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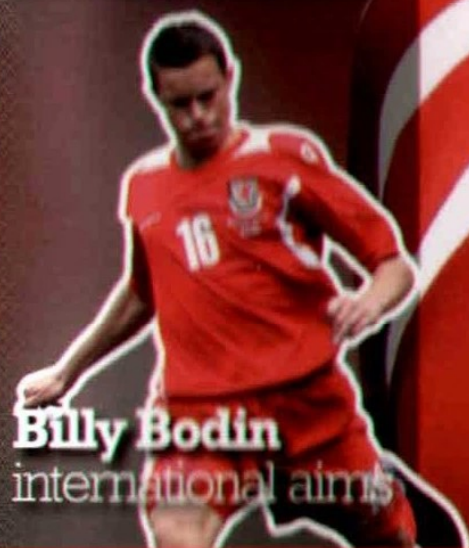
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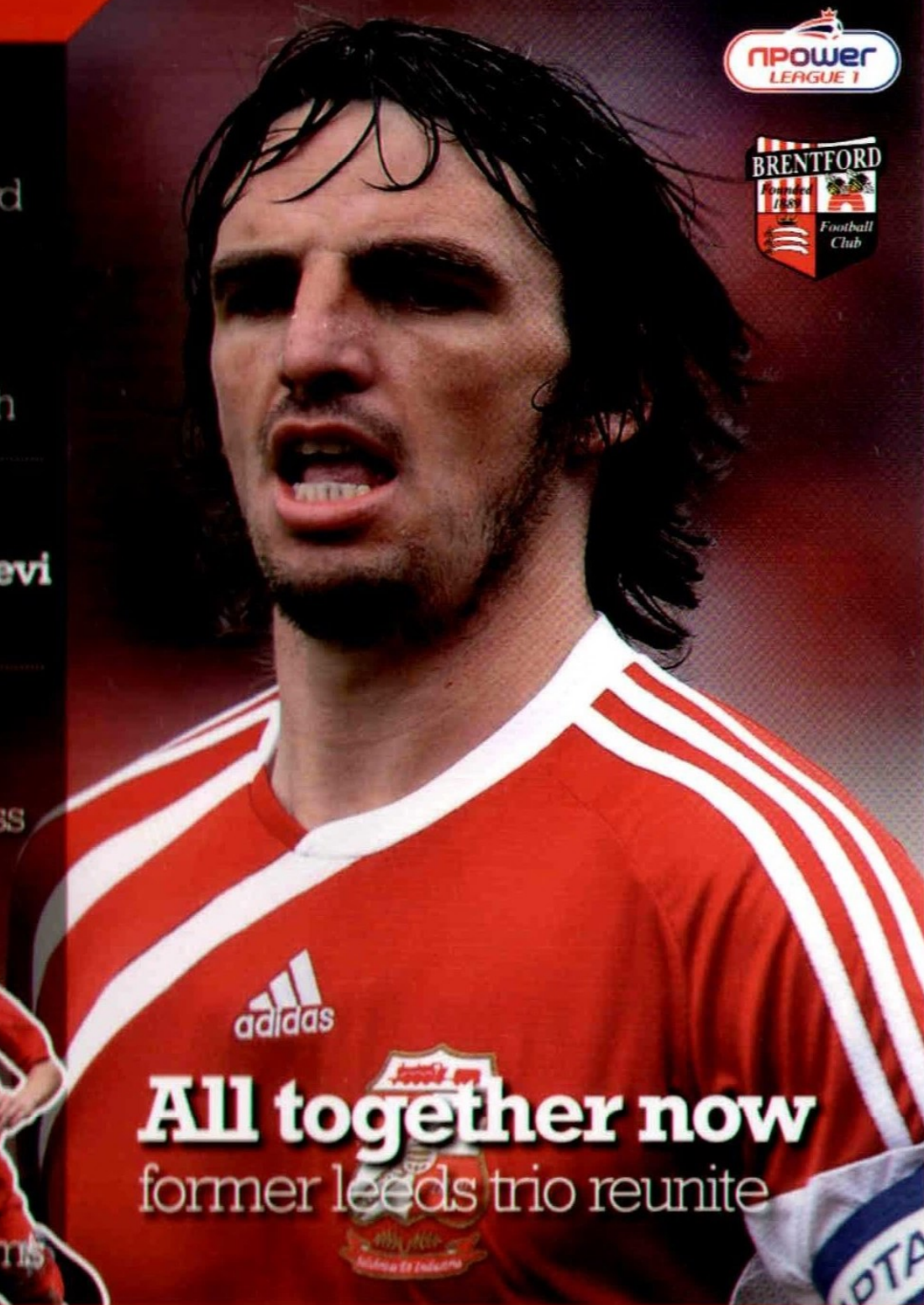
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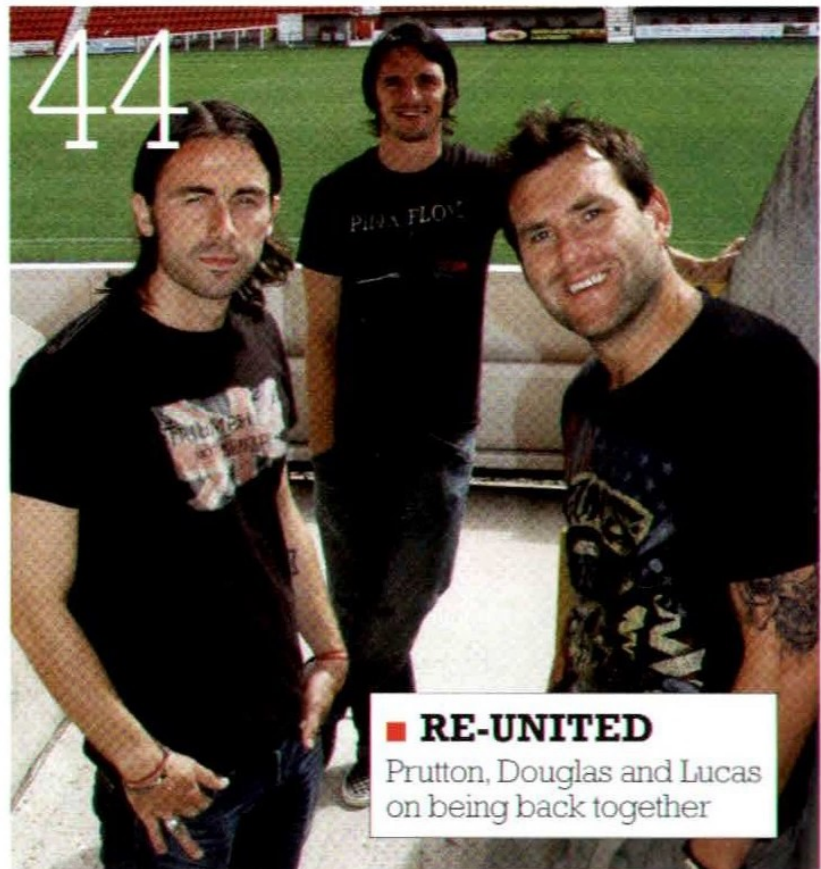
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IN TOWN TODAY

Danny Wilson believes **BRENTFORD** are 'dark horses' for League 1 promotion this season, and with boss Andy Scott having made a number of noteworthy signings over the summer, it would be a brave person who bets against the Town manager.

HOWEVER, despite this undoubted promise, it has been a tough start to the season for the Bees, with a 2-0 defeat at Carlisle United on the opening day of the campaign being followed by a 2-1 reverse at the hands of Walsall at Griffin Park last weekend.

This has done little to dampen spirits in West London though, with the excitement about the signings of Nicky Forster, Craig Woodman and Richard Lee still keeping confidence high around the club.

Sandwiched in between these defeats was a victory over Cheltenham Town in

the Carling Cup, with goals from Woodman and Robbie Simpson clinching a 2-1 win at Griffin Park which saw the Bees through to the second round of the competition for the first time since 2007.

Former Town striker Gary Alexander notched his first for the visitors in Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Walsall, and will be hopeful of causing problems again today alongside long-time Town nemesis Nicky Forster.

Scott's side did not travel particularly well last season, winning just five of their 23 away trips in 2009/2010, from which Town can draw some encouragement as

they seek their first home win of the season this afternoon.

In the two clashes between the sides last season, Town came away with 3-2 victories on both occasions, with a brace from Alex Revell and one from Ben Hutchinson sealing the win at Griffin Park in October, and a Billy Paynter double and one from Danny Ward clinching the points in Town's last home game of the season in May.

Bees fans will be hopeful that their side can reverse those score-lines as they bid to kick-start their season at The County Ground this afternoon.



VITAL STATS

NICKNAME: The Bees

EST: 1889

GROUND: Griffin Park

CAPACITY: 12,763

LAST FIVE: LDLWL

LAST TIME WE MET:

01.05.10

Swindon Town 3

(Paynter '8, '56, Ward '45)

Brentford 2

(Hunt '33, Stevens '60)

LAST SEASON'S TOP SCORER:

Charlie MacDonald, 16

THE SQUAD

- 1 Richard Lee
- 2 Kevin O'Connor
- 3 Craig Woodman
- 4 Marcus Bean
- 5 David McCracken
- 6 Pim Balkestein
- 7 Sam Saunders
- 8 Nicky Forster
- 9 Carl Cort
- 10 Charlie Macdonald
- 11 Myles Weston
- 12 Michael Spillane
- 13 David Hunt
- 14 Kirk Hudson
- 15 Colin Burkin
- 16 Sam Wood
- 17 Ryan Blake
- 20 Toumani Diagouraga
- 21 Simon Royce
- 22 Karleigh Osborne
- 23 Robbie Simpson
- 29 Gary Alexander
- 31 Simon Moore
- 32 Leon Legge
- 41 Alex McCarthy



■ Brentford supporters arrive at Griffin Park

■ THE VISITORS:



BRENTFORD arrive in Town today looking to register their first League 1 win of the campaign, and can boast an experienced squad with a number of summer signings in contention for a starting berth this afternoon.



ALEX McCARTHY 41

The 20-year old goalkeeper joined Brentford in the first week of the new season initially on a 28-day loan from Reading. He made his England U21 debut against Uzbekistan two days prior to signing for The Bees. Last season he spent a season long loan with League 1 side Yeovil Town where he made 45 appearances in total.



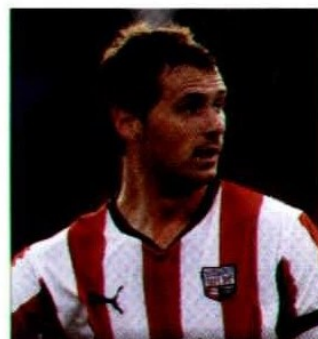
SIMON MOORE 31

The goalkeeper made his debut for the Bees when he came on as a substitute against Hartlepool United as a substitute for the departing Wojciech Szczesny in the final game of last season. He subsequently made his full debut for The Bees at Carlisle United in the opening game of this season.



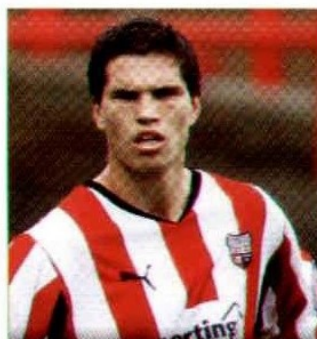
NICKY FORSTER 8

Nicky Forster returned to the Bees on a two-year contract in June 2010. The striker started his career at Gillingham during the 1993-94 season and scored 18 goals. During the summer of 1994 he turned down a new contract and joined the Bees. He formed a prolific partnership with Carl Asaba and Robert Taylor and made 109 league appearances for Brentford and scored 39 goals during his time at Griffin Park. He was capped by England at under-21 level soon afterwards. In January 1997, he was sold to Birmingham City for a fee of £700,000. Two years later he was on the move to Reading before spells with Ipswich Town, Hull City and Brighton & Hove Albion.



DAVID McCracken 5

McCracken joined Brentford on a two-year contract from MK Dons in June. The 28-year old Glaswegian is a strong central defender, with Scottish Under-21 international honours. He began his career with Dundee United and subsequently played for Wycombe Wanderers as captain and MK Dons, who he joined in the summer of 2009.



PIM BALKESTEIN 6

Balkestein signed for Brentford permanently in mid-August on a three-year contract. The Netherlands-born centre-back came through the ranks at SC Heerenveen. He joined Ipswich Town in June 2008 and made his debut against Preston North End in August 2008. Last season he spent two loan spells with Brentford.



KARLEIGH OSBORNE 22

A strong athletic centre-back, Osborne came through the Brentford youth team ranks. He made his league debut for Brentford against Hull City in May 2005 at the age of just 17 under Martin Allen, having been an unused substitute earlier in the season when he was only 16. He is approaching 100 league starts for The Bees.

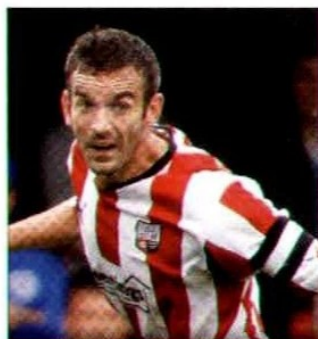


LEON LEGGE 32

The 25-year old was signed by Andy Scott twelve months ago from Tonbridge Angels. He began his career playing non-league football for Eastbourne United, Hailsham Town, Eastbourne Borough, Woking and Tonbridge Angels. He scored twice in 28 league appearances last season.


CRAIG WOODMAN 3

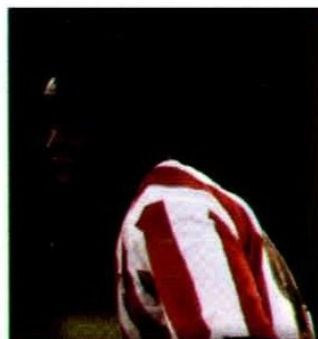
Woodman is a left-back who began his career with Bristol City as a trainee before turning professional in June 2000. He had loan spells with Mansfield Town, Torquay United before signing for Wycombe. He was a key player during the Chairboys promotion season in 2008/09, missing just ten minutes of league action all year.


KEVIN O'CONNOR 2

O'Connor is Brentford's longest-serving player after signing professional forms in 1999. He made his 400th appearance against Swindon Town last season. The Blackburn-born 28-year-old's long-service was rewarded with a testimonial against Fulham in July 2010 at Griffin Park. He scored 5 goals from midfield last term.


SAM WOOD 16

A committed player who can play either left-back or left midfield, Wood joined Brentford in May 2008 before signing a contract extension a year later. He started out in non-league with Cray and Bromley, where his performances caught the eye of professional clubs with Griffin Park his destination of choice.


MARCUS BEAN 4

Bean was signed by Andy Scott in May 2008 after being released from Blackpool. His first season proved successful and he signed a new two-year contract the following season. He started his career as a trainee at QPR. He went on to spend four years there before a move to Blackpool in 2006 and joined Brentford in 2008.

INTERESTING FACT!

Lou Macari brought Chris Kamara back to Swindon from Brentford in August 1985 with a fee of £12,500. In total Kamara made 298 league appearances scoring 32 goals for Swindon before joining Stoke City in July 1988 for £27,500.


TOUMANI DIAGOURAGA 20

Diagouraga returned to Griffin Park from Peterborough United on a three-year deal in the summer after an impressive loan spell with The Bees last term. The Paris-born midfielder will be well known to The County Ground faithful after an eight-game loan spell in Wiltshire back in March 2006.


