3[1], 6-2[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 0-2[4], 1-2[4], 2-3[1], 0-0[2], 1-1[4], 2-2[3]

MK DONS - TEN SEASON RECORD

99/00 00/01 01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09



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Team Line-Ups

Gillingham:

- 23 Alan Julian
- 2 Barry Fuller
- 16 Josh Gowling
- 6 Garry Richards
- 3 John Nutter
- 8 Mark Bentley '90+1
- 14 Adam Miller
- 26 Curtis Weston
- 28 Jack Payne '87
- 10 Simeon Jackson '90+1
- 11 Andy Barcham

Substitutes:

- 30 Mark McCammon '90+1
- 1 Simon Royce
- 9 Chris Palmer
- 22 Tom Wynter
- 24 Rashid Yussuff '87
- 27 Luke Rooney
- 19 Jacob Erskine '90+1



Date: 08/08/09

Venue: KRBS Priestfield Stadium

Attendance: 6,852

Referee: G Horwood

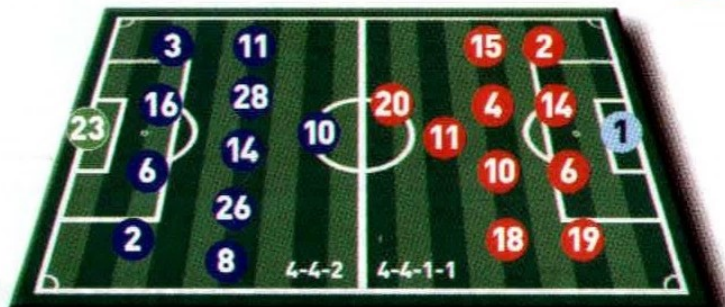


Swindon:

- David Lucas 1
- Kevin Annankwaah 15
- Sean Morrison 14
- Gordon Greer 6
- Leclsinel Jean-Francois 19
- Anthony McNamee 11
- Jonathan Douglas 4
- Michael Timlin 10
- '55 Scott Cuthbert 2
- Billy Paynter 20
- '65 Alan O'Brien 18

Substitutes:

- '55 Lloyd Macklin 22
- Phil Smith 12
- Jerrel Ili 5
- Jon-Paul McGovern 7
- '65 Mark Marshall 25
- Callum Kennedy 17
- Craig Easton 8



Gillingham 5 (Bentley '12, Jackson '51 '85 '88, Miller '72) Swindon Town 0



08.08.09

Coca-Cola LEAGUE 1



Key Moments

7 Town force an early corner with McNamee's centre finding the head of Leccinel Jean-Francois who heads narrowly wide when well-placed.

12 Gillingham take the lead with John Nutter's crossfield ball met by Simeon Jackson who squares the ball for Mark Bentley to fire home.

51 Nutter is the provider again as he feeds Jackson who breezes through to fire in past David Lucas to double the lead.

72 The afternoon goes from bad to worse for Town as Adam Miller heads home a cross from Nutter (his third assist of the day) to put his side three up.

85 It's a classy finish from Jackson again who clips the ball through Morrison's legs before powering the ball past Lucas to make it 4-0 to the hosts.

88 Canadian front man Jackson wraps up his treble two minutes from time as he collects a loose ball and applies the finish to complete the rout.

Post-Match



"It couldn't have got any worse, I'm totally gobsmacked," he said speaking to the media.

"The pre-season programme went very well but to put in a defensive performance like that is a complete shock to the system. However, it's a shock and we have to see a response to it." **Danny Wilson.**

A full-page photograph of Gordon Greer in a red Swindon Town football kit, running on a pitch. The kit features the Adidas logo and the 'FourFourTwo' magazine logo. In the background, a referee in a black and white striped shirt is visible. The main headline 'Hitting Top Greer' is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a white outline.

Hitting Top Greer

It's been a busy few months for **Gordon Greer**. The popular Scot returned to Wiltshire to sign permanent forms in the summer and hasn't wasted time in getting to grips with life as a Robin.

"I was really pleased to be offered the opportunity of joining Swindon on a full-time basis.

A key loan signing in January, the defender scored once in nineteen appearances in the second half of last term and played a key role in helping secure League One safety.

The unassuming 28-year old, who spent two seasons with Blackburn Rovers earlier in his career, is genuinely excited about what could be achieved here this time around. He took a welcome break after training to chat about his switch to Town, the future and house-hunting.

After what was a busy summer for you, are you glad to be back into the League One season now?

When you are out of contract it's a daunting but exciting time too. I was really pleased to be offered the opportunity of joining Swindon on a full-time basis. There have been a few other signings over the summer and the lads were really looking forward to getting the season under way.

Did you manage to get away in the summer in amongst the move?

I had a couple of weeks away on holiday in Dubai, but a lot of my time was spent getting my own home in some sort of order so I could relocate. It has been pretty smooth throughout so it's been good in general.

What is it about Dubai and footballers?!

To be honest, I don't know! I didn't get away last summer because my little girl was too young. I had been to Dubai a few times previous to that so wanted to go back this year. I really



enjoy it there and wouldn't look to go anywhere else for a holiday. The weather is fantastic as well as the hotels and service.

You joined Swindon from Doncaster Rovers. Have you now got things sorted house-wise?

At the moment I am renting somewhere just North of Swindon. I needed to get somewhere that my family could come down to and stay. It will be okay for a while, but I would like to get somewhere that's a bit more suitable. When I was here on loan I was on my own and that was tough, not just for me, but for my Wife and my baby daughter. It's great to be altogether down here and we have settled in well.

How easy was it to settle into the club when you first arrived?

It's a really friendly club and everybody made me feel welcome. It was good to come back after the summer break and know so many people. That really makes a difference. The challenge was then to make the newer players feel welcome as they were coming into the club for the first

time, and first impressions count.

The Manager, and the fans, see you as an integral part of the side. Do you feel under pressure?

At Doncaster I felt that if I had been fit then I would have been playing. When I did get fit I didn't get the games and that was frustrating, but I didn't want to hang about and wait for things to happen. Coming to Swindon has put me back in at the deep end and it has been fantastic.

Pre-season was encouraging... but MK Dons here on home turf will be a good marker won't it?

There are quite a few teams in League One who will fancy themselves. The big teams have come down from the Coca-Cola Championship and they will all be keen to go straight back up. There is also the likes of Huddersfield – who have spent a lot of money this summer – and Leeds as teams who will be looking for success. MK Dons had a decent season last year so playing them early on will be a good benchmark for us.

FACTFILE:

Name: Gordon Greer

Position: Defender

DOB: 23/11/1977

Birthplace: Glasgow

Previous clubs: Port Glasgow, Clyde, Blackburn, Stockport,

Kilmarnock, Doncaster.

Career appearances: 183(13)

Favourite Player:

Paul Gascoigne

Favourite Club:

Rangers



DID YOU KNOW? Town's skipper has a hidden talent! Aged 16, Greer worked as an electrician in Glasgow. If you have any electrical queries, Gordon may have the answer!

2009/10



FIFA 10



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Back row: David Byrne (Head of Player Development), Billy Paynter, J
Lecsinel Jean-Francois, Callum Kennedy, Da

Middle row: Roger Jones (Kit Manager), Mark Webb (Masseur), Jon-
Jakub Jesionkowski, Hasney Aljofree, Nathan

Front row: Kurt Hammonds, Mark Marshall, Lloyd Macklin, Craig
Danny Wilson (Manager), Michael Timlin, A



Rockin'

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the first home game of the season here at the Robin's lair, The County Ground!

As you may have seen, I have been on the BBC, helping to promote their football coverage next season. "At last" I thought, "My name in lights, and this time for all the right reasons!" I trundled down to television centre in my Robin Reliant (I was going to fly, but can never find anywhere to land in London!) and found myself amongst 50 of my mascot friends from across the country!

We spent a good eight hours running up and down and up and down and up (you get the idea!) a street after a London bus. The highlight for me was the BBC canteen. I've always wanted to have my lunch as a celebrity! Imagine the big names who have eaten their lunch in there and then appeared on the TV - perhaps there was something special in the lasagne, apart from my beak!

It's great to be back for the start of a new season. I like the start of the season. Still unbeaten at home, every chance of going up and plenty of opportunity to make people smile!

Singing Off! *RR*

TOWN

WITH THE Kidz

QUIZ FUN

Name the Club's that my furry friends belong to!

1. Kingsley the Lion
2. Lucas the Kop Kat
2. Rover the Dog



ANSWERS: 1 Reading, 2 Leeds United, 3 Trammere Rovers



Name the team from the 1992/93 Season



Which current Town player played for Bolton?

Crazy Kits! Arsenal Who am I? Hasney Alfofree



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David Lucas

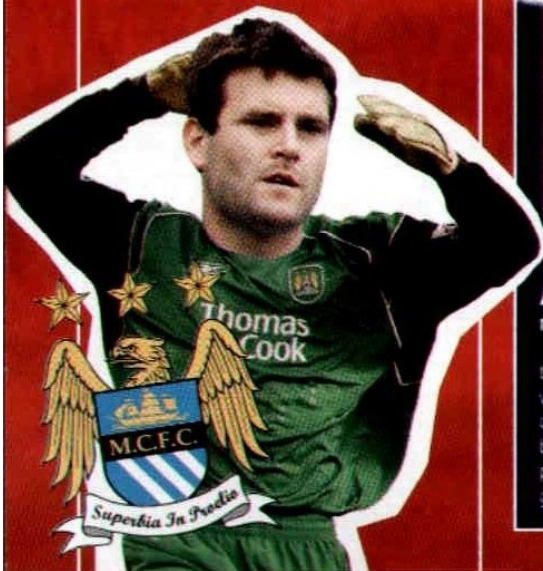
Real name: David Anthony Lucas
Nickname: Lukes or Chopper
Position: Goalkeeper
Born: Preston, 23.11.77
Former clubs:



Boots:
 adidas
 Predators



Top tip: Education, education and education.
Support: Manchester City



Guess Who?

