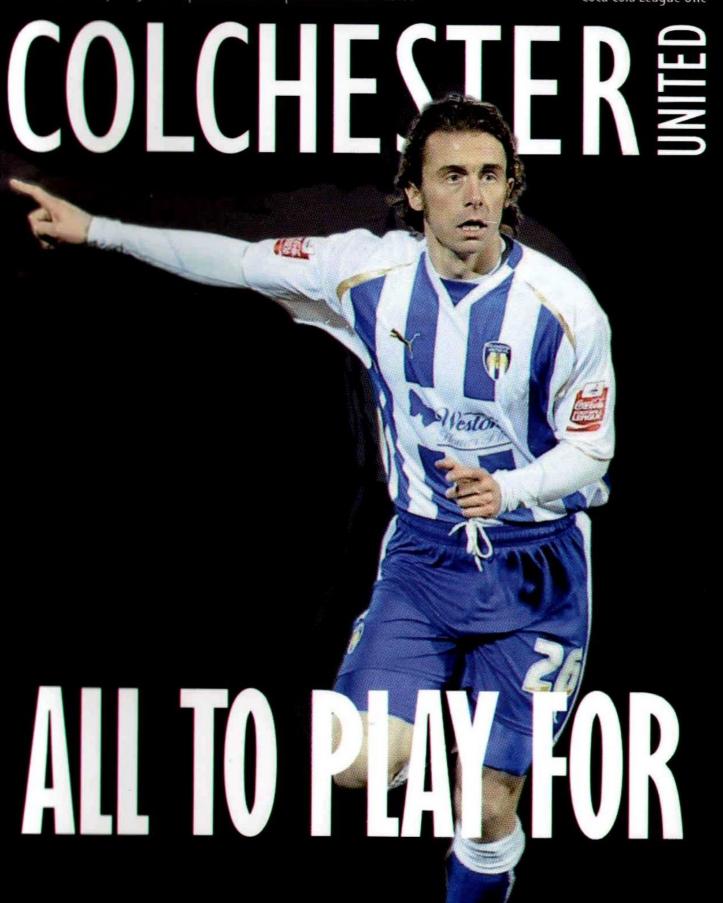
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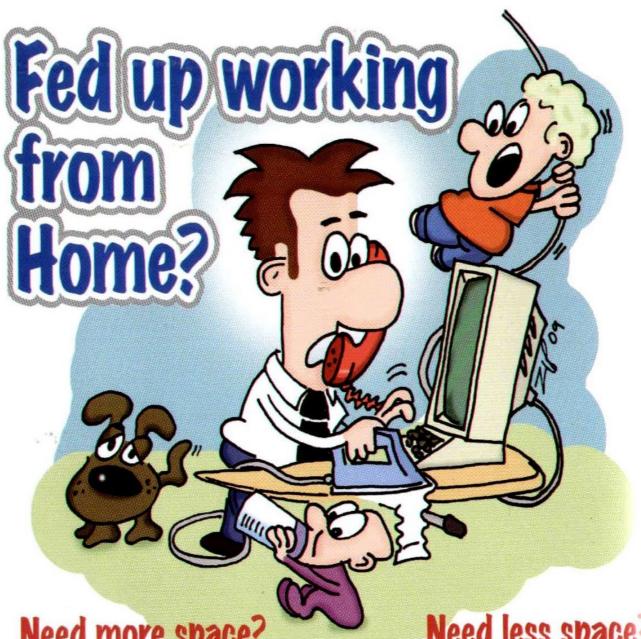












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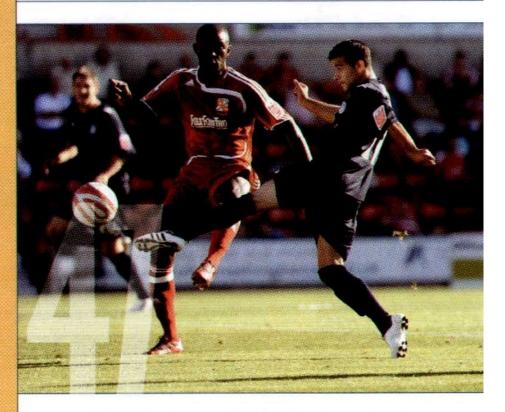
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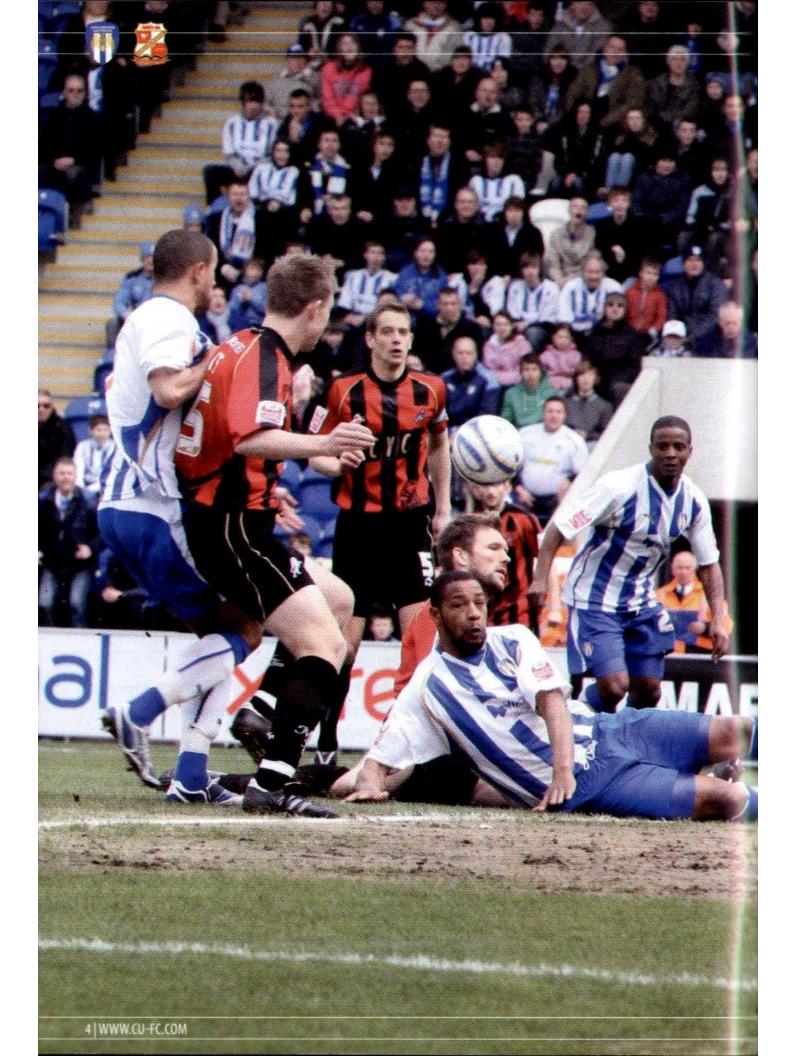
- Friday night saw the U's hold their second annual Former Players Association and induct further players into the Hall of Fame. See who was given the nod!
- The U's season tickets have proven hugely popular since their release earlier this month. Take a look at our latest news!
- 47 Simon Hackney headed to Morecambe on loan a month ago, and we catch up with the winger to find out how he's getting on.
- The U's are set to hold one of their most prestigious Player of the Year dinners yet. Find out how you can get involved.
- Striker Kevin Lisbie is next up for our Dream Team feature. Who does he pick in his striker positions?

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS

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We are delighted to welcome Curo Solutions to this afternoon's game against Swindon Town. Curo Solutions LLP are specialists in project management and surveying services in both the private and public sector. They are celebrating their official launch at this afternoon's game and we wish them all the very best for the future.





OTHER COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE MATCHES TAKING PLACE TODAY

SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2010
BRENTFORD V HUDDERSFIELD, 15:00
BRIGHTON V CARLISLE, 15:00
COLCHESTER V SWINDON, 15:00
EXETER V LEYTON ORIENT, 15:00
LEEDS UNITED V SOUTHEND, 15:00
MILLWALL V GILLINGHAM, 15:00
NORWICH V MK DONS, 15:00
OLDHAM V BRISTOL ROVERS, 15:00
SOUTHAMPTON V CHARLTON, 15:00
STOCKPORT V YEOVIL, 15:00

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

So close! The U's are left disappointed as this dangerous ball flashes across the box against Millwall.

Buy this picture from the club's picture website, www.colupics.com!

CURRENT LEAGUE TABLE

W	CONNENT LEAGUE TADLE						
TEA	lM.	P	GD	PTS			
1	NORWICH	40	39	85			
2	SWINDON	40	19	76			
3	MILLWALL	40	29	75			
4	LEEDS UNITED	40	27	74			
5	CHARLTON	40	21	74			
6	HUDDERSFIELD	40	21	68			
7	COLCHESTER	40	12	65			
8	BRISTOL ROVERS	40	-1	61			
9	SOUTHAMPTON	39	30	57			
10	MK DONS	40	-3	57			
11	BRENTFORD	39	0	52			
12	CARLISLE	40	-2	51			
13	WALSALL	40	-6	51			
14	BRIGHTON	40	-6	48			
15	YEOVIL	40	-7	45			
16	HARTLEPOOL	40	-9	45			
17	EXETER	40	-11	44			
18	GILLINGHAM	40	-9	43			
19	OLDHAM	39	-15	43			
20	LEYTON ORIENT	40	-13	41			
21	TRANMERE	39	-29	41			
22	SOUTHEND	40	-17	38			
23	WYCOMBE	40	-27	32			
24	STOCKPORT	40	-43	25			



elcome back for this afternoon's match, as we entertain another side who have promotion aspirations. Welcome also to Danny Wilson, his Swindon players, staff and supporters, I hope you all have a safe journey back to Wiltshire later today.

I have spoken regularly about overcoming adversity and we need to do exactly that today and for the five matches that follow this encounter. There are eighteen points to play for and we will be going all out in every game to collect those points.

This will be the second of three consecutive matches against sides that are right in the promotion mix, with the first not going our way against Millwall on Easter Monday. Mind you, if we play like we did that day for the rest of the season, I will have no complaints.

For much of the game, we battered one of the best teams in the division and it was one of the hardest post match team talks I have ever had to give. I thought we played tremendously well and the result was a real kick in the teeth for us. The match itself was a great advert for the division but we were obviously very disappointed to lose having played so well.

When the result is bad and the performance is bad, there's concern but when the performance is good and the result goes against you, you can accept it. The players put everything into it but unfortunately, didn't get the rewards.

I found it almost impossible to comprehend that we were behind at half time because we had the better of the possession and the better of the chances. And having got back into the game with an equaliser, it was a cruel blow to lose the game to a freak own goal.

The players have proved that they are more than capable of playing well enough against the top sides to get results and we need six more performances like the one against Millwall. And it wasn't just the players that did the club proud on Monday.

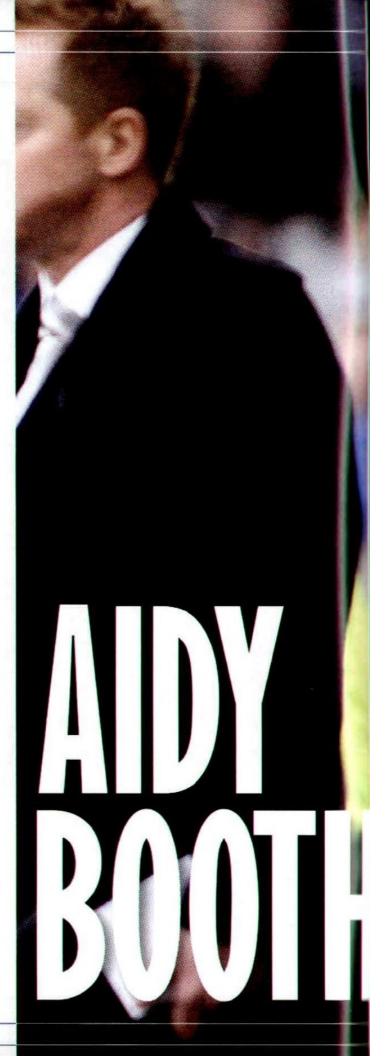
You guys made sure that three thousand Millwall fans never got going with their songs and chants and you kept the lads going with your own songs. The applause you gave the lads at the end was also first class and was greatly appreciated by all of us in the changing room.

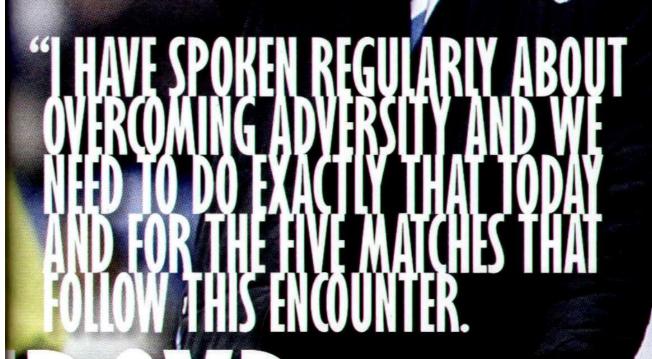
Keep it us this afternoon and enjoy the game.

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BATTLING PERFORMANCE G

U'S 1 (0) MILLWALL 2 (1)

MONDAY APRIL 5TH, 1PM KICK-OFF

CROWD: 7,393

Lady Luck abandoned the U's on Easter Monday as, despite a spirited display, they fell to a narrow defeat against Millwall.

The U's fought, battled and chased throughout the ninety minutes against the Lions and, although the winless run continued, it had been some time since Aidy Boothroyd's men had played that well.

Whilst the U's had plenty of chances of their own, it was an unfortunate own goal that separated the two sides by the time the final whistle was blown.

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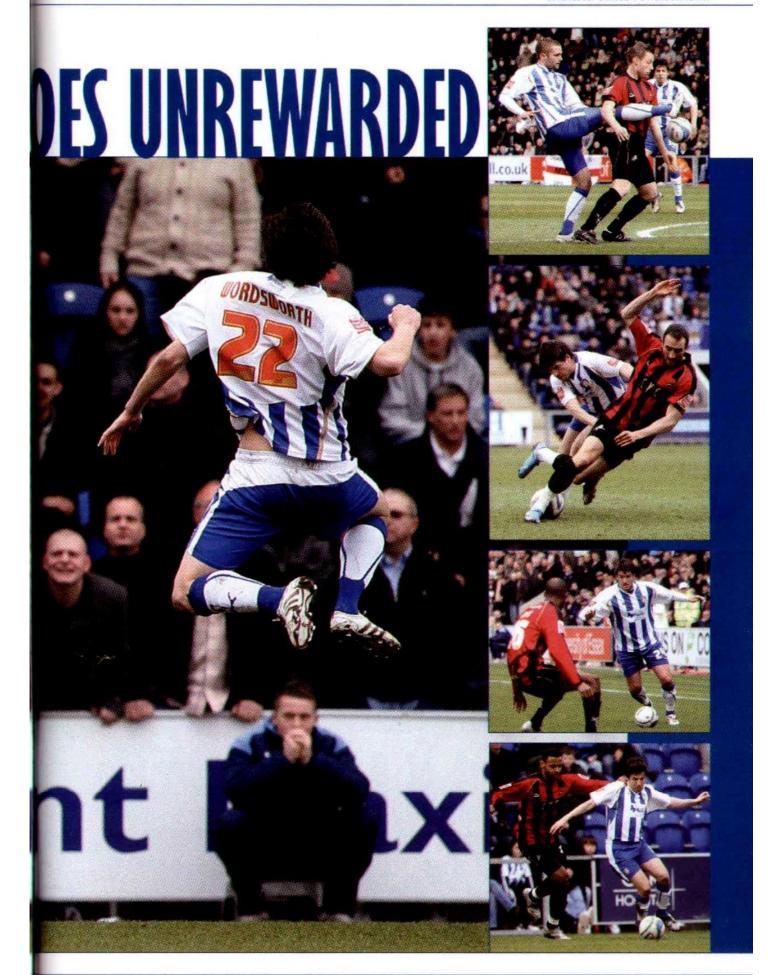
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OUR VISITORS...



The Easter period is done and dusted now and there is all to play for going into the final straight of the 2009/10 campaign.

The U's know the task at hand if they are to secure a position in the play-offs, whilst for today's visitors, there are genuine hopes that they can finish in an automatic berth after a superb run of results since the turn of the year.

Swindon collected a maximum haul over Easter with wins over Leeds United and Tranmere Rovers, with the two games providing very difficult tests for Wilson's men.

