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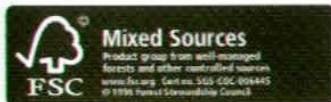
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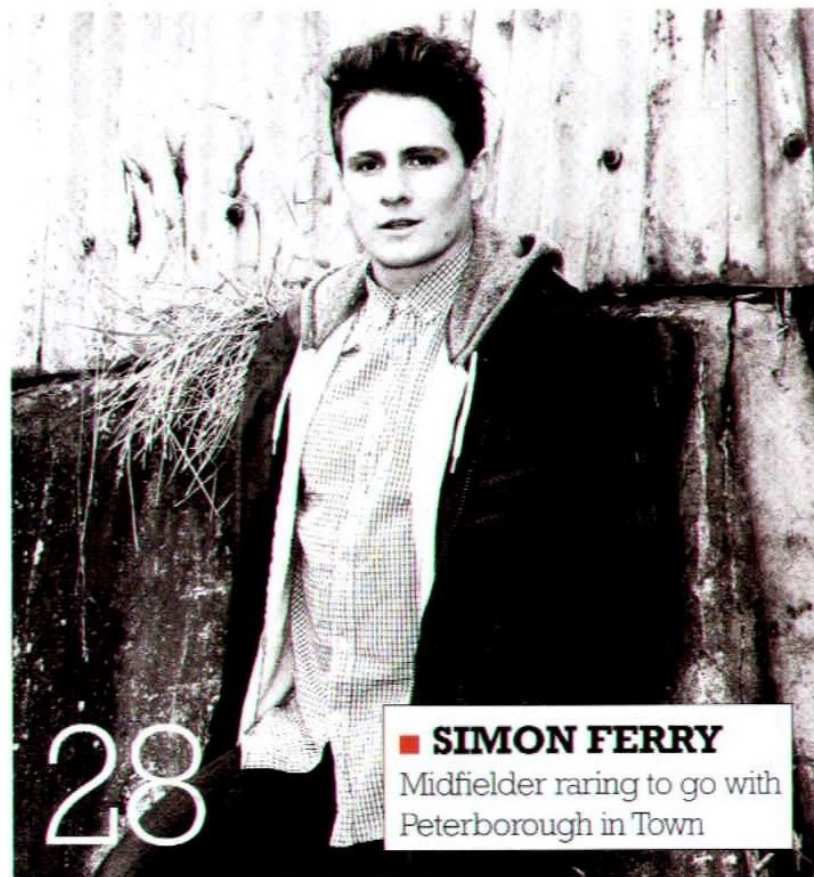
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IN TOWN

TODAY

PETERBOROUGH UNITED have put their fans through the mill so far this season, having bagged 38 goals but shipped a further 40 at the wrong end – a record symbolised no more effectively than in the pulsating 5-4 Posh victory over Town back in October.

AFTER being relegated from the Championship last season, Peterborough were fancied by many to dominate League 1 this campaign, but an indifferent campaign thus far has put paid to any hopes of Posh running away with the division.

They made an excellent start to the season with impressive wins over Bristol Rovers (3-0), Huddersfield Town (4-2) and Plymouth Argyle (3-0) proving their credentials despite an anomalous 5-1 away thrashing at AFC Bournemouth.

Two wins from five matches in October saw Posh's good start to the season somewhat cancelled out, as the disappointment of defeats to Hartlepool United, Brentford and Brighton & Hove Albion was only briefly relieved by the 5-4 win over Town at London Road.

Manager Gary Johnson then saw his side's backline nigh on capitulate during November, as they shipped 12 goals in a run of four games, including heavy defeats to Charlton Athletic (1-5) and Southampton (1-4).

Despite this, Posh are still handily placed just outside the play-off zone in eighth position, and will be hoping their notoriously lethal strike force of Aaron McLean, Craig Mackail-Smith and George Boyd can fire them to victory this afternoon.

As previously alluded to, the last meeting between the sides resulted in a 5-4 win for Posh, with goals from David Ball (2), Matt Ritchie and Charlie Austin proving to be in vain for Town, as Kevin Amankwaah put through his own net to hand Posh a last-minute victory.



VITAL STATS

NICKNAME: The Posh

EST: 1934

GROUND: London Road

CAPACITY: 15,314

LAST FIVE: WLDWW
(not including Boxing Day fixture)

LAST TIME WE MET:
16.10.10

Peterborough United 5
Mackail-Smith '3, '5, Frecklington '22,
Boyd '58, Amankwaah '90 (og)
Swindon Town 4
Ball '24, Ritchie '30, Ball '43, Austin '73(p)

CURRENT TOP SCORER:
Aaron McLean 14

THE SQUAD

- 1 Joe Lewis
- 2 Mark Little
- 4 Kelvin Langmead
- 5 Gabriel Zakuani
- 6 Charlie Lee
- 7 James Wesolowski
- 8 Lee Frecklington
- 9 Aaron McLean
- 10 George Boyd
- 11 Grant McCann
- 12 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 13 James McKeown
- 14 Tommy Rowe
- 15 David Hibbert
- 16 Ryan Bennett
- 17 Carl Piergianni
- 18 Chris Whelpdale
- 19 Nathaniel Mendez-Laing
- 20 Nathan Koranteng
- 21 Arron Davies
- 22 Nana
- 23 Steve Collis
- 24 Lee Tomlin
- 26 Adam Clayton
- 30 Barry Richardson
- 31 Jay Davies
- 32 Nathan Ralph



■ Peterborough United's Craig Mackail-Smith celebrates scoring

■ THE VISITORS:



PETERBOROUGH UNITED arrive in Wiltshire looking to complete 'the double' over Town after a 5-4 victory over the Robins

in the previous meeting between the two clubs at London Road in October.



JOE LEWIS 1

The highly-rated stopper joined Posh for a then record fee from Norwich City and has been a key member of the recent success story at London Road. He caught the eye in a loan spell at Morecambe and has since been included in the senior England squad, as well as performing consistently for the U21s.



STEVE COLLIS 23

The goalkeeper is now with his 11th club after a meandering football career which has seen him serve the likes of Yeovil Town, Tiverton, Crewe Alexandra and Bristol City. He joined the ranks at London Road in the summer after his release from Ashton Gate and the 29-year old has 83 league starts to his name.