I played for the Town in 2003 on loan from Leeds United. I now play for Aston Villa but who am I?



Answer: James Milner

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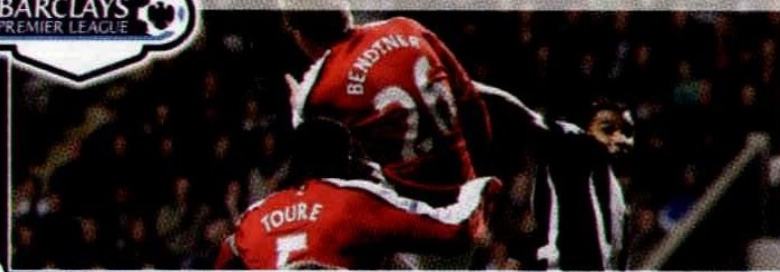


Jonathan Douglas

Ringo Starr



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Arsenal centre forward Nicklas Bendtner has changed his squad number for the new season.

"Before the season starts I wanted to change my squad number from 26 which I've obviously had for a number of seasons now. I chose to move to 52 because it's a special number to me personally, and I hope that it brings me good luck for the new season.

Gettin know Jonath

My School Days...

I was quite talkative in class and probably didn't listen very much, although I did try and do my best. As a keen sportsman my best subject was probably PE. My worst, and I am ashamed to say it, was the Irish language.

My Fears...

Rats, I really don't like them at all. In fact, I hate them!



My Heroes...

My hero growing up was my Dad. I really looked up to him and he used to work every hour of the day to support the family.

ng to you!

Man Douglas



Worst Haircut...

Some of the lads would say the one I have now, but back in the day I used to have curtains - split right down the middle.

My Favourite Possession...

My baby daughter, Raenna.



Send your captions to programme@swindontownfc.co.uk and you could have your caption published in the next edition! The winning entry will also receive a programme signed by Scott Cuthbert and David Lucas!



Welcome to our first home game of the season. The beginning of a new campaign is always very exciting and let's hope for a successful one!

Join Today

We have **great benefits** and discounts to being a Junior Robin this year. If you have not yet joined up with us please give me a call and I can give you more details and send you a form - it's free to join the fun!

Clubroom

The Junior Robins Clubroom is open again for League games held on Saturdays. And as you can see we have a great new section for our Junior Robins in the matchday programme.

Away Trips

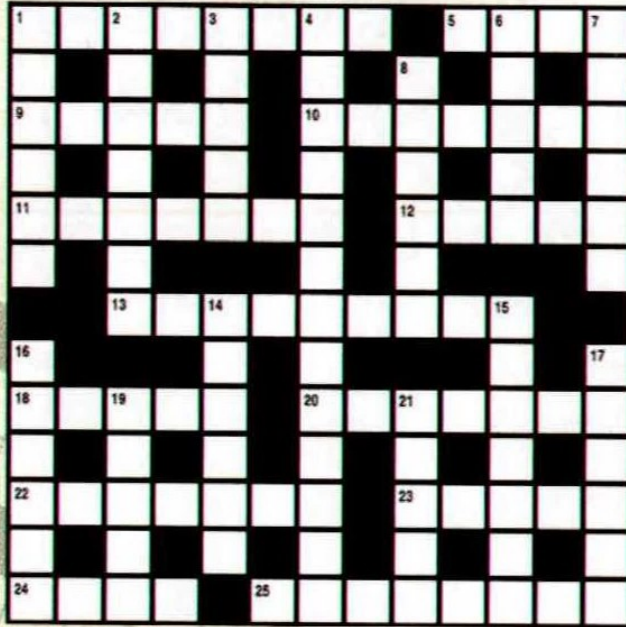
We already have some away trips booked up for the Junior Robins - the first one will be to Walsall on the 19th of September. Prices will be available in the next few days. Please just call if you would like more details on this trip or any other trips that are arranged.

Meet The Players

Within the next few weeks we will be arranging the first Meet the Players evening of the season - these are always a great evening for the Junior Robins (and their Parents!). More details on this will follow.

Sharon Franklin
Junior Robins Coordinator

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Man City's Dane Mikkel or Arsenal's Frenchman Amaury (8)
- 5 _____ Moscow or Sofia (1,1,1,1)
- 9 Soton striker Steve or Man Utd defender Kevin of the 80s (5)
- 10 Jardine's major weapon to combat Bradman in the 'Bodyline' series (7)
- 11 Type of wide most often given in the one day game (7)
- 12 Kent League Premier outfit, _____ Green FC (5)
- 13 Making his comeback for Astana in Le Tour (9)
- 18 _____ Vega, former Spurs 'defender' who was rumoured to be Pompey's new owner last season (5)
- 20 Lester's ninth (and last) Derby winner (7)
- 22 Dalglish paid over £4m for this Italian full back who later moved on to Everton (7)
- 23 Right back in 2007-8 PFA Premiership Team of the Year in his debut season (5)
- 24 Man City, Sunderland and Thailand manager (4)
- 25 Nearly always the official going report on the All-Weather! (8)

DOWN

- 1 Nickname of Sky Cricket's David Lloyd (6)
- 2 Replaced Roy Keane at Sunderland (7)
- 3 Tennis' Leconte or rallying's Toivonen (5)
- 4 Leicester City's former ground (7,6)
- 6 Newcastle frontman, _____ Ameobi (5)
- 7 Flintoff or Sheridan (6)
- 8 Bratislav _____, Slovakian full back at Blackburn 2003-6 (6)
- 14 Big Dutch centre back for Chelsea and Southampton in the 90s (6)
- 15 Minnows beaten 84-6 by England in 2003 Rugby World Cup (7)
- 16 England U21 midfielder at Notts Co, Leicester, Villa and Southampton (6)
- 17 Powerful frontman who starred for Leicester last season (6)
- 19 Scored Barca's second in Champions League Final (5)
- 21 Printer company who are longtime European Athletics sponsors (5)

THE KNOWLEDGE



QUESTION 1:

Which Club are nicknamed the Addicts?

Charlton?

Answer:
Charlton Athletic



Easy, it's Charlton Athletic!



QUESTION 2:

Which Football Club is nearest to the river Mersey?

Liverpool.

Answer:
Stockport County



Anfield, so Liverpool.



QUESTION 3:

What is Swindon Town's nickname?

The Robins.

Answer:
The Robins



Rockin' Robin? The Robins I guess!



QUESTION 4:

Who scored the winning penalty in last Sunday's Charity Shield?

Kalou I think?

Answer: Salomon Kalou



Salomon Kalou.



QUESTION 5:

Where to Barnsley play their home fixtures?

Not sure, Barnsley Stadium?

Answer: Oakwell



No idea!



FINAL SCORE:

All-square **IT'S A DRAW**



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A Cut Above

In a series of new articles we will be taking a look behind the scenes here at **Swindon Town Football Club** and find out more about 'the office' and beyond.

Name: Marcus Cassidy
Job Title: Head Groundsman
Year Joined: July, 2000

How and when did you join Swindon Town?

In the summer of 2000, I had been to college where I studied a green keeping course. At the time the groundsman was a guy called Mark Paynter, who was a friend of mine. He needed an assistant so suggested I come in and help out. However Mark left the club about six months later which is when Geoff Warren returned as Head Groundsman. I did two years as Assistant Groundsman to Geoff and when he left I was offered the main role. At the time I didn't feel quite ready for it so the Club used a contractor - Sportsturf. I spent a number of years working for them whilst also looking after the pitches at Aston Villa, Wolves and the training ground at London Wasps. That gave me a lot of experience dealing with different surfaces. The Swindon takeover went through in January 2008 and the new owners wanted a groundsman here just to concentrate on Swindon - so soon after I joined as the club's full-time Head Groundsman.

What does your role involve?

Taking sole care of the main pitch and in the future I may be looking to take care of the training ground.

Describe your average day?

At the moment there is a lot of cutting. I get in at about seven, prepare the mowers and get on with things. We are also fertilising every two to three weeks which in itself is a lot of work. There is always a lot going on and things change with the seasons.

How does your role change on a matchday?

If the weather is fine then the aim is to cut the pitch on the morning of the game and cut the surrounds of the surface to make sure the place is looking tidy. Then I set up the goals, mark out the pitch and walk over the playing surface to do the final checks.