GARY ALEXANDER 29

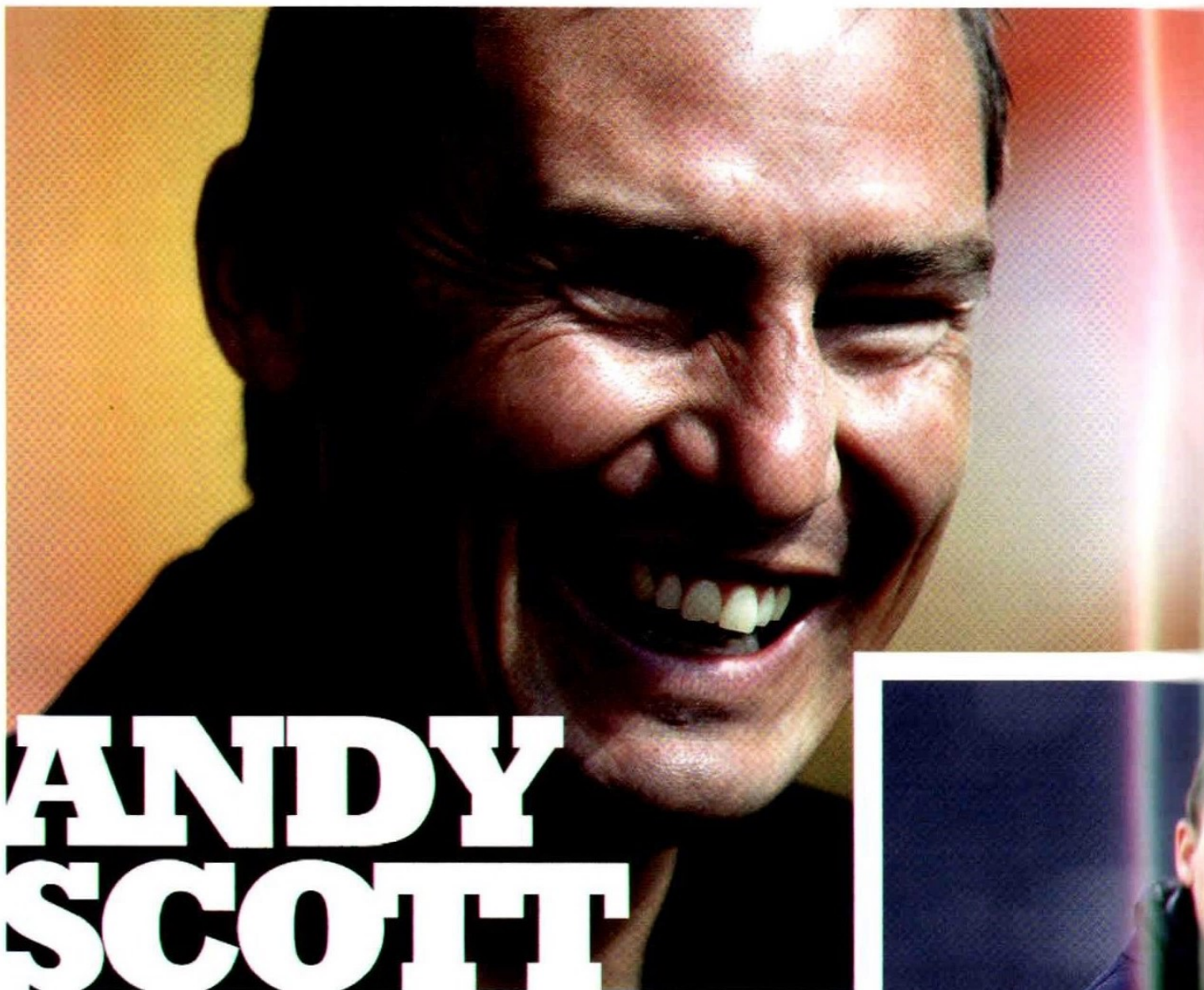
Another player returning to his former club this afternoon, Alexander joined Brentford from Millwall just two days before the start of the season. A goalscorer for The Lions in the 2009 League 1 play off final, he began his career with West Ham before spells at Swindon, Hull City and Leyton Orient.


CHARLIE MacDONALD 10

The experienced striker joined Brentford in July 2008 for an undisclosed fee on a two-year contract.

He scored 18 goals in his first season at the Club and helped Brentford to the League 2 Championship. He was awarded the Powerade League 2 Player of the Month award for February 2009 and topped Brentford's goalscoring charts last season earning a new contract in March.

The 29-year old started out at Millwall before joining Charlton Athletic as a trainee and turned professional in August 1998. He made his Charlton debut in January 2000 but was released in May 2002 and slipped into Non-League playing for Margate, Stevenage Borough, Crawley Town and Gravesend & Northfleet.



Having taken 62 points from 46 games last term, Brentford boss **ANDY SCOTT** saw his side secure a comfortable midtable finish. After a difficult start to the new campaign, he will hope to get back on track with a Wiltshire win today.

ANDY Scott started his professional career when Sheffield United signed him from Sutton United in 1992.

He signed for Brentford as a player for £75,000 in November 1997 and went on to make 136 appearances for the Club scoring 35 goals and being an integral part of The Bees Third Division Championship winning side the following season.

In the 2000/01 season having scored 13 goals in 22 appearances in January

he was surprisingly sold to Oxford United fully recouping the initial outlay of £75,000.

He moved on to Leyton Orient in March 2004 and played 50 games before having to retire from the game when diagnosed with the life threatening heart disorder hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Scott then took up a coaching role at Leyton Orient before becoming the club's youth team manager.

In May 2007, he returned to The Bees as assistant manager to Terry Butcher. After a difficult first few months of the campaign (which included a 7-0 demolition at Peterborough United) Butcher was sacked from his managerial post. Scott stepped up to take over as caretaker manager and did enough to be awarded the job on a permanent basis, signing a five-year contract in January 2008. His first calendar year in charge



■ The Bees boss in pensive mood

resulted in winning the BBC London 'Manager of The Year' for 2008 and he won the 2008/2009 League 2 title.

The summer of 2009 saw a significant switch over of playing personnel with nine out of contract players allowed to seek pastures new. Scott was runner-up of the prestigious LMA Manager of the Year Award

One To Watch

25-year old **ROBBIE SIMPSON** began his football career with Norwich City at the age of nine, spending six years at Carrow Road after signing schoolboy terms.



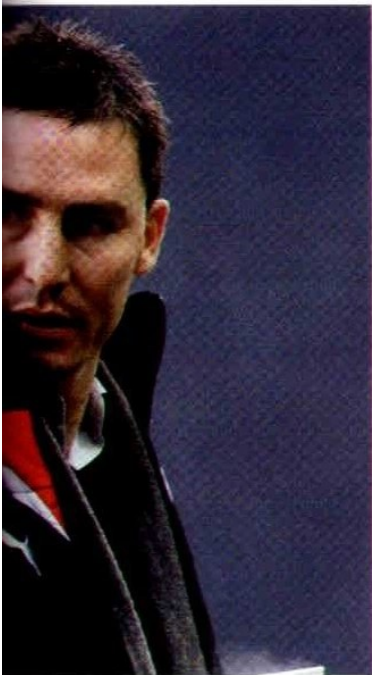
AFTER being released by The Canaries he joined up with Cambridge City and made his debut for the club as a 16-year old. He spent four seasons with Cambridge City, scoring 42 goals in 113 appearances for the club before a switch to rivals Cambridge United in the summer of 2006. He finished the 2006/07 campaign with 17 goals from just 33 appearances

and at the end of that season he won a multitude of club awards.

Simpson chose to join Coventry City at the start of the following season, linking up with Iain Dowie at The Ricoh Arena. It was a dream start to his Sky Blues career for Simpson who netted just five minutes into his competitive debut in a League Cup tie against Notts County. However, the

following two seasons at Coventry proved to be frustrating with just four goals from 24 league starts.

Coventry allowed the striker to leave in the summer of 2009 following a £300,000 offer from Huddersfield Town. After struggling with injury last term, The Terriers allowed the frontman to join Brentford on a season-long loan in August.



for League 2 in 2009 after the promotion winning season, losing out to Paul Tisdale of Exeter City.

Brentford, like Swindon, go into this afternoon's League 1 clash looking for their first win of the campaign after an opening day defeat at Carlisle United and last weekend's 2-1 loss to Walsall at Griffin Park.



■ Robbie Simpson



Simon Ferry

SCOTTISH livewire Simon Ferry cited regular first team football as one of his reasons for returning to Wiltshire on a permanent basis.

Ferry's next involvement in a Swindon shirt, most likely to come against visitors Brentford this afternoon, will be his 50th appearance for the club. Not bad for a player who hadn't played a senior league game before arriving at The County Ground a year ago.

"I wasn't aware that I had reached that many games, but it's a nice little landmark for me and a good one to get to.

"Hopefully the game can result in a first three points of the season because there is no better place to get our first home win than in front of our own fans against Brentford."

Ferry impressed during the midweek demolition of Plymouth Argyle in a reserve team game, with a typically fervent midfield display.

"The boys did really well and to win against such a strong Plymouth side four nil was a fantastic achievement," Ferry added. "I enjoyed the game and it was great to get another ninety minutes under my belt."



Toumani Diagouraga

FORMER Town loanee Toumani Diagouraga returns to The County Ground this afternoon hoping to help kick-start Brentford's campaign.

The midfielder returned to Griffin Park in the summer on a three-year deal from Peterborough United and after the recent birth of his first child, is looking forward to getting back to a regular run of games.

"I feel fit and ready to go now. Despite losing the first two league games there is no reason we can't get back on track.

"Swindon are a good side and we know it will be a tough game. I remember being on loan there and had some very good times there. My focus is now on doing well for Brentford and it's just a matter of time until we put a run of games together"

Callum Kennedy

WITH experience of facing today's visitors Brentford last season, Callum Kennedy is hoping to continue his own fitness drive with the aim of returning to the first team fold before too long.

Kennedy played a full game for the 'Town second string in midweek against Plymouth Argyle and admits he is feeling sharper, stronger and closer than ever to full fitness after shaking off an injury sustained at the back end of last term.

"It was good to get 90 minutes under my belt. In fitness terms I am still getting back into it but the training is going well and I'm nearly there now.

"The away game against Brentford last season was a close one. I think we went ahead twice and Brentford kept coming back into the game, but thankfully we held on for the win. The Brentford fans were really loud on the day and I remember it being a really good atmosphere down there at Griffin Park.

"Hopefully the lads can get back on track with a win at home this weekend."



22.08.06 2-2L
AET (3-4 PENS)

TOWN crashed out of the Carling Cup at the first round at the expense of Brentford, although came close to completing a dramatic comeback. Goals from Andy Nicholas and Paul Evans drew Town level after being two goals down, before losing out 4-3 on penalties.

04.09.07 4-1W →

SWINDON cruised to a 4-1 victory to secure victory in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy first round, with an unfamiliar line-up taking to the field. Boss Paul Sturrock included the likes of Ibon Arrieta, Ben Tozer and Mauro Almeida whilst Simon Cox made his first appearance for Town.



Vincent Pericard

STRIKER Vincent Pericard insists the Town squad are now moving in a positive direction after The Robins claimed a share of the spoils in the North East.

"You want to feel you are part of a group that you can give something to and it was great to come off the bench and help make a difference," he said. "The manager has options up front and Thomas came on and did well too last weekend."

Pericard came close to netting a first league goal in Town colours, but was denied by the predatory instincts of his strike partner.

"I brought the ball down and was about to get my shot away when Charlie nipped in I thought 'what's going on'. I won't blame him for that though because that's typical Charlie," he smiled.

"At the moment we have one point on the board from two league games. Being back at home I think the players are feeling more positive after the comeback last weekend."



Charlie Austin



CHARLIE Austin scored his second goal in as many league games last weekend with a poacher's finish at Hartlepool United.

The effort took the striker's tally to a remarkable 21 goals in just 31 league appearances for The Robins. However, his second half strike at Victoria Park denied strike partner Vincent Pericard his first goal of the campaign after good work from the Frenchman. Austin explains more.

"Vinnie took a touch and I saw the ball there and just thought 'take it'. It's just a striker's instinct I guess because I didn't think twice about taking it on and finishing. The ball was in the box and I wanted to be the first there to score," he smiled.

"I almost got the winner at the end, too. I didn't know whether 'Caddi' was going to cross or shoot when he got the ball so I just gambled and it very nearly came off!"

And the 21-year old is hoping his side can put the seal on a positive week with victory this afternoon.

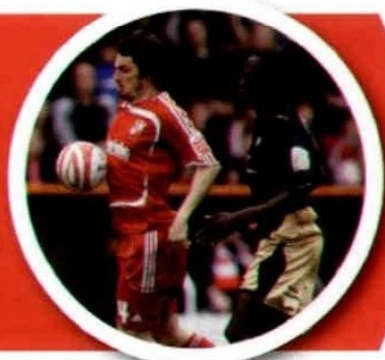
"We showed our form in the second half at Hartlepool and hopefully we can take that into the game against Brentford. On a personal note it was great to score again last weekend but the main focus is on the team and getting that first win of the season."

03.10.09 3-2W

AN entertaining League 1 encounter at Griffin Park saw The Robins claim all three points thanks to a double strike from loanee Alex Revell. Ben Hutchinson (who joined Lincoln City this week) also notched what proved to be the only league goal of his County Ground tenure.

01.05.10 3-2W →

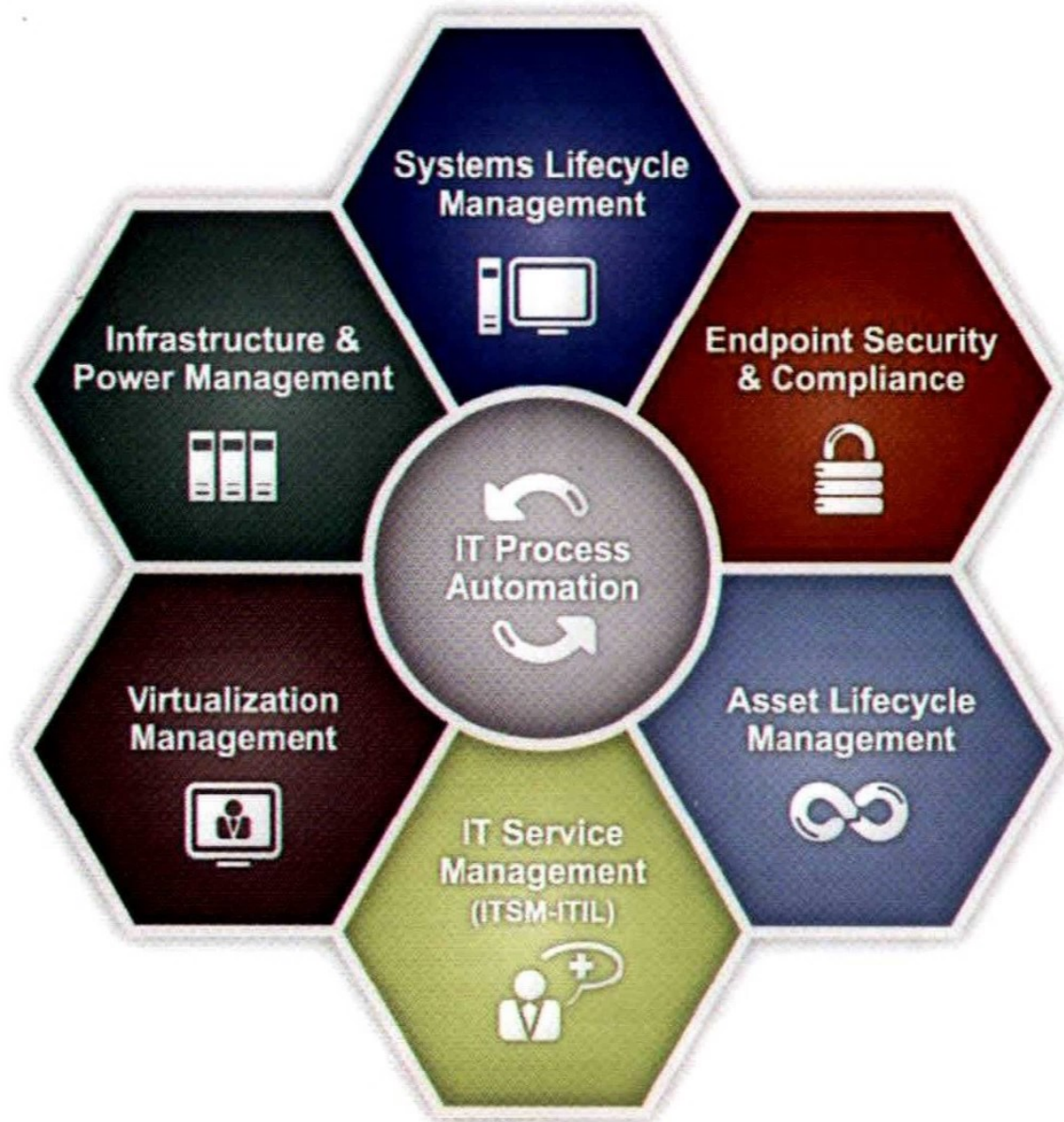
TOWN'S final home league game of the 2009/10 season proved fruitful with a brace from Billy Paynter providing the inspiration for an important victory. Danny Ward also found the net with a solid finish, one of seven league goals he scored during an impressive loan stint in Wiltshire.