GRANT McCANN 11

The experienced midfielder joined Peterborough United from Scunthorpe United on a free transfer in the summer of 2010 and has made a big impact since arriving. The Belfast-born player is something of a set-piece expert and his cultured left-foot has made him a valuable asset throughout what has been an established career which began in the Premier League with West Ham United. After coming up through the youth ranks he made four substitute appearances for The Hammers before joining Cheltenham Town in January 2003 following two successful loan spells. He made over 150 appearances for the Robins before a £100,000 switch to Barnsley in 2007. A year later he joined Scunthorpe United and the midfielder also has international experience with 31 caps for Northern Ireland.



CARL PIERGIANNI 17

Piergianni came through the youth ranks at London Road and was awarded a professional contract by manager Gary Johnson following discussions with the youth department. Piergianni is dominant in the air, tenacious in the tackle and he made his debut in the recent 2-1 home win over Rochdale.



AARON McLEAN 9

McLean's goal to game ratio is among the best in the Football League and his partnership with Craig Mackail-Smith has been a key factor in the club's recent success. McLean is superb in the air and lethal in the box and he has been constantly linked with club's from higher divisions.



GEORGE BOYD 10

A highly-rated winger, Boyd penned a new three year contract at London Road in the summer of 2010, ending weeks of speculation about his future. The former Stevenage Borough winger holds the club record for most consecutive appearances in the league and scored 11 goals in the Championship for Posh.



ARRON DAVIES 21

Davies joined Posh on a free transfer in the summer of 2010 after spells with Yeovil Town and Nottingham Forest. He can play as a central striker or in the wide positions and has one international cap for Wales to his name. Davies scored his first goal for Posh in November.


GABRIEL ZAKUANI 5

A fully committed defender, Zakuani is a former Fulham centre back and he has been a fans' favourite since joining the club in September 2008, initially on loan. His performances have been consistent and he formed effective partnerships with Chris Westwood and Craig Morgan during the back to back promotions.


KELVIN LANGMEAD 4

Langmead joined Peterborough United from Shrewsbury Town for an undisclosed fee in the summer of 2010. He started his career as a striker and played for Preston North End as a teenager and he had loan spells at Tamworth, Carlisle United, Kidderminster Harriers and Shrewsbury Town whilst at Deepdale.


MARK LITTLE 2

The defender joined Peterborough on a free transfer in June 2010 from Wolverhampton Wanderers after a successful loan spell at London Road. A quick, attacking right-back who came through the youth ranks at Molineux and enjoyed loan spells with Chesterfield and Northampton Town as a teenager.


TOMMY ROWE 14

A versatile player, Rowe starred for Stockport County as a teenager at left-back, but has played for the Posh in midfield and at wing-back. He captained Stockport County as a teenager and is technically one of the most gifted players at London Road and is approaching his 100th career league start.

INTERESTING FACT!

James Bond has links with both Swindon and Peterborough. Scenes for 'Octopussy' and 'Goldeneye' were filmed on the Nene Valley Railway whilst scenes for 'The World Is Not Enough', starring Pierce Brosnan, were filmed at the Motorola factory in Swindon which doubled for an oil refinery.


NATHANIEL MENDEZ-LAING 19

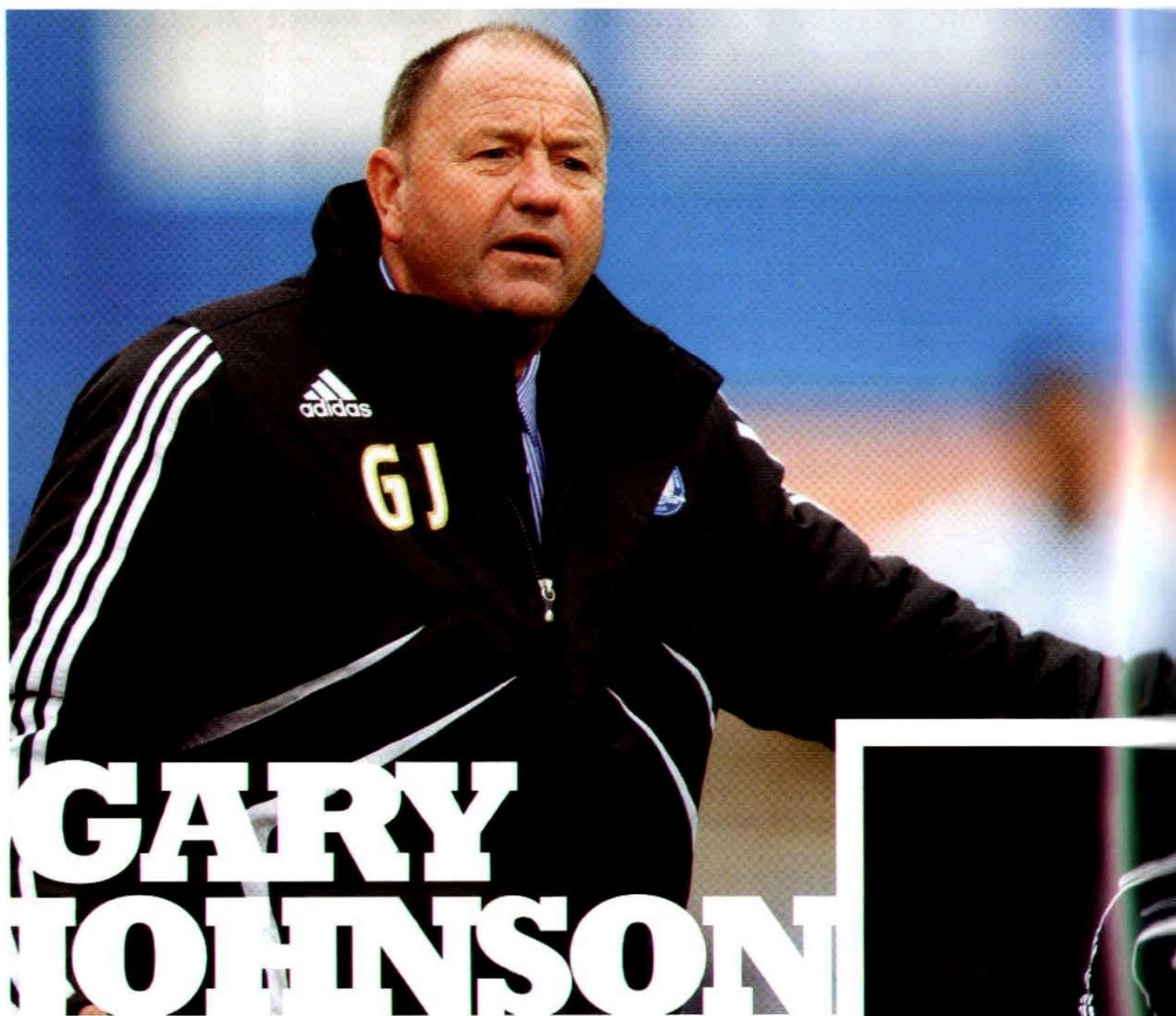
The 18-year old winger has made a solid contribution to life at London Road since arriving on a long-term loan deal from Wolverhampton Wanderers in the summer. Mendez-Laing has great pace and his only appearance for the Molineux club came against Swindon in last season's League Cup tie.