The win over Leeds continued the Yorkshire side's fall from grace, whilst the victory at Tranmere ensured that Rovers are not yet clear of trouble at the foot of the table.

And boss Wilson was pleased with his side's performances in the two games. He said: "We have had two good results over Easter with the win at Leeds and now this one. We are scoring plenty of goals and I am pleased we did not concede any here.

"There is a confidence about my team at the moment. They are playing with great spirit and togetherness and we are making it hard for our opponents. But there is no talk of promotion and I will not let that happen.

"There are six matches to go over the next month and anything can happen. There are sure to be more twists and turns and we can be certain of nothing. But at the moment we are a point ahead and playing well, which is the main thing."

The victories saw Swindon retain their position behind Norwich City in the League One table, but there is little room for slip ups in the last six games.

With Millwall, Leeds and Charlton all winning on Easter Monday, just two points separate second to fifth in the League One table and Wilson knows his side have to keep plugging away in the remaining weeks to protect the position that they've earned themselves.

And whilst his manager is keen to keep things level headed going into the last few games, striker Billy Paynter is bullish about his side's chances.

Paynter and strike partner Charlie Austin have been scoring goals for fun this season and he told the local press: "It's a tough league

and there's some massive clubs in it. But some think that little Swindon Town — they won't do anything. Hopefully people might start taking notice of us now.

"We've beaten teams this season and no-one's given us the recognition that we deserve. If it takes us to go second for people to take notice then so be it.

"We've shocked most people because they thought we were going to be a midtable team. But with the players we've got we always felt we could cause problems and be up there."

LAST TEN SEASONS

1999/00 DIVISION ONE, 24TH (RELEGATED)

2000/01 DIVISION TWO, 20TH

2001/02 DIVISION TWO, 13TH

2002/03 DIVISION TWO, 10TH

2003/04 DIVISION TWO, 5TH

2004/05 LEAGUE ONE, 12TH

2005/06 LEAGUE ONE, 23RD (RELEGATED)

2006/07 LEAGUE TWO, 3RD (PROMOTED)

2007/08 LEAGUE ONE, 13TH

2008/09 LEAGUE ONE, 15TH

LAST TIME IN COLCHESTER

10.03.09 U'S 3 SWINDON 2

Clive Platt twice gives the U's the lead, only for Simon Cox and Hal Robson-Kanu to draw them level. However, the U's have the last word as David Perkins pops up with a late winner for a big three points.

LAST TIME AT SWINDON

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In Aidy Boothroyd's second game in charge, the U's take the lead with an Ashley Vincent goal — a strike that sees him injured and out of action for five months. The home side equalise just before the break and the spoils are shared.

uch has been written about Leeds' recent fall from grace at the top of League One, but today's visitors have shown no qualms in taking advantage of the opportunity on offer to them in recent weeks.

Swindon Town have quietly and confidently gone about their business since the turn of the year, culminating in a maximum return over the Easter period of six points and six goals, to mark their intention of being right in the thick of the promotion shake-up in the remaining weeks of the

One of those two Easter wins came over Leeds United, and the match at Elland Road marked the return to action of defender Scott Cuthbert. The Scotsman has made a big impression this season whilst on loan from Celtic and he was delighted with the result in Yorkshire, which firmly established the Robins as promotion contenders.

He told the matchday magazine: "It was a huge game, because we knew they would be up for it after we beat them 3-0 at the County Ground.

"They came out on the front foot, but we soaked up the pressure, got the ball down and, once we were in front, we controlled the game.

"The result gave us a lot of confidence because it could have been a really tricky match for us. We are full of confidence now and will be ready for the game against Colchester who, apart from their recent run, have shown they're a side able to pick up results on a regular basis."

Swindon, like the U's, have not been a side identified by the media as promotion hopefuls during the course of the

But, now they've elevated themselves into the top two, does Scott expect a different kind of pressure on a matchday? "Not really, we're not thinking that way," he stressed.

"We want to show the same mentality, go out and play the way we have been and if we can do that, we have got a great chance of picking up the results that we need in the last few

Promotion would be the icing on the cake of a very enjoyable season for Cuthbert, who ventured away from Scotland to get first team football under his belt.

Living with fellow Celtic loanee Simon Ferry, life in the south has been a hugely positive experience.

He said: "It has been different class, I didn't know too much when I first came down but it

has been great, because there are a few Scots in the squad and it's great to hear a familiar accent!

"Things are looking great in the table at the moment, so we have to keep working hard and go about our business and that should help us get to where we want to be?





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SCOTT CUTHBERT

Scottish defender who came through the ranks at Celtic and, having spent a season on loan at St Mirren, made the move south to Swindon in the summer of 2009. Has also represented Scotland at various levels.

JONATHAN DOUGLAS

Douglas is another of Swindon's former Leeds contingent. He provides a combative edge in the Robins midfield and will come up against former teammate David Prutton this afternoon. Has U21s and full international honours with Ireland.

CHARLIE AUSTIN

Former Poole Town striker who has been making headlines ever since making the switch to league football earlier this year. He has been hugely prolific since making the step up and already has captured the attention of the bigger clubs.

DAYID LUCAS Experienced goalkeeper who made the switch to the County Ground at the start of this season, following his release by Leeds United. Made his name at Preston North End, but looks to have found a new home in the West Country.

ALAN SHEEHAN

Another to have made the move to Swindon from Leeds. Alan has spent the season on loan at Swindon and has become a popular player. A free kick specialist, the full back has also represented Republic of Ireland U21s five times earlier in his career.

SIMON FERRY

Celtic midfielder who has spent time on loan with Swindon this season. The Scotsman has represented his country at U21s level and he has been a virtual ever present for the Robins since arriving in the summer.

STEPHEN DARBY

Young defender who has graduated through the ranks at Liverpool, winning the FA Youth Cup on two occasions. He joined Swindon on loan in March and has already made a big impression in his time at the County Ground.

DANIEL WARD

Bolton Wanderers trainee who, having scored plenty for the reserves, joined Swindon in November on loan and the powerful midfielder, who can also play up front, has already notched five times in his games for the Robins to date.

GORDON GREER

Another Swindon player to make the journey south from Scotland, having joined on a free transfer in the summer of 2009. After time at Stockport and Blackburn, he went north to play for Kilmarnock, but is enjoying life south of the border once again.

BILLY PAYNTER

Former Southend front man who has really settled into life at the County Ground. Billy has been a one in two striker since making the switch from Roots Hall and his partnership with Charlie Austin has been the success story of League One this year.

JON-PAUL MCGOVERN

Former Sheffield Wednesday and MK Dons winger who came south from Scotland in 2002 to join the Owls. He joined Swindon in the summer of 2007 and has now made more than 100 league appearances for the club.





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VINCENT PERICARD, STRIKER, CAMEROONIAN, DOB 03.10.82

OTHER CLUBS: JUVENTUS, PORTSMOUTH, SHEFFIELD UNITED, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE, STOKE CITY, SOUTHAMPTON, MILLWALL, CARLISLE UNITED SWINDON TOWN APPS/GOALS: 11, 0

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FRANK HOUBLE, STRIKER, ENGLISH, DOB 24.09.91

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MICHAEL TIMLIN, MIDFIELDER, ENGLISH, DOB 19.03.83

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KEVIN AMANKWAAH, DEFENDER, ENGLISH, DOB 19.05.82

OTHER CLUBS: BRISTOL CITY, TORQUAY UNITED, CHELTENHAM TOWN, YEOVIL TOWN, SWANSEA CITY SWINDON TOWN APPS/ GOALS: 73, 5

CALLUM KENNEDY, DEFENDER, ENGLISH, DOB 09.11.89

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ALAN O'BRIEN, MIDFIELDER, IRISH, DOB 20.02.85

OTHER CLUBS: NEWCASTLE UNITED, CARLISLE UNITED, HIBERNIAN SWINDON TOWN APPS/GOALS: 10, 0

LESCINEL JEAN-FRANCOIS, MIDFIELDER, FRENCH, DOB 02.10.86

OTHER CLUBS: PARIS ST GERMAIN, SEDAN, FALKIRK SWINDON TOWN APPS/GOALS: 40, 0

LLOYD MACKLIN, MIDFIELDER, ENGLISH, DOB 02.08.91

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MARK MARSHALL, MIDFIELDER, ENGLISH, DOB 09.05.86

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JAKUB JESIONKOWSKI, GOALKEEPER, POLISH

OTHER CLUBS: ZAGLEBIE LUBIN SWINDON TOWN APPS/GOALS: 0, 0

MARK SCOTT, GOALKEEPER, ENGLISH, DOB 03.01.91

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KURT HAMMONDS, MIDFIELDER, ENGLISH, DOB 06.12.90

OTHER CLUBS: FROM TRAINEE SWINDON TOWN APPS/GOALS: 0, 0



ROBINS KEEPER JOINS REDS

There was a day to remember for young Swindon keeper Jamie Stephens earlier this week, as he signed for Premiership side Liverpool.

The 16-year-old, who had come through the ranks at the Robins, headed to the top flight side and Swindon Town Chairman, Andrew Fitton, commented on the club's official website: "This is a great opportunity for Jamie. George Wood (Swindon Town goalkeeping coach) recognised his talent immediately and did a great job developing him.

"Being such a specialist position, the opportunity to go to an Academy like Liverpool is the right move for him and will give him the chance to play in tournaments all over the world."

IN SAFE KEEPING

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles six leading post-war Swindon goalkeepers

SAM BURTON

Long-serving goalkeeper Sam Burton was ever-present for Swindon Town in 1954/5 and 1957/8. Born locally, he turned professional at the County Ground in June 1945 and made his League debut in Swindon's 2-2 draw at home to Reading in November 1946. He contested a first-team slot with Frank Boulton and Norman Uprichard during the early post-war era. Helping Swindon reach the FA Cup Fourth Round in 1955-56, he also missed just one match in 1960/1 and played 463 League games until a shoulder injury ended his career in November 1961. He later ran a transport cafe in Lyneham, then retired to Wales where he had met his wife.

NORMAN UPRICHARD

Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Norman Uprichard gained the first five of his 18 caps while at Swindon Town. Initially with Distillery, he moved via Arsenal to Swindon in November 1949. He contested a first-team slot with Sam Burton, helping Swindon reach the FA Cup Fifth Round in 1951/2 and making 73 League appearances prior to joining Portsmouth in November 1952. Starring as they finished third in the top-flight in 1954/5, he moved to Southend United in July 1959 and later played for Hastings United. He became a publican, then ran the Queen's University bar in Belfast and has since settled back in Hastings in retirement.

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was ever-present in Swindon Town's 1968/9 promotion and League Cup'double' success. Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in an exchange deal involving Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup Sixth Round in 1969/70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup Sixth Round in 1975/6 and won promotion in 1976/7. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.

Tall goalkeeper Kenny Allen was a key figure in Swindon Town's 1985/6 Fourth Division title triumph. He had spells with Tow Law, Hartlepool and Hellenic prior to joining Bath City in September 1973, starring in their 1977/8 Southern League title success. Moving to AFC Bournemouth in August 1978, he helped win promotion in 1981/2 and reunited with David Webb at Torquay United in March 1984. He joined Swindon in September 1985 and made 45 League appearances before rejoining Torquay in December 1986. Everpresent as they were Fourth Division play-off finalists in 1987-88, he also appeared for them in the 1989 Sherpa Van Trophy final.

England U21s goalkeeper Fraser Digby featured in Swindon Town's 1992/3 First Division play-off final triumph. Signing professional for Manchester United in April 1985, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986 and appeared in their 1986/7 promotion success. He was ever-present in 1988/9, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1994/5. Also featuring in their 1995/6 Second Division title triumph, he had a testimonial in July 1997 and played 417 League games, moving to Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

Big Dutch goalkeeper Bart Griemink missed just one match for Swindon Town in 2001/2. Initially with WK Emmen in his native country, he joined Birmingham City in November 1995 and was a League Cup semi-finalist that season. He followed Barry Fry to Peterborough United in October 1996 and featured in their 1999/2000 promotion campaign, moving to the County Ground in July 2000 after a loan spell. A fine shot-stopper, he made a significant contribution to Swindon's improved results and made 124 League appearances for the Robins before joining Southend United in July 2004. His playing career was ended by knee problems in June 2006.

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elcome back for today's match, as we aim to get back to winning ways here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium. We know it has been a while since the last win but we are fully focussed and will be doing all we can to get all three points.

We know that it will be a really tough match against a side who are on a good run of form and are currently occupying second place in the league. But we proved against Millwall last Monday that we can more than compete with the best sides in the division.

The performance has given us confidence that we can get the necessary points that will get us into the promotion shake up in these last six matches. It was so disappointing to come off the pitch with nothing to show for our efforts against one of our promotion rivals.

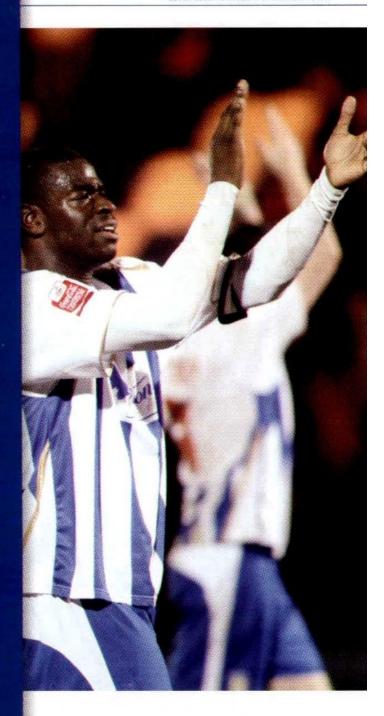
And it wasn't just our effort, we created chances against them and played very well, much better than them for long periods of the game. We have to repeat that performance now for all the remaining games — if we do that, we won't be far away.

I mentioned that the performance has given us confidence but we are not over confident and will be fully aware that we have to work as hard as we did against Millwall if we are to get any success. Every team we have to play has something very important to play for

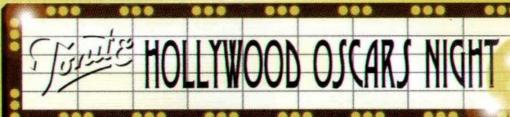
Whether it be promotion or relegation, I'm sure they'll be battling as hard as we are and we'll have to overcome that. We weren't in the top six all season through luck and we want to get back into the top six as soon as possible.

Your support over Easter was fantastic, as it has been all season, and it can certainly play its part in our run in. The reception you gave us after the disappointment against Millwall was much appreciated.

Keep up the good work and let's really go for it in these last few matches.







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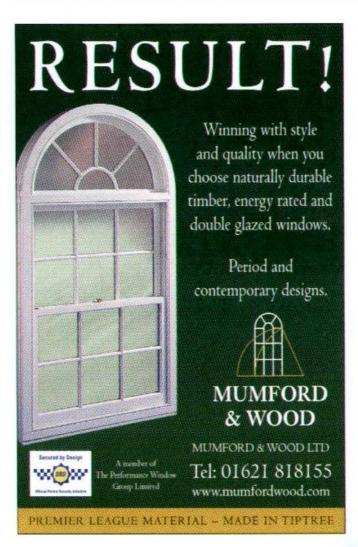
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TALKING WOUNDED

elcome back for this afternoon's match against Swindon, as enter the last six games of the season. Hopefully, it will be six matches that go by without us picking up any injuries as we chase promotion back into the Championship.

The Easter weekend saw us have two matches and having got through the first one at Exeter unscathed, we took on Millwall here at the Weston Homes Community stadium in the second. Unfortunately, we lost Franck Queudrue to a hamstring injury in the second half and he had to be replaced by Danny Batth.

Luckily, Franck is an experienced player and alerted us to the problem rather than carrying on and making the injury worse. We were able to get some ice straight on it and make sure that he was able to put his leg up and rest.

Over the course of the last few days, Franck has been able to do more and more work and barring any late setbacks, should be available to the manager this afternoon. If he is to miss today, I would expect him to be fit for Tuesday's match at Charlton.