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The fourth official indicates the minimum additional time decided by the referee at the end of the final minute of each period of play.

The announcement of the additional time does not indicate the exact amount of time left in the match. The time may be increased if the referee considers it appropriate but never reduced.

The referee must not compensate for a timekeeping error during the first half by increasing or reducing the length of the second half.



■ Steve Rushton

HE last refereed Swindon in February in League 1, overseeing the 2-2 draw against Huddersfield Town at The Galpharm Stadium. Here the official matchday magazine gets to know a little more about the man in charge of this afternoon's contest.

How did you get in to refereeing?

My Dad was a Football League Referee and having watched him for many years I decided to take the refereeing course. The idea was first to help with my

GCSE PE and secondly to earn some pocket money.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

There have been many highlights, but getting onto the Football League National List of Assistants was a very proud moment.

What is the best game you have officiated and why?

For the overall sense of achievement I would say the FA Youth Cup Final between Manchester City v Chelsea in 2007/08. To be awarded the Three Lions badge and officiate on such a high-profile game in my second season will always take some beating.

What are your aims as a National List Referee?

My first aim is to be the best that I can be for all appointments. The second is to finish as high as I can on the merit list. Third is to be in a position whereby I am considered for promotion to the Select Group.

What skills do you need to become an Assistant Referee?

You need to have a good level of physical fitness so that you can maintain alertness as the game

progresses. You need to understand the difference between assistance and interference. You need the mental strength to make the big decision when it is required.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career and why?

My Dad has been a huge influence on my career. He has acted as a coach, mentor and friend. He has never been afraid to tell me my faults and has always identified the positives. He kept faith with my ability when early promotions up the pyramid were hard to achieve.

In your opinion who is/was the best Referee?

I have the utmost faith in my own ability, but would love to emulate the achievements of Phil Sharp.

SEEING RED!

DEON BURTON of Brentford (right) is shown the red card after clashing with Zema Abbey of Bradford City during the Coca-Cola League 1 match at Griffin Park in November 2004. Burton joined Brentford in the summer of 2004 and scored 10 goals in 34 league appearances before a free transfer move to Rotherham United 12 months later. The striker spent one month at Swindon on loan from Portsmouth in October 2003, scoring once in four outings.



DANNY WILSON

Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for today's League 1 match against **BRENTFORD**. It goes without saying that we are all desperate to get the season off and running with a win in front of our own fans today.

WE picked up a decent point from Hartlepool last weekend, and hopefully the players can take the confidence from that comeback into today's game.

The goals we conceded were abysmal, and our decision making and consistency at the back is something we still have to work on, but I was pleased with the character the players showed later in the game to come back and get that point.

Charlie has carried on from where he left off last season which is great, and it was good to see Thomas Dossevi on the scoresheet as well with a great goal.

As far as Thomas is concerned, he's still got some learning to do in English football, but he'll get better and better as the games go on, and I'm sure he will make a massive contribution for us this year.

His English has improved massively even in the short time he's been here too, which is the impact the dressing room is having on him!

He scored again in a reserve game against Plymouth this week, which was another good work out for some of the lads who



haven't had much game time of late.

We've done a lot more work on the training ground this week to eliminate those mistakes I've already mentioned, and I'm confident we can do that today.

Every one of the goals we've conceded this season have been avoidable which is not like us, because we're usually meaner than that.

Even in pre-season we were meaner than that, so we have to make sure that we get back to being as solid as we know we can be.

It's vital we start picking up points today, because we don't want to be on the short tails of the teams at the top of the league, we want to be dictating that situation, so it's up to us to step up to the plate now.

"They are my dark horse for promotion this season, because they've made some good signings over the summer."

Brentford will be a tough side, and I've mentioned before that they are my dark horse for promotion this season, because they've made some good signings over the summer.

But they've not had a great start to the season either, and won't find it easy to come here at all, so hopefully we can capitalise on that and get our first win under our belts.

Enjoy the game,





RESULT 2-2

TOWN'S STARTING LINE-UP VS HARTLEPOOL UNITED

GOALS:
DOSSEVI '72
AUSTIN '74



USED SUBS:
DOSSEVI (FERRY '61)
PERICARD (McGOVERN '61)

USED SUBS:
MORRISON, BALL, SMITH,
AMANKWAH, TIMLIN

TOWN'S KEY MOVE AUSTIN GOAL

Ball Movement
Player Movement



WHAT THEY SAID: CHRIS TURNER



"We got ourselves into a great position at half-time but we didn't really perform in the second half. We could have lost the game because it was 2-2 with fifteen minutes left. Swindon are a good side."

DANNY WILSON

"We had a lot of possession in the first half but we persevered and had some good chances too. The players showed a tremendous fighting spirit to come down from two down and we could have taken the win at the end."



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A WARM welcome to today's main Match Sponsors Landesk who will be in the Sponsor's Suite today along with Richard Ball who joins us along with four other guests. Richard is no stranger to us after sponsoring the Brentford game last season, his party that day enjoyed it so much they have joined us once more to do it all over again.



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All three hospitality suites will be buzzing for today's visit of **BRENTFORD**. With birthday celebrations and special visits from abroad, hopefully Town can claim all three points against The Bees to make it a memorable day.



Match Sponsorship Presentations

CHRIS HILL from Brakes is seen here presenting Scott Cuthbert with his Man of the Match bubbly, in return receiving a signed shirt as Match Sponsor. Brakes enjoyed the hospitality as they usually do, especially mentioning the food, there may be just a hint of bias here!



The Matchday Mascots - Brighton

THE Mascots had a fantastic day out even though the result did not fall in our favour. Pictured here are Callum Jackson, Ellie Wyatt & Louie Anderson.



The Matchday Mascots - Orient

FOLLOWING on from Saturday were another two mascots who enjoyed their time with us for our Carling Cup fixture against the O's. Pictured here are Alex Batchelor & Davy Richards.



■ Match Sponsors, Brakes, the mascots, team captains and officials line-up ahead of the Brighton & Hove Albion fixture



THIS afternoon we have a few special guests in the Chairman's Suite with Father Bill and Gail Martin in attendance for the match. Father Bill and Gail Martin will be staying in Swindon as part of a one-month exchange programme with our Club Chaplain Reverend Stevenette of Christ Church. Father Bill is a Priest in Westborough near Boston Mass, a long way from home. However, you will be very well looked after today by our excellent catering team and we sincerely hope you both enjoy your time with us, in return we hope you are able to bring with you lots of luck for today's encounter.

A warm welcome once more to all our Chairman's Suite guests who are all back in their familiar surroundings for today's game following Tuesday night – just a little competition for you all to keep it all fresh and to encourage healthy competition, the first one to spot Ferry's Ferret in today's programme will be entitled to a complimentary alcoholic beverage. As soon as you have found his hiding place, please inform a member of the catering team. Please see Phil or Adam to organise your complimentary drink.



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The drinks promotion in the suite today is bottles of Budweiser at just £2. As a change to the notes and to keep ideas fresh, members of club staff will be in contact with each of our members on a match by match basis to find out a bit more about you and your thoughts as the season progresses! Which means you will feature in this column. I will also be on the lookout for you to supply some entertaining photos for matchday magazine readers. Can one of you also find Ferry's Ferret for a free tippie?



WE take great delight in welcoming to the suite three birthday experiences. Happy Birthday to **Graham**

and **Nathan Thompson** who turn 50 and 23 respectively! Many congratulations also go to **Kevin Mckenzie** who actually turns 25 years old today. Graham has just turned 50 and recently jetted off



to the sunnier climes of Majorca to cut the cake. Graham enjoys karaoke on the quiet - or not so quiet depending on the choice of song!

Nathan will turn 23 years old on the 23rd August and he also loves his football and supports both The Robins and The Red Devils.

Kevin celebrates his 25th birthday today and he lives in Southampton. From an early age he has been brainwashed by his family to opt for the red and white of Swindon Town and that of Southampton. Hopefully the birthday cake will taste even sweeter with a Town win today!

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■ NICK WATKINS:

DIRECTOR'S *Diary*

"Victory has a thousand fathers, but defeat is an orphan."

Aug 7th

Brighton - On The Rocks

THE new league season dawned with so much hope and eager anticipation. The signing of Thomas Dossevi, after an excellent performance against Nottingham Forest, the news that Simon Ferry and Paul Caddis were heading south to make a permanent home in Swindon, and a spruced up County Ground, with a perfect playing service all promised so much but in the end only delivered defeat and disappointment. The hope and anticipation hit the rocks,

witnessed by a fantastic crowd of 10,500.

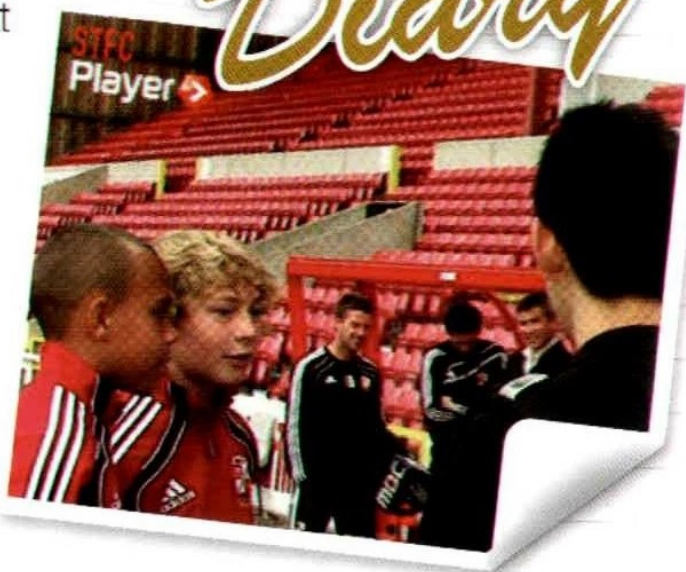
Danny Wilson was left totally frustrated that the only two real chances that Brighton & Hove Albion created both resulted in a goal, where as the new look Swindon Town were a bit at sea and did not capitalise upon their chances. Still there was always Tuesday evening and a home tie against Leyton Orient, in the first round of the Carling Cup to put things right!

Aug 10th

Leyton Orient - O Dear Me!

LAST season, after a 5-0 trouncing by Gillingham in the first league fixture, we went on to beat MK Dons 4-1 in the first round of the Carling Cup - could we repeat the feat when Leyton Orient visit The County Ground?

A rain drenched day turned into a brighter evening, weather wise, but not from a result point of view. Swindon Town looked impressive in the first 45



Pictured above:

The U12s talk to Korean television media at the C.G discuss The County Ground redevelopment project. They provided an up-date on the meetings that they have been holding with other interested partners / consultants and produced one or two outline ideas. A full Phase One report is scheduled for late September.

Aug 11th

County Ground Redevelopment - Not Standing Still

ON Wednesday, I had one of my regular up-date meetings with the Frank Whittle Partnership to

Aug 12th

South Korea - Bless My Seoul

THURSDAY was South Korea day as the U12s Centre



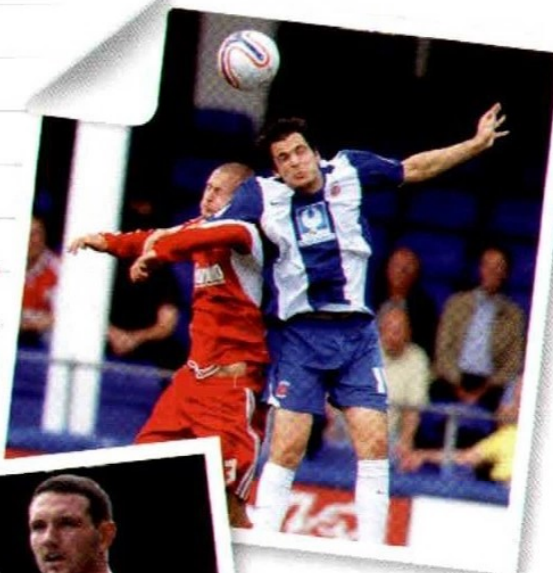
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*Scott Cuthbert in action at Hartlepool
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on the long journey north to Hartlepool. The journey is broken with a training session at Middlesbrough FC's excellent training facilities near Darlington. The worst of all starts, Swindon Town are 2-0 down within 12 minutes but a fantastic resolve sees Danny Wilson's boys pull two goals back in the

second half, and it should have been three. At least the southbound journey was more pleasurable than it otherwise may have been.

Aug 16th

Friends Re-United

MONDAY afternoon saw Craig and Laura Easton call in to the club. Craig was on sparkling form and very much enjoying his new career at Southend United. He really is a true gentleman and not only did he bring flowers and presents for the back office staff but he also took the time to write a note to everyone, thanking them for the support that he had been given during his time at the club.

Aug 17th

Plymouth Hoe, Hoe, Hoe

THE Plymouth Argyle reserve team have just visited The County Ground and leave four goals the worse for their efforts. A highly impressive Swindon Town reserve team ran out comprehensive winners at 4-0.

The editor is pushing me to close the diary for this week but before I do, may I extend a very warm welcome to Brentford FC, directors, management, players and supporters on the occasion of their visit to SN1 for this Saturday's league fixture.

To you all, enjoy the County Ground experience.

Nick Watkins



Korea

The national S Korean TV station MBC, spent the day at The County Ground filming the 1st team training and the Centre of Excellence at work, in addition to interviewing

Jeremy Newton, who is leading the trip, and myself. In addition MBC were most interested in the Samsung, Be A Pro Contract, that they are now keen to follow.

What a fantastic opportunity this trip is for the STFC U12s...

Aug 13th

Hartlepool - Monkey Off The Back

EARLY Friday morning the team coach leaves

of Excellence team prepared to leave for a ten-day tournament in South Korea. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Matthew Simmonite, a friend of Swindon Town who has excellent football contacts in South Korea, the U12s were able to take advantage of a fully sponsored trip to South Korea. The U12s will spend the next ten days participating in a tournament facing opposition that is drawn from Australia, China, Japan and

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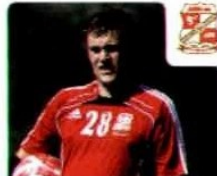
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JONATHAN DOUGLAS led Town to their first point of the season against Hartlepool United last Saturday, and offered his views to the official matchday magazine ahead of this afternoon's clash with Brentford. Here, he discusses momentum, tactics and the importance of registering Town's first home points of the season today.

Brentford have made big changes to their squad over the summer. How much of a test will they pose this afternoon?

They will pose a massive test to us. They did pretty well last year considering the fact they had quite a small squad so they'll be looking to carry that momentum into the new season.

It will be a very hard game today; Brentford have added a lot of new players over the summer and though it might take a bit of time to gel, they

will be a decent side this year.

They've spent a bit of money which is something that always gives teams a bit more of an incentive to impress, so I'm sure it will be a tough game but it's one we should be relishing because it's a great opportunity for us to get our first three points of the season.

Both Brighton & Hove Albion and Leyton Orient have approached the previous two home games in a cautious fashion.



Do you see this as a disadvantage and do you expect Brentford to set up any differently?

At the start of last season no-one would have expected teams to be coming here and sitting back so I think it's a mark of respect if teams do do that because it shows how well we played at home last year.

But last year has gone now, and whether Brentford sit back today or not we need to concentrate on this season and start getting some points on the board.

How much confidence has last Saturday's comeback against Hartlepool United given the players ahead of today's match?

It's helped a lot because had we gone on to lose that game then it would have been three defeats out of three and the mood wouldn't have been great, but in the end it was a good point from a difficult place really.

The performance in the first half was terrible, and I think Alan O'Brien was the only one who came out with

any credit because he was excellent.

But in the second half we performed much better, got the two goals and were unlucky not to win it towards the end so hopefully we can build on that performance today.

It hasn't been a great start to the season, but how confident are you that you can get a positive result today and give the campaign a timely boost?

It would be brilliant to kick-start the season with a win today as we've been stuttering of late to be honest, and it hasn't really been the start we had all wanted.

But we didn't get to the play-off final last year for nothing, and we still have a quality squad here which I'm sure can do well again this season.

But we need a win to get the season going, and if we perform the way we know we can, then I'm confident we can get that.

"We didn't get to the play-off final last year for nothing, and we still have a quality squad here."