JAMES WESOLOWSKI 7

The Australian midfielder joined Peterborough United in the summer on a two-year deal from Championship side Leicester City. Prior to join the Foxes he had played for Northern Spirit and spent loan spells at Cheltenham Town, Hamilton Academicals and Dundee United whilst with the midlands club.


LEE TOMLIN 24

Tomlin has bounced back into the professional game with some fervour after being released by Leicester City as a 16-year old. He went on to join Rushden & Diamonds and became the club's youngest ever player when he came off the bench to replace Drewe Broughton in October 2005. It was a successful spell at Nene Park for Tomlin, who made over 100 league appearances for the club and scored 24 goals. In January 2010 several clubs showed an interest in signing Tomlin, who can play up front or out wide, before he put pen to paper on a new deal and he ended the 2009/10 campaign with 15 goals to his name. Tomlin's fine season resulted in a move back into league football with a switch to Peterborough United in the summer of 2010.



GARY JOHNSON

GARY JOHNSON was appointed manager of Peterborough United in April 2010, shortly after his departure from Bristol City.

DURING his time at Ashton Gate the Londoner steered the club away from the relegation zone to the verge of the play-offs in League 1 during his first season - then guided his new-look side to automatic promotion in second place during 2006/07.

A two-year contract extension committed the boss to the Ashton Gate club until 2010 in August 2007 - and City went to reach

the play-off final at the first time of asking back in the Coca-Cola Championship. A slender 1-0 defeat to Hull City at Wembley prevented City from reaching the Premier League.

Previously to joining Bristol City, Johnson spent a four-year spell in charge at Yeovil Town. In that time the Glovers won the FA Trophy in 2002 before gaining Football League status for the first time in their history after

winning the Conference title a year later. In 2004/05 Johnson led Yeovil to a further promotion by guiding the Somerset club to the League Two title.

A former Watford player, his other League management experience was gained at Cambridge United where he replaced Ian Atkins as manager in 1993.

Four years earlier Cambridge had promoted Johnson, who was then



■ Celebrating success

reserve team manager, to the post of first team coach to work alongside manager John Beck. The duo led the club to two promotions and twice to the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Johnson left Cambridge in 1995 and went on to work as Academy Director at

One To Watch



CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH has made a big impact at London Road since arriving in 2007 from Dagenham & Redbridge, scoring 78 goals in just under three years with Peterborough United.

MACKAIL-SMITH began his career at St. Albans City, where he came up through the youth team ranks before progressing onto the first team stage. He scored two goals in 30 starts for the club and made a further 15 appearances from the bench before being released in 2003.

He made an impressive start at Dagenham & Redbridge, scoring 12 goals in his first season with the club battling for promotion to the Football League. In total

he scored 38 goals in 108 league appearances during his spell with Dagenham.

The striker's big move arrived in January 2007 with Peterborough paying £125,000 to secure the services of a player who had already scored 16 goals with the 2006/07 campaign only at the half-way stage. Mackail-Smith adjusted well to life in League 2 and netted eight goals in the second half of the season for his new club. This included an impressive scoring run of six goals in

five consecutive games.

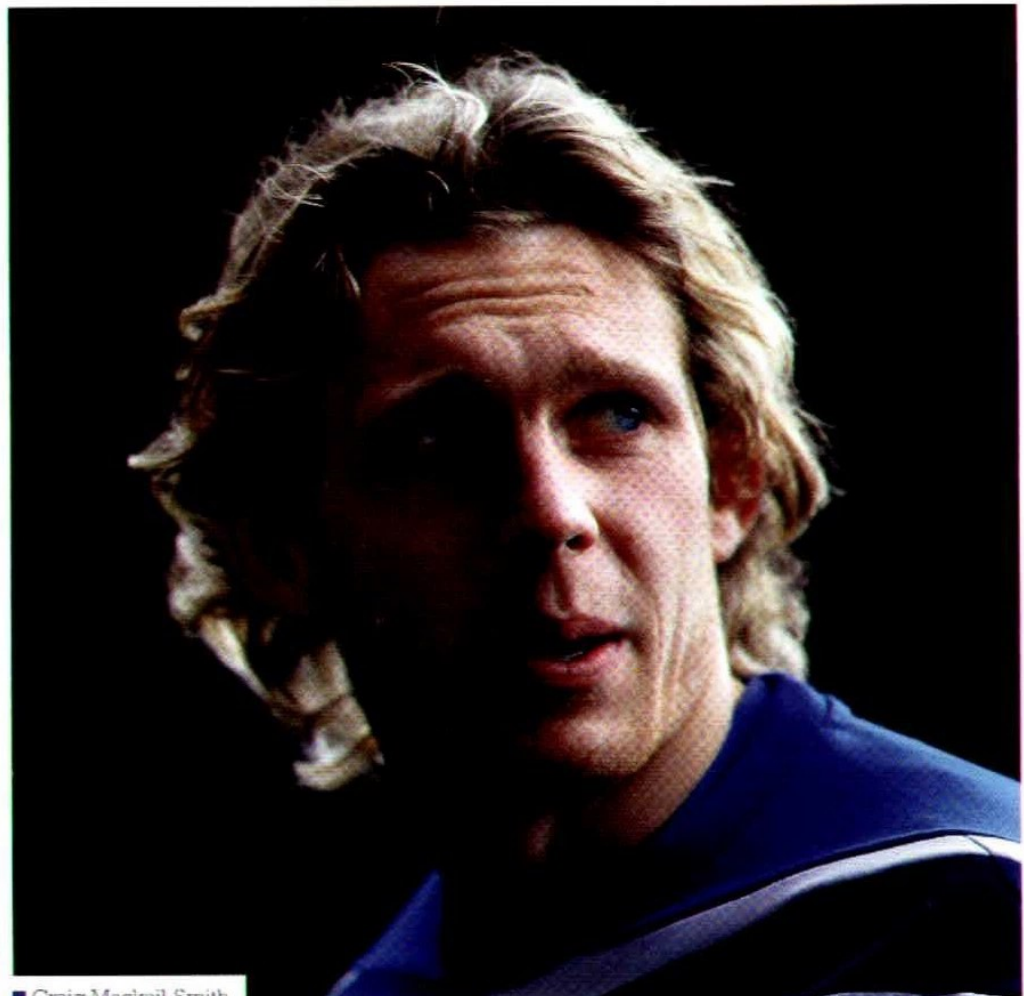
In the 2007/08 season he scored 19 goals which helped the Posh secure promotion to League 1. He played another starring role during the following season – with 26 goals helping fire the London Road side into the Championship to secure consecutive promotions.