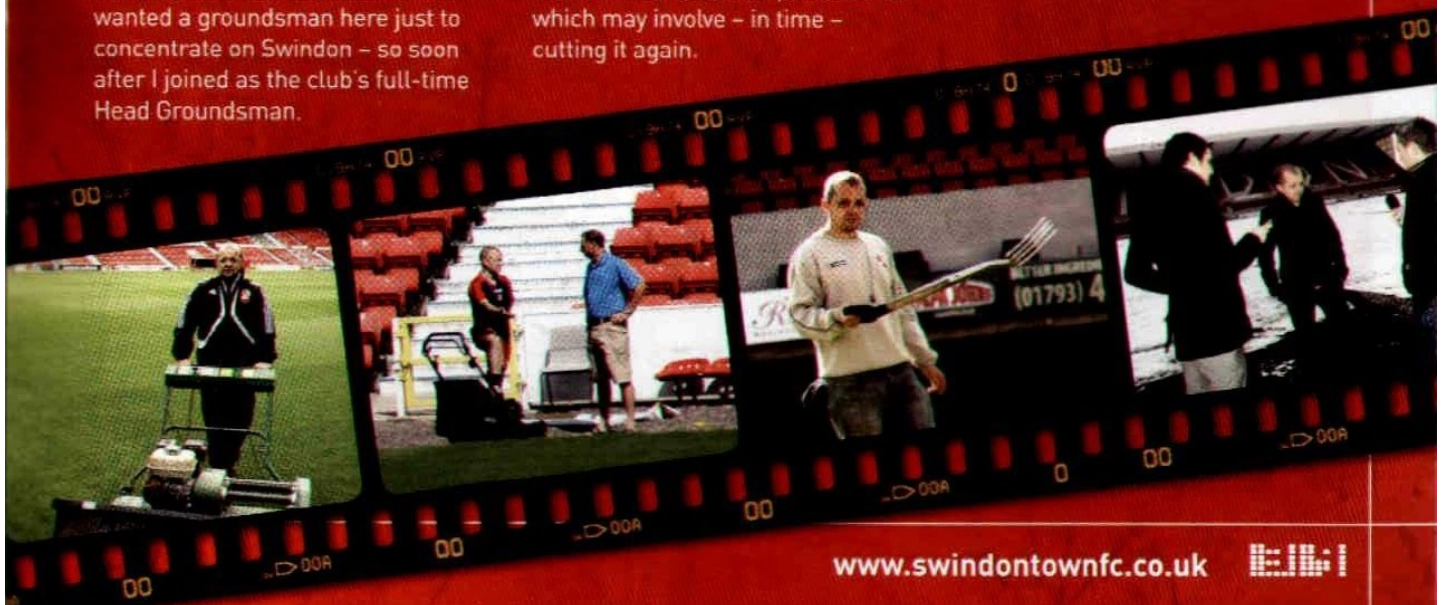
After half-time and full-time myself and a few helpers go out onto the pitch to repair the divots and try and make the surface look presentable, which may involve - in time - cutting it again.

Most memorable moment at Swindon?

Personally being nominated for the League One Groundsman of the Year was a high point as the pitch was in the top three in the division. In terms of following the team, I was sat in the Town End when Danny Invincible score THAT goal against Peterborough United so had a great view of it. The promotion under Paul Sturrock was an enjoyable time, to. You always remember promotions!

And your lowest point with the Club?

In the dark days a few years back. There was just no money about and I had to try and carry out the pitch renovation with zero budget. That basically involved putting a bit of seed down, it was very restrictive and a lot of effort went into trying to make the pitch the best that we could do with what was available - or not as the case was back then!



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TOWN VS MK DONS

Words: Dave Wallis

Role Of Honour

Champions - Premier League
Manchester United



Champions - Championship
Sunderland

Champions - League One
Scunthorpe

Champions - League Two
Walsall

FA Cup FINAL

Chelsea 1
Manchester United 0



Carling Cup FINAL

Chelsea 2
Arsenal 1



Match Background

The two League Two games that Town and MK Dons played during the 2006/07 season were to have a big bearing on the outcome of both clubs' seasons. In September, **Dennis Wise**' side claimed the points in a 2-1 win at the County Ground with Town's seventh win in the first eight matches of the campaign. Not surprisingly, we stood at the top of the table, while **Paul Ince's** MKD (whose goal had been scored by **Jon-Paul McGovern**) lay in the play-off places.

By New Years' Day the roles had been reversed. The Dons now occupied second in the table, Town had dropped to fourth, and it was the turn of **Paul Sturrock** to oversee a 1-0 away victory, courtesy of a Lee Peacock strike.

Football Snippets

Leeds United are deducted ten points and drop into League One.

In May after 1,296 games in charge of Crewe Alexandra,

Dario Gradi calls it a day as boss at Gresty Road, and one time Town midfielder **Lawrie Sanchez** quits as boss of Northern Ireland to take over at Fulham.

Other managerial changes see

Roy Keane appointed at Sunderland in August 2006, a change that leads to promotion to the Premiership at the end of the season. Less successfully and at the other end of the season, **Stuart Pearce** is axed at Manchester City,

Paul Jewell leaves Wigan and **Sam Allardyce** takes over at Newcastle after leaving Bolton.

In April it is announced that England World Cup winner and midfield dynamo **Alan Ball** has passed away.



IN THE PRESS DON WELL



the swindon years:

They Served Us Both

Jon-Paul McGovern
Gareth Edds
Junior Lewis
Sean O'Hanlon
Paul Ince
Albert Jarrett
Paul Mitchell

Backroom Staff
Danny Wilson



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Wembley re-opens in time to host the Football League play-offs.

The World That Season

The 19th July brings the hottest day of the year with the temperature recorded at **36.5C in Surrey.**

In August the government announces that a **terrorist plan** to bring down as many as ten planes has been foiled.

September brings the death of Australian naturalist **Steve Irwin** who is killed while swimming with a stingray.

Prime Minister **Tony Blair** announces his intention to step down in 2007.

Top Gear presenter **Richard Hammond** suffers serious brain damage when his jet-powered car

crashes at 300 mph.

Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death in November and is executed on 30th December.

In the New Year, a **container ship** that ran aground off the Devon coast brings scavengers to the shore, where BMW motorbikes amongst other things are claimed as booty.

The first **lunar eclipse** in three years has the nation sky watching in March.

The **15 personnel** of HMS Cornwall are captured at gunpoint on a routine patrol in the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

The crew run into controversy when they sell their stories after their release two weeks later.

In May, four year-old **Madeleine McCann** disappears while on holiday in Portugal.



Season Outcome For Both Clubs

Both clubs had suffered the drop to the basement division the year before, and were fighting to regain their seniority. The six points that Town took from MK Dons, left us one point higher in the League Two table at the end of the season. The single important point separating the two clubs resulted in Town clinching third place and automatic promotion. MK Dons were left one place lower on 84 points, and heartbreak followed with a play-off semi-final defeat at the hands of Shrewsbury.





DAVE EVANS been covering Swindon Town FC since the 1969 League Cup Final win at Wembley, coinciding with his arrival in Swindon from Bournemouth.

He has pictured 24 different managers in that time, some of them temporary and eleven who were Internationals during their playing careers.

Dave has visited 91 Football League grounds with the Town, not including this season of course, the missing one being Preston's Deepdale.

Andy Mutch Classic Moment

1944

"I remember this one well. Andy Mutch scored and spotted me up in the top tier of the Shrivenham Road Stand: I was the only person up there but he caught the camera and it made for a great shot." **Dave Evans**

classic moment:



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MK Dons 1 Swindon Town 4



Team Line-Ups

MK Dons:

- 12 Willy Gueret
- 4 Mathias Doumbe
- 5 David McCracken
- 8 Jermaine Easter
- 10 Jemal Johnson
- 13 Mark Carrington '73
- 14 Lewis Gubern
- 15 Danny Woodards
- 20 Sol Davis '60
- 21 Luke Howell
- 24 Michael Bridges '61

Substitutes:

- 16 Jason Puncheon '61
- 17 Stuart Searle
- 18 Richie Partridge
- 23 Darren Powell '60
- 26 Luke Chadwick '73
- 28 Adam Chicksen
- 32 Martel Powell



Date: 11/08/09
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 Attendance: 4812
 Referee: R Booth

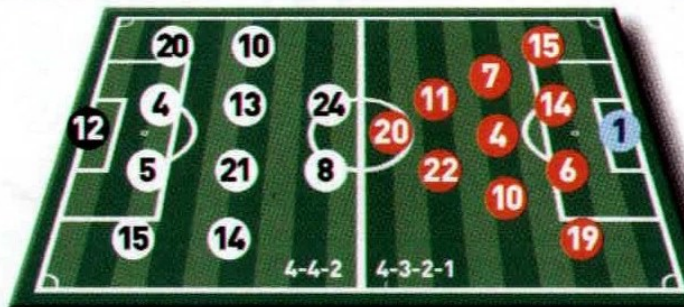


Swindon:

- David Lucas 1
- Kevin Amankwah 15
- Gordon Greer 6
- Sean Morrison 14
- Leccinel Jean-Francois 19
- Jan-Paul McGovern 7
- Lloyd Macklin 22
- Jonathan Douglas 4
- '84 Anthony McNamee 11
- Michael Timlin 10
- '90 Billy Paynter 20

Substitutes:

- '84 Callum Kennedy 17
- Scott Cuthbert 2
- Phil Smith 12
- Craig Easton 8
- Nathan Thompson 23
- '90 Mark Marshall 25



MK Dons 1 (Easter '52) Swindon Town 4 (McGovern '40, Paynter '55, '70, McCracken OG)

11.08.09

CARLING CUP



Key Moments

40

Town take the lead in style as Jon-Paul McGovern hits a superb 40-yard effort over Gueret to hand The Robins the lead after the keeper had come off his line to clear the danger.

53

It's all-square as Leccinel Jean-Francois upends Lewis Gubern to give away a spot-kick. Summer signing Jermaine Easter applies the finish and it's game on.

56

Billy Paynter collects a fine pass from Amankwaah and after taking a touch, blasts a left-footed effort beyond Gueret and into the corner to regain the Swindon advantage.

71

McNamee sees his cross fumbled by Gueret and Paynter needs no second invitation to smash the ball into the unguarded net before celebrating in front of the travelling support.

74

Swindon continue the onslaught as pressure leads to another goal. A cross from Macklin is turned into his own net by defender David McCracken with Paynter in close attention.

90

Billy Paynter is replaced by Mark Marshall just before injury time and receives a deserved round of applause from the Swindon supporters behind the goal.

Post-Match



"We totally controlled the game and we defended really well. One of the only shots they

had was a penalty but we passed it well and played with a good tempo. We showed all the things that win a football game. It's not rocket science and thankfully we have seen the right response."