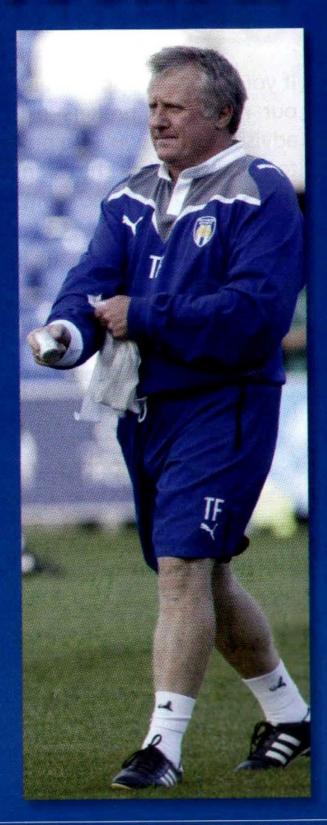
Should Franck have stayed on against Millwall and torn the hamstring, he would have almost certainly been out for the remainder of the season so it was the sensible decision to protect it and come off. Luckily, it was just a strain and not a tear, so there shouldn't be any real cause for concern.

Kayode Odejayi has been missing now for three matches and is getting on well with his rehab. A scan revealed a ligament strain from the challenge he received at Walsall and the specialist has advised us on what needs to be done in the next week or so.

It is the type of injury that can seem like it is progressing really well until you start twisting and turning again. That is when the discomfort is usually felt and the last bit of the rehabilitation process is the slowest. Kayode initially thought he might only be out of action for a few days but we are getting there and hopefully, we'll see him very soon.

Paul Reid and Lee Beevers continue with their respective programmes and are both working hard to be fit before the end of the season. Whether either of them plays any first team football remains to be seen but it will be great to see both of them in action in the near future.

Lee has been out for almost the whole season so it might be asking too much for him to play any part of the run in. And while Paul is making real progress following his injection, it will be touch and go for him to make first team appearances before the end of the season.



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St Helena Hospice



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The U's are pleased to welcome staff from St Helena Hospice to this afternoon's game against Swindon Town.

The club have a long standing association with the local charity and more details of some of the projects we are working on with them can be found on pages 44 and 45 of today's matchday magazine.

The staff in attendance here today are here to promote Dying Awareness Week which seeks to raise awareness and provide the support and information needed to have these conversations with loved ones.

It aims to help make dying well a natural part of a good life and through this help change attitudes and behaviours towards dying, death and bereavement and raise the profile and improve end of life care.

Rosy Stamp, Hospice Director, St Helena Hospice, said: "In the busy daily lives we all lead it's very easy to put off planning for death, especially as it's a difficult subject to talk about. It is really important to have these conversations with people close to us to make sure that their wishes and our own are met. Once the subject is opened it is much easier

to return to it again.

"Children are often much less inhibited than grownups and ask very perceptive questions and there are lots of excellent books to introduce the subject of death to children. It can be very comforting and reassuring to have written a will and made plans and I hope people will take the opportunity this week to start thinking and talking together about the subject."



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RAISE FOR U'S FANS

U's fans at the recent away game against Walsall have been praised for their attitude by one new supporter.

Living up in Warwickshire, Jamie Clay took his son Nathan (pictured above) to their first U's game at the Bescot Stadium and, although the team lost, they went away with positive memories of the day.

Jamie writes: "When we took our seats amongst the 'U's crew', there were a group of chaps immediately to our left, who upon finding out that this was Nathan's first game as a 'distant' United fan, befriended him immediately.

"Now Nathan isn't the most confident of young lads, so I was amazed to find how well he conversed with them, and they were great with him all game, one of them was even so kind as to give Nathan his lucky 'Col U' hat at the end of the match which I thought was a tremendous gesture.

"I just wondered if through maybe the programme notes or similar you could pass on our thanks to the fella's concerned. They were a real credit to our football club and, in an age where footy fans are often maligned, its people like these that need recognition to address the balance somewhat. My sincerest thanks to them."



Name: Callum Northmore

Age: 11

From: Swindon

Hobbies: Football, XBox **Favourite Swindon Player:**

Charlie Austin



2009/10 MATCHDAY PRICES

WEST STAND

BIOCKS 1 & 9

Adult: £20 | 60+: £13 | Forces: £13 Disabled from : £13 | Wheelchair from : £13

BLOCKS 2 & 8

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BIOCKS 3 & 7

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BLOCKS 4 & 6

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EAST STAND

Family Option 1: One adult, 2 U16s Family Option 2: Two adults, 2 U16s

EAST 1 & 8 (FAMILY)

Family Option 1: £28 | Family Option 2: £48 Adult: £20 | 60+: £13 | Forces: £13 | 17-21: £13

U16s: £8 | U11s: £5 | U7s: £3

Disabled from: £13 | Wheelchair from: £13

EAST 287 (FAMILY)

Family Option 1: £30 | Family Option 2: £52 Adult: £22 | 60+: £15 | Forces: £15 | 17-21: £15

U16s: £8 | U11s: £5 | U7s: £3

Disabled from: £15 | Wheelchair from: £15

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Adult: £24 | 60+: £16 | Forces: £16 | 17-21: £16 U16s: £12 | U11s: £9 | U7s: £5 | Disabled from : £16

EAST 4&5

Adult: £26 | 60+: £19 | Forces: £19 | 17-21: £19 U16s: £12 | U11s: £9 | U7s: £5 | Disabled from : £19

SOUTH STAND

COUTH 7

Adult: £18 | 60+: £13 | U16s: £10 | Disabled from £13

SOUTH 3 & 4

Adult: £18 | 60+: £13 | Forces: £13 | 17-21: £12 U16s: £10 | Disabled from : £13

SOUTH 5

Adult £18 | 60+: £13 | Forces: £13 | 17-21: £13 | U16s: £8 Disabled from : £13 | Wheelchair from : £13

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

Venue: The Valley

Date: Tuesday, April 13th

Kick off: 7.45pm

Opposition Website: www.cafc.co.uk

Completing a trio of matches against fellow promotion chasers, the U's go to The Valley for a midweek encounter. Prices are as follows:- Adults £25 | 60+£17 | U21s £17 | U18s £5 | Ambulant Disabled & Wheelchair £17 | Ambulant Disabled & Wheelchair U18 £5 | Carer FREE

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

Venue: Victoria Park Date: Saturday April 17th

Kick off: 3pm

Opposition website: www.hartlepoolunited.co.uk

The U's travel to the north east in mid-April as they look to continue their push for promotion. Prices for the game are as follows:- Adults £20 | Concessions £10 | Disabled: £20 or £10 depending on which category individual qualifies for above | Carer FREE | Concessions are: Senior (60+), U16 & Students with a valid NUS Card.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Venue: Weston Homes Community Stadium

Date: Saturday April 24th

Kick off: 3pm

Opposition website: www.tranmererovers.co.uk

The U's host Tranmere Rovers at the end of April as both sides search for points for very different reasons. Prices for this game can be found elsewhere on this page.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

Venue: Galpharm Stadium Date: Saturday May Ist

Kick off: 3pm

Opposition Website: www.htafc.com

The U's take on Huddersfield at the start of the May in a crunch clash in Yorkshire.

Tickets are due on sale soon and are priced as follows:- Adults £24 | 60+ £15 | Student (Valid NUS Card) £15 | U16s £12 | Ambulant Disabled (Plus Carer for free) £24 | Wheelchair User (Plus Carer for free) £15

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United and Swindon Town. The U's come into the game hoping to put an end to their recent poor run of form that has seen them not record a league win since they beat Oldham on the 20th Feb, and to depress you further the U's have not picked up a point since the draw with Wycombe on 27th March!

But fear not U's fans, despite the eventual result, the U's first half performance against Millwall was arguably the best football they have played all year, however, when you go on a poor run, Lady Luck seems to also desert you and the U's were desperately unlucky to go in at half time a goal down as they were clearly the better side.

Lady Luck was certainly a Millwall fan that day, as the U's eventually went down to an unfortunate own goal from Danny Batth on 78 minutes.

Despite having chances to equalise in the final moments, the U's' were unable to take any of their chances and slumped to their second league defeat in three days.

Regardless of the result, the performance certainly gave me hope for the last six games of the season and the team was rightly applauded off the pitch after the 90 minutes.

Off the field, the U's were not helped in their quest for an equaliser when some idiotic Millwall "fans" thought it would be a good idea to steal any footballs that came into their section of the East Stand, I counted five, which was probably the same amount of brain cells that those involved possessed, not even disapproving stares from the stewards could put them off.

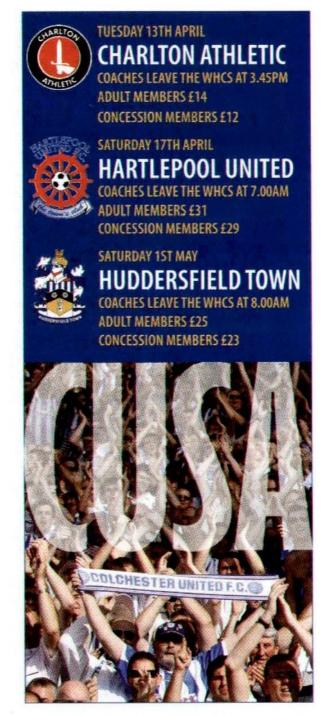
Furthermore, the crowd of 7,393 was to be honest a disappointment. I fully appreciate that recent form and the opposition's reputation did not help matters. However, when you consider that Millwall would have had about 3,000 fans when you include the corporate seats, this was disappointing and the non-attending people of Colchester need to hang their heads in shame, anyway, rant over!

Back to matters on the field, and at times like these it is all too easy to criticise the players performances, manager tactics etc.

Aidy and the players have come in for a lot of criticism recently, some justified, some not, however, if we are to keep our promotion dream alive and turn the corner then the players, staff and fans need to be UNITED.

To quote a famous saying: "It's not about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keeping moving forward."

The U's promotion bid has taken several knocks recently and the team is well and truly on the ropes, however, a win today against high flying Swindon can turn everything around for the U's and get the team back on track as we enter the "business end" of the season



To give the players every chance of turning things around, we the fans needs to play our part.

I was in the South Stand for the Millwall game and the first half atmosphere in there was fantastic and I felt it really gave the players a boost. If the atmosphere from here can be recreated in the East and West Stands today, then surely this can only help the team and drive the players on to victory.

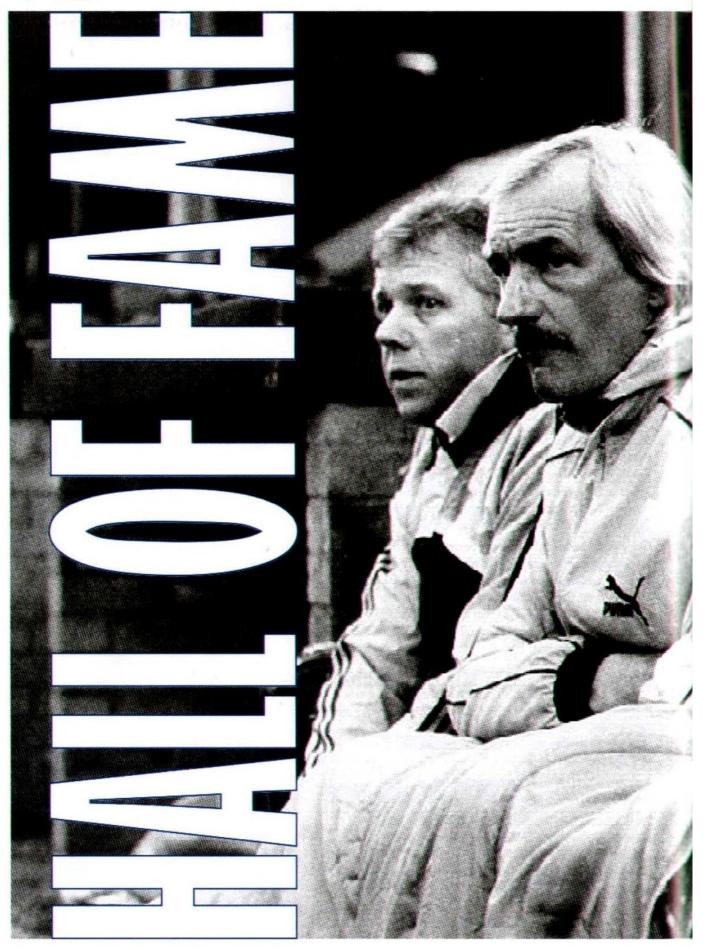
So sing loud and sing proud, let's get behind the team and play our part as the "twelfth" man, three points here we come!

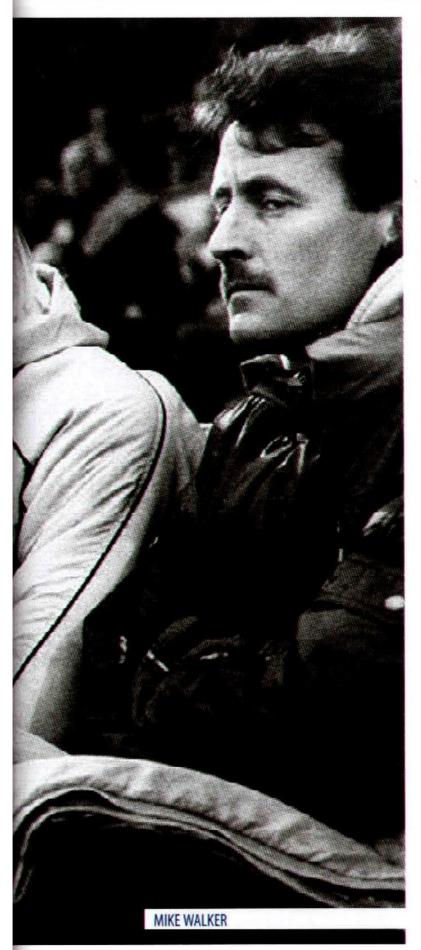
Up the U's, Dan Humphries

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In these days of squad rotation, it seems unfathomable that a player could be virtually ever present for nearly seven years.

anagers chop and change their squads on a regular basis, so much so that even playing two thirds of a team's fixtures in a season would see a player considered as a mainstay of a side.

But for our most recent Hall of Fame inductees, playing consistently in a Colchester United shirt was just part of the routine.

U's supporters turning up to watch their side in the 1960s, 70s and 80s would have got used to seeing some familiar faces in the starting eleven, particularly when it came to the men between the sticks.

First up was Percy Ames — a huge favourite with U's fans of the time — who missed only three league games in seven seasons, two of them because of a fractured finger and his spell as U's goalkeeper included a run of 224 consecutive appearances.>>>



Ames left the club in 1965 and, eight years later, another stalwart was to follow with the arrival of Mike Walker from Watford.

Walker was as regular a face between the sticks as Ames had been a decade earlier. Acquired by Jim Smith for £4,000, he was the model of consistency, playing 451 league games, including 310 consecutive appearances between February 1977 and January 1983.

Speaking to the U's matchday programme earlier this week, Mike admitted that he thought little of his achievement at the time.

"I played 300 odd consecutively, but at the time, I thought very little of it. Like most footballers, I just wanted to be playing on the Saturday afternoon. The games soon amassed, though, and looking back on it, it is something to be proud of and really reflect on with some pleasure."

Mike, currently living in Cyprus, cited consistency as the key to his regular selection. Current manager Aidy Boothroyd has often cited the need for his players to be able to turn out a certain level of performance and, even thirty years ago, little was different as the managers of the time sought a level of predictability from their players.

Mike added: "If you are not playing well, you won't get selected, it's as simple as that.

"Consistency is important, even at the top level. The likes of a Wayne Rooney are great players, but they're not great until they are able to find that consistency in their performance.

"Looking back, I was doing something right to keep getting selected, and I was also quite fortunate that I didn't get any serious injuries during my time at Colchester. There were quite a few games when I played with injuries, and I suppose managers will always look for that desire to play from the lads in their team. Of course, if you break a leg if you can't play, but I didn't get any serious ones that kept me out for any period of time."

Mike and his fellow 2010 inductees became the latest former U's stars to join the club's Hall of Fame. It is intended that their achievements will be acknowledged in physical form at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, and the former shot stopper was delighted to have been appreciated in such a fashion.

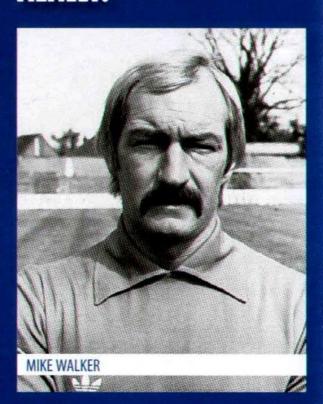
"It is fantastic to be inducted into such illustrious company," he said.

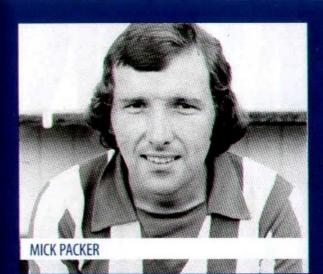
"When you think of all the players that have come and gone during Colchester United's history, it is a nice acknowledgement to get.