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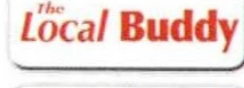
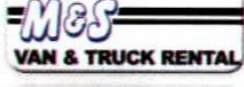
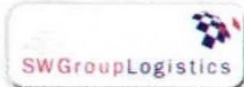


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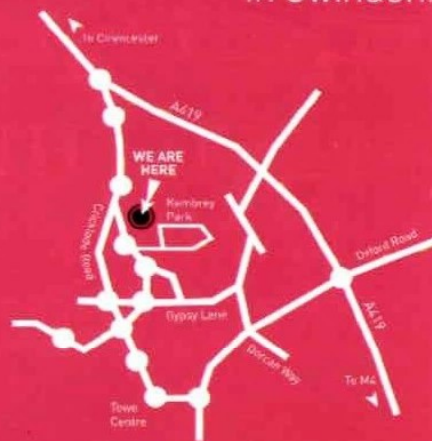
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Walker's 1800 game run

THE last home game against Leyton Orient was a special one for Town fan David Walker.

The Arkell's Stand Season Ticket holder attended his 1,800th consecutive Swindon fixture against The O's after starting to follow The Robins back on 13th September 1947 against Crystal Palace. The game finished 0-0, with Walker cycling to and from the game.

"I have seen Swindon everywhere," says the Melksham-based Town fanatic. "I even went out to the games in Venice and Ascoli despite having a letter from the chairman asking us not to go."

And despite having attended so many Swindon games, the choice of the most memorable match is a relatively simple one for Mr. Walker.

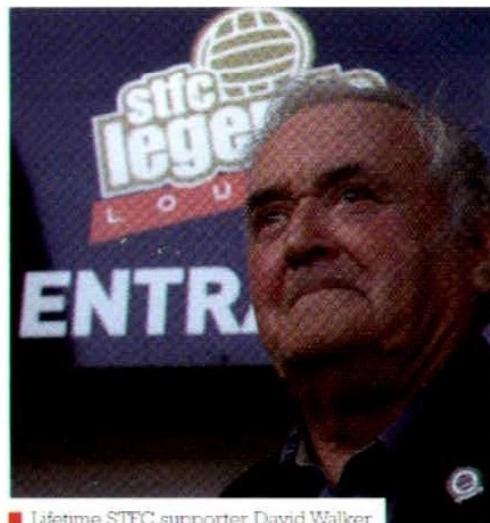
"The top one would be the Swindon versus Burnley at West Brom in the third deciding game of the League Cup semi-final in 1969," he says astutely.

"I remember Smith scoring in the first half, then Burnley equalised a minute before full-time to send the game into extra-time. Having

gone behind, Noble scored to help give Swindon the win.

"What made the game so memorable for me was being at the front of the crowd and being able to hear everything I could hear Willie Penman talking to Peter Noble and saying 'Burnley are finished'. Seconds later Bellamy scored an own goal for Burnley before Peter Noble scored the winner.

"The Wembley trips will never match that game at West Brom. It was incredible."



■ Lifetime STFC supporter David Walker

A Train Ticket For All Seasons

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Super Off Peak fares. Season Ticket holders will be required to show their Season Ticket, and some other form of ID, when purchasing their ticket in order to enjoy this benefit.

Commenting on the arrangement, Swindon Town FC Chief Executive Nicholas Watkins remarked:

"We are always exploring ways in which we can provide extra benefits for Season Ticket holders, to reward their loyalty, and this is one of a number of such initiatives that we will be looking to introduce.

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"A partnership with First Great Western is an excellent way in which to commence this initiative."

Andy Saunders, the Partnerships Manager at First Great Western, commented:

"We are always looking for ways to build stronger working relationships with key businesses and organisations throughout our network.

"We are delighted to be working with Swindon Town FC in this way and look forward to welcoming their fans onto our services."



■ Nick Watkins and Andy Saunders

ROUND-UP

David Byrne departs The County Ground

DAVID Byrne has reached an agreement with Swindon Town FC to terminate his contract as Head of Player Development with immediate effect.

During his time with the club, David has filled a number of roles including Caretaker Manager, Assistant Manager and Head of Youth, but has recently expressed a desire to return to front line management and coaching.

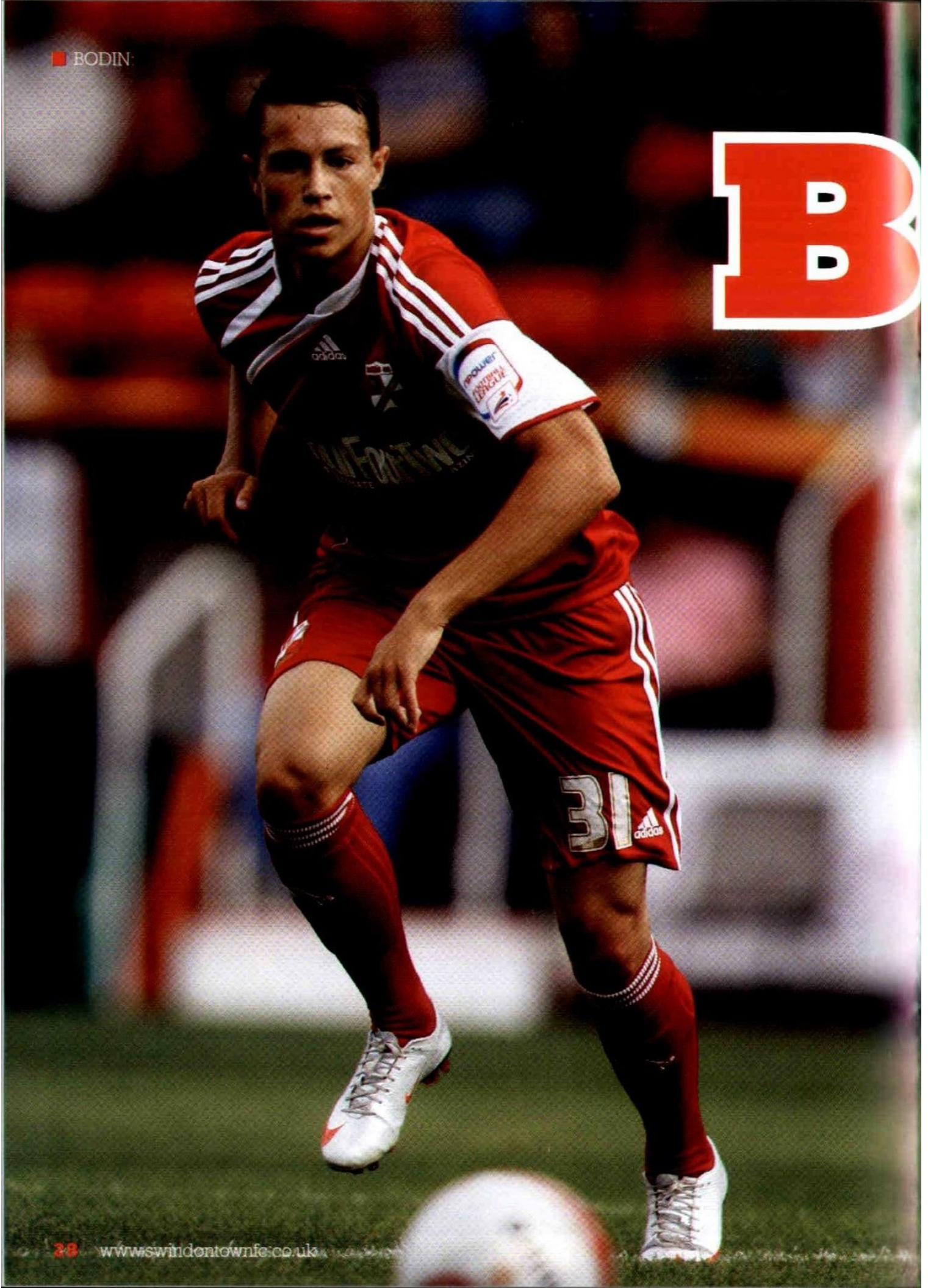
Commenting on the news, STFC Chairman Andrew Fitton said: "Since I became involved at STFC 'Budgie' has served the club in a range of important capacities, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for his tireless contribution and loyalty.

"He has a keen eye for identifying and developing young football talent and the Board wish him every success with his future career."

David Byrne, commenting on his decision to leave the club, said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Swindon Town FC, it is a club that I have a great affection for and in many ways I am sad to leave but at the same time I am excited about the prospect of returning to a management and coaching role."



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W E L L

It's been quite a year for Town youngster **BILLY BODIN**. In the past twelve months the Welshman has turned 18, played for his country at U21 level, won the league title with the Town U18s and signed a first professional contract at The County Ground. That's what you call a whirlwind introduction to the pro game.

NOW six weeks into the 2010/11 season, we sat down with the 18-year old to gauge his thoughts on making the step up into the senior ranks and how mixing it with the world's best young players can help him make an impact at club level.

You have played quite a bit of international football already, most recently playing for Wales U21s in Malta last week. How did that go?

It was a great experience. The weather was pretty hot out there and although we dominated the game we couldn't quite get the win. Getting more game time at international level was great though and I was really pleased to be involved again. It was the third time I had played for the U21s and I have enjoyed it every time. Hopefully I did well enough to be included for the forthcoming games against Hungary and Italy.

Who is the toughest team you have played against on the international scene?

I played for Wales U19s against Spain U19s and they were tremendous. It wasn't surprising to see Spain lift the World Cup this year because they have so much ability and a tremendous understanding of the game.



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■ Getting a taste for the action

And the best player played with?

Ched Evans and Simon Church are both up there as the best players I have played with, certainly in the Welsh set-up. Going away and getting involved with Wales is great experience and seeing how other teams play their football is really useful.

What are the strengths and weaknesses of your game do you think?

My strengths are probably getting the ball at my feet and running at defenders. I like to score goals but have played in quite a few positions. I came on up front at the end of the Nottingham Forest game at The County Ground in pre-season. That was a great experience because I was playing against established Championship players.

Who were the players that you admired when you were coming up through the youth team ranks?

When I first signed at Swindon on scholarship forms I was playing most of my football as a left winger, so Anthony McNamee was one of the players in my position in the first team at the time. He was one of the best in the league at running at defenders when he was here. In terms of scoring goals, Billy (Paynter) and Charlie (Austin) did ever so well last season and I took a lot on board from watching them.



“It was a great experience because I was playing against established Championship players.”

Who did you support as a boy?

Manchester United. I started following them when I was about eight-years old and one season I went to see nearly every game. This season I think Hernandez will do well for them and probably end up as top goalscorer for United.

What has been the most memorable moment of your career so far?

There have been a few actually. Signing my first professional contract here at Swindon was a big moment for me. Winning the Milk Cup in Northern Ireland was fantastic and making my first appearance for Wales at U21 level was another milestone I'll remember.

And what has been the biggest challenge for you so far?

I think the 2010/11 season will be the biggest challenge of all for me. There are some really good players in the squad at the moment and I know I'm going to have to work really hard to break in. I want to try and play as much as I can but that will only come through working hard on the training ground and taking the advice that I am given on board.



"The first priority is to get into the starting side here at Swindon and try and get a regular run of games."

■ Stepping up a level

What is the best advice you have ever been given?

I have been told 'work, tackle, chase' on a number of occasions and that always seems to ring true. If you think that during a game then I don't think you can go far wrong.

Does it still feel strange adjusting to being a professional rather than a youth team player?

On the first day of pre-season I did actually walk straight into the youth team dressing room. It took a few days to get used to the fact that I was now one of the pros but that's all part of the adjustments I have had to make. 'Prutts' has been great with me and taken me under his wing a bit. He has a bit of banter with everyone.

I have a bit more spare time now, too. I go shopping quite a lot and it's nice just to chill out. I usually stay quite local and either go into Swindon or head into Reading. Starbucks is quite popular with a few of the lads. My favourite is a caramel frappuccino.

Do you have a nickname?

'Prutts' calls me wet-look because of my hair. He thinks I use too much gel on it but I don't think it's that bad. Most of the other lads just call me 'Bodes'.

The Town changing room was recently infiltrated by a mystery 'lookalike' poster. What was yours and who were the best lookalikes?

Mine was down as Frank Lampard's other half, Christine Bleakley, because of my smile probably. The best ones were probably Michael Rose and David Ball who were down as twins.

How much has Danny Wilson spoken to you about your aims for the year?

The manager had a word with me in Austria and we chatted about the season ahead and what my aims should be. He told me to keep working hard and apply myself in the best way possible.

Where would you like to be in five years time?

I would like to be playing as high as possible. The first priority is to get into the starting side here at Swindon and try and get a regular run of games under my belt. My dream is to be playing my club football in Spain and also for the Welsh national team. You have to aim high.



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IN THE CLUB

All you need to know about the new **STFC Membership** scheme...

FOR some considerable time STFC has been exploring ways in which it could engage more effectively with the broad spectrum of supporters, be they Season Ticket holders, regular matchday attendees or keen fans who cannot get to The County Ground for reasons of logistics or geography. The solution, whilst not revolutionary but tried and tested across many league clubs, is a Membership scheme, hence the introduction of the STFC Red Membership scheme.

The STFC Red Membership scheme was launched recently with three different tiers of Membership:

JUNIOR RED ONE RED CLUB RED

Since the launching the Membership scheme in July, close to 1,000 supporters have joined and there is growing interest in the scheme. Zoe Collman will be joining as STFC Membership Secretary next week and we are confident that once onboard, she will be successful in taking the project on and growing the Membership.

Each category of Membership carries a menu of benefits, benefits which in our view far outweighs the modest joining fees. In the case of Season Ticket holders, One Red Membership is FREE, so there is no reason for all 5,500 Season Ticket holders not to sign up. Of equal importance, Membership will hopefully help bond fans closer to the club through a series of innovative communication programmes and by being a Member of the scheme, they will feel a sense of pride of ownership. Furthermore, at the time of ticket allocation for the League One Play-Off Semi-Final and Final, there was concern amongst many fans, that those who were non Season Ticket holders but regular matchday attendees, were not being properly recognised. The STFC Membership has been designed to help

prevent this being a recurring issue.

Now it has become apparent that amongst some Season Ticket holders there is a degree of unhappiness about the Membership scheme concept. The feeling is that the introduction of the Membership scheme has removed the 10% club shop discount, something that they consider to be a long established Season Ticket holder benefit. There is also unhappiness that it is proposed that 3rd shirt purchase priority will go first to STFC Club Red Members and not Season Ticket holders.

The club is keen to stress that none of these actions should come as a surprise as the removal of some Season Ticket holder benefits, in tandem with the introduction of the STFC Red Membership scheme formed an integral part of the 2010/11 Season Ticket campaign literature. The club also attempted to signal to Season Ticket holders, that the price of Season Tickets was being maintained (in the case of the Town End reduced to £199) in return

for stripping away some benefits and introducing a Membership scheme.

A recent analysis carried out by FourFourTwo has revealed that at £259 for an Adult Season Ticket, Swindon Town is the third cheapest Season Ticket across the entire 92 league clubs. The club cannot continue to offer Season Tickets at these competitive prices without introducing alternative revenue generating initiatives. The STFC Red Membership scheme is one such initiative and if considered fully, the benefits will become readily apparent.

So as a measure of your support for the club, which is doing everything possible to deliver a well-run, financially sustainable club with a bright future, we would encourage you to take up Membership and by doing so, demonstrate that you share this commitment.

So sign up now and do not delay – your club needs you!



■ Membership packs are now available

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Odd One Out?

These four players are all members of the STFC Youth Team, but who is the odd one out?



Matt Clark



Dan Evans



Tom Ryan



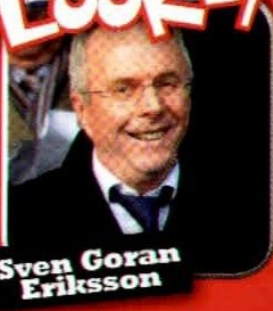
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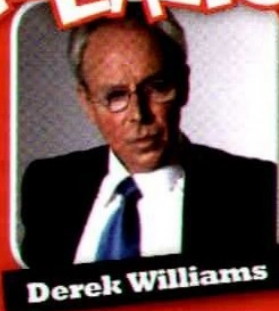
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Sven Goran Eriksson



Derek Williams

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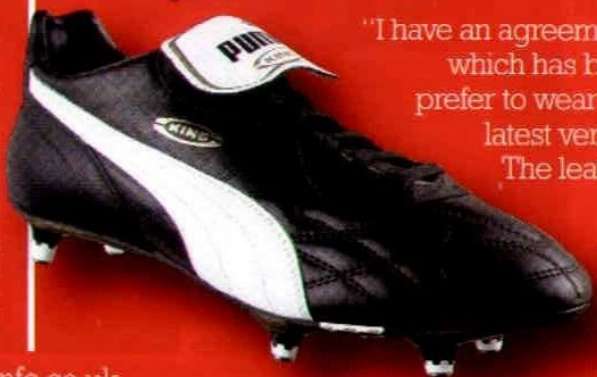
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Today's picture was send in by Wayne Williams whose Dad looks like Sven, Sven, Sven Goran Eriksson!