Danny Wilson



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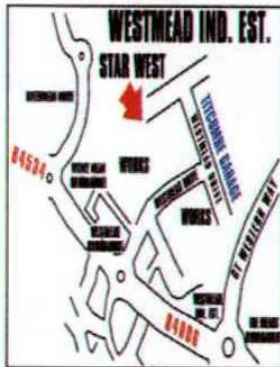
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ANTHONY MCNAMEE:

When did you last move and why?

In March last year. I relocated from Selhurst in South London to Swindon. I had been in Swindon a few months and wanted to be a lot closer to the Club, so moved into a place in West Swindon. It's quite close to the training ground, too.

How many times have you moved over the years?

The first time I moved was from Oval to Selhurst, with my Mum and then moved into my own place which was from Selhurst to Watford, before moving back to my Mum's!

How old were you when you moved out of your parents place?

I must have been about sixteen when I moved into digs with Watford. I enjoyed it overall because I was with my teammates and it was good fun.

Which was the most stressful move you have made?

Probably to Selhurst with my Mum. There was a lot of stuff to move and a lot of work needed doing on the house so it made life quite difficult.

Which three personal items are most important to you?

My television, sky box and my laptop!

As a footballer, do you believe buying or renting is best?

Buying, because if you are renting then you are just throwing money away when you could be making money from your own property.



Who does the DIY in the house at the moment?

My Dad comes up when I need things doing. Other than that Jerel lives quite close so he comes over and sorts things out for me. He did my washing machine recently!

If you won the lottery and could build your own place, what would McNamee towers be like?

I would buy a decent sized plot of land and build three or four houses there so I could build by own estate where my family could live.

to be close to them. I'd call it the McNamee Residence and it would be on the outskirts of London.

Have you ever bought, or thought about buying a property abroad?

I jointly own an apartment in Jamaica with my Mum and my sisters. I would also like to own a house in America, but that's for later. The apartment is good to have in Jamaica and I get out there about once a year.

Would you ever like to play abroad?

I would actually. Finishing my career in the MLS would be interesting and a new experience. Quite a few English players have gone out there and played for a few years, but the whole place appeals to me.

Where do you want to live when you retire?

Probably in America somewhere like Miami or LA.





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Three months ago I think you'd have got pretty long odds on Swindon starting the season with the squad list on the back of this programme.

On paper it's the kind of squad which has really got me excited about the new campaign.

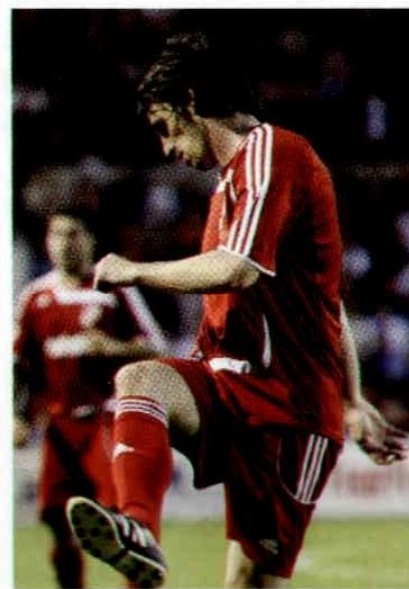
I, along with most Town fans I've spoken to, was pretty much resigned to losing Simon Cox after his 32 goal season. His £1.9 million departure (assuming the additions to the basic £1.5m deal are reached, which Andrew Fitton certainly thinks they will be) seems to be reasonable business. It's not as much as some will have hoped for, particularly with a large chunk being passed on to Reading, but it does seem to be fair value in this summer's transfer market.

It's what the club have done with this money which looks impressive so far. Gordon Greer started off the summer recruitment drive, and given his performances on loan at Swindon last season, I think we all know the kind of quality he'll bring to the team.

We've got two new goalkeepers as well, with David Lucas coming to The County Ground. It's much easier to hear what happens on the field in the quieter pre-season games (not having to wear headphones is a help as well!), and I think it's safe to say Swindon's defenders won't be enjoying the silence when he's in goal. As for Jakob Jesionkowski, well it may be a while before we see him play for the first team, but he's a Polish under-21 international,



"Jonathan Douglas, the Irish midfielder who I was told was too good for Swindon."



which fits in with Swindon's attempts to attract young talent to the club.

Alan O'Brien and Scott Cuthbert have both moved to the Town from Scottish football. O'Brien is as quick a player as I can ever remember at The County Ground and has full Republic of Ireland caps to his name. Cuthbert meanwhile joins from Celtic, and has captained Scotland at junior level.

Which brings us to Jonathan Douglas, the Irish midfielder who I was told was too good for Swindon by a Leeds supporting friend of mine!

Danny Wilson stuck his neck out to say Swindon should be challenging at the top of League 1 this season. Maybe it's just early season optimism, but I think he might be right.



SWINDON DOWN'S



SYNDROME GROUP

Our aim is to support people with Down's syndrome, their families and carers and also anyone with an interest in Down's syndrome by providing information, advice and support as well as raising general awareness. We are a parent-led support group run by a committee of 14 volunteers and a registered charity - 1096089 - affiliated to the National Down's Syndrome Association. All our work is funded by our Group and the money is raised through jumble sales, sponsored walk, donations and grants from local companies and businesses.

The group provides opportunities for parents to support each other by organising trips to the theatre, theme parks, a Christmas party, barbecues, activity sessions and monthly baby/toddler support meetings. We aim to provide training and information through an annual training day aimed at teachers and teaching assistants and through seminars throughout the year. We also

support pre-schools, primary and secondary schools by providing school resource packs containing manuals, flash cards, software, DVD's, numeracy resources and books aimed at educating a child with Down's syndrome.

The Group also provides some specialist sporting activities - football training run in conjunction with Swindon Town Community Team. This training session is open to all children with a disability between the ages of 5 - 18. Tennis lessons with a specialist coach and fortnightly swimming lessons with a specialist swimming coach and working towards nationally recognised qualifications. The Group also runs weekly speech and language therapy sessions.

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THE PHYSIOLOGICAL DEMANDS OF FOOTBALL

Town Fitness and Conditioning Coach David Morrison offers fans an insight into the demands of playing professional football...

The level of fitness a player possesses can markedly affect the performance on the field of play. It is therefore essential for football players to possess a high level of fitness in order to be able to cope with the physical demands of a game and to allow for technical skills to be utilized throughout the ninety minutes of match play.

The physiological demands of football have been researched thoroughly in recent years, particularly with respect to the effects and implications of fatigue. Scientific studies have identified that at least 90% of the energy demands during the course of a game are met via aerobic (with the presence of oxygen) metabolism suggesting that the aerobic system is vital to football players.

Players can cover distances of up to 14 km during a game, while heart rate data during games has been extrapolated to estimate that players work at around 75-80% VO₂max, a level thought to be close to the anaerobic threshold (point of lactate production), or the upper limit at which continuous exercise can be maintained without the accumulation of lactate. The physiological responses to this level of work-rate can elevate heart rates to 180-190 beats per minute which has been

estimated to be 80-90% of one's maximal heart rate. The importance of these values comes apparent when comparing football players VO₂max values. Research has shown there to be a high correlation between a player's VO₂max and the distance covered and the number of sprints attempted during a game.

Although such a small percentage of energy (10%) is provided by the anaerobic system (Bangsbo, 1994) its importance is significant because the timing of such efforts, with or without the ball, are crucial as their successful deployment may greatly affect the outcome of the game. Players generally cruise or sprint every 30 seconds and sprint all out only once every 90 seconds covering an average distance of 15 meters. In addition players complete on average of 15 tackles, 10 headers and 50 involvements with the ball. They change direction on 50 occasions, whilst sustaining forceful contractions to maintain balance and control of the ball against defensive pressure.

The significance of these values becomes apparent when planning a fitness training program so as to enable a player to maintain performance throughout the 90 minutes of a game and sustain a long season performing in approximately 40 games. While the physiological preparation of football players aims to maintain an optimal level of fitness over the course of a season, possible fluctuations in both volume and intensity of training can have obvious effects on fitness and performance.

Evidence does exist to suggest that players show significant reductions in fitness levels towards the end of the season due to the lack of opportunities throughout the season for specific fitness training.



DICK'S DIARY

At the moment there are four players in and around the treatment room.



Hasney Aljofree has embarked on a mini pre-season running campaign. He has been doing some steady running routines

and it has been a long road for

him, but he is progressing well. **Kurt Hammonds** is doing very well as he recovers from his knee injury. He is now eager to start kicking footballs,



but we have had to rein him back somewhat. **Lee Peacock** is now running and stepping up his workload.



Alan O'Brien was forced off with an ankle injury seven days

ago at Gillingham. He sustained the injury just before half-time but came off in the second half.

He has been working with a view to being available today but we will strap the ankle up and see how he feels before the game.





PAUL BODIN

**EVERTON U18'S 2
SWINDON TOWN U18'S 0**

Finch Farm, Everton

Swindon Town's Under 18's travelled up to Everton last weekend for a pre-season warm-up game.