"To be inducted is a great privilege for me. I spent a long time at Colchester United as both a player and a coach and so something like this is very nice really."

One of Mike's fellow inductees this year spent ten years as part of the same side at Layer Road. Mick Packer followed him to the U's in the summer of 1973 and the duo played a combined total of over 900 league and cup games together in their stints with the Essex side.

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Mike was not surprised to hear that Mick had also been inducted and said: "He was a reliable player, with no frills. You knew what you were going to get from him on a week to week basis and that" is why he was selected. He used to kick a few people, of course, but he did it in the right way!

"He had a great left foot, was very strong player and he is probably a classic example of the team at the time.

"We had a good strong solid characters, and we were not made up of superstars but instead relied on a good team ethic and Mick was a player that summed that up.

"He was a tough lad, never say die and a good bloke into the bargain. We had a few like that, and it helped us to plenty of success."

Mike and Mick were involved in promotion seasons during their time with the U's and, although out in Cyprus at present, the former goalkeeper keeps close tabs on things as Aidy Boothroyd's side push for the Championship.

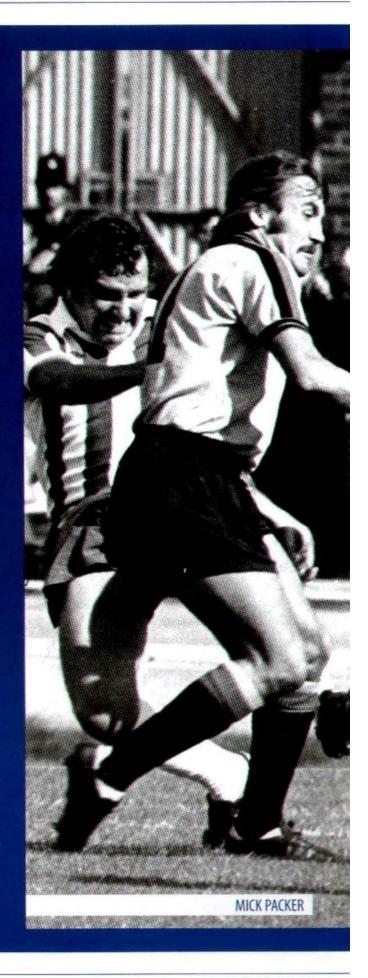
"Jim Smith brought me to Colchester and, in the first year I was there, the promotion was always a possibility.

"Colchester were a smaller club, so to achieve something like that was big bonus.

"In some ways, that's still the case now, despite the progress that the club have made on and off the pitch. I think somebody asked me earlier in the season about Norwich City and Colchester, and I said it would be a bigger achievement for Colchester to get up than for Norwich. More recently, Colchester might not have had the results they're after, but they are still in with a shout. It will be terrific if they can manage it.

"I watch the results coming in and Aidy has done a good job since he has come in. Despite the recent slip, the fact that they're up there still shows that he has done a good job.

"He will want his side to try and get some consistency over the last few games. They have still got a chance, if they buckle down, stay together and work hard."





1,339 REASONS TO REMEMBER U'S STARS

riday night's dinner saw three more players inducted into the Hall of Fame, as many years of loyal service were remembered by more than 200 guests in attendance.

The mixture of former players and members of the general public acclaimed the contributions of three former U's stars who had represented the club with some distinction during their respective spells at Layer Road.

Between the three of them, the 2010 inductees made an astounding total of 1,339 league and cup appearances for the U's, with their careers at the north Essex club spanning a total of over thirty years.

For two of the U's stars, their careers started and finished in the same season, so Mike Walker and Mick Packer's combined total of over 900 matches would have seen them named in the same eleven on countless occasions.

The trio — whose profiles appear on this double page — join an illustrious list of former U's stars in the club's Hall of Fame, with the following players now fondly remembered in our prestigious group:-

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MICKY COOK, MARK KINSELLA, TONY ENGLISH, PETER WRIGHT, BRIAN HALL

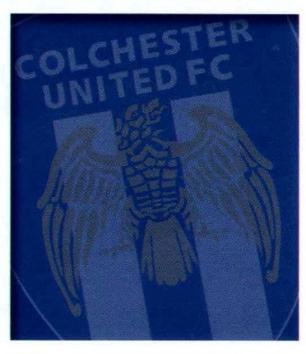
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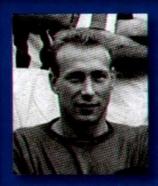
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2008/9

GRAHAM SMITH, JOHN GILCHRIST, BOBBY CRAM, JOHN KURILA, BRIAN GARVEY, BRIAN LEWIS, BRIAN GIBBS, MICK MAHON, DAVE SIMMONS, RAY CRAWFORD

2009/10 HALL OF FAME PLAYER PROFILES





PERCY AMES Born: 13th December 1931 Died: 4th December 1998

Ames was Benny Fenton's first signing, having been recommended by the great Tottenham and England goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn. Ditchburn had declared that Ames was far too good for Tottenham's third team.

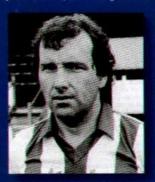
Colchester were already aware of the player as he had undertaken his National Service at the local Garrison in 1954 and had turned out as a triallist in the end of season Pearson Charity Cup game in May 1955, being snapped up immediately after.

He began his U's career by saving a Benny Fenton penalty in the Probables v Possibles friendly in preseason and repeated the feat on his league debut against Exeter.

Incredibly, he missed only three league games in seven seasons, two of them because of a fractured finger and included a run of 224 consecutive appearances. He starred in United's assault on the Second Division in 1956/7 and in the 1958/9 FA Cup run which finally saw defeat at Arsenal.

Ames claimed a Fourth Division runners-up medal in 1961/2 and was United's first ever Player of the Year in 1964/5.

West Brom made an offer for Ames, but Fenton wanted to hold onto his custodian and did not tell the player of their interest until two years later. Upon leaving the U's, he briefly joined Romford before turning out for his home-town team Bedford.



MICK PACKER Born: 20th April 1950

Jim Smith signed Packer on a free transfer from Watford in July 1973 as he sought to rebuild the side that had suffered re-election the previous season.

Packer arrived at the same time as goalkeeper – and fellow inductee – Mike Walker. At Watford, Packer had played in the 1970 FA Cup semi-final alongside future U's stars John Williams, Mike Walker and Brian Owen but he was loaned to Crewe on deadline day 1972.

Making 12 appearances at Gresty Road, Packer was released by the Hornets in the summer of 1973. Primarily a left back, he played at the heart of the defence and in midfield, had a no-nonsense attitude and a thunderous shot.

He played in United's big cup ties against Southampton, Derby, Leeds, Manchester United and Newcastle. He also won promotion to Division Three, twice, and played under Jim Smith, Bobby Roberts and Allan Hunter.

His long service was rewarded with a testimonial against West Ham in May 1983. On being released from Layer Road, he joined Wivenhoe as player-manager. Later, whilst managing a local leisure centre, he assisted AFC Sudbury and their reserve side.



MIKE WALKER Born: 28th November 1945

Goalkeeper Walker qualified for Wales after being born in Colwyn Bay whilst his father was completing army service in North Wales.

Based in Reading, he represented Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxon Boys, and joined home town team Reading as a junior in January 1963.

He moved to Shrewsbury in the 1964 close season and then, still only 21, he signed for York in the summer of 1966, establishing himself, making sixty appearances in two seasons.

Spotted by Watford, he joined the Hertfordshire outfit in September 1968, making 137 league appearances, winning the Third Division title in 1969 and appearing in the 1970 FA Cup semi-final.

Acquired by Jim Smith for £4,000, he was the model of consistency, playing 451 league games, including 310 consecutive appearances between February 1977 and January 1983.

In that time, he saw off five deputies, preventing any of Lee Smelt, lan Cranstone, Bobby Hamilton and Jeff Wood, from making a first team appearance at Layer Road and thwarting any ambitions that John McInally might have had of adding to the appearances he had made prior to Walker's arrival.

He twice won promotion with the U's and, missing nine league games in ten seasons at Layer Road, he became reserve team manager and, when Cyril Lea was sacked in April 1986, he saw out the season as caretaker manager.

Appointed full time boss for the 1986/7 season, he steered United to fifth place in Division Four before losing the play-off semi-final to Wolves. He then had them top of the Fourth Division in the following campaign before he was incredibly sacked by then chairman Jonathan Crisp.

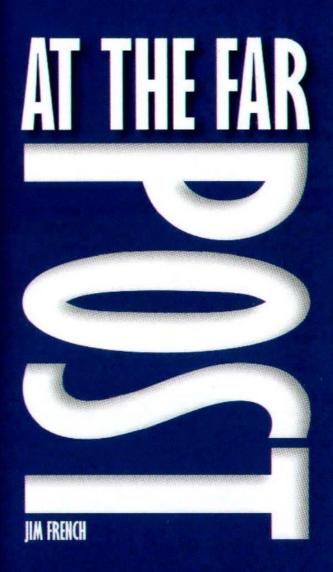
He subsequently managed Norwich City, which included the Canaries' historic win over Bayern Munich.

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hen we travelled to Swindon in the September sunshine for Aidy's second game in charge, we had no way of knowing that we would now be looking back at the game as a 'six pointer' in the promotion stakes, but that is the way it has turned out. >>>



We had enough chances to have won the game in the first 20 minutes, but lost much of our threat when Ashley Vincent was badly injured in scoring. By the time we had been caught with too many players upfield for Town's equaliser, and Alex Revell had thumped a shot from the blue onto Ben Williams' crossbar, we could not complain about the result.

It was a classic game decided in three incidents; Vincent's injury, Swindon's break-away equaliser, and a shot which struck the bar with the keeper helpless. Which makes the point that incidents at both ends of the pitch settle games (and ultimately decide promotions). At a time when most of us are still marvelling at Barcelona showing that at the highest level in the world the most beautiful football can also be the most deadly, it is a reminder that the only thing that goes on the scoresheet is goals scored.

Personally, during out time under Aidy this season I have made the journey to the point when I believe that effective attacking play has to be varied, or else the element of surprise is gone and defenders have to only think in one dimension. Barcelona teach the football world is that perfect football is the mix of a broad range of skills, but even for them it's still what they do within sight of goal that matters.

Millwall showed that on Monday. They were generally inferior to the U's, but they made the most of their limited chances, and of course, they had a big slice of luck in the penalty box when they needed it.

Looking at the League One table, we find ourselves in our worst position in months. No one wants to be making up lost ground with games running out, but the points we have dropped in the last couple of months have put us in a position where we start this afternoon's game three points adrift of the play offs. Six games will decide whether this season ends in glory or disappointment. In a sense it simplifies the job of the coaches as when they tell the players this afternoon that 'there are no second chances. Do it now or forget it', no one can argue.

It was eight months ago that we walked out at Carrow Road, behind Paul Lambert, not knowing what the season held in store. 90 minutes later we were top of the League and in cloud cuckoo land. It was an illusion of course, as that isolated performance was not typical of our performances under Lambert, and we were soon back to reality. If we don't go up, in years to come 2009/10 will be remembered for that game and for the arrival of Aidy Boothroyd.

I am sure Aidy loves being back in the desperate world of football management, and games like this afternoon's are the big matches. The home crowd on Monday showed how much they want to love Aidy, and in turn the players showed how much difference the crowd can make. We can build on that.

A final thought. It must be player of the year time. I will not reveal my vote other than to say that it will be for the player who I believe has won us more points that any other this season. That's giving nothing away, and I just hope he's got a little left up his sleeve for Swindon this afternoon, and for the other five remaining games.

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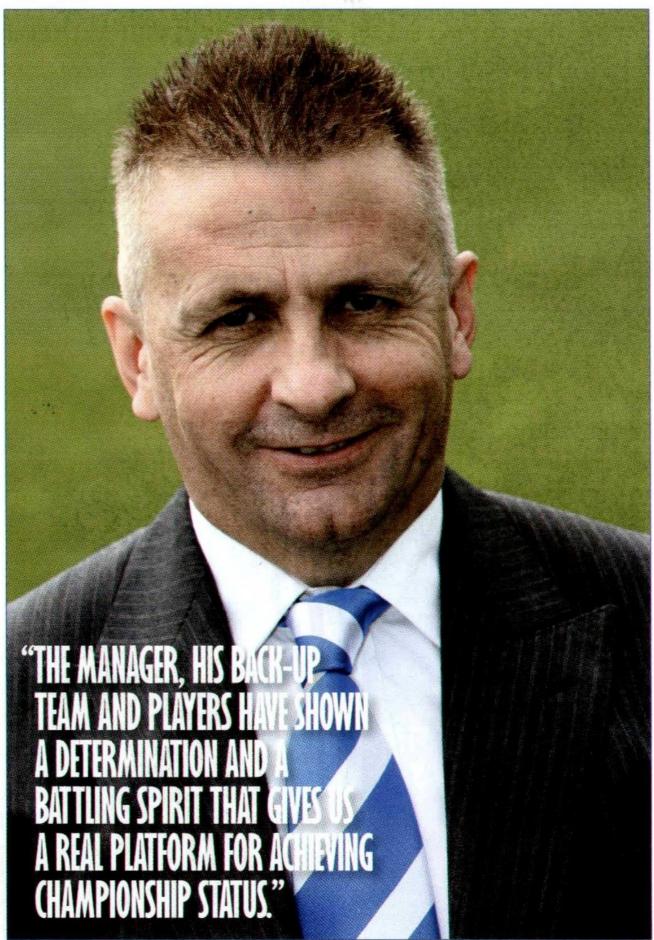
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Supporter,

Thank you very much for the support you have given to Colchester United. It is appreciated by everyone involved in the club and I personally have been very grateful for the support you have given me since I became your chairman. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a particular thank you to the local residents who been wonderfully supportive of the club, despite having their lives being changed with a football stadium on their doorstep.

The Season Ticket brochure

Many of you will already have seen our season ticket brochure for the 2009/10 campaign. For those of you who are yet to see it, we have copies available both online and in our two stores and our telesales staff are in the process of talking to all of our existing season ticket holders.

I believe that this is the earliest that Colchester United has published our season ticket prices. However, I am committed to publish season ticket prices by March each year to allow supporters the best opportunity to book their seats for the following season.

There are a number of changes to next year's ticket prices, including a higher price if we get promoted to the Championship. If we want to maintain Championship status we will have to build a Championship squad and ticket prices will have to respond to the financial pressure that will create.

However, for our loyal fans purchasing their season tickets for next season I'm willing to offer League One prices to any fan that purchases before the end of the season — even, as we all hope, the club gets promoted to the Championship.

This year we are adopting a match grading system (A, B and C matches) to recognise the different attractiveness of games against different opponents. This is becoming a common practise among successful clubs and allows us to introducing different ticket prices for different graded games.

We are also introducing flexible packages giving fans the chance to buy quarter and half season packages and upgrade options to our hospitality areas.

I know that buying a season ticket is a significant financial outlay and I have been determined to find a solution that will not only cushion the financial impact on the season ticket holder but will also maintain the level of financial support that the club needs to meet its objectives.

And I think I have found an innovative answer.

This season we are including free membership to CUFC Plus with your season ticket.

CUFC Plus recognises loyal fans by providing a range of benefits which are set out on page 10 of this brochure. However, the bit I'm most excited about is the numerous deals we are striking up with local businesses that are prepared to support our club and provide discounts to CUFC Plus members.

The discounts will be provided via a book of vouchers for use in a range of businesses in and around Colchester and it is my aim that those vouchers represent a realistic chance of the CUFC Plus members recovering the full cost of their season ticket.

We already have many local business interested and we are currently putting the final touches to the scheme which we hope will go a long way to helping both our fans and local businesses.

If you own a business and would like to find out more about the benefits of the scheme please go to www.colchesterunited.net/ voucherscheme.aspx or take a look overleaf in today's matchday magazine.

A personal message...

I have said many times since taking over as Chairman, that I am determined to make Colchester United a sustainable Championship club. That gives us two tremendous challenges: The team has to gain promotion to the Championship and the club has to maintain the financial support to keep it there.

On the first objective, the manager, his back-up team and players have shown a determination and a battling spirit that gives us a real platform for achieving Championship status.

However, to become a sustainable Championship side we need to be as effective off the field and we need to create a business that does not rely on the financial support of one person. In that respect we are achieving mixed results.