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Today's Mascot



Harley-Shaun Platt

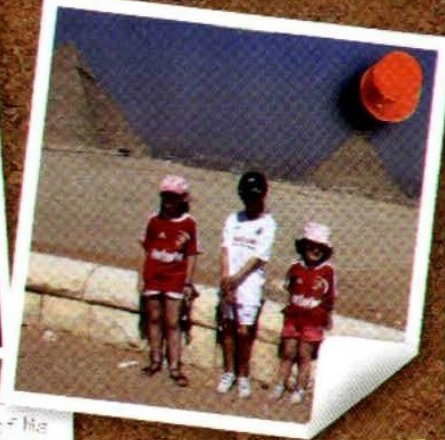
Age: 6
Hobbies: Football, collecting Match

Attax cards and speedway
Favourite player: Charlie Austin
Plays for: Shrivenham & Watchfield Royals

Town fan Lawrence Cocker (pictured here with his sister, Claira, and friend Ewan) celebrated his 10th birthday earlier this week. Happy Birthday from everyone at STFC!



Anna (aged 6) and Isabella Zarcia (aged 4) from Swindon, are pictured here meeting Lisa (aged 10) from Swindon representing their clubs on a visit to the pyramids in Egypt.



Harry Edwards made the most of his recent holiday to Epcot, Disney, where he met all his favourite characters - one of which was a Town fan!



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In the news this week...

CHARLIE AND THE FOOTBALL FACTORY



CHILDREN attending a recent Football in the Community course had the opportunity to meet and greet one of their heroes!

Charlie Austin took time out after training to spend time with the children who questioned the striker about making the transition from non-league rookie to professional marksman and his time at Swindon so far. Austin has made a fine start to the new campaign and he has now scored an impressive 21 goals in 31 league appearances. Despite his success on the pitch, the frontman continues to make an impact off it, as he explains.

"The kids were on a ground tour with Football in the Community. I saw them go into the away dressing room and I thought it would be a nice touch to go in and say 'hello'. They were quite a lively group and hopefully they enjoyed the tour and will be back at The County Ground soon cheering the lads on."

FC SWINDON MALAKIA

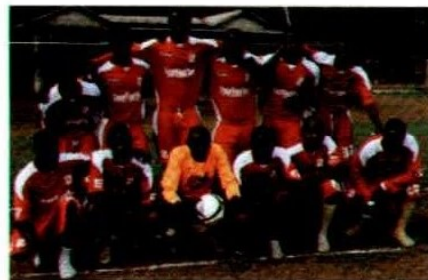
WITH the help of two Gloucestershire-based Doctors, Swindon Town Football Club have

helped start a football team in the small Sierra Leone village of Malakia.

Doctor Rohit Sethi contacted STFC before travelling out to West Africa in the summer and the club happily donated a full set of football kit to the cause. After returning from the trip, Dr Sethi emailed the club with a review of what was a successful visit.

"Every year my wife and I volunteer our time to work on medical projects in Sierra Leone," said Dr Sethi.

"Although the war has now ended the country remains 'very broken'. Most of Sierra Leone still has no running water or electricity and nearly three quarters of the population live on less than one pound a day.



"This year I took out a complete Swindon Town football strip which was used to start a youth team in one of the villages where I was working. The Village was called Malakia and so the team have very proudly called themselves FC Swindon Malakia."

Dr Sethi explained the important role that football plays in the lives of those children who live in what is one of the poorest countries in the world and has been ravaged by civil war and internal conflict.

"The boys that you see in the picture come from deprived homes and many of them have lost parents and family members as a result of the war. Most young people in Sierra Leone

are 'football mad' and this provides a healthy distraction to the everyday hardships that they face," he continued.

"As you can see, wearing the Swindon Town shirts made them very proud and brought a lot of happiness into their lives. It is hoped that this will spur them on to train hard and join a local league!

"The medical work that we do is to support the provision of Mobile Health Clinics in this very poor region of Africa. We have also helped to set up a Feeding Centre for malnourished children."

You can read more about the projects and the football team by going to the website www.helpmadina.org.uk

SEAN ON HAND TO PRESENT AWARDS

SEAN Morrison handed out the end of course awards after week three of Football in the Community's Summer Course.

The centre-back also did his best to answer questions from the group of youngsters who gathered on The County Ground pitch in front of the Town End. The courses have been a resounding success thus far, with David Ball and David Lucas also appearing at the end of course presentations in previous weeks.



Where are they now?

TY GOODEN

TY GOODEN made 134 appearances for Town in a seven-year spell at The County Ground, and looks back nostalgically on his time at SN1 of which he admits to holding 'fond memories all round.'

AN energetic, creative left-sided midfielder, Gooden made his debut at the age of 22 in March 1994 towards the back end of Town's ill-fated Premiership season, coming on as a second half replacement for Frank McAvennie during the 1-1 draw with West Ham United at The County Ground.

While many will remember the game as little more than a rare moment of parity with a Premier League side, Gooden recalls an entirely different feeling that day.

"Obviously it was a good result for us because we were on the end of some heavy defeats that year and I really felt for John (Gorman, then Town manager), because it was an impossible task to follow Glenn Hoddle," he said.

"But for me that game was just the culmination of a year's hard work, as I'd left Wycombe and wasn't fit enough because it was part-time so I had to really knuckle down and get fit.

"I came to Swindon on trial so had to work really hard to get a deal, and then did the same throughout that season, so to get my debut towards the end of it was a lovely reward for my hard work,

especially in such a big league."

Gooden went on to become a key part of both the Second Division Championship winning side of 1995/96, and of the team that cemented Town's First Division status in the late '90s – both eras he still recalls vividly.

"It was a great season ('95/96), but it was a little bit sad for me towards the end because I had to have a hernia operation so I missed out on the last 10 games or so," he said.

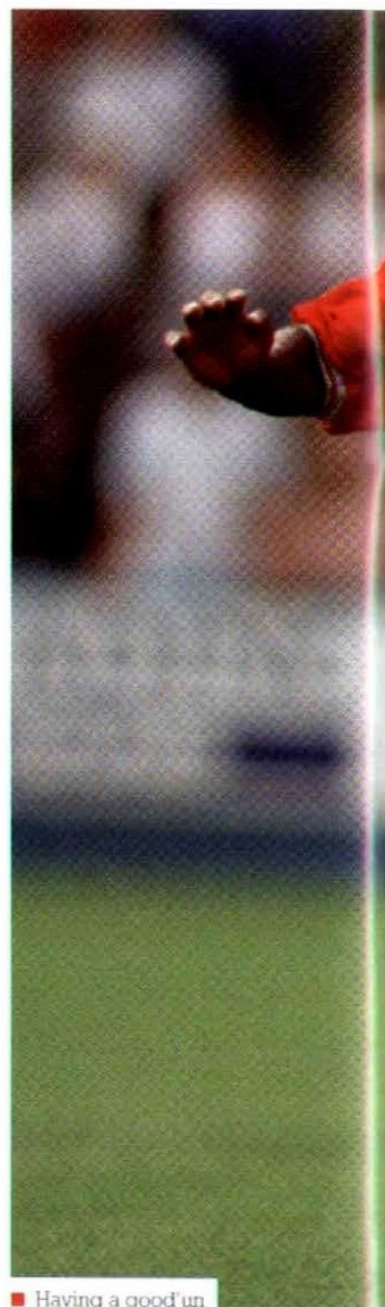
"But it was still a great season and it was great to feel part of what was a very successful team.

"The Championship – as it is now – has always been really tough, and mid-table was probably about right for a club of our resources at that time.

"The season that sticks out is the one where we were top in November when Chrissy Hay was scoring all the goals, but he got injured and we couldn't stay there.

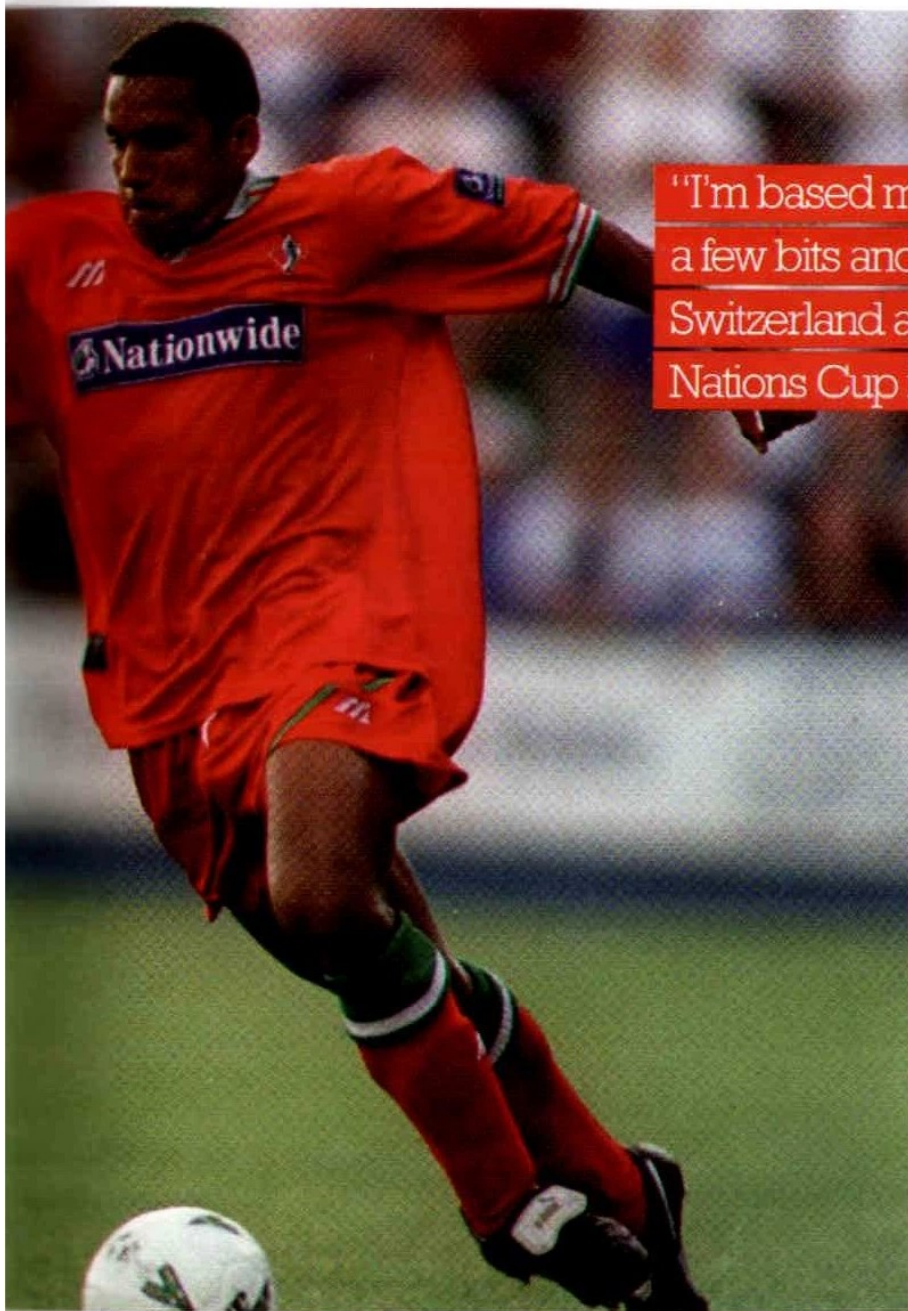
"It would have been great to get in and around the top end of that division, but you finish where you deserve to be at the end of each year and we did exactly that."

After retiring in 2005, the 37-year-old relocated to North-West France, where he still lives with his wife and three children, and has worked as a scout for both Reading and Sunderland



■ Having a good un





"I'm based mainly in France but I've done a few bits and pieces in Belgium and Switzerland as well, and I did the African Nations Cup in Ghana in 2008 too."

during his time abroad.

He said: "I really enjoy the scouting; it's great to still be involved in football and having a day to day involvement in it is probably the next best thing to playing."

"My contract with Sunderland has just come to an end and I'm in the process of working on a freelance scouting project which will hopefully be up and running soon."

"I'm based mainly in France but I've done a few bits and pieces in Belgium and Switzerland as well, and I did the African Nations Cup in Ghana in 2008 too."

"But it's usually French First Division games and it's great because you're not just watching first team football, you get to see reserves and all levels of youth football as well."

"And having done it for a while now you start to see players developing and can gauge how well you've been doing too."

Until recently Gooden had also been indulging his other major interest in life, fishing, by arranging holidays to the French town of Hambers, before selling the business he had run for five years in order to fully concentrate on his scouting career.

"It was different, and fishing is something I have a passion for so I enjoyed doing it," he said.

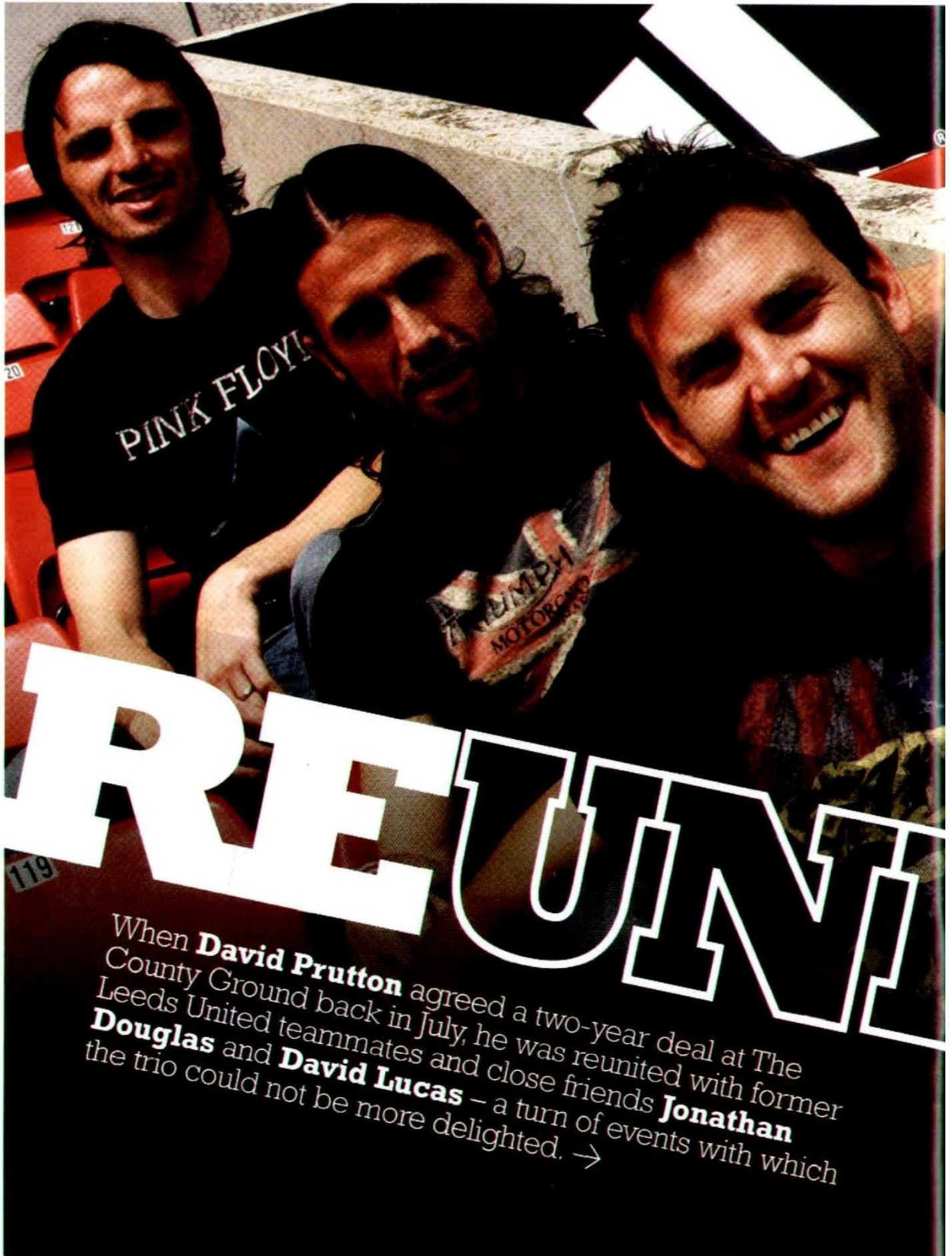
"I've always fished since I was 10 years old with my dad, and it really took off for me when I was at Swindon, as I used to finish training and spend the afternoon's fishing on the rivers out towards Lechlade!"