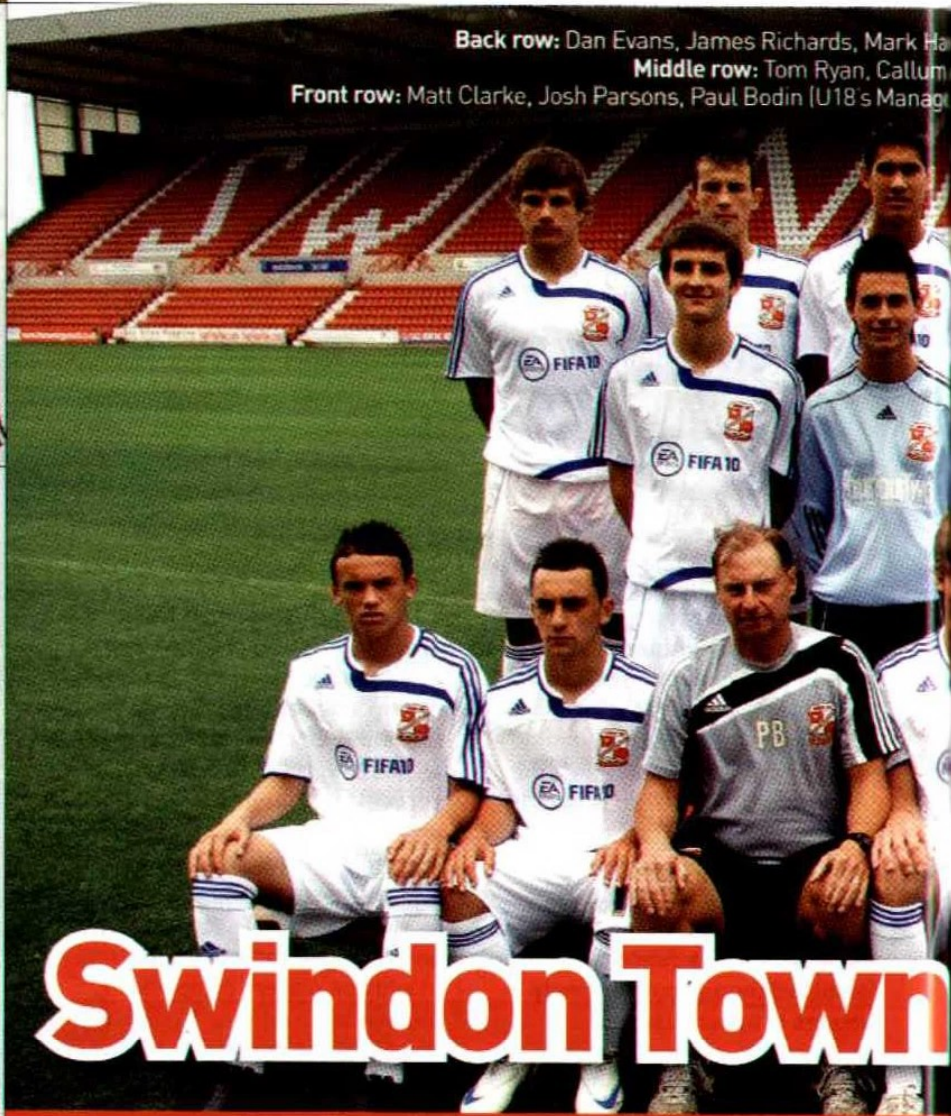
Town started the game brightly and took the game to the hosts with some quick passing and created a number of good chances but were unable to break the Toffees' backline. A combination of dogged defending and bad luck in front of goal ensured the score was level going into the break.

After the interval Swindon continued to press but couldn't find a way through the Everton rearguard. The game looked to be heading for a 0-0 draw until the home side took full advantage of a defensive error to take the lead before doubling their advantage a minute before the break.

Under 18's boss Paul Bodin reflected on the defeat, admitting his side came through the game well despite conceding two late goals against high-division opponents.

"It was a great exercise for all the players involved and good preparation for the coming season. The players look fit and strong and are all gelling as a unit in what should be a good season."

Swindon Town: Callum Antell (Jamie Stephens '45); Elliott Knight, Thomas Ryan (Dan Evans '45), Will Evans (Capt), James Richards; Matt Barnes, Mark Hartman, Abdul Said, Josh Parsons; Billy Bodin, Jordan Record



Back row: Dan Evans, James Richards, Mark Ha

Middle row: Tom Ryan, Callum

Front row: Matt Clarke, Josh Parsons, Paul Bodin (U18's Manager)

Swindon Town

The Centre of Excellence has been back in action for a week now and have completed three sessions.

The Under 16's and Under 15's have been back in for nearly five weeks, due to the Milk Cup tournament and the players have looked sharp and ready to kick on with their development.



JEREMY NEWTON

It was an encouraging performance although there may have been some nerves early on. The game was played at Everton's impressive training ground but after the opening stages, our players settled into the

game. We put together some good patterns of play but went one goal down when a defensive error was punished.

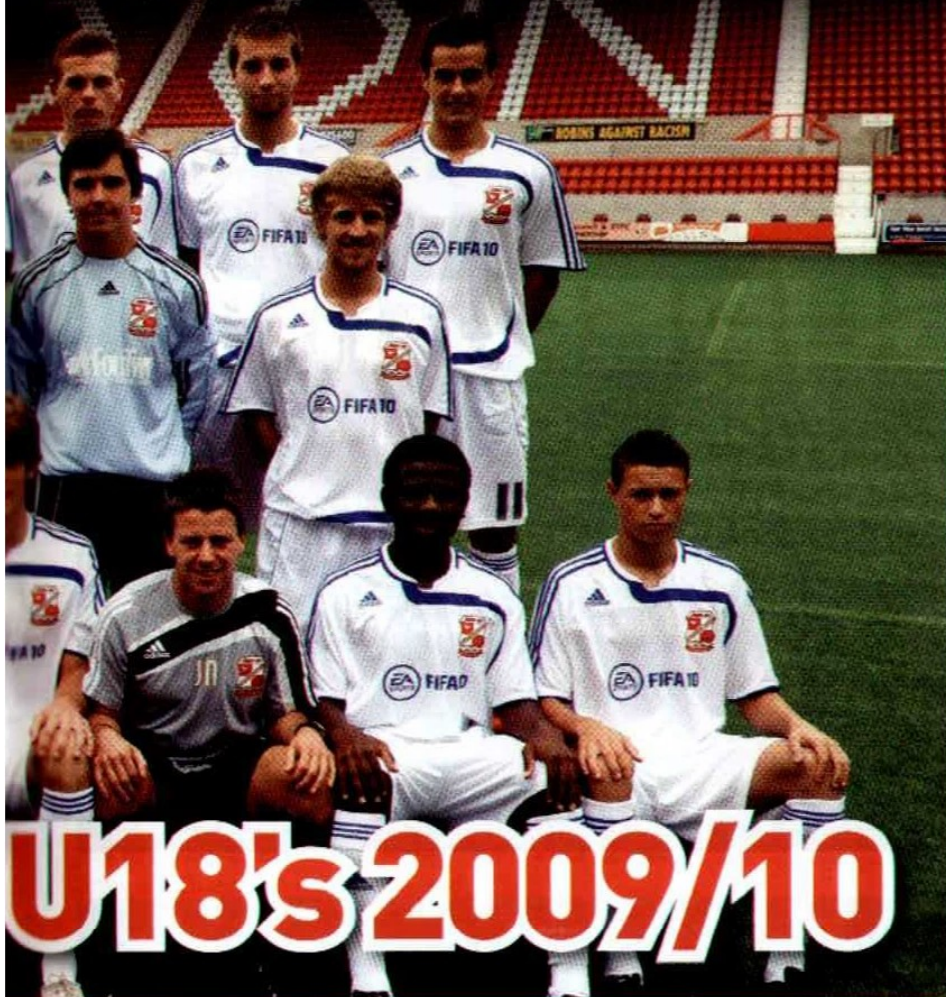
A second goal followed before the half-time whistle blew.

During the half-time break we tried to encourage the lads to be more confident in their approach and to

It is now a key time for these players with the Under 15's looking to push into the next age group and the Under 16's looking to earn a youth contract.

The Under 16's played Everton last Saturday afternoon and went down to a 4-1 defeat, however the boys must take the positives from the game.

ann, Matt Barnes, Jordan Record, Seb Broomfield.
ell, Jamie Stevens, Elliott Knight.
Will Evans [Captain], Jeremy Newton [COE], Abdul Said, Billy Bodin.



UNDER 18 FIXTURES 2009/10

- 15-Aug-09 Bristol Rovers (A)
- 29-Aug-09 Hereford United (A)
- 05-Sep-09 Oxford United (H) Cup 1**
- 12-Sep-09 Cheltenham T. (A) Cup 2
- 19-Sep-09 Hereford United (A) Cup 3
- 26-Sep-09 Bournemouth (H) Cup 4**
- 03-Oct-09 Cup 5
- 10-Oct-09 Exeter City (H)**
- 17-Oct-09 Cheltenham Town (A)
- 24-Oct-09 Oxford United (A)
- 31-Oct-09 Yeovil Town (H)**
- 07-Nov-09 Cup R2
- 14-Nov-09 Torquay United (A)
- 21-Nov-09 AFC Bournemouth (H)**
- 05-Dec-09 Plymouth Argyle (H)**
- 12-Dec-09 Swansea City (A)
- 09-Jan-10 Bristol Rovers (H)**
- 16-Jan-10 Cup R3
- 06-Feb-10 Hereford United (H)**
- 13-Feb-10 Exeter City (A)
- 20-Feb-10 Cup S/F
- 27-Feb-10 Cheltenham Town (H)**
- 06-Mar-10 Yeovil Town (A)
- 13-Mar-10 Oxford United (H)**
- 20-Mar-10 Torquay United (H)**
- 27-Mar-10 AFC Bournemouth (A)
- 10-Apr-10 Plymouth Argyle (A)
- 17-Apr-10 Swansea City (H)**

Match-Preview

BRISTOL ROVERS,
Saturday 15th August

Swindon Town kick-off the South West conference season with a home clash against Bristol Rovers on Saturday morning.

Paul Bodin, in charge of the Under 18's, will be hoping for another successful season after leading his side to the title last term. And it is a local derby to start the new campaign with a home clash against Rovers.

There is a new intake of first year scholars this term with the likes of Josh Parsons hoping to fire the Town youngsters to a successful campaign.