Despite a fantastic home record this season, a lofty position at the top of the league and a 16% increase in attendances, we are still struggling to attract the level of support the club needs to sustain its efforts on the field.

The fans we do attract are fantastic and the lack of numbers has not impacted on the positive atmosphere we have created. They have certainly played their part in turning The Weston Homes Community Stadium into a fortress that visiting teams find difficult to get a result from. The support base is growing and it is passionate. Hopefully the ideas that we are introducing, such as the voucher scheme, will accelerate the support for our wonderful club.

I appreciate there have been issues surrounding the move to Weston Homes Community Stadium and some of those issues still remain. The move has been a real challenge for the club and I would like to thank fans for their patience and support whilst we try our very best to resolve all of the issues we face.

I am most disappointed that we have been unable to resolve the drainage problem that has affected the car park from day one and the 2009/10 season a similar issue had a major impact on the pitch. I can assure you we will be working flat out in the summer to improve the pitch so that we never have a repeat of the problems we have suffered this season.

Robbie Cowling



OUR COMERS THERE

he U's have always enjoyed a strong connection with the town and have enhanced those links in recent months with their Your Town, Your Team campaign.

And, as part of our CUFC Plus membership package - provided free for all season ticket holders and on sale in both of the U's shops - we'll be working more closely than ever with businesses around the local area.

The CUFC Plus membership offers a wide range of additional benefits, including a voucher book for supporters to use in businesses in Colchester and its surrounding area.

That voucher book, which is produced in conjunction with the Daily Gazette, will enable fans to recoup the money they spend on their season ticket, with a host of superb discounts and offers.

Commenting on the Discount Voucher scheme, chairman Robbie Cowling said: "I'm most pleased to be able to include among the benefits a book of discount vouchers for use in a range of businesses in and around Colchester.

"We are currently putting the final touches to the scheme and hope the benefits go a long way to helping both our fans and local businesses."

For example, one local Colchester garage will give fans a 10% discount off their next service on presentation of one of the vouchers from the book, and there will be many other similar 'lifestyle' offers.

Robbie said: "Our minimum aim is to make the sum of these discounts to be greater than the price of the season ticket and we invite all fans to join CUFC Plus either by buying a season ticket or joining the membership club."

IF YOU'RE A LOCAL BUSINESS...

Local business can join the scheme to market their products to the Col U fan base.

"The only cost to businesses joining the scheme will be the discount they are prepared to offer the Col U fans buying their product or service.

"I'm not trying to make any money out of this, I just want our fans to support local businesses and local businesses to give discounts to Col U fans", Robbie added.

By taking part and offering discounts for their products local Colchester businesses will gain exposure to Col U season ticket holders and club members.

To register your company for the scheme, visit www. colchesterunited.net/voucherscheme

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he U's Voucher Book, provided for FREE with all season tickets for the 2010/11 campaign, is now really starting to take shape.

During the past few weeks, the U's backroom team have managed to get over 50 local businesses to commit to backing the scheme, meaning that there will be a wide range of vouchers on offer for U's supporters.

As chairman Robbie Cowling has explained, the U's are keen to provide realistic opportunities for fans to recoup the cost of their season ticket with some great discount and multiple purchase vouchers for businesses big and small around the town.

Other key venues around the town have also stated their commitment to the scheme, with Colchester Zoo now on board to offer great opportunities to families and individuals alike to visit the world famous zoo on the outskirts of the town.

And families have a wide range of offers available to them in our voucher book, meaning that you can not only watch the game together, but visit places like Tenpin bowling alley and Sloppy Joes diner together!

"We have prided ourselves on being a family club for many years now and our voucher book will only enhance our commitment to families who follow Colchester United," U's Media Manager Matt Hudson explained.

"It is our intention that whatever your age and whatever your background, there will be a range of vouchers in the book that are suitable for you.

"Many of the vouchers already in the book lend themselves to a great family day out, so not only do you get 23 brilliant days at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, you also can visit a host of other local attractions and have loads of fun as a family!"

We are still accepting applications to join the U's Voucher Book, so if you own a local business, however big or small, we would love you to be a part of it!

You don't even have to be from Colchester — our Voucher Book team will be visiting Braintree, Witham and Chelmsford soon to speak to businesses in those towns!

For more details, visit www.colchesterunited.net/ voucherscheme or email voucherschemehelp@ colchesterunited.net!



Voucher book: There's fun for all the family with some great offers available!



Gazette

LOCAL LOWDOWN

Russell Malton is maintaining his excellent goalscoring streak for HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS.

The Colchester United youngster - on loan at Scraley Road - was on target in Swifts' 1-0 triumph over Essex rivals Brentwood, in Ryman League Division One North.

He picked the ball up 25 yards out and lobbed it back over the stranded Brentwood keeper into the net, to secure Heybridge a last-gasp win.

Malton has now scored nine goals this season. Fellow ex-U's youngster Perry Sansford also played in Swifts' win over Brentwood.

Former Colchester striker Paul Abrahams is set to play a part in HALSTEAD TOWN'S promotion challenge next season.

The former U's favourite is assistant playermanager at the Ridgeons League Division One club, working alongside ex-Colchester youth coach Jody Brown.

After recovering from injury, Abrahams - who will be remembered by U's fans for scoring a 'golden goal' in their Auto Windscreens Shield semi-final in 1997 - come on as a substitute in Halstead's recent 4-0 triumph over Swaffham Town.

Brown said: "Paul is fit to play now and although he has no aspirations to play anymore, he's available. I think he could be ideal for the club next season.

"After what he's done in the game, he's a role model for the younger players to be around.

"He's another option for us and he's a good organiser."

Sam Newson took his season's goal tally to 34 in STANWAY ROVERS' 2-0 win over Hadleigh United, in the Ridgeons League Premier Division.

In their previous game, Newson and former Colchester trainee Liam Bailey scored for Rovers in their 2-2 draw with Norwich United.

In-form BRAINTREE TOWN striker George Purcell has his sights set on double glory this season.

Purcell's goals are helping to fuel the Iron's on-going promotion challenge.

And the former Ebbsfleet man has also targeted the Blue Square South golden boot.

Purcell is currently enjoying a rich vein of form, having scored in each of the club's last three games.

He has hit more than 20 goals for the season and has been a revelation for Braintree since arriving last summer.

And team-mate Brad Quinton has been suitably impressed by the young striker's prowess, in front of goal.

Quinton said: "George wants to get the golden boot.

"He wants to be top goalscorer and I hope that he does that, because he's so talented.

"He has his eyes on the play-offs and finishing as top goalscorer. He has his eye on it, along with the Newport boy (Craig Reid)."

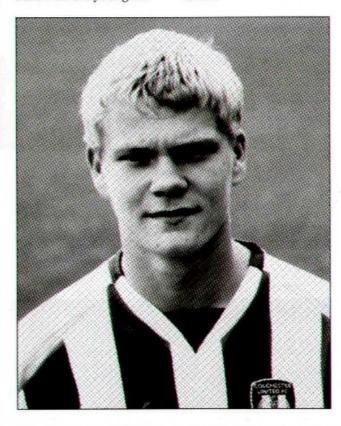
FC CLACTON have 'every chance' of getting their hands on title silverware this season.

That's the upbeat view of Seasiders chairman David Ballard, who believes his side can still wrestle the Ridgeons League Division One crown from Brantham and Great Yarmouth.

They gave their chances another shot in the arm by thumping Downham 9-0 last Saturday and then battled back from two-down to salvage a draw at Halstead on Monday.

Louie Newland and
Kevin Coyle's late penalty
secured a share of the
spoils and Ballard told
the Gazette: "There's
still every chance of
us winning the league.
"Finishing in the top
three and getting
promotion is our aim
and we're positive and
confident of achieving
that, but to win the title
would put the cherry on
the cake.

"It would be amazing and everyone at the club believes we're capable of doing it."



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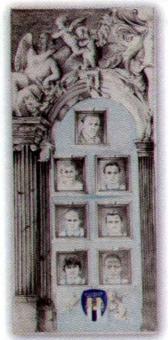
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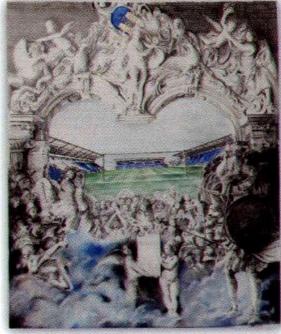
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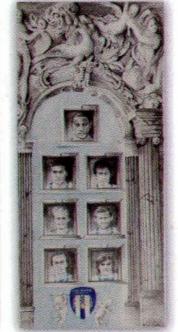




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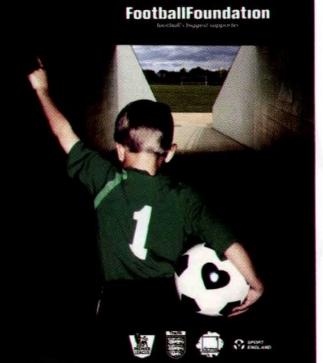


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THE MODELL WALKS SACK

ollowing last year's hugely successful event, the Midnight Walk will be returning to the Weston Homes Community Stadium this summer.

Last year saw some 1,500 local ladies take to the roads to help raise money for St Helena's Hospice — and this year it's even bigger and better!

The U's home venue will host the walk once again, as the club continues its strong ties with the local community.

The second Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday 5th June 2010 and the ladies-only event will commence on the strike of midnight, when 2,500 ladies will start their walk through Colchester.

The Midnight Walk will start and finish at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, the home of Colchester United and walkers will follow a circular route of 12km (7.5 miles).

Participants can look forward to an enjoyable and exciting evening walking for fun or in memory of a loved one. Walkers can join in with friends, family members, work colleagues or simply come along and make friends on the way.

Registration for the walk is just £15 and walkers will receive an official Midnight Walk t-shirt along with a full event pack containing helpful information and fundraising tips. Each participant will also receive hot drinks on the night and a well deserved medal when they cross the finish line.

The Midnight Walk is delighted to announce Colchester
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Club and Spa and Total Car Parks as supporters of the event.

Matt Hudson, Media Manager, Colchester United Football Club said:

"Colchester United are delighted to be a partner for this excellent event once again.

"We have been a long time friend of the Hospice and we are proud of our relationship with them. The first event was a roaring success and we will be doing all we can to help build on the foundations laid last year. The club are intending to put in a team for the event and would urge all local companies to do the same."

Kate Alden, Midnight Walk Event Manager added: "Following the huge success of the Midnight Walk last year we are incredibly excited about launching the 2010 event which promises to be another fantastic and fun night out. We really appreciate the generosity we have received from all our supporting companies this year and look forward to welcoming 2500 ladies to join us on June 5th.

"Last year we managed with 1,500 participants to incredibly raise over £150,000 for the Hospice so having now opened up 2500 places for the walk we are really excited to see what the 2010 event will raise."

Whilst this is a ladies-only walk there is definitely a part for men to play. The Midnight Walk team needs lots of men to volunteer their support to come along on the night and work as stewards along the route.

The event is set to be a sell out and places are limited so we would certainly recommend getting your place reserved as soon as possible. You can register online at www.colchestermidnightwalk.co.uk or call the fundraising team at St Helena Hospice on 01206 791740.



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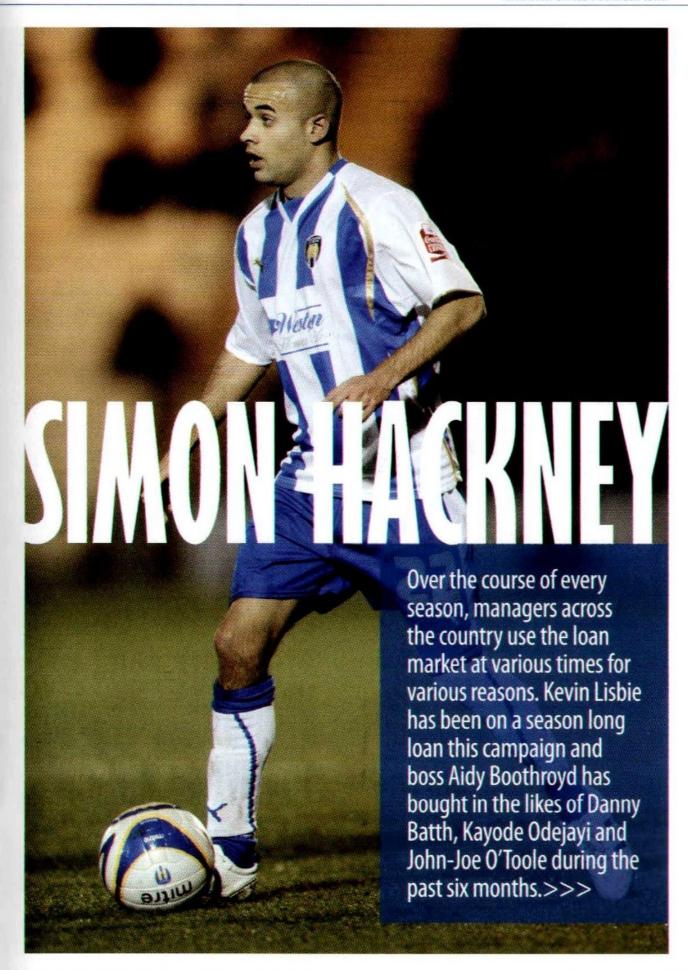
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dejayi and O'Toole have since signed permanent contracts here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, while Batth's initial one month deal was extended until the end of the season.

It hasn't just been players coming into the club from elsewhere, a number of U's players have moved away from north Essex on temporary deals. When Aidy first came to the club, he explained that there would obviously be players that wouldn't play as much as they would like.

He insisted that he would always talk to those players and if it was beneficial, loan moves would be arranged. That has been the case for a number of players and the likes of David Perkins, Pat Baldwin and Scott Vernon have all been plying their trade at other clubs during the campaign.

Simon Hackney is another player who has moved to another club in a bid for more regular first team football and has spent the last couple of months at Morecambe. The move has been worthwhile for the former Carlisle winger, as he has started all six of Morecambe's matches.

Simon's arrival has coincided with the Shrimps' losing only one of those six matches, with four victories and one draw gained from the other five. And Simon himself feels that he is contributing to what has been a purple patch for his new side.

He said: "We try and play football and the manager wants the lads to get the ball out wide so I'm getting plenty of it during games. I have been able to get more than a few crosses into the box for the lads up front and it has been good to be involved in a side getting results. We have had a decent run of results and we're pushing hard to get into the play-offs."

He has also settled well into the area and has quickly got to know his new teammates at Christie Park. He also admitted that it was a tough decision to go out on loan but he felt had to be made.

"The lads have all been great and have welcomed me to the club and the Gaffer and everyone else has been exactly the same. I'm getting my confidence back because I'm playing regularly and I needed that. It's nice to have a smile on my face again."

On his loan move away from the U's, the fleet footed winger said: "It was a mutual decision and we both felt it was the best thing for me. The manager makes his decisions about team selection and I wasn't in his plans. I fully respect that but I wanted to play regularly. It seemed the best option and so far, it's going really well."

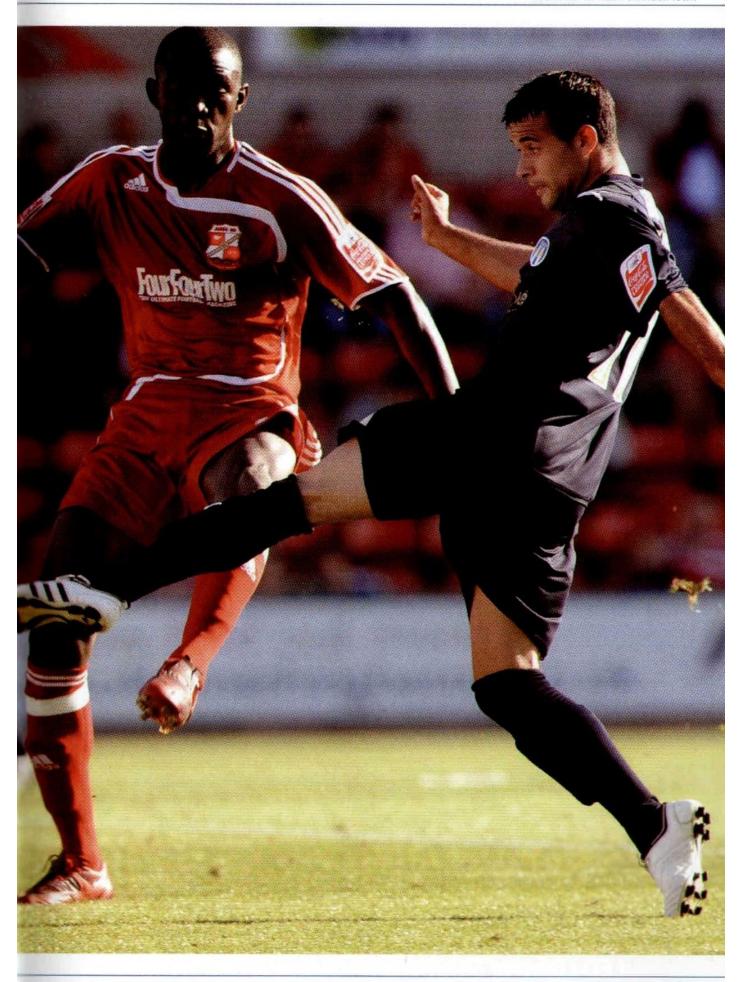
Today's match sees the U's take on fellow promotion hopefuls Swindon Town and Simon thinks it will be a tough match against the Robins. He was in the U's side that gained a draw at the County Ground in Boothroyd's second game in charge last August and recognises the threat that Danny Wilson's men carry.