"It was great at the time, but the football opportunity came up not long after I started it and it was difficult to juggle the two with a young family."

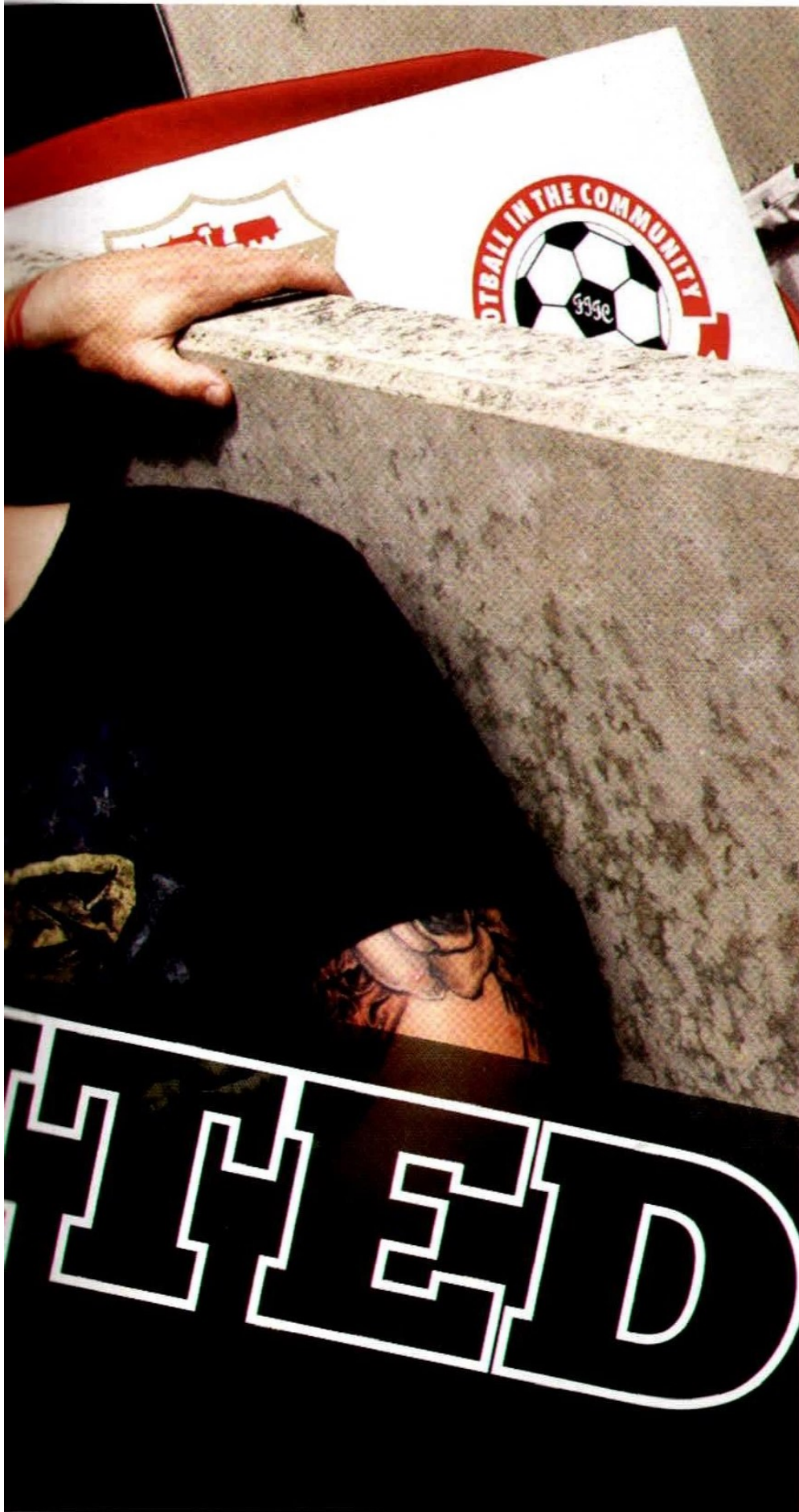
"Something had to give in the end so that's gone and I'm looking to concentrate on the football side again now."



■ Gooden pictured with recent Sunderland signing Lorik Cana



When **David Prutton** agreed a two-year deal at The County Ground back in July, he was reunited with former Leeds United teammates and close friends **Jonathan Douglas** and **David Lucas** – a turn of events with which the trio could not be more delighted. →



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28-year old Douglas had been at Elland Road for two years before the arrival of Prutton and Lucas in the summer of 2007, and it was from then on that their relationship developed, both on and off the pitch.

The Irishman, easily the quietest of the three, recalls his opening encounters with Prutton and Lucas – both his senior by three years and two months respectively.

"I used to live in Preston so I would see Dave out and about round there but I didn't really know him until I went to Leeds," he said.

"I used to travel in with Dave from Manchester to Leeds every morning when he joined, so I got to know him pretty well, and then just got to know Prutts through training and playing with him.

"They are two great lads and are both a little bit older than me so they've always told me to respect my elders!"

Prutton, firmly on the other end of the exuberance scale, remembers his early experiences as a Leeds United player, again centring largely on his new Town teammates.

"I think they knew each other from I don't quite remember where, but they travelled in together so they hit it off a bit earlier," he said.

"There were a core of lads who had been there (at Leeds) the year before and knew each other from then, so at the warm ups you'd be doing your stretching and would hear the lads chatting and think 'what are they talking about?', and then you'd try and get involved in it!

"But it didn't take long for us to get on, and you end up with that type of friendship where if someone had a problem with you they'd say it, and neither Dougie or Dave are particularly shy in saying their piece are they?"

Of those early morning trips into Whites training, Lucas recalls: "Dougie's company often lightened the mood on the trips into training at Leeds.

"His driving is fine to be honest, but it did get a bit depressing sometimes heading across the M62 in January in the freezing cold!

"Prutts was one of the first people I spoke to (at Elland Road), and on the first away trip I noticed he had similar tastes to me so there were plenty of easy ice breakers."

And in terms of the trio's off the pitch persona, there are very few contradictions in their analyses of each other's specific traits.

"Dougie tends not to be as flippant with his comments as Prutts is," said Lucas of the new Town skipper.

"They're both equally fun-loving, but they show it in different ways!"

Prutton continued: "With Dougie, it takes a while to get to know him because you've got to

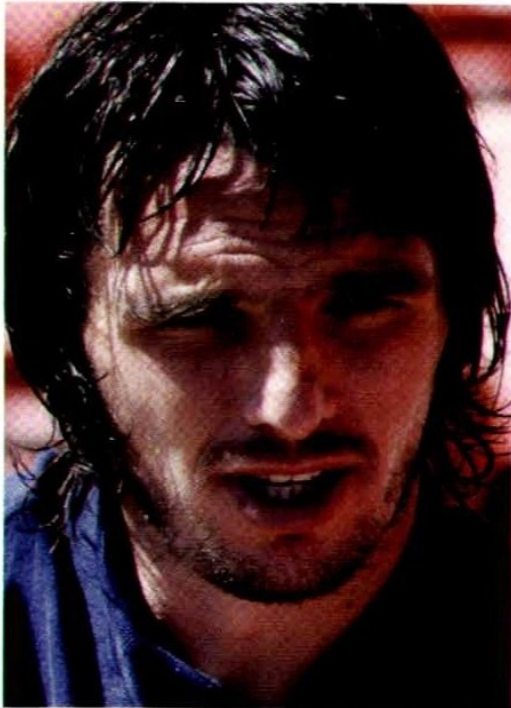


■ David Prutton explains how the club came in for him!

"I used to travel in with Dave from Manchester to Leeds every morning!"



■ Are you wearing aftershave?



put the time in if you want to get into his 'trust circle'!

"He's quite happy to sit there and not say anything, whereas I never shut up.

"Then with Lucs you have this big barking noise behind you all day telling you what to do – but he's not just a shouter, he's technically a very good 'keeper."

"Prutts is just a different sort of character really," commented Douglas on Town's summer acquisition.

"He doesn't really like playing golf or anything like that, he just likes being chirpy and smelly all the time.

"Lucs has got two little boys and he just likes to spend all his time with them really which is great.

"But they're both great lads and I'm delighted to have them here."

For Douglas, who was naturally disappointed to have lost close friend Gordon Greer to Brighton & Hove Albion over the summer, the arrival of Prutton was a welcome tonic, not least as it also signalled the pulling power Swindon Town now has as a club.

"It's great for me to have those two (Lucas and Prutton) down here, especially after I lost my other buddy Gordon (Greer) over the summer," he said.

"It takes a while to get to know him because you've got to put the time in if you want to get into his 'trust circle'!"





■ The boys share a joke!

"In football you meet a lot of people who are just teammates, but to meet people that are genuine friends is pretty special."

"But not just for me, it's great to have them here for the team as well because they're both good players and that can only help the team this year.

"I know Prutts had a couple more clubs coming in for him over the summer, and the fact that he wanted to come here just shows what we achieved last year really at such a small club.

Lucas added: "Everyone here knows what Dougie is about as he was brilliant last season and Prutts brings energy and some more real quality to the team.

"He never stops bombing forward and he's got a lot of the attributes we need."

And as far as Prutton is concerned, he admits the presence of his fellow former Whites at The County Ground significantly influenced his decision to move to Wiltshire in July.

"I'll be honest, Dougie and Lucs were a big factor in me coming to the club over the summer," he said.

"It all ended quite differently for us up at Leeds really because the other two were playing towards the end whereas I wasn't and that got very frustrating for me.

"So I was delighted to come down here to meet up with some old friends, and with the quality this club's got, we should do well this season."

The summer months saw many changes at The County Ground, one of the most notable of which was the departure of top scorer and livewire Billy Paynter, but Lucas and Douglas believe the club have found a ready-made replacement for the Scouser in 28-year old Prutton.

"We lost a big character in the summer in Billy Paynter, but Prutts has come in and has taken over from him really which is good," Douglas enthused.

"He has always been the same: he's a great lad and is brilliant to have around the dressing room.

"Billy was just about as loud as Prutts is I think," Lucas added, "and you need that bit of madness everyday in the changing room.

"It keeps everyone in a good mood and it helps keep things light-hearted because you can get bogged down with everything sometimes."

As is often the case with any matter, the last word is left to Prutton, who reiterates his appreciation of having met two close companions in the often frantic and nomadic world of professional football.

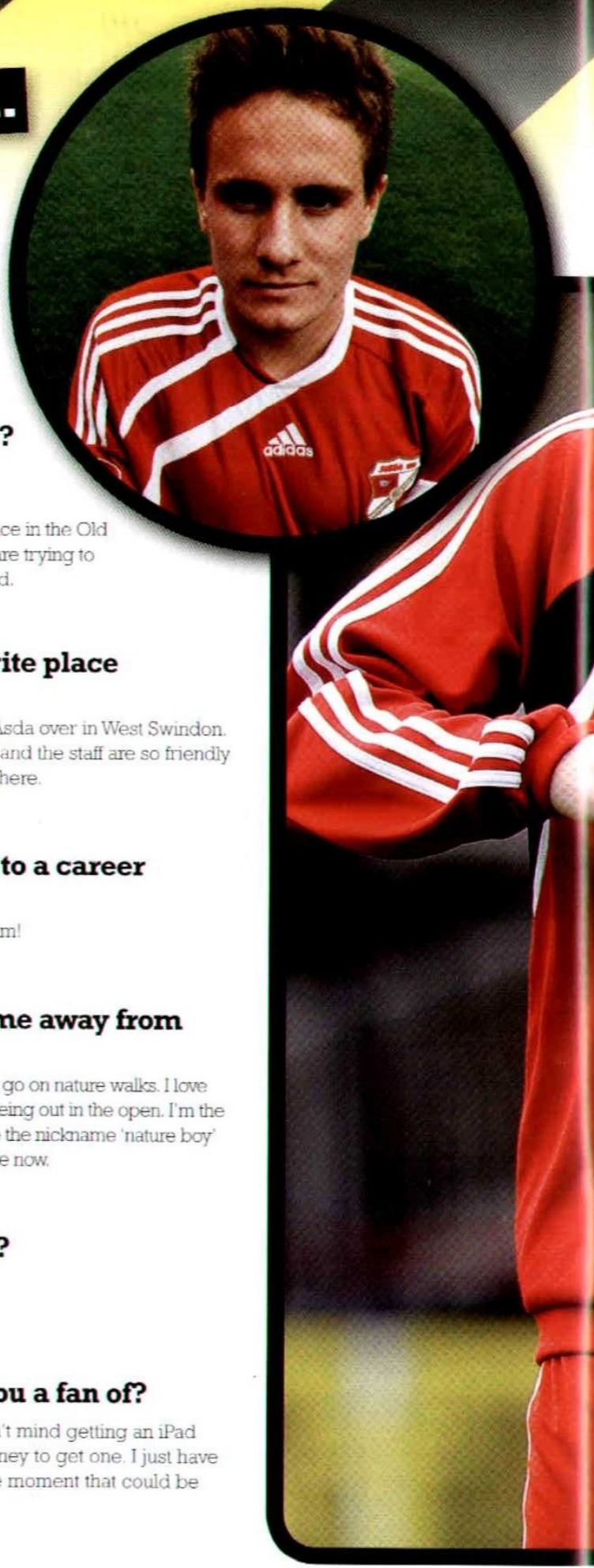
"When you meet people with a similar sense of humour and outlook on life to you then you tend to just get on with them straight away and that's what happened with those two," he said.

"We're into the same things, and when you spend a lot of time in hotels in each others' pockets then it's nice to be able to get along so well.

"In football you meet a lot of people who are just teammates, but to meet people that are genuine friends is pretty special."

Five minutes with...

SIMON FERRY



How has the house move gone? Have you managed to find somewhere to live now?

Yes, it's all sorted now. We managed to get a place in the Old Town and have moved in. It was a bit of a nightmare trying to find somewhere but we got somewhere in the end.



Where is your favourite place in Town?

I like spending time in the big Asda over in West Swindon. There's a really nice atmosphere and the staff are so friendly too. Some days I spend hours in there.

Have you given much thought to a career after football?

Not really. At the moment I'm just living the dream!



How do you spend time away from the game?

I take pictures of trees and like to go on nature walks. I love the smell of freshly cut grass and being out in the open. I'm the new Craig Easton. He used to have the nickname 'nature boy' but I think I have taken over that role now.

Do you have any superstitions?

No. No superstitions.



Which gadgets are you a fan of?

None really - although I wouldn't mind getting an iPad so I am saving up my pocket money to get one. I just have my mobile phone and iPod at the moment that could be classed as gadgets.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I tried to think of any hidden talents that I may have for ages, but I couldn't find any. It turns out that I'm just a talentless little turd.

Who does the cooking at home and what's your speciality?

Steph, my girlfriend, has moved in with me and she does all the cooking. She does a great risotto and she's pretty good at cleaning up too!

What couldn't you live without?

Food. I like it a lot! Paul Caddis loves fruit and he ate loads of it at lunch the other day after training. I saw it all!

Which player would you nominate for?

Big Brother...

Callum Kennedy so everyone could hear his lies.

UFC

Alan O'Brien just to see him get mauled!

Mastermind

'Dougie' just to see him argue when they say he's wrong.

X-Factor

Kevin Amankwaah. He is a sick dancer and a smooth criminal.

Can you draw a teammate?