Mackail-Smith has been in top form again so far this term and had 14 goals to his name prior to the Boxing Day encounter with Colchester United.



Watford, under manager Graham Taylor, before being appointed Latvia national coach in 1999.

This afternoon will see two former Bristol City managers go head to head with both Johnson and Wilson knowing just how valuable a three point haul could be.



■ Craig Mackail-Smith



Simon Ferry

SIMON Ferry is determined to take his opportunity in central midfield today – should he be selected in place of the suspended Jonathan Douglas.

The Scot has endured a frustrating few weeks having been kept out of the side through injury, but, if selected, he is confident he can put his stamp on a side in which he was a regular fixture last season.

He said: "Obviously it's up to the gaffer whether I play or not, but it's a massive opportunity for someone else to play with 'Dougie' being out.

"It's been really frustrating for me recently because I just want to play, but you just have to get on with when you're not playing.

"I was playing nearly every week last year but it's been a bit different this year and it is frustrating, but there's no point looking back.

"Pruitts and Timms have done well in midfield recently so we'll just have to wait and see whether I play, but while it's a massive blow to lose Dougie it gives someone else the opportunity and hopefully it can be me."



Grant McCann

PETERBOROUGH United skipper McCann was full of praise for Lee Tomlin after his impressive performance in the recent victory over Rochdale at London Road.

The former Rushden and Diamonds winger caused plenty of problems for Keith Hill's side throughout and McCann believes he can keep improving.

"We said in the dressing room afterwards that Lee Tomlin can be anything that he wants to be. He was unbelievable at times.

"He must have nutmegged the full-back about six times and I am sure he will be having nightmares about him because Lee was that good."

Town fans will hope the Robins rear-guard can keep 'The Posh' in check this afternoon.

Vincent Pericard

WITH six goals to his name so far this term, Town fans may see Pericard add a 'selfish streak' to his game as the number nine seeks to hit double figures for the campaign ahead of schedule.

"The next few games will be important, that's for sure," he explained. "A win against Peterborough would send everyone into the New Year with a good feeling.

"On the pitch we are making a lot of chances and hopefully we can put a few more of them away in the games coming up. I have been told that I need to be more selfish but that has its own advantages and disadvantages. I need to find the right balance between taking chances myself and creating opportunities for others."

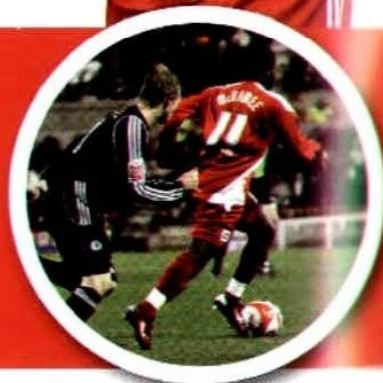


30.01.07 1-10

IT was Swindon who snatched a point on their way to League 2 promotion rather than their opponents through a late Blair Sturrock equaliser. Only goalkeeper Phil Smith and midfielder Michael Timlin still remain at the club from this fixture.

25.11.08 2-20 →

TODAY'S referee Roger East officiated this fixture as both sides claimed a point. Swindon led before Jon-Paul McGovern scored an own goal. Simon Cox put Town ahead but before Swindon could celebrate their first win in five, Shaun Batt equalised to earn a point.



Lecsinel Jean-Francois

AFTER a stop-start first half of the campaign, Jean-Francois was delighted to have played a big part in Town's November schedule.

The Haitian defender joined the Robins in January 2008 after impressing during a reserve team fixture against Swansea City and has gone on to make 53 appearances at first team level for Town. However, injury and selection issues have limited his involvement this term although he did return for the 4-0 triumph at Plymouth Argyle at the start of November.

"Last month was good for me," he said. "It's always a pleasure to come back from injury and get into the team pretty quickly. It's great to be able to play a part and help the team out."

"There are lots of games coming up and hopefully I can play. Every player will be in the same position because everyone wants to play in each game."



Callum Kennedy



AFTER returning from a three-game loan spell at Gillingham, the defender is hoping to taste further first team action at The County Ground before too long.

And the loan stint was made all the more enjoyable with the 21-year old part of the Gills' side that won 1-0 at Town's local rivals Oxford United.

"I had a really good time down there. I played in a couple of games but unfortunately the last one was called off. It was great to get a month's football under my belt."

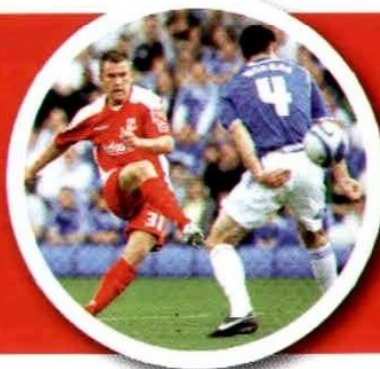
"The Oxford game was decent too. Gillingham hadn't won away for about 18 months and we won two back to back. Winning against Oxford was a nice little touch!"

Kennedy, who came up through the youth ranks at The County Ground, has now made 20 appearances for the Town first team and is looking for further experience on the big stage with 2011 just days away.

"Now I am back here I just want to train well every day and make myself available for the games – then hopefully a chance will come my way."

02.05.09 2-2D →

THE weekend after Swindon had secured their League 1 status, two goals from Simon Cox in his final game for the club was not enough to secure three points as Peterborough's Dean Keates equalised in the last minute to snatch a draw.



16.10.10 5-4L

IT was a nine-goal thriller that Town were on the wrong side of as they lost 5-4. Swindon turned round a 3-0 deficit to make it 3-3. Peterborough regained the lead before Charlie Austin equalised from the spot. The Posh grabbed victory as Kevin Amankwaah scored a last minute own goal.



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■ Roger East

DOMESTIC highlights of his career include assistant referee appointments at the 2003 League 2 Play-off Final between AFC Bournemouth and Lincoln City along with the 2004 FA Cup Final in front of 71,000 at The Millennium Stadium. He was also one of the linesmen at the 2006 Community Shield which saw Liverpool beat Chelsea 2-1 and again that was held at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.