"It will be a tough game for the lads but I'm sure that the manager and John Ward will have them fully prepared and in the right frame of mind for it. I still speak to a few of the lads and have been keeping a close eye on the results."

Simon has extended his loan by another month, taking in those play-offs need be, and isn't looking too much further into the future than that. He is watching what the U's are doing from afar but is concentrating on performing for the Shrimps.

"I'm sure my situation will sort itself out but at the moment, I have a job to do with Morecambe and will be taking it day by day until the end of the season. I am feeling fitter and more confident and as I said earlier, that's because I'm playing games. Whatever happens in the summer, this has been a great move for me and has made me enjoy things again."

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elcome back for this afternoon's match, another against one of our promotion rivals and one that I'm sure that the lads are keen to win. Having played so well without reward against Millwall, they will be looking to add the result to a similar performance.

Last weekend, we were due to take on Luton Town in Bedfordshire and once again it was a young squad that had to be up and about early on Saturday morning. We left in confident mood following a run of a few games without defeat and were looking forward to a good game against the Hatters.

Unfortunately, there had been a lot of rain in Luton overnight on the Friday and when we got within ten minutes of their youth team venue, I got a call from their youth team manger. I had been expecting a call from them but as we got nearer Luton, I thought we might be ok.

The call was to say that the game was in doubt and they were just waiting for the referee to turn up to call it off officially. With us being so close, we made our way to the ground and as soon as we got there, I knew the game wouldn't be played.

The pitch was pretty much under water and it was an easy decision for the referee to postpone the game. I did wonder if something could have been done either on the Friday afternoon or earlier in the morning to save us travelling but these things happen and we made our way home.

You will have heard me say on numerous occasions across the season that results aren't the main objective at youth team level. I have also said that the young players always enjoy being part of a winning team much more than when they're losing.

That has been evident lately, with the unbeaten run I spoke about earlier. The lads have been a bit more expressive in training and have been walking around with a few more smiles. From that point of view, it is great to see them putting some results together after a good while without winning.>>>





Having had a good mix of winning and losing sounds like a strange thing to say but it will benefit the lads in terms of their mental strength and football knowledge. Hopefully, they will have learnt a lot about the game, knowing what to do at particular moments in game and what they do, or should do, in certain circumstances.

The first years are now coming to the end of their first season in full time football and I'm sure that it has been both tiring and exciting for them. While they probably kicked a ball about, either in games, training or messing with their mates, on most days while they were still at school, it would have been a real culture shock last summer.

They would have learned very quickly that they were under pressure to perform whenever they were playing football. That isn't just the matches they play on a Saturday morning - it was in every training session as well.

All of them have been involved in the reserve team at one stage or other so they should be more aware of what it takes to be a professional. They have also trained with the first team squad and should know how hard they have to work in their second year if they are going to be offered professional contracts.

Does it sound like I'm putting pressure on them already? I hope that it is no more than the pressure they will put themselves under in their attempts to improve and make the manager aware of what they can offer him in the first team squad.

They have the opportunity to make a living for themselves in the best industry in the world and the rewards for success are pretty much unlimited. The sacrifices that have to be made have already meant that thousands of youngsters have fallen by the wayside before even getting into youth teams somewhere.

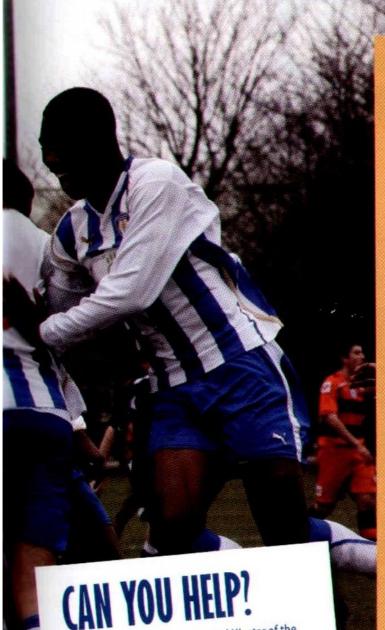
Those sacrifices have to continue if our lads are to continue at league level but the best players also tend to be the hardest working. Anyone watching the Barcelona game in the week would have seen them working very hard to win the ball back before they could show what they could do on the ball. They got to be playing for Barcelona because they have the skills and the work ethic to be at one of the best clubs in the world.

If hard work is good enough for the best players in the world, it is good enough for youth team players trying to make their way in the game here. The lads starting their second year in July know what they have to do and hopefully, they'll prove to have both the ability and work rate that is required.





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YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES 2009/10

SAT 18 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED v GILLINGHAM W	2-0
SAT 22 AUG	MILLWALL v COLCHESTER UNITED W	1-0
SAT 29 AUG	COLCHESTER UNITED v BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	0-2
SAT 5 SEPT	CUP 1: COLCHESTER UNITED v BRENTFORD	2-0
SAT 12 SEPT	CUP 2: DAG & RED v COLCHESTER UNITED	2-2
SAT 26 SEPT	COLCHESTER UNITED V BRIGHTON	3-4
SAT 3 OCT	BARNET v COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1
SAT 10 OCT	COLCHESTER UNITED v LEYTON ORIENT	2-0
SAT 17 OCT	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE v COLCHESTER UNITED	4-2
SAT 24 OCT	COLCHESTER UNITED v ALDERSHOT TOWN	2-0
SAT 7 NOV	CUP R2	P
SAT 14 NOV	SOUTHEND UNITED v COLCHESTER UNITED	1-2
SAT 21 NOV	LEYTON ORIENT v COLCHESTER UNITED	2-0
SAT 28 NOV	EXETER V COLCHESTER (CUP R2)	3-1
SAT 12 DEC	COLCHESTER UNITED v ALDERSHOT TOWN	3-1
SAT 23 JAN	COLCHESTER UNITED v SOUTHEND UNITED	3-4
SAT 30 JAN	COLCHESTER UNITED v DAG & RED	1-5
SAT 6 FEB	GILLINGHAM v COLCHESTER UNITED	0-1
SAT 13 FEB	COLCHESTER UNITED v NORTHAMPTON TOWN	0-4
WED 17 FEB	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION v COLCHESTER UNITED	0-2
SAT 6 MAR	COLCHESTER UNITED v BRENTFORD	1-1
SAT 13 MAR	BARNET v COLCHESTER UNITED	0-1
SAT 20 MAR	COLCHESTER UNITED v QPR	1-0
SAT 27 MAR	WYCOMBE WANDERERS v COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1
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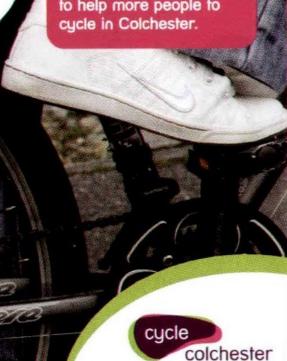
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warm welcome today to the staff and fans of Swindon Town who have made the journey up from the West Country, hope your visit to the Weston Homes Community Stadium is enjoyable apart from the result! The season is now getting towards crunch time; we are on the home straight with the finish line in sight with just a few home games left as we continue to push for promotion back to the Championship. These are certainly exciting times on the pitch, and the Lottery Department has being busy working full on throughout the season to bring you the best in competitions and prizes which will blow you away in the coming weeks.

Plans are well underway for the second Mega Draw which will take place at the last home game of the season v Leyton Orient, so watch out for future announcements as the prize list is sure to grow week by week.

Today is our usual Fantastic 50/S0 Draw with its guaranteed top prize of £500 cash. Good luck to all who have purchased 50/50 tickets today and keep cheering the U's onto victory.

Here are the results from Millwall game on 5th April:-

1st 00760 £500 2nd 01055 2x Exec. Tickets for Swindon 3rd 00756 Man of the Match Signed Shirt

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Gold Bond Lottery

Make sure you are part of the excitement by joining today as the Gold Bond weekly draw just gets bigger and better.

There are joining leaflets in all concourses or you can join direct by contacting Paul Dickinson on 01206 755110 or paul.dickinson@colchesterunited.net

Mr Scratchy Writes

Mr Scratchy is getting a bit twitchy with events on the pitch of late, but is still hanging in there until the Fat Lady sings. Promotion is the name of the game and we need to work hard to ensure we are there at the end of the season.

Thank you to all who purchased 50/50 tickets, congratulations to the winners and remember we are working on another Awesome Mega Draw for the end of the season. The fourth of the special prizes can now be revealed to get the ball rolling with our super draw; it is — An X-Box!

A new occasional feature is Mr Scratchy's Call of Fame. This week's mentions go to Martin Fox, life long fan and birthday boy who will be watching today's game in the West Stand. Also Bette Davis, true supporter, for keeping it blue and white in the South Stand. If you know a fan who deserves a mention let me know via email address above.

Let's hear you loud and proud right through the full 90 minutes and help the united voices of United make a big difference. Boothroyd's Barmy Army!



IN RESERVE

's boss Aidy Boothroyd may have his attentions firmly fixed on the team's remaining games as they look to secure a play-off berth, but he was in attendance on Tuesday afternoon as the reserves took on Ipswich Town at Playford Road.

Aidy was an interested observer as the second string attempted to force their way into his plans for the last six matches, whilst triallist Rhema Obed looked to stake a claim for a longer stay with the U's.

Teenager Obed, currently with Arsenal, came to the U's attentions at the recent Premiership Exit Trials and played at full back against Town as Aidy and his management team watched on.

After early Ipswich pressure, the U's went close on six minutes. After Steven Gillespie was fouled on the edge of the box, it was David Fox who assumed set piece responsibilities and he hit the bar near the angle with the post with the keeper left watching.

It was another free kick, this time after a foul on Phil Ifil, brought the first goal after 14 minutes. Ifil crossed the ball in low; lan Henderson left the ball at the near post and Gillespie netted with a sharp finish.

Leading up to half time, the woodwork was rattled twice, as first Town centre half Eastman hit the far post with a header from a corner and then, following another set piece, Lambe hammered a shot from inside the area against the post.

Just before the break, U's keeper Mark
Cousins didn't need any assistance on 42
minutes to produce a fine save to turn aside
Garvan's shot after a quick lpswich break
and that ensured the score stayed score at
1-0 when the first half ended.

Sam Corcoran received the game's only yellow card ten minutes after the break after a trip on Counago as the Spaniard surged past him.

On the hour mark, an inswinging cross from deep on the right bounced in the six yard box, and Cousins was wrong footed by a couple of attempts to make contact as the ball crept inside the far post.

The U's had Craig Arnott waiting to replace Henderson as the goal was scored and with quarter of an hour left Arnott, playing on the left of the five man midfield, broke into the box and crossed low for Gillespie to prod home but the linesman gave the benefit of a close offside call to the home side.

Ipswich took the lead on 80 minutes when Counago worked his way across field from the left to set up Garvan who fired home inside the far post and the game was killed as a contest when its most controversial decision went the home side's way a couple of minutes later.

Tom Bender's sliding challenge on one of the Ipswich strikers sent the ball back towards Cousins who, with no Ipswich player within 20 yards, decided he was free to pick it up whereupon the referee awarded an indirect free kick deep in the U's box for a deliberate back pass.

The kick was rolled to Martin who hammered a rising shot through the wall and into the net.

With three minutes left lpswich were glad to see Corcoran's shot from the edge of the area rebound off the inner part of the post straight back into the arms of keeper Lee-Barrett and in the next action the last near thing of the game was a route one ball from lpswich being helped by Counago and clipping the of the U's bar on its way over.

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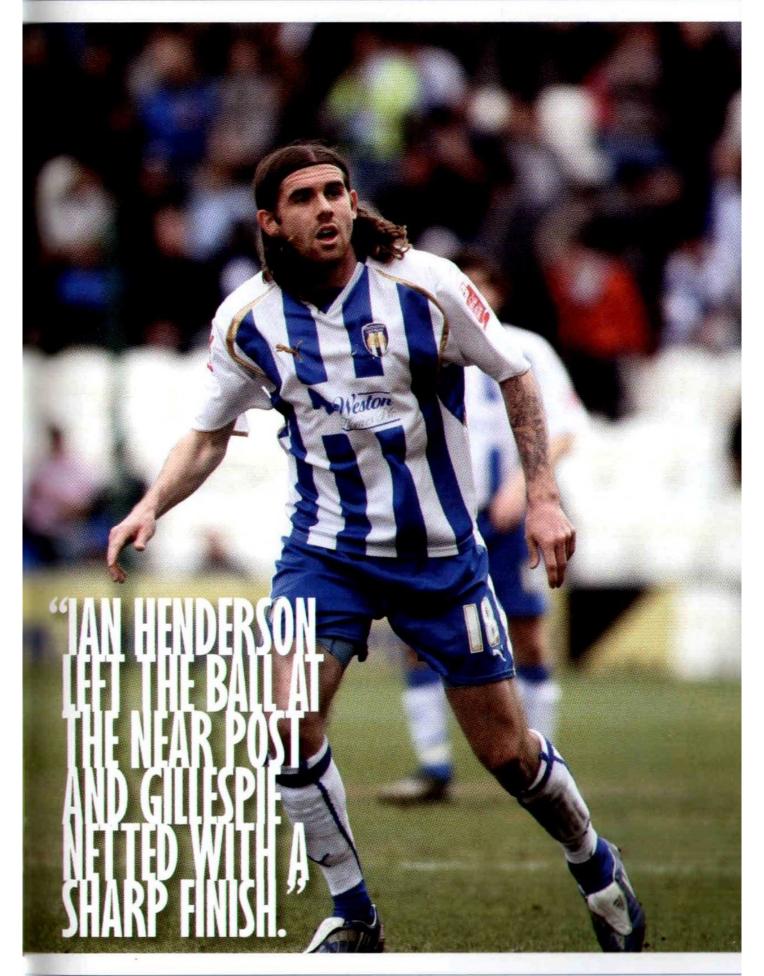
UNUSED SUBS: SHANE CUSACK, BRADLEY HAMILTON, JORDAN SANDERSON AND TREVOR AJIM

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LEE-BARRETT, ROSENIOR, EASTMAN, SMITH, AINSLEY, LAMBE, CLARK (DUNBAR 84M), HYAM, GARVAN, COUNAGO & MARTIN.

UNUSED SUBS: BRANDON, GRIFFITHS & YAO

With thanks for this report to Kevin Drury





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Glitz and glamour will descend on the Weston Homes Community Stadium at the end of this season, as the U's hold their inaugural Player of the Year dinner at the new stadium.

It has been an exciting season for Aidy Boothroyd and his players over the past nine months, as they have been in the thick of the promotion race throughout the course of the current

Going into the last few games, the U's have all to play for as they continue their quest to close down the top two and, at the very least, book themselves a place in the play-off matches that follow the end of the season.

There have been plenty of fantastic memories along the way as the U's have consistently pushed for the Championship, and the achievements of the season will be acknowledged in our most polished Player of the Year dinner yet.

In previous years, the Player of the Year awards have been a comparatively low key affair, but the blood, sweat and tears shed by the players during the course of the 2010 season will be acknowledged in a high quality event at the club's stadium.

The Weston Homes Community Stadium is of course an award winner in its own right and it will host a first class evening to remember for all involved four days after the final game of the regular season against Leyton Orient.

There will be opportunities to reflect on the best goals, performances and individual displays - and we want you to be a part of a fantastic evening.