South West Conference
Saturday 15th August 2009

- AFC Bournemouth U18 v Torquay United U18 11:00
- Bristol Rovers U18 v Swindon Town U18 11:00
- Exeter City U18 v Swansea City U18 11:00
- Hereford United U18 v Yeovil Town U18 11:00

pass the ball, compete and be brave. In the second half things did improve and following a few changes, Tommy Stockwell should have scored from a cross by Alex Henshall. However, former STFC Soccer Centre member Stockwell did get on the scoresheet soon after from a cross to make it 2-1. However, two further goals followed to leave the final score at 4-1 to Everton.

I was pleased with some of the aspects of the game, but there is still much work to do. Hopefully along with the coaching staff we can address things in training to prepare properly for the forthcoming games programme.

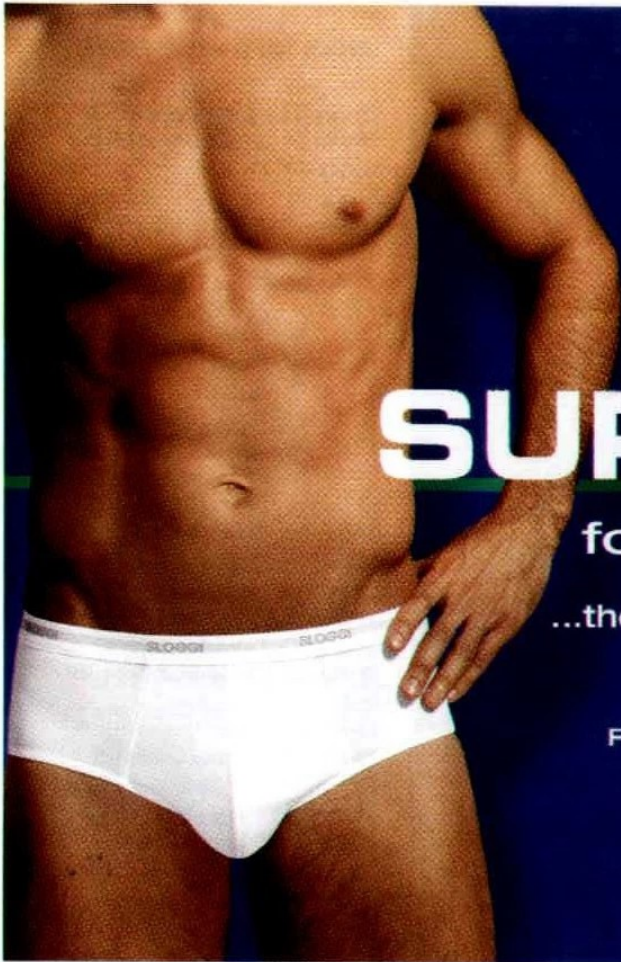
The Under 16's were due to play Havant and Waterlooville today,

while the younger age groups went to Everton, so look out for a report on those games in the Southampton programme.

Enjoy the game

Jeremy Newton
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Football in the Community: Course Success



Good afternoon and welcome to what we hope will be a sparkling first home game of the season!

After an impressive display against MK Dons in midweek I am sure the lads will be looking to make it two wins out of two against them.

We are halfway through our hectic summer programme and by the end of August we will have coached nearly 1,000 children in just a few weeks! Although the weather has been inclement the children's spirits have not been dampened and it has been a fantastic set of courses so far.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our coaches who have done a brilliant job – as ever – and also to those first team players who have given up their time to come

and meet the children to hand out the awards on the final day of the courses.

There is also a special mention to **Craig Easton** who gave up his midweek day off to come and have his photograph taken with all the groups on the second week. Children were able to take away a signed memento to remember their time with STFC Football in the Community.

On this page we have included some pictures from our summer courses. The next course we will be running takes place in **Marlborough** at the football club on the **18th, 19th and 20th August**. For last minute availability please call **01793 421303**.

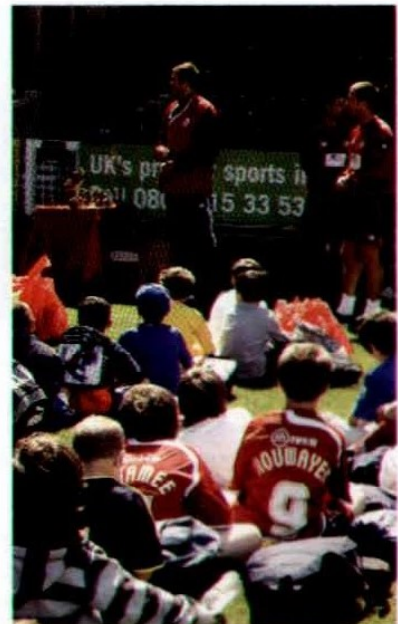
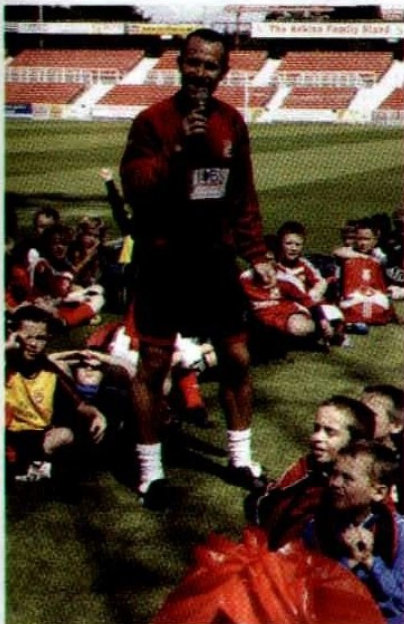
Enjoy the game!
Clive and Jon

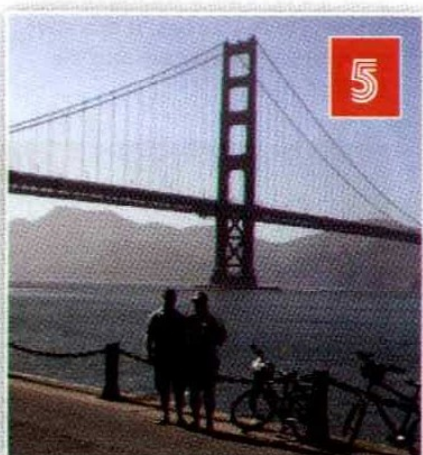
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Watch this space for more information on how you can do your bit to reduce waste, reuse or recycle resources. It can save you money as well as help the environment.





1 **Melbourne Reds!** - Town supporters can be found all over the world and pictured here are three Australian-based fans. Lee Bizley, his Wife Charlotte and young son Ciaran are seen here on Frankston Beach in Melbourne!

2 **Tallin Town** - Town fan [and kit sponsor of Jon-Paul McGovern] Dave Bracken saw the opportunity for a Swindon snap during a recent visit to Tallinn in Estonia.

3-4 **Balkan Robins** - Town fan Will Lusty is pictured here in front of a Hajduk mural in Split. Will is also

pictured with his girlfriend Amy on the Old Bridge in Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina during a holiday in the Balkans in May.

5 **San Fran Reds** - Lena Wells (wearing a Town shirt) and her partner Hamish Corley are seen here about to embark on a cycle ride over the Golden Gate Bridge as part of their world tour!

6 **A Grand Day Out** - Malcolm Davies had a snap taken by the 60163 'Tornado' train whilst celebrating his 23rd birthday! Malcolm is pictured proudly wearing his new shirt at Bristol Temple Meads!

Email your snaps showing your colours to: editor@swindontownfc.co.uk

The STFC Supporters Club

Welcome back to The County Ground for our first home league game of the season. Last Saturday will not go down with many fond memories, so hopefully we can today claim our first points of the season.

It's also a real quirk, but seems to happen regularly, that clubs get drawn to play against the team they are due to play in a league fixture, either directly before or directly after a cup match. So it has proved with our double header against our opponents today, MK Dons.

Thankfully, we have not had to endure a summer break where financial issues have been to the fore and I think everyone pre-season was looking ahead with a mood of optimism both on and off the field. I am sure most fans will have every confidence in the ability of the management team to deliver the results we all wish for – a stable club and successful team on the pitch despite maybe a set back or two, along the way.

Fans coming today will I am sure notice a few improvements around the ground and we were delighted to be able to invest some of our fundraising to improve the environment for fans, particularly in relation to the Legends' Lounge.

During July we also fully-funded the Centre of Excellence trip to Northern Ireland for the Milk Cup Tournament, our fourth year of funding this trip, which plays a crucial part in the development of the Town youngsters. The cost of the trip is around £10,000 so I am very grateful to everyone who participates in our fundraising to enable us to help in this way.

Once again this season we will be running the half-time draw, the Pounds for Points and scratch cards. Our half-time draw sellers will be out before matches and Mavis Knight will also be very pleased to hear from any fan wishing to contribute to the Pounds for Points youth development fund. You may contact Mavis through our website.

As far as the Supporters Club is concerned we are delighted to see a number of new fans joining our membership I hope every fan can recognise the part we play as part of the Swindon Town 'family'.

I'm delighted to say once again Membership fees remain unchanged and costs just £5 for an adult with reductions available for children and other concessions. Full details can be found on our website at swindontownsupportersclub.com.

Membership entitles you to a number of benefits and these are also detailed fully on that website. Amongst other benefits, you can get discounted away travel fare with SAS travel and discount in the STFC Club Shop allowing you a greater saving than the cost of your membership.

Here's hoping for a season that we can ultimately look back on with pride and enjoyment.

Roger Bunce

If you would like to help the Supporters Club in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please telephone **Roger Bunce** on **01865 820499**.