How did you get introduced into refereeing?

I was playing football at the time and a local referee encouraged me to get into that side of the game while he refereed our match.

What has been the highlight of your career so far?

Probably being one of the assistant referees at the 2004 FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Millwall. My Father was alive to see it which made it special for me.

What is the best game you have officiated and why?

The Play-off Final between Cardiff City and QPR in 2003, mainly because it was Cardiff at The Millennium Stadium and also because my offside decision in the second period of extra-time, which was correct, gave me great satisfaction.

What are your aims as a National List referee?

To referee Championship matches on a regular basis so I can prove to myself that I can referee at the highest level along with assistant refereeing.

What skills do you think you need to become a referee?

Knowledge of law, an understanding of the game from a players' perspective and good management skills are required. I'd also say a bit of luck is needed as well.

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

A friend called Wally Tanner at the Wiltshire FA. He helped me a lot and encouraged me to referee in the right manner and he also made me take it seriously, for which I now thank him for.

The Law

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- play is stopped if, in the opinion of the referee, a player is seriously injured
- after questioning the injured player, the referee may authorise one, or at most two doctors, to enter the field of play to assess the injury and arrange the player's safe and swift removal from the field of play

- stretcher-bearers should only enter the field of play with a stretcher following a signal from the referee

SEEING RED!

Midfielder Jonathan Douglas has been ruled out of action until 2011 after receiving his marching orders for the first time this season in the last home game against Crawley Town. Having missed the Boxing Day fixture against Exeter City the Irishman will also miss today's clash with Peterborough United, and the home encounter against AFC Bournemouth on New Year's day before his return.



DANNY WILSON

Good afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for this afternoon's match against **PETERBOROUGH UNITED**. I hope everyone has had a nice Christmas, and is looking forward to getting back into action as much as we are.

WE'VE gone a while without a game in recent times because of the Oldham and Tranmere games being off, but I'm confident the players will be ready and raring to go today against Peterborough United.

The boys have looked in good condition all week and we've all moved on from the Crawley game now and are just looking forward to putting that right this afternoon.

As far as Peterborough are concerned today, it is going to be another tough game for us as they have a very strong squad, but I believe we've got enough to match them.

They've got three of the best strikers in the division and have scored a lot of goals this season, so they will be a handful to keep quiet, there's no doubt about that.

But as I've said many times before, we are always very offensive, especially at home, and I'm confident that we can get the result today.

It's important for us to get our noses in front because I think from then on we really push on in games and we've proven that many a



time against teams at home this year.

We've had some good results against the top teams this year, and it's unusual that it has worked out like that and we've struggled against the teams who are not expected to do so well.

But the boys have raised their game brilliantly this year against teams like Southampton, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday, so everyone is confident they can do it again today.

We've got a strong squad to choose from today, obviously it's not ideal to be missing Jonathan Douglas for three games, but we've got strong cover in there with Michael Timlin and Simon Ferry both equally capable of filling in so that

"The boys have raised their game brilliantly against Southampton, Huddersfield & Sheffield Wednesday"

should not be a problem.

As I mentioned it will be a difficult game for us this afternoon, but I'm confident that with what will hopefully be a healthy crowd here to cheer us on, we can put on a good performance and come away with a win and let's hope the second part of the season bears more fruit than the first has.

Enjoy the game,





RESULT 2-1

TOWN'S STARTING LINE-UP VS SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

GOAL:
AUSTIN '23
McGOVERN '69



USED SUBS:
LUCAS (SMITH '37)
BALL (RITCHIE '69)
DOSSEVI (PERICARD '82)

UNUSED SUBS:
FERRY, TIMLIN, FRAMPTON, SHEEHAN

TOWN'S KEY MOVE McGOVERN GOAL

Ball Movement
Player Movement



WHAT THEY SAID: ALAN IRVINE



"I just don't think it was our day at Swindon. We played well enough to get something out of the game, but

I just think we were extremely unlucky and I was pleased with our own performance."

DANNY WILSON



"There were lots of talking points but it was a good game and a massive three points for us. We knew we

had to start a run somewhere and hopefully we have done that now."



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Good afternoon and welcome to our post Christmas fixture against Peterborough United. The hospitality floor is again busy and there is sure to be lots of festive cheer today!



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Town captain **Jonathan Douglas** joins Match Sponsors **Cotswold Farm Machinery** in the line-up before kick-off against Crawley Town in the FA Cup second round replay.



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Matchball Sponsors **SW Group Logistics** are pictured on the pitch before the Crawley game. SW Logistics were here for their first game as Match Sponsors and had a great time, despite the defeat on what was an icy evening.



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Programme Sponsors **Emnico** managed a quick snap with **J-P McGovern** and **David Lucas** at the last home game. Emnico are back in Town for today's visit of Tranmere Rovers.



Pre-match Line-up

Our Matchday Sponsors are pictured keeping warm in their Sponsors' scarves before the team's kick-off in freezing conditions.



WELCOME back to The Chairman's Suite. I am sure you are all very much looking forward to today's game, following our last home league victory against Sheffield Wednesday. We hope you will all be in festive spirit and will be in fine voice to cheer the boys on to victory. If we win this afternoon, it will be our third home League 1 victory on the spin which is very encouraging. Hopefully we can wrap up all three points this afternoon as we head into 2011.

The legend that is Phil King is back on the hospitality floor today, after missing the Sheffield Wednesday encounter as he was very busy serving the good folk of Sheffield in his pub - The Dolphin. We understand trade was far more prosperous before the game! On the subject of Mr King, we Town staff attended the annual Christmas Staff Awards recently where I had great pleasure presenting Phil with his Matchday Experience Award. I am sure you all agree that Phil is exceptional in his role as matchday host and you will join us in congratulating Phil.

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WELCOME back to the Members Suite for this the final league game of 2010. I am sure all three points will put you back in the right spirit before going back to all that leftover turkey!

The very amiable Phil King comes back into the fold today and assures me there will be lots of laughs to be had by all. He has been working on a number of festive jokes; we are told one in particular is a cracker. Joking aside as I am sure you will all agree Phil is an excellent host and contributes a great deal to The County Ground experience.



I personally had the great pleasure of awarding Phil with a Matchday Experience Award at the 2010 STFC Staff Awards evening, which was very well-deserved. Also awarded for her excellent contribution was your very own Leslie Chapman, who has been fantastic with her overall commitment and service to The Members' Suite. The Members' Suite is now a thriving place to be and Leslie, Phil and also Marion Childers who has yet to be mentioned all play a big part in the success of the room - well done to all of you.