Tickets are on sale for individuals or businesses wishing to attend simply call us on 01206 755105 or 01206 755107 to book your place.

GET YOUR NAME HEARD!

We also have a range of fantastic commercial opportunities for businesses looking to raise their profile at this prestigious event.

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These packages represent fantastic value and will also allow you to be a key part of a superb night at the Weston Homes!

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YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR — which star of the future has made the biggest impression over the past nine months?

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR - who has stepped up to the plate this year to make their mark in Aidy Boothroyd's side's promotion push?

CUSA AWARD — our friends at the Colchester United Supporters Association and their members tip a nod to the players they think have more than done their bit!

PLAYER'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR - one of the most prestigious awards, as the U's players choose the man they think has had the most influence this year OFFICIAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR — our main award. Who has been the U's top man over the course of 2009/10?



To sponsor any of these awards, call us on 01206 755105 or 01206 755107 or email commercial@colchesterunited.net to find out more!



U's Holiday Club

Where did you go on holiday last summer? I had more holidays that usual last summer - I went to Dubai, Las Vegas, Miami and Marbella.

Where's your dream destination?

I have always wanted to go to Hawaii. I will try and get there in the next few years.

What's the best place you've visited? The holiday I had in the Riviera Maya in Mexico stands out for me. The hotel and the surroundings were total luxury.

Turkey. The place itself was quite nice but it was full of people like Kem Izzet.

Is there something you have to take with you on holiday? Suntan lotion because I burn very quickly.

What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you on holiday? On my first lads' holiday, we went to Magaluf and wanted to get around the place so hired mopeds. Because my mate hadn't been on one before, he was practising in this massive car park we found. Somehow, he managed to crash into the only thing that was in the car park - a massive skip. We didn't know it when we went in there, it was the hospital car park and two guys heard the crash and ran out. They carried him into the hospital and when he got back to the apartment, he had this silly little plaster on his knee - all he had was a tiny graze.

How do you like to spend your holiday? I usually just relax and chill out on the beach.

What's the thing you most look forward to on your return home? Showing off my tan in a really tight white shirt.

What holiday reading/music do you take on holiday? I like reading autobiographies and amongst the many I've read, Paul McGrath's, Stuart Pearce's and Ronnie O'Sullivan's stand out.

Who would your ideal holiday companion be, excluding partner? Apart from him being the world's most selfish man, I'll say big Clive Platt.

Paul Reid

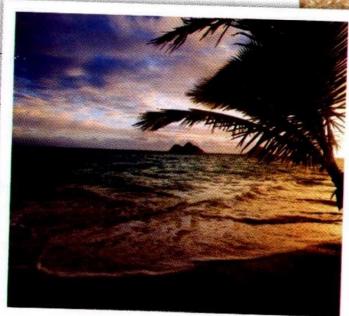




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RISES TO THE CHAILENGE FOR SPORT RELIEF 2010

new club for over 60s stepped out to raise cash for Sport Relief. The Football Plus group is run by Colchester United Community Sports Trust with funding from Sport Relief and the Football Foundation through their Extra Time programme. It was launched in January to give older adults the opportunity to improve their health, increase their activity levels and boost their wellbeing while having fun. The group now meets each Monday at the Community Stadium.

As their first challenge, members of the new club pledged to take part in the annual Sport Relief Mile event, raising money to help to transform the lives of those in desperate need across the UK and the world's poorest countries.

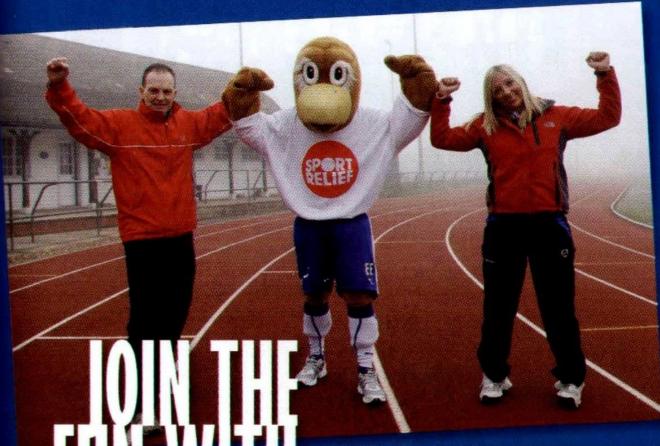
Colchester's Sport Relief Mile took place in March at Abbey Fields, and participants could choose to do 1, 3 or 6 miles.

Angie Syrett, Football Plus Organiser, said: "The group did really well, with two of our members walking six miles, one running three miles and nine of us walking the one mile route.

"Everyone really enjoyed it and I think the weather helped as it was a lovely day. In fact we're already looking forward to taking part in next year's event."

The group managed to raise a fantastic £220 in sponsorship.

For more information about Sport Relief visit www. sportrelief.com



FOOTBALL BALLS

ExtraTime

supporting independence and wellbeing for older people

Football 🔆



Ince its launch in January the Football Plus group has gone from strength to strength. The group has been set up for people who are over 60 and are keen to meet new people and learn new skills.

The activity club, run by Colchester United Community Sports Trust, meets each Monday at the Weston Homes Community Stadium from 10am to 12noon.

It gives older adults the opportunity to improve their health, increase their activity levels and boost their wellbeing while having fun, socialising and meeting new people.

Activities of offer range from crafts to cookery lessons and talks. Each session starts with tea and coffee giving everyone a chance to mingle.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Football Plus sessions. Just turn up on the day.

For more information contact Angle Syrett, Football Plus Organiser, on 01206 216403.







PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

commitment at the Playing for Success awards.

The programme, which is run by Colchester United
Community Sports Trust, uses the power of sport to
inspire young people to learn new skills.

This term eight schools took part in the awards ceremonies showcasing work ranging from movie making, animation and advertising to player interviews and poetry. Some had also achieved their Young Sports Leader Award.

Colchester United players took a significant role in the programme this term, with Simon Hackney, Stephen Gillespie and Kem Izzet dropping in several times and giving up their time to be with the children.

This term's award winners were:

Aidy Boothroyd also sent out positive vibes to the children and was always happy to pose for a photo, which means so much to the children and their schools and families.

Further achievements were made by ten Post 16 students from Lexden Springs Special School who successfully completed a five week programme. Two of these students are now doing work experience at the Community Stadium and at the Sports Trust's base in Shrub End.

Angel Griggs successfully completed her year long vocational placement with Educ@eUtd and will go on to a course at college following her GCSE examinations.

Seven more schools will be welcomed to the Playing for Success programme in the Summer Term and a group of Year 9 students from Market Field School will take part in a stadium experience day.

MOST POSITIVE ATTITUDE:

LEXDEN SPRINGS: JAMES HICKEY

PRETTYGATE: ALICIA WILSON

MONTGOMERY: JAKE FRASER

STANWAY: JAMES HART

ARDLEIGH ST MARYS: CHARLIE PASCO

HIGHWOODS: SILLE KRISTIANSEN

STTHOMAS MORE'S: LUKE EASTER

BROOMGROVE: KAITLYN BRAND

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS:

LEXDEN SPRINGS: ASHLEY KING

PRETTYGATE: THOMAS BROWNING

MONTGOMERY: CHANTELLE FULTON

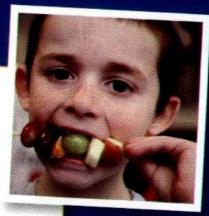
STANWAY: JOSHUA BLACKMAN

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HIGHWOODS: JOE TALLIS-DENT

ST THOMAS MORE'S: GEORGE FENNING

BROOMGROVE: ARCHIE COLLINS



Congratulations to our ACP Elite team who reached the semi-finals of the regional phase of BCS National Cup.

The team are also currently second in the BCS Mens 1A league and have games in hand over the team at the top of league.

Sights are now turning to next year with places having been offered to 13 talented young players to join the ACP Elite.

PLAYERS' PLAYER:

PRETTYGATE: JENNA HOWARD

MONTGOMERY: BEN GOODSPEED

STANWAY: KIRSTY GLADDON & REBECCA METSON

ARDLEIGH ST MARYS: MAISIE BANGS & JOE SMITH

HIGHWOODS: JOSEPH WEST

ST THOMAS MORE'S: MICHAEL COLLINS

BROOMGROVE: HARRY WIDGERY



s you will have read elsewhere in this afternoon's matchday magazine, the clock is ticking towards the club's most prestigious Player of the Year dinner yet.

With our superb facilities at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, the club will be holding a first class, highly polished event which will knock the socks off anything we have held in the past. For details of how you can be a part of it, see page 58.

But, with the event just over a month away, there is the important business of deciding who is going to collect the awards on the night.

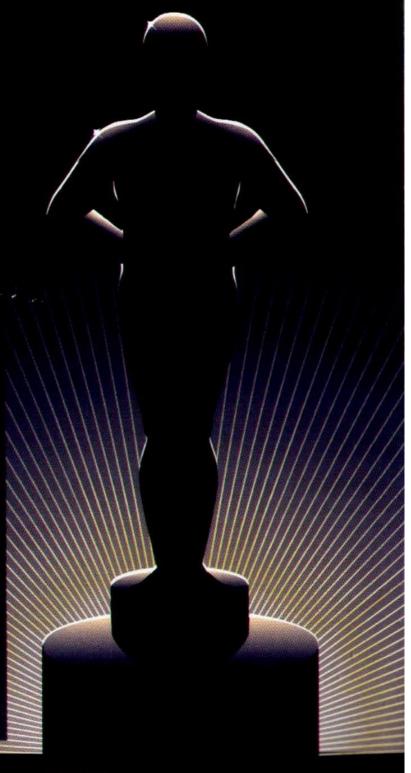
It has been a season full of intrigue, ups and downs and plenty of stories to tell along the way. From the change of management in the very early days of the campaign, there has been plenty to talk about on the terraces and there remains much to be decided as the final six games get underway with this afternoon's visit of Swindon Town.

During the course of the past nine months, there have been many members of the Colchester United squad who have done their bit for the cause, sweating blood and tears for the team as they have sustained an assault on the play-off spots under the management of Aidy Boothroyd.

Every supporter will have their favourite players and, as the last few games get underway, most will have decided who will be grabbing their vote for the Official Player of the Year awards

The Official award, along with the Players' Player of the Year is the most prestigious award on the night as fans of all ages cast their vote for who they believe should be given the acclaim of the U's best player in a season of progress.

Will you choose one of the defensive line, who have racked up clean sheet after clean sheet this season? Will you go for one of the midfielders, who have worked like Trojans to give the U's a solid feel this year? Or will the front line catch your eye with some crucial goals to keep the U's in the play-off race?



VOTING SLIPS

You can fill in a voting slip at either of the U's two club shops, both in the town centre and at the stadium.

BY E-MAIL

Send us your vote to media@colchesterunited.net, with the name of your chosen player and your contact details.

BY POST

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THE COMEDY CLUB

As probably the best night of fun, laughs and comedy in Colchester, The Comedy Club at Colchester United should be at the top of every fun-lover's diary! The Comedy Club specialises in genuine, laugh out loud entertainment and with three top comedians performing on Thursday 6th May, you can relax at your waitress served and candlelit table in style. Show tickets cost from just £8 as a Comedy Club Member or Colchester United Season Ticket holder, so sign up online at www.hahaheehee.com for discounts, free comedy news and updates each month. (next show 3rd June)

MC - TIM CLARK

King of the Compere's & former speech writer for Gordon Brown

Tim Clark is one of the unsung giants and heroes of British comedy. As The Guardian said about him: "Comperes are the unsung heroes of stand-up comedy. The current master of this underrated art is Tim Clark." Tim's cult status continued to rise when he became the patient and personable "grim reaper" of Virgin Atlantic's award-winning ad campaign. He has also hosted the BBC's classic game show, Give Us A Clue, featured as a know-it-all panelist on That's Show business, and written speeches for former England football manager Graham Taylor, the Prime Minister Gordon Brown MP and numerous other TV presenters.

OPENING - IMRAN YUSUF

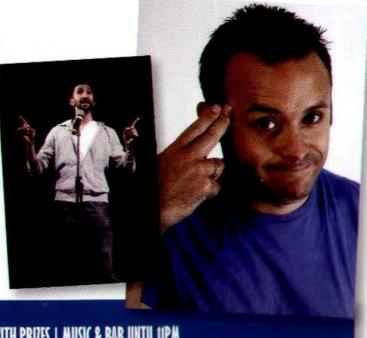
"His riffs are hilarious and his choice of targets is evidence that he's a comic that has something to say." - Mark Breslin. CEO of Yuk Yuk's International Comedy

Imran Yusuf is renowned for his stinging, lyrical street-slang verbiage and super-high energy performance that triggers an eruption of belly-aching laughter. Fast and furious yet charmingly endearing, this is a very unique voice. Born in Mombasa, Kenya and raised in the UK for the most part with a brief stint at school in the USA, and having travelled much of the world including Israel/Palestine, Jordan and Saudi Arabia during the Lebanon Crisis in 2006, Imran encompasses a rich multitude of cultural assets from across the planet that defines him as a youthful, energetic and original voice that embodies the cultural wealth that exists in modern Britain.

HEADLINE - GEOFF NORCOTT

Five O'clock Show with Richard Hammond (ITV1), Weapons of Mass Distraction (ITV), GMTV Morning Broadcast (ITV), WKD Sports Shed Presenter (Nuts TV)

His abundance of energy combined with a storming mix of impressions, observations and satire has made him a hugely popular act and compere on both the national & international circuit. Geoff has a string of TV & Radio credits to his name, including impressions 'Spoof' on BBC1, 'My Appalling School Report' on BBC2 and was the main anchor on the 'WKD Shed Sports Show'. Geoff's show 'The Shocking Truth About Men and Women' proved hugely popular at the 2009 Edinburgh festival, gaining sell out shows and a string of cracking reviews. 'Master of anecdotal stand up' Edinburgh Festival Magazine.



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KEVIN LISBIE'S

ENGLAND TEAM

Rio and John Terry are of Mous picks and have such a good understanding now.

The keeper position is one that is a really close call but I think experience counts for a lot in World Cup Finals and David James has that over the others.



Ashley Cole might not play many games, if any, before the World Cup but he will play if he proves he is over the injury by the time the first game comes round. I don't think Johnson will be right in time and Neville is so consistent and is rarely exposed so will start the tournament.

















Cole on the other side is recovering well from his injury, should be really fresh and is just what England need. Lampard and Gerrard are the best two midfielders and have proved they can play together in the centre.



Rooney is playing the best football of his life at the moment and will benefit from the little rest he's getting with his in ary. Crouch will be a handful, especially for the lesser teams in the qualifying group and his england goal scoring record is decent.



Theo Walcott has played really well in the past couple of games for Arsenal and if he continues that, he will be a real asset for England.

DREAM TEAMS ALL TIME TEAM

Maradona and Ronaldo's record at international and World Cup level is fantastic and they would score goals for fun playing together.



They can both defend but are both so good at getting forward as

With his goals for Manchester United and now Real Madrid, Ronaldo has to play on the right and Vieira and Zidane are the best midfielders I've ever seen.











I only saw the back and of Maradonis career but saw quite ibit of Ronaldo and he is the bast forward I've eventeen.











Giggs is by far the most consistent left winger in the world so would get that spot in my team.





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The season is set for a dramatic conclusion at both ends of the table, as there is all to play for with just eight games remaining.

Going into the Easter weekend, Aidy
Boothroyd's side retained genuine ambitions
of making the play-offs at the very least and
will be pushing right the way until the final
weeks of the season to ensure they retain the
chance of promotion to the Championship.
With eight games to go ahead of this
weekend's double header, the U's were one
of seven teams to harbour top six ambitions,
with MK Dons and Bristol Rovers hoping that
they could mount a late charge into the playoffs — although they have plenty to do as the
games begin to run out.

Leeds United's recent disappointing form has meant that the sides below them can sniff blood and have hopes of catching Simon Grayson's men in the remaining weeks of the campaign.

At the other end, there are a host of teams right the way up to Leyton Orient who could be dragged into the battle to avoid the drop and, at this stage, it is hard to say with any certainty who will make up the bottom four, albeit that Stockport County look set for the drop and Wycombe Wanderers have work to do as they are just adrift of the pack at present.

Below, we take a look at the run-ins for the U's fellow promotion hopefuls as the season winds up towards a dramatic conclusion.

Remember, you can see highlights and listen to commentary of all of the U's games on U's Player, which is available for just £3.99 a month!