£'s for points

2008/2009 Participants	£
Kevin Legg Ltd	5
Mike McQueen	3
Andy Whitaker	3
Peter Cuss	2.50
Anonymous	2.50
David Barry	2
Maurice Heritage	1.50
Robert Stephenson	1.50
Jerry Walsh	1
David Johnson	1
Mike Dew	1
Chris & Maureen Kirkland	1
Iris Higgs	1
Olive & Michael Spearman	1
Simon Bayliss	1
Miss Joan Griffiths	1
David Toddington	1
Toni Cox	1
Paul Bartlett	1
Paul Spearman	1
Jim & Wendy Murray	1
Lloyd & Fiona Russell	1
Kim Young	1
Chris Tanner	1
The Fox Inn Denchworth	1
Mrs Shirley May Hollister	0.50
Trev & Ruby Wainwright	0.50
Pete Toddington	0.50
Bradley Carter	0.50
Dennise Webb	0.50
Fred Nash	0.50
Andrew Hounsell	0.50
Ken Bunce	0.50
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MATCHDAY EXTRAS



Help for Heroes →

The Hughes brothers all here today as mascots' as part of the wonderful work carried out by their Father Paul Hughes. Paul was the catalyst and driving force behind last season's Help For Heroes Day versus Bristol Rovers.



Warrant Officer Class Two Paul Hughes joined the British Army at age sixteen as an apprentice telecommunications technician within the Royal Signals. His initial training was completed at the Army Apprentices College in Harrogate. During his time in the army he has served in the UK, Germany and Northern Ireland.

He has also completed operational tours in Kosovo, 2 tours of Iraq and is due to deploy to Afghanistan in September. Since being posted to the South West area in 2007 Paul, his wife Helen and his three sons have been Swindon Town supporters and are all season ticket holders.

Paul has also been a part time Football in the Community coach with Swindon since 2008 during which time he has helped to raise money for 'Help for Heroes' through his wages and the generosity of the club, its supporters and FITC during the Help for Heroes day last season. He is looking forward to getting back home to support the team and resume his coaching with FITC.

Sponsor Lee Colsell & Martin Larnar →

Lee will be walking the Thames Path with his friend Martin Larnar and their reason for doing it is that Martin's wife Nenita sadly died in January this year, following a long fight with an aggressive form of cancer.

The walk is to raise money in her memory, Lee will be raising money for The Prospect and Martin for Macmillan Nurses and they have both set themselves individual targets of £1000 sponsorship. They will be starting on Friday 28th August and intending on finishing on the 6th September. Please sponsor Lee, you can do so

by visiting his Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/LeeColsell.

Happy Birthday To Nicky Warman - The Big 21

Nicky is celebrating his birthday in The Sponsors' Suite today. Many happy returns of the day. Let us all hope we get a win for you!



Today's Mascots

Laurence Cooper



School: St. Mary's Primary School, Tetbury
Favourite Player: Billy Paynter

Lewis Hughes



School: Hardenhuish Secondary School, Chippenham
Favourite Player: Jon-Paul McGovern

Damien Hughes



School: Colerne Primary School
Favourite Player: Anthony McNamee

Luke Hughes



School: Colerne Primary School
Favourite Player: David Lucas

Oliver Browning



School: Castlethorpe First School
Favourite Player: Willy Gueret / Dean Lewington



AUG 18TH - SEPT 12TH

dates for the diary:

PICK OF THE WEEK!

When the Saints come marching in:
18.08.09 7.45pm

There are now just a few days to go until one of the biggest home games of the season. Southampton, relegated from the Coca-Cola Championship last term, opened the season with a home draw against Millwall, with the visitors including Jack Smith in the side. Make sure you are here on Tuesday night to see the Town take on The Saints.

Into the lair:
25.08.09 7.45pm

Town's midweek triumph in the Carling Cup against MK Dons was enough to earn The Robins a place in the second round of the competition. The reward? A tasty trip to Premier League newcomers Wolves who could include the likes of Kevin Doyle and Sylvain Ebanks-Blake in their ranks. Can Danny Wilson's men make it to Round Three?

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 7.45PM

vs Southampton (home)



Tickets:

See Matchday Ticket details



SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 3PM

vs Oldham Athletic (away)



Ticket Prices:

	Advance	Matchday
Adult	£18	£20
Snr Citzn (Over 65)	£9	£11
Junior U16	£9	£11
Junior U12	£3	£3
Wheelchair (helper free)	£18	£18

SAS Travel:

Departs The County Ground: 8.45am
Adults: £22, Juniors: £20



TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 7.45PM

vs Wolverhampton Wanderers (away)

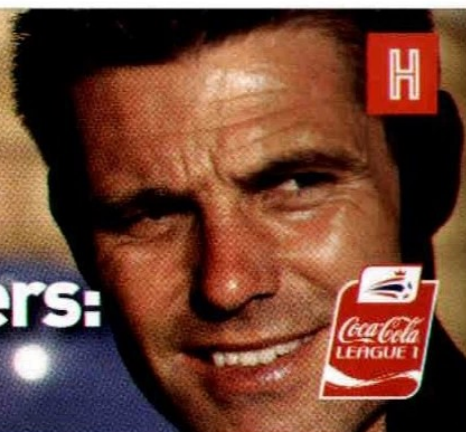


Ticket Prices:

Please check the website or the next issue of the matchday programme for further information on ticket details.

SAS Travel:

Details to follow.



Blues Brothers: 29.08.09 3pm

The final home clash of August arrives on Saturday 29th August when Southend United arrive at The County Ground. Games between the two sides are typically close encounters and with The Blues gunning for promotion this time around, it could be another tight affair. Town will be eager to ramp up their own play-off charge with a result against Steve Tilson's men. And with Billy Paynter will be eager to make his mark against his former employers.

MATCHDAY TICKET DETAILS:

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	Matchday
Adults	£22.00
OAP/Student (OAP 60+)	£15.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 10's	FREE**
Family (1 Adt, 2 Jun)	£35*
Family (2 Adt, 3 Jun)	£45*
Disabled	£15.00

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	Matchday
Adults	£16.00
OAP/Student	£12.00*
Junior	£9.00
Under 10's	FREE**
Disabled	£12.00

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on the day of the fixture. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will be issued tickets in Block 1 of The Don Rogers Stand. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult in all areas.

* Please note no student/family free tickets are available on matchdays. Please purchase in advance.

** Children under ten must be accompanied by an adult, and need to be registered (once only) at the Box Office, with proof of age.

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

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SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 3PM

vs Southend United (home)



Tickets:

See Matchday Ticket details

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 3PM

vs Colchester United (home)



Tickets:

See Matchday Ticket details



SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 3PM

vs Yeovil (away)



Ticket Prices:

	Terrace (uncovered)	Seating (covered)
Adult	£15	£15
Snr Citzn (Over 65)	£10	£11
Young Adult 16-21	£8	£8
Junior U16	£5	£5
Ambulant disabled	n/a	£11
Wheelchair disabled	n/a	£11

Seating is for families with young children, OAP tickets or ambulant disabled only.

Prices increase by £2 on matchday with the exception of Juniors.

SAS Travel:

Departs The County Ground: 3pm
Adults: £13, Juniors: £11



Forthcoming Events:

**See England in The Legends
Wednesday 9th September 2009**

Swindon Town FC will be showing the **England vs Croatia** game live in the Legends Lounge.

On Wednesday night Capello saw the Three Lions stage a second half comeback against Holland in a friendly encounter.

And there is a great incentive to come along to STFC to see the game as the Club are offering a special promotion with a pint available for just £1 until the first goal is scored!

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League One

Round-Up:



Poor old Delia!

RED MIST:

There were two red cards produced in League One at the weekend. Former Swindon front man **Barry Corr** was the first to go as he was shown a red card after an altercation with **Michael Doyle** at Corr's former club, Leeds United. **Michael Collins** also received a red card at Southend United in Huddersfield's 2-2 draw.

PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK:

Relegated **Norwich City** were swept aside in the East Anglian derby as **Colchester United** thrashed the Canaries 7-1 at Carrow Road on Saturday afternoon. Goals from **Kevin Lisbie (2)**, **Clive Platt (2)**, **David Fox**, **David Perkins** and **Scott Vernon** ensured it was a miserable day for Norwich boss **Bryan Gunn**.

LEAGUE ONE RESULTS		Brentford	Brighton & Hove Albion	Bristol Rovers	Carlisle United	Charlton Athletic	Colchester United	Exeter City	Gillingham	Hartlepool United	Huddersfield Town	Leeds United	Leyton Orient	MK Dons	Millwall	Norwich City	Oldham Athletic	Southampton	Southend United	Stockport County	Swindon Town	Tranmere Rovers	Walsall	Wycombe Wanderers	Yeovil Town
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Brighton & Hove Albion	A																						0-1		
Bristol Rovers	A												1-2												
Carlisle United	A	1-3																							
Charlton Athletic	A																								3-2
Colchester United	A															7-1									
Exeter City	A											1-2													
Gillingham	A																				5-0				
Hartlepool United	A													0-0											
Huddersfield Town	A																		2-2						
Leeds United	A							2-1																	
Leyton Orient	A			2-1																					
MK Dons	A									0-0															
Millwall	A																		1-1						
Norwich City	A						1-7																		
Oldham Athletic	A																								0-0
Southampton	A														1-1										
Southend United	A										2-2														
Stockport County	A																								
Swindon Town	A									0-5															
Tranmere Rovers	A																								0-2
Walsall	A	1-0																							
Wycombe Wanderers	A					2-3																			
Yeovil Town	A																					2-0			