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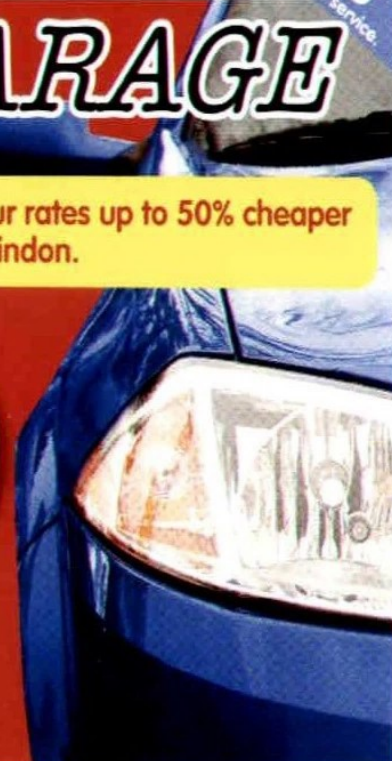
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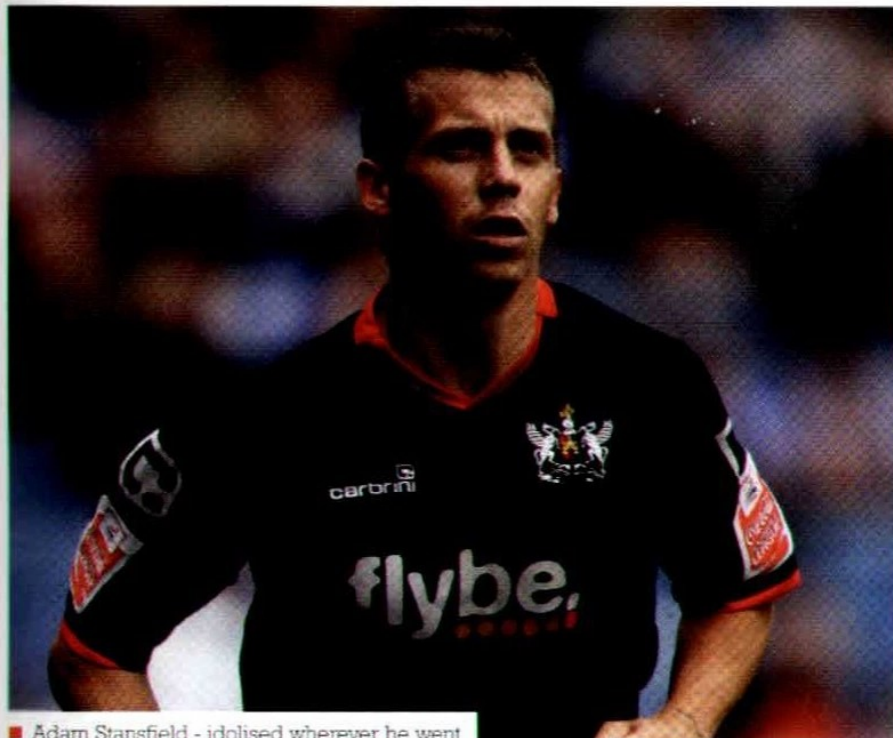


From The Press Box

Swindon Advertiser

WORDS:
ANTHONY MARSHALL

The late, great Bill Shankly once famously said: "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I can assure you, it is much, much more important than that."



■ Adam Stansfield - idolised wherever he went

NEVER has a quote been further from the truth than the last couple of weeks, when Exeter striker Adam Stansfield lost his battle with bowel cancer, and Southampton owner Markus Liebherr passed away suddenly.

While the pair may not be household names in the world of football, it put the sport (and ultimately that is all it is – a sport) firmly into perspective.

Fans across the country can grumble about their side's start to the season, complain about a lack of activity in the transfer market, and demand the sacking of their manager, but when a 31-year-old with three children under the age of eight loses his life, you cannot help but take a step back

and wonder if we all take the beautiful game far too seriously at times.

Liebherr rescued the Saints from the brink of extinction and, despite not being at St Mary's long, is thought of in Andrew Fitton-esque proportions at the south coast club for his rescue act.

And Stansfield may have only plyed his trade in the lower leagues, predominantly with Yeovil and Exeter, but was idolised wherever he went, and praised by supporters and teammates.

In times of sadness you can draw great strength, and the passing of both men proves that in a cut-throat business with increasing amounts of pressure heaped on players and managers alike, some of the good

guys remain.

And that is utterly refreshing in an era when stars of the game are seemingly becoming more and more detached from reality.

The New Season

THE opening couple of weeks of the season has proved one thing for sure – League One is going to be just as unpredictable as it was last year.

Who could have foreseen title favourites Southampton slipping up at home to Plymouth? Or Oldham – under rookie manager Paul Dickov – taking maximum points so far?

But that is why you can give me the Football League any day over the top flight. Excitement, entertainment, a touch of reality, and no total domination by the big spenders.

Finally, much has been written, spoken and agonised over Town's stuttering start to the season and I'm not going to go over that again here.

Apart from one thing

Cast your mind back 12 months: in league action, a defeat on the opening day of the 2009/10 campaign was followed up by a draw, and suddenly Town manager Danny Wilson's talk of promotion seemed maybe a touch optimistic.

But it ended with Swindon agonisingly close to the top two and appearing at Wembley in the play-off final.

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2010/11 FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	KO
Sat Aug 21	Cheltenham Town	H	11am
Sat Aug 28	Yeovil Town	A	11am
Sat Oct 2	Hereford United YAC	A	TBC

Please note home Youth Team fixtures are not open to the public.

2010/11 YOUTH ALLIANCE CUP

GROUP ONE
AFC Bournemouth
Cheltenham Town
Hereford United
Oxford United
Swindon Town

Please note - A total of 16 clubs will qualify for Round 2 due to take place on Saturday 30th October 2010.

The top 3 from each group plus one 4th placed club from groups 2 & 5 with the superior playing record will qualify for Round 2.

2010/11 UNDER 18's APPEARANCES

	2010/11 SEASON			CARDS	
	LGE	CUP	GLS	R	Y
Leigh Bedwell	0	0	0	-	-
Seb Broomfield	0	0	0	-	-
Joe Chapman	0	0	0	-	-
Matt Clark	0	0	0	-	-
Dan Evans	0	0	0	-	-
Harry Grant	0	0	0	-	-
Josh Parsons	0	0	0	-	-
James Richards	0	0	0	-	-
Tom Ryan	0	0	0	-	-
Abdul Said	0	0	0	-	-
Christopher Sim	0	0	0	-	-
Eddie Stevens	0	0	0	-	-
Miles Storey	0	0	0	-	-
Ben Whitehead	0	0	0	-	-

2009/10 FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Swindon T.	20	14	1	5	59	23	43	+36
Bristol Rovers	20	11	2	7	44	29	35	+15
Oxford Utd.	20	11	2	7	47	33	35	+14
Bournemouth	20	10	5	5	40	36	35	+4
Swansea City	20	10	3	7	37	24	33	+13
Torquay Utd.	20	11	0	9	40	34	33	+6
Plymouth A.	20	9	5	6	37	34	32	+3
Cheltenham T.	20	7	4	9	28	32	25	-4
Exeter City	20	6	1	13	30	50	19	-20
Yeovil Town	20	6	1	13	29	51	19	-22
Hereford Utd.	20	2	2	16	15	60	8	-45

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COMBINATION

2010/11 TOTESPORT.COM FIXTURES

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	KO
Tue Aug 17	Plymouth Argyle	4-0	2pm
Tue Sep 7	Swansea City	A	2pm
Tue Sep 14	Exeter City	H	2pm
Tue Sep 21	Torquay United	A	2pm
Mon Oct 18	Forest Green Rovers	A	7pm
Tue Oct 26	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	2pm
Tue Dec 14	Torquay United	H	2pm
Tue Jan 11	Forest Green Rovers	H	2pm
Tue Jan 18	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	2pm
Tue Jan 25	Plymouth Argyle	A	2pm
Mon Feb 7	Swansea City	H	2pm
Tue Feb 15	Exeter City	A	7pm

Home Reserve fixtures to be played at The County Ground, fixtures and kick-off times are subject to change.

2009/10 FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Exeter City	18	10	5	3	4	35
Swansea City	18	10	2	6	9	32
Reading	18	10	1	7	14	31
Swindon Town	18	9	4	5	12	31
Bristol City	17	9	2	6	23	29
Southampton	18	9	2	7	11	29
Plymouth Argyle	17	7	4	6	16	25
Forest Green	18	4	5	9	-16	17
Salisbury City	18	4	3	11	-38	15
Bournemouth	18	2	2	14	-35	8



SEB BROOMFIELD



Youth Player Profile:

Nickname:
Seb Broomfield

Position:
Striker

DOB:
14.12.92, Plymouth

Fact:
Seb joined Swindon as part of a double deal which also brought defender Dan Evans to from Plymouth Argyle. The fee for the pair was decided by tribunal.

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THOMPSON FACTFILE:

Date of Birth: 21 Jan 1954
Birthplace: Kirkby, Liverpool
Nationality: English
Signed for LFC: 1971
LFC Debut: 03 Apr 1972
LFC Appearances: 477
LFC Goals: 13
International Caps: 42
International Goals: 1

When Phil Thompson proudly held aloft the European Cup in Paris in May 1981, it was the realisation of every young Liverpoolian's dream.

For here was a lifelong Red, born into a working-class family in Kirkby, who completed a meteoric rise through the ranks to the summit of continental football.

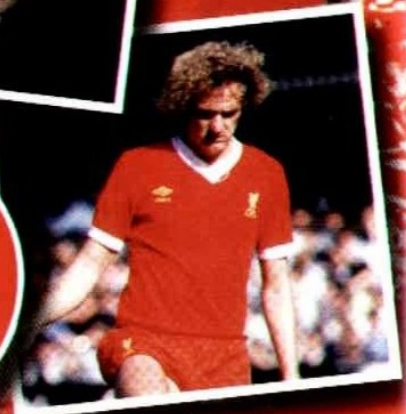
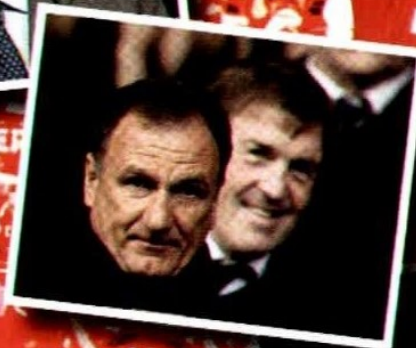
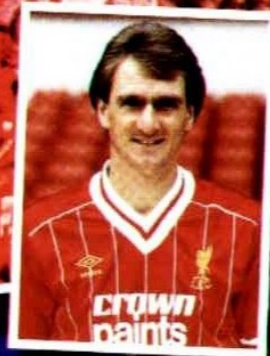
No-one could begrudge this hard-working professional his moment of fame. He initially joined his idols as a spindly-legged apprentice and skipped the youth team as a midfielder before catching the eye of manager Bill Shankly.

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AWAY

HARTLEPOOL UTD RES 2-2

TRIP REVIEW

256 Town fans made the long trip to Hartlepool United last weekend. The away day at **VICTORIA PARK** is second only to Carlisle United in the mileage stakes and the game turned out to be a four goal encounter with The Robins coming back to rescue a point.



■ Alec with Matty Vernon

IN each edition of the matchday magazine we will be reviewing 'the away experience' through the eyes of a Swindon fan. What were the pies like? How helpful were the stewards? Let's find out. First up is **ALEC FOX** who travelled up to the game.

Atmosphere: 8/10

"There were only about 250 Town fans there but the atmosphere was really good in the away end. The Hartlepool fans didn't make a lot of noise, but the Swindon fans kept going and helped the team come back and grab a point."

Club shop: 6/10

"It was quite small but it seemed to have all the basics in there. There were

a lot of fans wearing new merchandise. Hartlepool's kit suppliers are Avea, which makes you appreciate the wide range of stock that adidas have."

Directions: 5/10

"I don't think the signage in Hartlepool was that good but it's only small place so it wasn't hard to find the ground. The journey is quite easy – all motorway – and I managed to avoid most of the traffic."

Host club website: 8/10

"I had a look at it on the morning of the game. It was easy to navigate around as Hartlepool use the same system as Swindon, so it was a similar layout."

Kiosks: 4/10

"The service was very slow. I missed the start of the second half because they only had two people working behind the kiosk and they had run out of pies, hot dogs and burgers. My friend had a burger before the game and said they were rubbish anyway."

Stadium: 4/10

"The ground needs some modernisation and money spent on it but as Hartlepool only get a few thousand in every game, it's understandable that

there isn't much resource to change things around."

Pies: 0/10

"I went to the kiosk at half-time and they had already run out of pies. Considering there were only 250 or so fans in the away end to sell-out wasn't great. I was looking forward to a pie!"

Programme: 6/10

"I think Hartlepool had done quite a bit of research on Swindon, so that was good. There didn't seem to be any sort of order to it and there were a couple of misprints. The Swindon section was good though."

Pitch: 7/10

"There weren't any bobbles or anything and it was certainly better than Wembley. It's the start of the season so you'd expect any pitch in the league to be pretty good."

Steward friendliness: 7/10

"They were good and cracked a couple of jokes which was good to see – even if they were at the expense of my girlfriend! The stewards were helpful with directions and generally pretty helpful."



FAN PROFILE:

Name:
Alec Fox

Occupation:
Royal Air Force

Fact: Supported
Swindon since 1995

GOOD TRIP



Hartlepool United = 55



BAD TRIP



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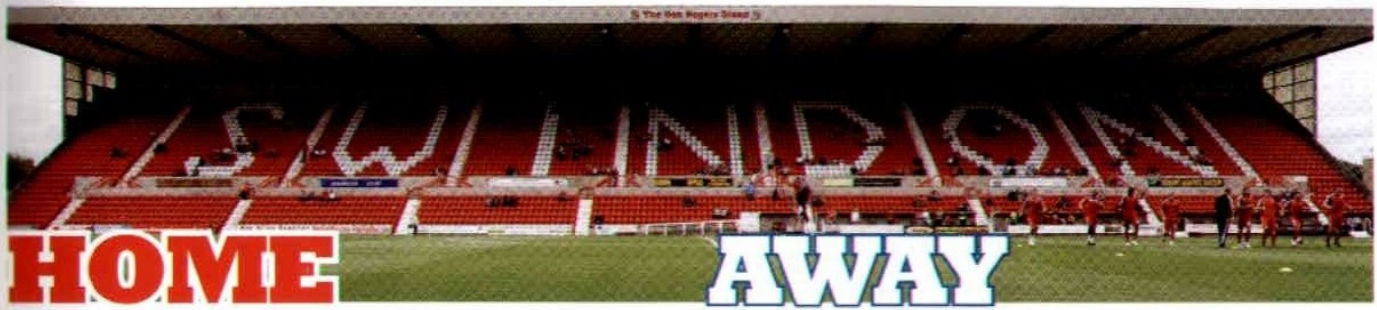
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AWAY

Saturday 11th September

Southampton (H), KO 3pm
npower League 1



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Saturday 25th September

Huddersfield Town (H), KO 3pm
npower League 1



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Tuesday 28th September

Plymouth Argyle (H), KO 7.45pm
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Junior	£9.00	£10.00
Under 10's	FREE*	FREE*
Disabled	£12.00	£12.00

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* To qualify for a FREE under 10 ticket, children need to join the Junior Reds for a ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £10, proof of age will be required at time of purchase. Under 10's must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. To avoid long queues on matchday's it would be advantageous to register and purchase family/FREE under 10 in advance.

** Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the Town End.

Saturday 28th August

MK Dons (A), KO 3pm
npower League 1



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Tuesday 31st August

Southampton (A), KO 7.45pm
Johnstone's Paint Trophy 1st round



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Matchday

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Saturday 4th September

Carlisle United (A), KO 3pm
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Wheelchair **£3** (includes free helper)

SAS Travel details TBC.

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FAN FILES

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to **Kirk Sharland** who is 30-years old on Saturday 28th August! Kirk sits in The Don Rogers Stand with birthday wishes with lots of love from Auntie Jane and Steve xx.



Birthday wishes also go to **Toby Watkins** who celebrated his 13th birthday on Thursday. Toby received a shirt signed

by his favourite player, new signing Simon Ferry!

Also celebrating a birthday on Thursday was Town fan **Nick Brothers** (below) who celebrated his 27th birthday! Nick has been a long-standing Swindon supporter since the days of Maconochie and 'spot the tune' at Oakley Hall School.



Happy 6th Birthday to **Nathan Clinch** on Monday 23rd August with love from Mum, Dad, Hannah & Emma.

Happy 9th Birthday to **Ella Flatman** with love from Mum, Dad, Jasmine and all the family.