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Apr 13	Leyton Orient	(A)
Apr 17	Charlton	(A)
Apr 24	Gillingham	(H)
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May 8	Carlisle United	(H)



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Apr 17	Gillingham	(A)
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May 1	Charlton Athletic	(A)
May 8	Bristol Rovers	(H)



MILLWALL

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Apr 13	Yeovil Town	(A)
Apr 16	Huddersfield Town	(A)
Apr 24	Leyton Orient	(H)
May 1	Tranmere Rovers	(A)
May 8	Swindon Town	(H)



SWINDON TOWN

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Apr 12	Exeter City	(H)
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Apr 13	Charlton Athletic	(A)
Apr 17	Hartlepool United	(A)
Apr 24	Tranmere Rovers	(H)
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Apr 13	Walsall	(H)
Apr 16	Millwall	(H)
Apr 24	Stockport County	(A)
May 1	Colchester United	(H)
May 8	Exeter City	(A)



MK DONS

Apr 10	Norwich City	(A)
Apr 13	Oldham Athletic	(H)
Apr 17	Wycombe Wanderers	(H)
Apr 24	Leeds United	(A)
May 1	Brighton & HA	(H)
May 8	Walsall	(A)



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Apr 13	Southampton	(H)
Apr 17	Brentford	(H)
Apr 24	Brighton & HA	(A)
May 1	Norwich City	(H)
May 8	Leeds United	(A)



U'S SLIP TO GRECIAN DEFEAT

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FRIDAY APRIL 2ND 3PM KICK-OFF CROWD: 6,297

It wasn't a Good Friday for the U's, as Exeter inflicted a 2-0 defeat on Aidy Boothroyd's troops at St James Park.

It extended the U's run without a victory and Huddersfield's win the next day saw the U's slip to seventh in the table.

The home side took the lead on thirty two minutes through a clever finish from Fleetwood, a shot that was taken early and crept into the far corner past the despairing dive of Ben Williams.

And the points were made safe in the final minute, a Harley penalty giving the relegation threatened Grecians the win as the U's chased an equaliser.

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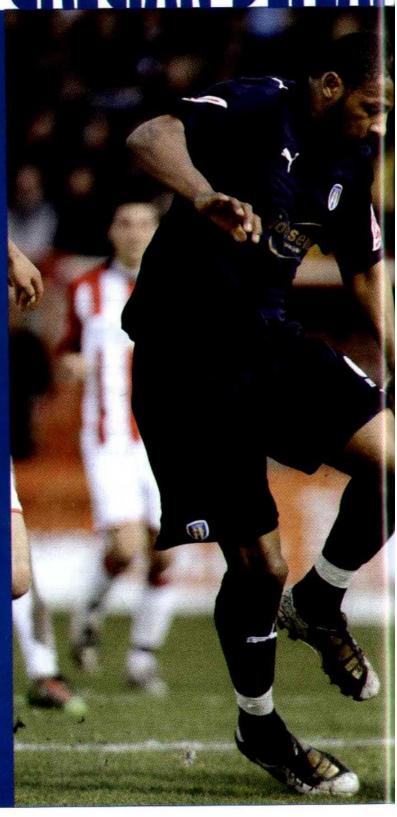
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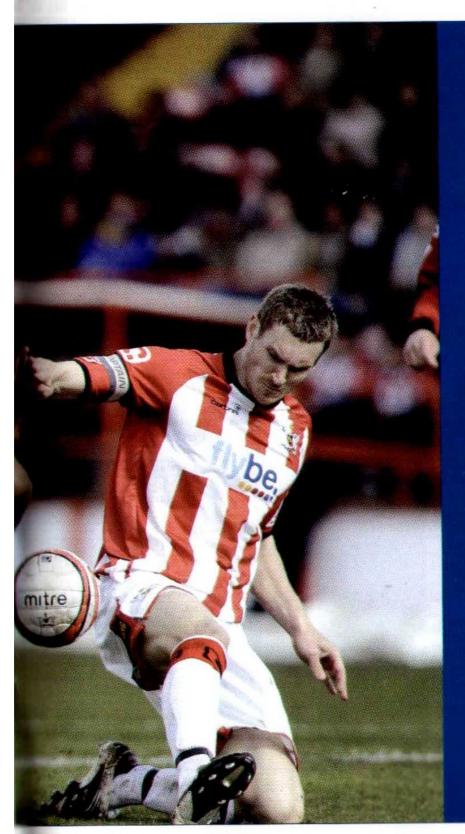
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EXETER CITY

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2009/10 FIXTURES

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TUE AUG 18	GILLINGHAM	W2-1	4,849/828	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•		•	
SAT AUG 22	MILTON KEYNES DONS	L1-2	8,633/663	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
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SAT SEP 19	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	W2-0	4259/151	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT SEP 26	TRANMERE ROVERS	D1-1	5.314/215	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
TUE SEP 29	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	W3-0	7,098/2066	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT OCT 3	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	W1-0	5.154/489	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT OCT 10	LEYTON ORIENT	W 1-0	5,410/1065	COOCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT OCT 17	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	D 1-1	5,394/977	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT OCT 24	WALSALL	W2-1	4,880/142	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT OCT 31	MILLWALL	L1-2	10,036/514	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT NOV 7	BROMLEY	W 4-0	4,242/971	F.A. CUP 1	•			
SAT NOV 14	EXETER CITY	D 2-2	5,208/324	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1				
SAT NOV 21	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	D 2-2	3607/206	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
TUE NOV 24	STOCKPORT COUNTY	W 2-0	3,818/99	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT NOV 28	HEREFORD	W 1-0	2,225/271	F.A. CUP 2	•			
TUE DEC 1	BRENTFORD	L 0-1	4,200/257	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT DEC 5	BRISTOL ROVERS	W 1-0	4,942/271	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
FRI DEC 11	BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION	W 2-1	5,898/302	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT DEC 26	SOUTHEND UNITED	W 2-1	10,329/1,532	COCEAGUE 1	•			
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SAT JAN 23	GILLINGHAM	D 0-0	4,948/310	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
TUES JAN 26	MILTON KEYNES DONS	W 2-0	3,601/212	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT JAN 30	LEEDS UNITED	L 0-2	23,425/456	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
TUE FEB 2	CARLISLE UNITED	W 2-1	3,903/160	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
MON FEB 8	SOUTHEND UNITED	W 2-0	6,466/1,080	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1	•			
SAT FEB 13	STOCKPORT COUNTY	D 2-2	3,642/220	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1				
TUE FEB 16	YEOVIL TOWN	W 1-0	3,469/240	COCA COLA LEAGUE 1				
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ON THE ROAD

WHAT IS THE GROUND LIKE

The construction of the North Stand has transformed the ground. What was a single tier separate stand, is now a large two tiered affair, extending and completely enclosing the North East & North West corners. The re-development of this area of the ground was completed in 2002 and in total houses 9,000 fans.

Both sides have also been re-developed in the mid 1990s. The West Stand on one side is a good sized two tiered stand, whilst opposite, is the smaller single tiered East Stand, where the vast open terrace, reputedly the country's biggest, was located until demolished in the 1990s. There is a row of executive boxes that run across the back of this stand and it has a television gantry suspended beneath its roof. The older South Stand, behind the goal, is given to away supporters and now looks out of place in its smart surroundings.

WHERE WILL THE U'S FANS BE SITTING?

Away fans are housed in the Jimmy Seed (South) Stand at one end of the ground, which is slightly raised above pitch level, making for a generally good view. Up to 3,000 away fans can be accommodated in this end. However, if the visiting team are unlikely to sell their full allocation of 3,000 tickets, then this end may be shared with home fans.

FANCY A PRE-MATCH PINT?

Try The Antigallican, a big pub near Charlton station, seems to be the favourite haunt of away supporters. It is a rather basic pub but has real ale available (albeit a lone handpump) and also offers a selection of filled rolls and pork pies.

Also try the Rose of Denmark on Woolwich Road. The pub not only allows in away supporters but absolutely welcomes them. They have a photo display on the wall of fans from visiting clubs that have frequented the pub this season and it also has SKY television. Please note that this is a home supporters only pub after the game.

HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Leave the M25 at Junction 2 and follow the A2 towards London.

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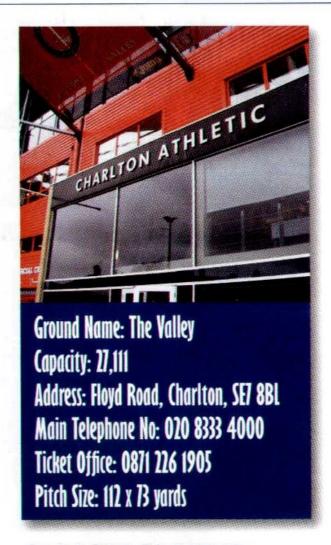
Woolwich and you will come to the ground on your right. If you cross over the Thames or reach Blackheath, then you have gone too far.

HOW TO GET THERE BY TRAIN

The ground is in walking distance of Charlton railway station, which is served by Charing Cross, London Bridge and Waterloo East stations. On Saturdays there are also services from Cannon Street station.

TICKET PRICES

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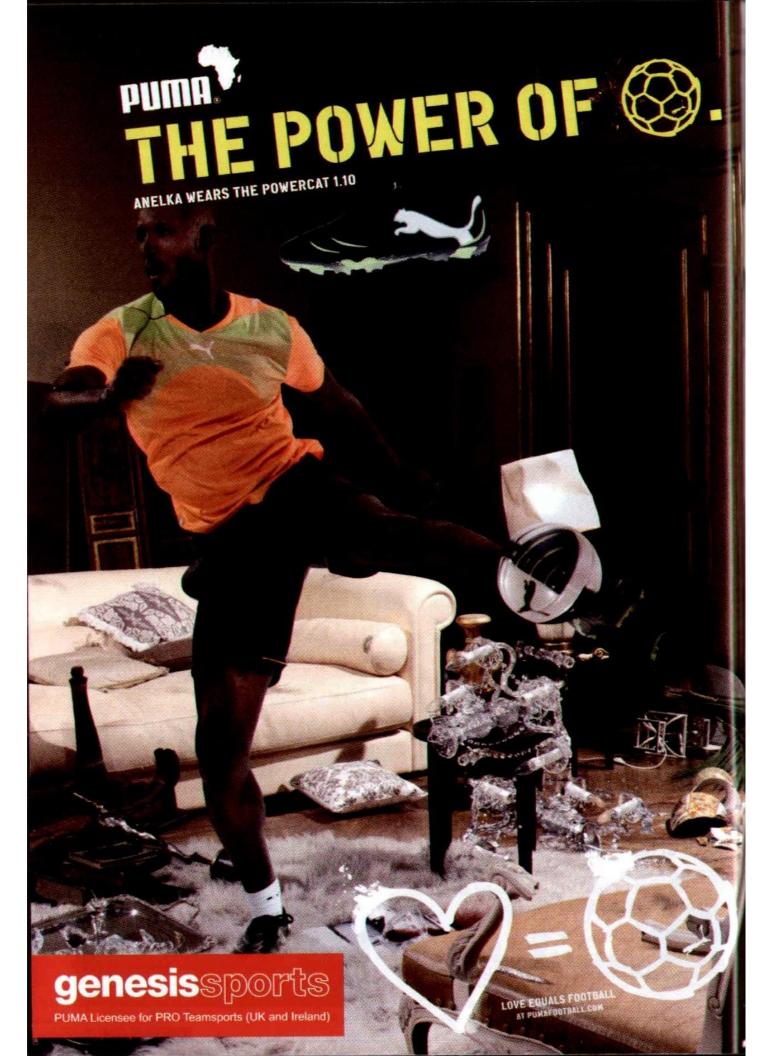
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RECENT NEWS-

Boss Phil Parkinson believes his side are right in the thick of the promotion shake-up after six points over the Easter period. They are one of four teams in the hunt for second place and after a win over Carlisle on Monday, he said: "It keeps things tight. It's going to be an exciting finale. A lot of teams have had blips, Swindon are on a fantastic run and it's difficult to predict how the pressure will affect each club."

"We've got a lot of experience in our team and we're coping well in this situation. We've got some big games coming up against Colchester, Leeds and Norwich City.

"They're mouthwatering ties and when we looked at the fixture list at the start of the season, we hoped those games would be promotion-type games and they're going to be."



NEXTUP

aving faced a flurry of fixtures against promotion hopefuls in the last couple of weeks, the U's next home match will see them come up against a side looking to escape trouble at the foot of the League One table.

Tranmere Rovers looked like they might be hauling themselves clear of the relegation zone with an improved run of form under boss Les Parry, but a run of only two wins in their last seven games has seen the Birkenhead outfit dragged back into trouble as the season enters its final straight.

The two wins that Rovers did pick up came against high flying Southampton and Norwich City, but with other sides around them in the table picking up good results, the pressure is on Parry and his men in the final weeks of the current campaign.

Following that win against the Canaries, Tranmere slumped to defeat against Swindon Town and boss Parry had few complaints about the red card to defender Terry Gornell that left his side with a mountain to climb.

"I had a word with the referee at half time, and he said Terry stamped on him," Parry told the press after the game.

"Danny Wilson came out at half time and had a look at it on the video, and he said it looks as though he stamped on him. If Terry did, he deserved to be sent off. There isn't a problem with that at all.

"But Danny also said they hadn't taken the corner, so how you can get a penalty if the ball isn't in play is a bit beyond me."

Parry said: "Once we went to 3-0 we weren't going to get anything out of the game so I could use the game for something else. So I decided to give John Welsh a bit of a rest and I wanted to give Bas Savage another half an hour, so I brought lan off. Both of them will benefit from the rest."

Despite the setback against Swindon, Tranmere skipper lan Thomas-Moore believes his side have enough to steer themselves clear of trouble.



Thomas-Moore scored two in the Good Friday win over Norwich to take his Rovers tally to 101 league goals, and has a target in mind as they look to finish above the dreaded dotted line in the remaining weeks of the season.

The skipper reckons three wins from Tranmere's remaining games might be enough to make them safe from the threat of relegation.

He finished: "It seems to be 50 points is the benchmark and we need nine more to get there. I would like to see us get more than 50 and go into the final game at Stockport already safe."

Rovers will have faced fellow relegation candidates Exeter and Wycombe before arriving at the Weston Homes Community Stadium at the end of this month. With a tough game against Millwall following the U's match, Rovers will want to get points on the board before those later matches.





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- Man of the Match award- questions and answers
- Watch match highlights after the game
- Drinks ordered and delivered to tables for half time
- VIP Parking

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REFEREE – MR A. PENN (BIRMINGHAM)

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COLCHESTER UNITED

MANAGER | AIDY BOOTHROYD COLOURS | BLUE & WHITE

		PLAYED	SCORED	1
1	BEN WILLIAMS			
2	ALAN MAYBURY			
3	LEE BEEVERS			
4	MAGNUS OKUONGHAE			
5	PAT BALDWIN			
6	PAUL REID			
7	ASHLEY VINCENT			
8	JOHN-JOE O'TOOLE			
9	CLIVE PLATT			
10	KEM IZZET			
11	SIMON HACKNEY			
12	MARK COUSINS			
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19	JOEL THOMAS			
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22	ANTHONY WORDSWORTH			
23	MARC TIERNEY			
24	FRANCK QUEUDRUE			
25	JOHN WHITE			
26	DAVID PRUTTON			
27	MATT LOCKWOOD			
28	MATT HEATH			
29	SCOTT VERNON			
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SWINDON TOWN

MANAGER | DANNY WILSON COLOURS | RED & WHITE

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1	DAVID LUCAS			
2	SCOTT CUTHBERT			
3	ALAN SHEEHAN			
4	JONATHAN DOUGLAS			
5	VINCENT PERICARD			
6	GORDON GREER			
7	JON-PAUL MCGOVERN			
8	CRAIG EASTON			
9	FRANK NOUBLE			
10	MICHAEL TIMLIN			
12	PHIL SMITH			
14	SEAN MORRISON			
15	KEVIN AMANKWAAH			
17	CALLUM KENNEDY			
18	ALAN O'BRIEN			
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20	BILLY PAYNTER			
21	STEPHEN DARBY			
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25	MARK MARSHALL			
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28	MARK SCOTT			
29	KURT HAMMONDS			
30	SIMON FERRY			
31	BILLY BODIN			
32	CHARLIE AUSTIN			



NEXT HOME GAME... TRANMERE ROVERS SATURDAY 24 APRIL | K.O. 15.00



NEXT AWAY GAME... CHARLTON ATHLETIC TUESDAY 13 APRIL | K.O. 19.45