WELCOME to another bustling matchday in The Sponsor's Suite today. Hopefully you all had a great Christmas! The atmosphere in the suite has been great all season and I am sure that will continue this afternoon with 'The Posh' coming to The County Ground.

We take great delight in welcoming our Matchday Sponsors to the suite this afternoon. Sponsoring the match are Russell and Jenni Osman from R&J Osman Motor Vehicle Repairs. Russ and Jen are both very loyal in their support and commit to a wide range of sponsorships and advertising throughout the course of the season. They were due in for the Tranmere fixture, but the snow fell and they both felt today's game was the next best option. Russell and Jenni bring with them today a party of 18 which is fantastic. There is also belated birthday cheer along with festive cheer on their table as Chris Nickels was 66 on Saturday 18th December. Chris is more use to two wheels than two legs and a ball as he still races motorbikes professionally, which is some achievement! Also joining Russell is his brother, Nick, who was 42 on Sunday 19th December and today is his first visit to a football match!

Finally, and to end the notes with yet more cheer we have another birthday in the suite. Happy belated Birthday to Kevin O'Shea (pictured), who is the big 60. Sarah, who has organised this treat for him, has been in touch to say there was only ever going to be one place that he would want to spend his special birthday - after all he has even missed family weddings in favour of supporting his beloved Town!



DIRECTOR'S *Diary*

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

DEAR DIARY,

Given that the weather has interrupted play, I have quite a lot of catching up to do.

Firstly, let us hope that we are opening the gates to The County Ground this afternoon and welcoming you all back after the Christmas festivities. To lose the Tranmere fixture, having lost the Oldham Athletic fixture the previous Saturday, was a real frustration but we were not alone. Today I am hopeful that we will be extending a warm welcome to our guests from Peterborough United, time to get the POSH frocks on for this the last fixture of 2010.

Dec 4th

Twitter Ooh!

A magnificent effort by Marcus "Marvin" Cassidy and his ground staff team, well supported by the generosity of Fast Plant, saw the Owls

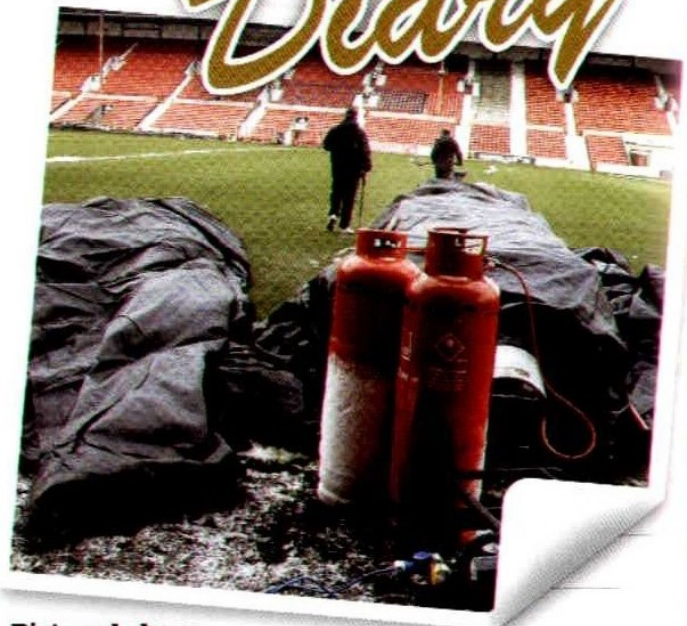
fixture go ahead, whilst the rest of the nation shivered and all other League One fixtures were postponed. A great effort that was richly rewarded with a 2 - 1 victory over the League One pace setters, and three valuable points banked.

NB. Sheffield Wednesday must regret being the only fixture "in town" these weather hit Saturdays, losing 5 - 1 to Exeter last Saturday, again League One's only fixture.

Dec 6th

Community Road Map

It is Monday morning and no easing into the week for me; it is straight into a strategy session with the STFC Football in the Community team. In recent weeks they have seen their funding significantly reduced due to changes in the solidarity payments and the ceasing of the Football Foundation funding. An air of pessimism was hanging over the STFC Football in the



Pictured above:

Marcus Cassidy in action with the Fastplant blowers

Dec 7th

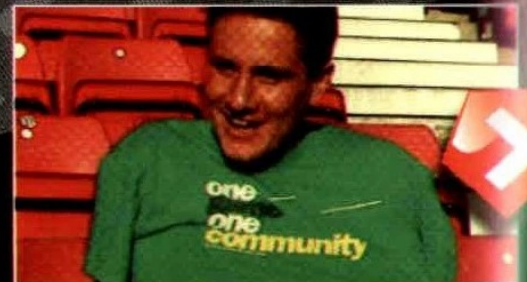
In The Deep Freeze

It is not thawing, in fact it is getting colder by the minute but under the frost covers the pitch remains soft. The FA Cup second round replay against Crawley Town is on and at 4pm the pitch covers come off. Jack Frost is hard at work and by 7pm there is a firm crust on the pitch but the referee is happy, the game goes ahead.

Crawley Town come



Player



Go beyond...



Pictured above:

Oldham Athletic ground staff making every effort

thankfully he is fine and back to his ebullient self.

Dec 10th

The Weather Knows No Boundaries

An early morning meeting with the Great Western Enterprise Group, at the offices of Beard Construction, is followed by a dash to The County Ground in order to board the team coach for Boundary Park and a much anticipated fixture against Oldham Athletic. The team are aboard and keen to get back out on the pitch, optimistic that they can exorcise the ghost of Crawley Town. The engine is running, it is 12.55pm and Marie Saunders takes a call from a pessimistic Oldham to advise that the pitch has failed an inspection.

out truly fired up by their manager and his cohorts! Swindon Town are still in the cooler and go a goal down early on. We finally warm to the challenge and goals from Charlie A and JP McGovern put the Town ahead but then the skipper receives his marching orders on half time. Forty five minutes of 10 man endeavour is undone by an own goal and 30 minutes of extra time at -6 degree C is the reward. Just as penalties seemed inevitable, and with Phil Smith suffering from a dead leg, wallop Crawley Town score and earn a home tie against Derby County.

Not since the Wembley Play Off Final have the Board, Danny W and myself felt so deflated and frustrated. Not a good night at the office.

1030pm - the pitch is now rock hard and a quick

inspection by Martin Howard of Samsung and a match official, determine that the surface is not fit for purpose. The Samsung Win A Pro Final, scheduled for Wednesday evening, will have to be postponed.