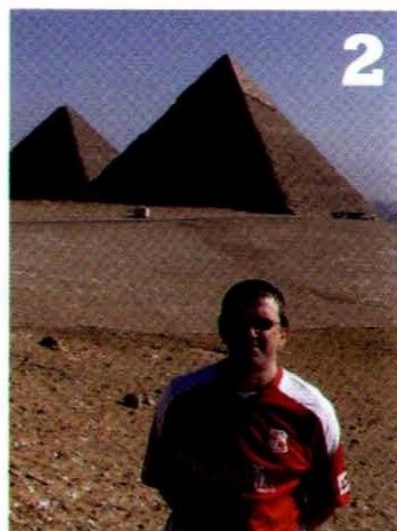
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SEND US YOUR SNAPS



1. **Iris Higgs, Kim Young and Carole Yeo** made the most of last weekend's trip to Hartlepool by stopping off at Whitby on Sunday before returning South!



2. **David Moulard** packed his Town shirt for a holiday to Egypt earlier this year - and here's the proof!



3. Shortly after the trip to Wembley in May, **Ashley Morris** sent in this photo of his party showing their true colours.



4. **Roger Smith** managed a picture with the official World Cup mascot at the Germany vs Argentina Quarter Final Cape Town.

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With four goals already this season members can already cross off numbers 35, 72, 74 and 80 on their cards.

POUNDS FOR POINTS

LAST season the Pounds for Points raised £4,551 towards youth development and as in the previous five or six seasons the funds raised have been put towards the Centre of Excellence trip to the Northern Ireland Milk Cup.

With a draw last Saturday and a point from the trip to Hartlepool United, the fund is now up and running and a total of £42.50 has now been raised.

We are deeply indebted to fans who participate in this scheme, after all it is a fan based initiative to help and promote youth development at the football club, something we are sure all fans regard as essential. However, without those fans who contribute, we could do nothing. Participation is very simple and costs as little as 50p per point gained by the first team. Even if you cannot afford that amount individually, why not join with two or three friends, at home, work pleasure or business and enter under single identity.

If you are interested, visit our website at swindontownsupportersclub.com and register your interest, or alternatively ring **Mavis Knight**, the scheme's co-ordinator, on **01235 868755** for further details.

SWINDON TOWN FAN PROFILE

Name: Mark Godley
Birthplace: Salisbury, Wiltshire

Where do you sit for Town games?

The Arkell's Stand

Who is your favourite current Town player? Jonathan Douglas and Scott Cuthbert. Too close to call.

Tell us about your favourite ever Town match...

It's got to be the old Third Division play-off replay against Gillingham, played at Selhurst Park on 29th May 1987. It was an absolute nightmare getting to the game but Steve White made it all worthwhile by scoring goals



to ensure we beat our bitter rivals 2-0. I think I finally got home at about 2.30am the following morning but it was so worth it.

And who is your all-time favourite Town player?

I have to say Colin Calderwood would

have to be my favourite ever Town player – quite simply an outstanding player who was clearly destined for greater things.

The best thing about supporting Swindon is...

...seeing the developments the club has made on and off the pitch over the last two years because not only has the current board ensured the club's existence but they have genuinely put the smile back on supporter's faces.

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TUE AUG 10	LEYTON ORIENT CC1	H	1-2	4,299	203	X	D McDermid	Smith	Cadfish	Cuthbert	Jean-Francois	Ross
Sat Aug 14	Hartlepool United	A	2-2	2,893	256	18	C Boyeson	Larset	Cadfish	Cuthbert	Jean-Francois	Ross
SAT AUG 21	BRENTFORD	H	3:00pm									
Sat Aug 28	Milton Keynes Dons	A	3:00pm									
Tue Aug 31	Southampton JPT1	A	7:45pm									
Sat Sep 4	Carlisle United	A	3:00pm									
SAT SEP 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H	3:00pm									
Sat Sep 18	Walsall	A	3:00pm									
SAT SEP 25	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	3:00pm									
TUE SEP 28	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	7:45pm									
Sat Oct 2	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	3:00pm									
MON OCT 11	BRISTOL ROVERS	H	7:45pm									
Sat Oct 16	Peterborough United	A	3:00pm									
SAT OCT 23	LEYTON ORIENT	H	3:00pm									
Sat Oct 30	Yeovil Town	A	3:00pm									
TUE NOV 2	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H	7:45pm									
Sat Nov 6	FA Cup 1	-	3:00pm									
SAT NOV 13	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	3:00pm									
Sat Nov 20	Rochdale	A	3:00pm									
Tue Nov 23	Notts County	A	3:00pm									
SAT DEC 4	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H	3:00pm									
Sat Dec 11	Oldham Athletic	A	3:00pm									
SAT DEC 18	TRANMERE ROVERS	H	3:00pm									
Sun Dec 26	Exeter City	A	3:00pm									
TUE DEC 28	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H	3:00pm									
SAT JAN 1	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	H	3:00pm									
Tue Jan 4	Charlton Athletic	A	7:45pm									
Sat Jan 8	Leyton Orient	A	3:00pm									
SAT JAN 15	YEOVIL TOWN	H	3:00pm									
Sat Jan 22	Bristol Rovers	A	3:00pm									
SAT JAN 29	EXETER CITY	H	3:00pm									
Tue Feb 1	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	7:45pm									
SAT FEB 5	ROCHDALE	H	3:00pm									
Sat Feb 12	Colchester United	A	3:00pm									
SAT FEB 19	CARLISLE UNITED	H	3:00pm									
Sat Feb 26	Southampton	A	3:00pm									
SAT MAR 5	WALSALL	H	3:00pm									
Tue Mar 8	Plymouth Argyle	A	7:45pm									
SAT MAR 12	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	H	3:00pm									
Sat Mar 19	Huddersfield Town	A	3:00pm									
Sat Mar 26	Brighton and Hove Albion	A	3:00pm									
SAT APR 2	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3:00pm									
Sat Apr 9	Brentford	A	3:00pm									
SAT APR 16	MILTON KEYNES DONS	H	3:00pm									
SAT APR 23	NOTTS. COUNTY	H	3:00pm									
Mon Apr 25	Sheffield Wednesday	A	3:00pm									
SAT APR 30	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	H	3:00pm									
Sat May 7	Tranmere Rovers	A	3:00pm									



■ **HARTLEPOOL UNITED 2 SWINDON TOWN 2**

14/08/10 - npower League 1

Town defender Leccinel Jean-Francois competes for the ball with Hartlepool substitute Fabio Yantorno during last weekend's clash at Victoria Park.

LAST TIME OUT:



Hartlepool United 2 Swindon Town 2

Date: Saturday 14th August 2010

Venue: Victoria Park

Attendance: 2,893

Referee: C Boyeson



SUBS USED					
Prutton (3)	Douglas	Ball (3)	Austin	Dossevi (1)	Pericard (1), O'Brien (2), Ferry (3)
Prutton	Douglas	O'Brien (2)	Austin	Ball (1)	Dossevi (1), Amankwaah (2), Ferry (3)
Prutton (1)	Douglas	Ferry (2)	O'Brien	Austin	Dossevi (1), Pericard (2)



CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Oldham	2	2	0	0	5	1	6	+4
Charlton	2	2	0	0	4	1	6	+3
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	3	0	4	+3
Carlisle	2	1	1	0	3	1	4	+2
Sheff Wed	2	1	1	0	3	1	4	+2
Brighton	2	1	1	0	4	3	4	+1
Plymouth	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	+1
Bournemouth	2	1	0	1	5	2	3	+3
MK Dons	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	+1
Walsall	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
Yeovil	2	1	0	1	3	3	3	0
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	4	5	3	-1
Bristol R	2	1	0	1	2	4	3	-2
Colchester	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	0
Hartlepool	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0
Rochdale	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0
Exeter	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
Swindon	2	0	1	1	3	4	1	-1
Tranmere	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	-1
Southampton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
Dag & Red	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
Leyton Orient	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	-3

	APPEARANCES			2010/11 SEASON			CARDS	
	LGE	CUP	GLS	R	Y			
1 Lucas	1	0	0	-	-			
2 Cuffibert	2	1	0	-	-			
3 Rose	2	1	0	-	-			
4 Douglas	2	1	0	-	1			
6 Caddis	1	1	0	-	-			
7 McGovern	2	1	1	-	-			
8 Ferry	1(1)	(1)	0	-	-			
9 Pericard	(2)	0	0	-	-			
10 Prutton	2	1	0	-	-			
11 Timlin	0	0	0	-	-			
12 Smith	1	1	0	-	-			
14 Morrison	0	0	0	-	-			
15 Amankwaah	1	(1)	0	-	-			
16 Ball	1	1	0	-	-			
17 Kennedy	0	0	0	-	-			
18 O'Brien	1(1)	1	0	-	-			
19 Jean Francois	2	1	0	-	-			
20 Dossevi	1(1)	(1)	1	-	1			
23 Thompson	0	0	0	-	-			
26 Jesionkowski	0	0	0	-	-			
28 Scott	0	0	0	-	-			
31 Bodin	0	0	0	-	-			
32 Austin	2	1	2	-	1			
34 Evans	0	0	0	-	-			

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A Postcard from:

Name: David Ball
Position: Striker
Holiday Destination:
Abu Dhabi & Dubai



Throughout the 2010/11 season the STFC Matchday Magazine will be finding out a little more about the **HOLIDAY FAVOURITES** of members of the Swindon Town squad.

WHERE did the players jet off to relax at the end of last season? Where are their favourite destinations? This week it's the turn of Manchester City loanee, David Ball who continues trend of holidays in Dubai.

Where did you go on holiday this summer?

I went out to Abu Dhabi for a week and then went across to Dubai for the second week. We stayed with some friends in Abu Dhabi but stayed at The Atlantis in Dubai, which was great.

Who did you go with and what sights did you see?

I travelled with my girlfriend, Sarah, for her 21st birthday. It was a really good holiday and we managed to see quite a few sights when we were over there. We saw the world's tallest building, which was opened in January and is over 2,700ft tall! We also had the opportunity to go swimming with dolphins, which is something that I had always wanted to do.

What was your holiday reading?

For this trip I didn't take any books with me. I just got the daily papers to keep up with the latest transfer news!

Tell us about your dream destination?

The Middle East was fantastic and I would definitely go back there. Abu Dhabi and Dubai were both great places. Other than that I would like to go to the Maldives at some stage. To be surrounded by clear blue sea on an exotic island would be amazing!

Can you name the best and worst hotels you have ever stayed at?

The Atlantis Hotel in Dubai or The Marriott in Hong Kong would be the best hotels that I have ever stayed at. The Marriott I stayed at overlooked the bay there and the view was unbelievable. The worst was a place I stayed at in Cyprus, but can't remember



the name of it. I certainly won't be going back there.

How do you usually spend your holiday... are you a beach-lover or more adventurous?

I am probably more the adventurous type whereas Sarah, my girlfriend, prefers to stay on the beach. Don't get me wrong - I love to spend time on the beach, but I love to book a few trips and get out and do things.

What is the thing you most look forward to on your return home?

Probably for the football season to start! It's always nice to get a break but I always miss football in the summer and it's great to get

back into the swing of things.

Where do you want to go next summer?

You will have to ask my girlfriend that as she usually chooses the destination (only joking!). I'd like to go to Barbados or maybe even back to Dubai again.

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Then...

MATCHDAY as it used to be. In the same year as this image was taken, Swindon reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup for the first time, losing to eventual winners Newcastle United. Swindon were also invited to compete for the Dubonnet Cup in 1910 at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris. Harold Fleming scored twice to secure the trophy. If you know the whereabouts of the trophy please email programme@swindontownfc.co.uk



Now...

SWINDON has seen a plethora of changes since the top picture was taken. League 1 football is played at The County Ground. Danny Wilson is now the man in charge of team affairs and smoking is banned in pubs. Note the absence of the building on the left of the picture, which has now been replaced by a large tree. This area is now used for matchday magazine sales and as a car park for first team players on the day of a game.



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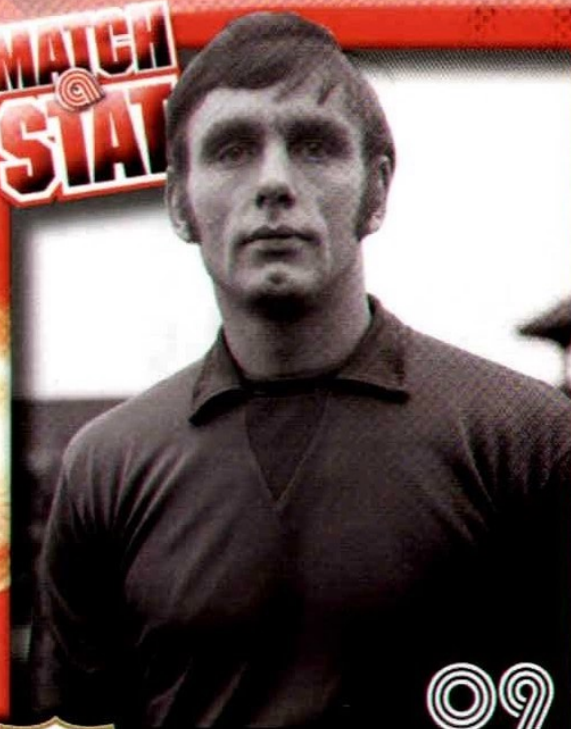


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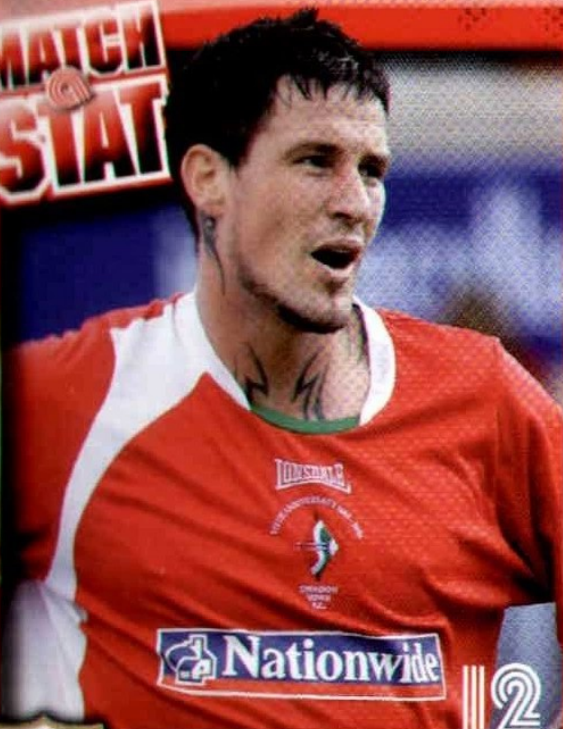


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manager:

Danny Wilson

- 1 David Lucas
- 2 Scott Cuthbert
- 3 Michael Rose
- 4 Jonathan Douglas
- 6 Paul Caddis
- 7 Jon-Paul McGovern
- 8 Simon Ferry
- 9 Vincent Pericard
- 10 David Prutton
- 11 Michael Timlin
- 12 Phil Smith
- 14 Sean Morrison
- 15 Kevin Amankwaah
- 16 David Ball
- 17 Callum Kennedy
- 18 Alan O'Brien
- 19 Lecsinel Jean-Francois
- 20 Thomas Dossevi
- 23 Nathan Thompson
- 26 Jakub Jesionkowski
- 28 Mark Scott
- 31 Billy Bodin
- 32 Charlie Austin
- 34 Will Evans



Brentford

manager:

Andy Scott

- 1 Richard Lee
- 2 Kevin O'Connor
- 3 Craig Woodman
- 4 Marcus Bean
- 5 David McCracken
- 6 Pim Balkestein
- 7 Sam Saunders
- 8 Nicky Forster
- 9 Carl Cort
- 10 Charlie Macdonald
- 11 Myles Weston
- 12 Michael Spillane
- 13 David Hunt
- 14 Kirk Hudson
- 15 Colin Burkin
- 16 Sam Wood
- 17 Ryan Blake
- 20 Toumani Diagouraga
- 21 Simon Royce
- 22 Karleigh Osborne
- 23 Robbie Simpson
- 29 Gary Alexander
- 31 Simon Moore
- 32 Leon Legge
- 41 Alex McCarthy

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NEXT UP:

Home:

11.09.10, KO 3pm
Swindon Town vs
Southampton



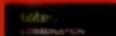
Away:

28.08.10, KO 3.00pm
MK Dons vs
Swindon Town



Reserves:

07.09.10, KO 2pm (Away)
Swansea City vs
Swindon Town



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