LEAGUE ONE TABLE 2009/10

10.08.09

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Colchester	1	1	0	0	7	1	3	+6
Gillingham	1	1	0	0	5	0	3	+5
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	+2
Yeovil	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	+2
Charlton	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	+1
Leeds	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	+1
Leyton Orient	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	+1
Walsall	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	+1
Huddersfield	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
Southend	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
Millwall	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Hartlepool	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
MK Dons	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Oldham	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Stockport	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wycombe	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	-1
Bristol R	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Exeter	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Carlisle	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2
Tranmere	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
Swindon	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	-5
Norwich	1	0	0	1	1	7	0	-6
Southampton	1	0	1	0	1	1	-9	0

STFC PLAYER APPEARANCES

	2009/10 SEASON			STFC		CAREER	
	LGE	CLP	GLS	APP	GLS	APP	GLS
1 Lucas	1	1	0	2	0	271(7)	0
2 Duthbert	1	0	0	1	0	37(2)	1
4 Douglas	1	1	0	2	0	205(24)	14
6 Greer	1	1	0	21	1	184(13)	8
7 McGovern	0	1	1	66(12)	6	200(46)	21
8 Easton	0	0	0	32(10)	8	365(71)	37
10 Timlin	1	1	0	73(10)	4	106(13)	5
11 McNamee	1	1	0	53(15)	2	103(77)	5
12 Smith	0	0	0	79(0)	0	189(0)	0
14 Morrison	1	1	0	24(3)	1	24(3)	1
15 Amankwaah	1	1	0	20(5)	2	177(42)	8
16 Ajilore	0	0	0	62(2)	3	243(26)	15
17 Kennedy	0	(1)	0	4(2)	0	4(2)	0
18 O'Brien	1	0	0	1	0	26(42)	1
19 Jean-Francois	1	1	0	4(3)	0	4(3)	0
20 Pajnter	1	1	2	73(16)	24	237(59)	66
21 Peacock	0	0	0	113(18)	22	473(92)	138
22 Macklin	(1)	1	0	1(4)	0	1(4)	0
23 Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Marshall	(1)	(1)	0	11(4)	0	11(4)	0
26 Jesonkowski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27 Casal	0	0	0	5(1)	0	5(1)	0
28 Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29 Hammonds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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In the event of an emergency at The County Ground you will hear a police message over the public address system. It will be preceded by a loud 'alarm' sound. Please remain where you are, listen to the message, and if it affects your area of the stadium, comply with the instruction immediately. These will direct you to a safe area, through exit gates and doors into car parks, roads or the pitch area. If you are disabled or feel unsafe in a large crowd, please remain where you are until the stewards assist you to leave. Above all, REMAIN CALM and DO NOT MOVE unless the announcement concerns your area of the stadium.

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FIXTURES RESULTS 2009/10

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE
Sat Aug 8	Gillingham	A	0-5	6,852	788	22 G Horwood
Tue Aug 11	Milton Keynes Dons CC1	A	4-1	4,812	531	→ R Booth
Sat Aug 15	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	3pm			
Tue Aug 18	SOUTHAMPTON	H	7.45pm			
Sat Aug 22	Oldham Athletic	A	3pm			
Tue Aug 25	Wolverhampton Wanderers CC2	A	7.45pm			
Sat Aug 29	SOUTHEND UNITED	H	3pm			
Sat Sep 5	Yeovil Town	A	3pm			
Sat Sep 12	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3pm			
Sat Sep 19	Walsall	A	3pm			
Sat Sep 26	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	3pm			
Tue Sep 29	Exeter City	A	7.45pm			
Sat Oct 3	Brentford	A	3pm			
Sat Oct 10	MILLWALL	H	3pm			
Sat Oct 17	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3pm			
Sat Oct 24	Norwich City	A	3pm			
Sat Oct 31	Tranmere Rovers	A	3pm			
Sat Nov 14	LEEDS UNITED	H	3pm			
Sat Nov 21	Carlisle United	A	3pm			
Tue Nov 24	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	7.45pm			
Tue Dec 1	Stockport County	A	7.45pm			
Sat Dec 5	LEYTON ORIENT	H	3pm			
Sat Dec 12	Bristol Rovers	A	3pm			
Sat Dec 19	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H	3pm			
Sat Dec 26	Charlton Athletic	A	3pm			
Mon Dec 28	YEOVIL TOWN	H	3pm			
Sat Jan 2	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3pm			
Sat Jan 9	Milton Keynes Dons	A	3pm			
Sat Jan 16	GILLINGHAM	H	3pm			
Sat Jan 23	Southampton	A	3pm			
Sat Jan 30	Southend United	A	3pm			
Sat Feb 6	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	3pm			
Sat Feb 13	Huddersfield Town	A	3pm			
Sat Feb 20	CARLISLE UNITED	H	3pm			
Tue Feb 23	STOCKPORT COUNTY	H	7.45pm			
Sat Feb 27	Leyton Orient	A	3pm			
Sat Mar 6	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	3pm			
Sat Mar 13	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	3pm			
Sat Mar 20	NORWICH CITY	H	3pm			
Sat Mar 27	Hartlepool United	A	3pm			
Sat Apr 3	Leeds United	A	3pm			
Mon Apr 5	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3pm			
Sat Apr 10	Colchester United	A	3pm			
Tue Apr 13	EXETER CITY	H	7.45pm			
Sat Apr 17	WALSALL	H	3pm			
Sat Apr 24	Wycombe Wanderers	A	3pm			
Sat May 1	BRENTFORD	H	3pm			
Sat May 8	Millwall	A	3pm			

WHERE WE SCORED FROM



WHERE THEY SCORED FROM





Lucas	Cuthbert (1)	J-Francois	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	Amankwaah	O'Brien (2)	McNamee	Paynter	Macklin (1), Marshall (2)
Lucas	Amankwaah	J-Francois	Morrison	Greer	Douglas	Timlin	McNamee (1)	McGovern 1	Macklin	Paynter 2 (2)	Kennedy (1), Marshall (2)

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HOW WE SCORED

HEADER	LEFT FOOT	RIGHT FOOT	OWN GOAL	FREE KICK	PENALTY
0	1	2	1	0	0

STARTING RECORD 2009/10

	LGE	CUP
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IN THE BOOK 2009/10

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Sean Morrison	1	-
Michael Timlin	1	-
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-	-	-

**PERSONAL
FACTFILE:**

Name: Jon-Paul McGovern
Position: Midfielder
Star sign: Libra
Shoe size: 8.5
Studs or blades: Moulds!
Cartoon character:
Budgie the little Helicopter
Marmite, love or hate?: Love
Invite to dinner: Megan Fox
Movie: Old School, Hangover.
Music: Lionel Ritchie
Tea or Coffee: Tea
Car: Porsche



THE LAST WORD:

with...
Jon-Paul McGovern

What was the LAST thing you purchased?

The last thing I bought was a pair of formal shoes for matchdays. The season is here so thought I'd invest in a new pair!

When was the LAST time you were scared?

Whenever I am babysitting my little man.

Tell us about the LAST time you scored a penalty?

It was in training on Friday against David Lucas, who I know from my days at Sheffield Wednesday and he is staying with me at the minute.

When was the LAST time you were totally relaxed?

Right now actually. This interview

is really making me feel relaxed!
Can you remember the LAST time you were sent off?

I have never been sent off in my life and hopefully that will continue as my career goes on.

What would you like the LAST ever meal of your life to be?

Garlic bread with cheese to start, before a pasta bake with chicken and barbeque sauce. I'd finish it all off with fudge cake and ice cream.

Who did you make your LAST phone call to?

It was to my Mum. It was a night-time call to let her know that her boy is safe, well and doing okay in

England at the moment.

Can you remember your LAST game for MK Dons?

It was a Carling Cup second round game against Sheffield United, at stadiummk. I scored a free-kick and captained the side that day, too. Unfortunately Sheffield United scored a goal in added time to go through, but I really enjoyed my time at MK Dons - it's a fantastic club.



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List of games

Sat 15th Aug	vs	MK Dons
Sat 29th Aug	vs	Southend United
Sat 12th Sept	vs	Colchester United
Sat 26th Sept	vs	Wycombe Wanderers
Sat 10th Oct	vs	Millwall
Sat 17th Oct	vs	Hartlepool United
Tues 24th Nov	vs	Huddersfield Town
Sat 5th Dec	vs	Leyton Orient
Sat 19th Dec	vs	Brighton & Hove Albion

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MK
DONS



Swindon Town vs
MK Dons 15.08.09

SWINDON TOWN

Danny Wilson

David Lucas	1
Scott Cuthbert	2
Jonathan Douglas	4
Gordon Greer	6
Jon-Paul McGovern	7
Craig Easton	8
Michael Timlin	10
Anthony McNamee	11
Phil Smith	12
Sean Morrison	14
Kevin Amankwaah	15
Hasney Aljofree	16
Callum Kennedy	17
Alan O'Brien	18
Lecsinel Jean-Francois	19
Billy Paynter	20
Lee Peacock	21
Lloyd Macklin	22
Nathan Thompson	23
Mark Marshall	25
Jakub Jesionkowski	26
Yinka Casal	27
Mark Scott	28
Kurt Hammonds	29

MK DONS

Paul Ince

2	Jude Stirling
3	Dean Lewington
4	Mathias Doumbe
5	David McCracken
6	Sean O'Hanlon
7	Stephen Gleeson
8	Jermaine Easter
9	Aaron Wilbraham
10	Jemal Johnson
11	Sam Baldock
12	Willy Gueret
13	Mark Carrington
14	Lewis Gobern
15	Danny Woodards
16	Jason Puncheon
17	Stuart Searle
18	Richie Partridge
19	Jabo Ibehre
20	Sol Davis
21	Luke Howell
22	Peter Leven
23	Darren Powell
24	Michael Bridges
25	Danny Swailes
26	Luke Chadwick
27	David King
28	Adam Chicksen
30	Daniel Powell

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