Dec 9th

The Watford Gap

The STFC Youth Team brave the elements and journey around the M25 to Vicarage Road to play Watford in the third round of the FA Youth Cup. A valiant display by Paul Bodin's young warriors ends in a 2-0 defeat and so their own FA cup run comes to an end. However, they remain top of their league and so can now focus on retaining their title.

Matty Clark took a nasty blow to the head but

Dec 13th

Sadness Flies Away On The Wings of Time

We hear the sad news that Sue Jones, the wife of Roger Jones, has finally lost her brave battle against cancer and passed away. She will be sadly missed but the club will hold wide open its arms for Roger when he returns to the County Ground.

Dec 14th

Oscar Bravo

Dec 17-18th

Rovers Return Without A Ball Being Kicked

There is still a chill in the air but the snow that is forecast for Saturday looks as though it will not arrive until the evening. Fingers crossed, the pitch is made ready and wrapped up in its warm frost covers. I head up to Birmingham for a County Ground redevelopment meeting with Frank Whittle.

I am back at the CG for 1830hrs and all is well - not a flake in sight! Saturday dawns, it is a white out, the snow comes early, and after many deliberations, the game is called off. Frustration for all but most of all the Tranmere team, who do not return to Merseyside until midnight!

Enjoy the game and season's greetings.

Nick Watkins



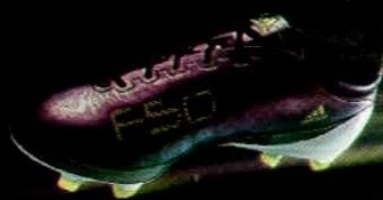
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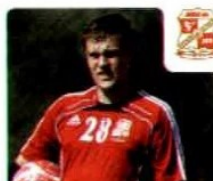
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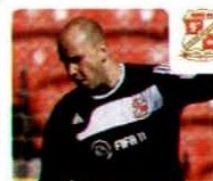
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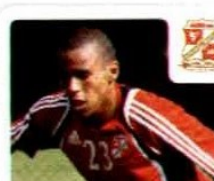
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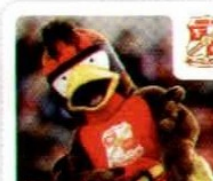
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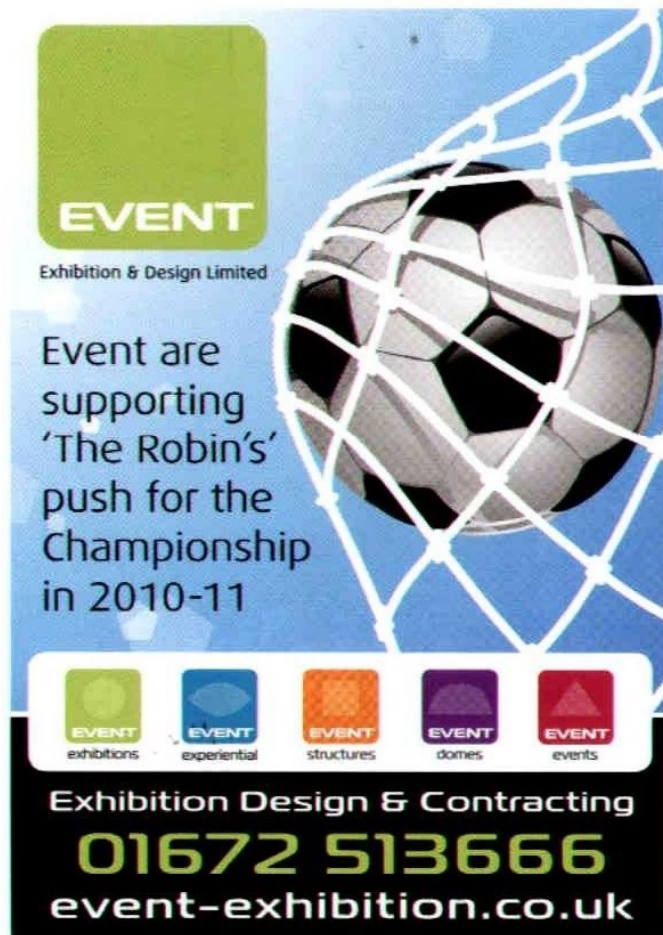
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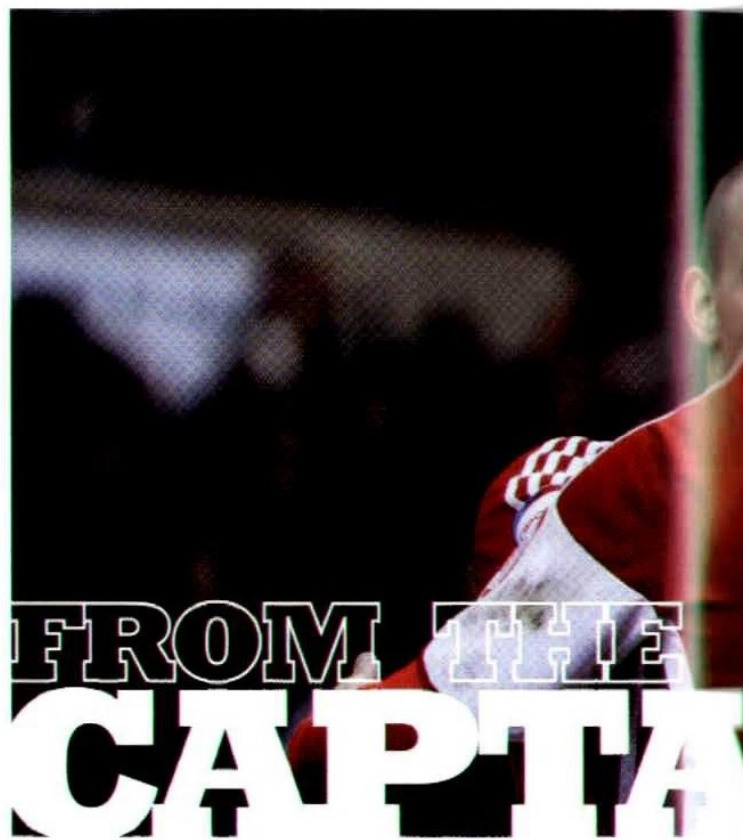
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Despite being set to miss much of Town's crucial Christmas period through suspension, Town skipper **JONATHAN DOUGLAS** is hopeful his side can kick-start their season over the festive season – starting with a win over Peterborough United this afternoon.

Having had a week or two since the Crawley Town defeat, what are your views on your sending off just before half time?

It was a really heavy touch from me, and I've tried my best to recover it by going in for the tackle. There was nothing malicious in it at all, and I think it was a bit harsh to get sent off if I'm honest, but it's happened now and I've just got to get on with it.

How frustrating is it to miss another three games having just come back from injury?

Massively so, because I've had a stop-start season really

and haven't managed to get a decent run of games as yet, so to miss another three is not what I need.

It hasn't gone brilliantly for me so far, but hopefully the lads can do well over the Christmas period and I'll be able to come back with everyone on good form.

What has the spirit in the camp been like after the defeat to Crawley a fortnight ago?

It's ok now – obviously everyone was massively disappointed after the game, but after you have a defeat like that there's nothing you can do but get on with it, and



that's what we're doing.

Everyone is over it now. There is no point in looking back, we've just got to look forward to the games that are ahead of us now and try and put on a performance like the one we did against Sheffield Wednesday.

We've got the league to concentrate on now, and everyone's going to put in a massive effort between now and the end of the season to get where we want to be.

What effect do you think the recent postponements of the fixtures against Oldham Athletic and Tranmere Rovers will have?

It can work both ways I think. Sometimes getting another game straight away can be good to help you get it out of your system, but then again it can work against you sometimes.

I think the rest period can do us good, and hopefully we'll be refreshed and raring to go for the game against Peterborough.

Peterborough United are one of the highest scorers in the division. Do you think Town have anything to fear going into today's game?

Not really no. For us playing any team we should be looking to beat them, and that should not be any different against Peterborough.

We never go into a game fearing anyone, and that will be the same today.

There are two potential replacements for you in central midfield on Saturday. How do you think Simon Ferry and Michael Timlin will fare should they be selected?

They're both great players and have proved it during their time here. Si has been unlucky with injuries so far this year but looks good now, and 'Timms' has been flying since coming back from Southend, so I'm sure either one will do a great job today.



"We never go into a game fearing anyone, and that will be the same today."

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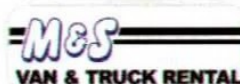


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ROUND-UP



Brighton clash brought forward

Town's League 1 clash with Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday 26th March will now kick off at 1pm after an agreement was reached between the two clubs.

England face Wales in a Euro 2012 qualifier at 3pm on the same day, and as a result Town's fixture has been brought forward.



New date for Oldham

TOWN'S League 1 fixture against Oldham Athletic has been re-arranged for Saturday 8th January.

The match, which was due to be played on Saturday 11th December, has been moved to that particular date as both clubs are out of the FA Cup - the third round of which is set to be played that weekend.

Let's go retro!

TOWN fans are being invited to attend the Yeovil Town fixture on Saturday 15th January wearing retro Swindon shirts!

More details are available on page 45 of this programme but whilst at home over the festive period, why not dig out your favourite Town shirt from the attic and wear it to the Yeovil game?

Another first for Town

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Christmas Festivities!

SWINDON Town Football Club hosted its annual Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens on Monday 13th December.

The event was attended by almost 100 people - many of whom are regulars at The County Ground to cheer on the Town.

Town Chief Executive, Nick Watkins, commented: "It's always a pleasure to have the Senior Citizens in for their Christmas Lunch, and this year was no different.

"Everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed The County Ground's welcoming hospitality, as well as a chat with some of the players, and we were all happy to wish the guests a very Merry Christmas."







With energetic displays on the pitch and an effervescent character off it, Simon Ferry is one of the most popular members of the Swindon Town squad. He enjoyed a fulfilling loan spell in Wiltshire last term, with 40 first team appearances and a trip to Wembley capping a superb stay away from Celtic Park. Things have been different this time around with injuries and tough competition for places at the heart of the Town engine room limiting his appearances so far this term. However, having made his 50th league appearance for the Robins in the away clash at Yeovil Town – the midfielder, now settled in Wiltshire off the field, is more determined than ever to get back to what he does best. →

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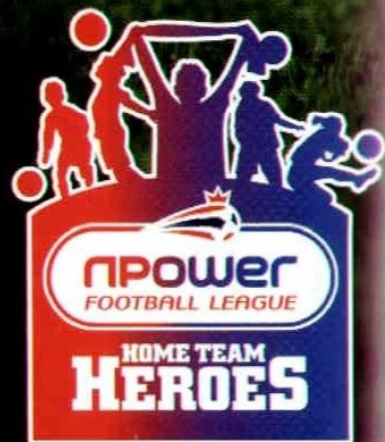
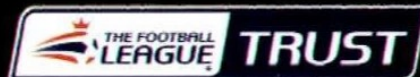
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Is Swindon now starting to feel like home for you?

I am definitely settled here. My loan spell last season involved a lot of moving about and I spent some time at the Four Pillars Hotel before renting a place down here. Things are much better this time around as I have a place of my own. My girlfriend has joined me down here in Swindon too and now she has a job, things are all good! I don't like being on my own so it's great to have some company. Scott Cuthbert is only a couple of doors down as well.

How difficult was it to leave family and friends in Scotland?

It wasn't that hard because my family are up in Dundee and I was living in Glasgow so I didn't see that much of them. When I came to Swindon on loan last season I got used to being away from Scotland so I am used to things now.

How often do you manage to get back over the border?

Not that much because the fixture schedule is pretty heavy and it's not often that there are a few days off in a row to get to Scotland and back down. My Mum and Dad have been down once so far this season, so I haven't seen too much of them.

Swindon was the move you wanted wasn't it? What other clubs could you have signed for in the summer?

I said to my agent that Swindon was the place I wanted to be and I asked him to try and sort the move out. Thankfully everything worked out on that front so I didn't hear of much interest from other clubs because I had my heart set on coming back here.

What are your views on the way things have gone at Celtic so far this season?

They have done okay haven't they? The Old Firm game didn't do them any favours but they definitely have a team good enough to win the league title. Obviously I am biased but I think they have a better team than Rangers. Hopefully they can go on and win it!

Who do you keep in touch with up at Celtic Park?

Most of the boys that I grew up with have left now. I still speak to Paul McGowan who is on loan at St. Mirren but apart from that I don't speak to many of the guys up there now.



The squad here at Swindon seem to have bonded well this season. Has that made it easier for you to settle in again?

We have a quality squad here and it is a really good dressing room. There were a few changes in the summer with a few boys leaving and a couple coming in as well. It was nice to come back to the club after the summer and know pretty much everyone. It's nice when loan players come in now because I can do my bit to help them out.

How have things changed in the dressing room when you compare this season to last?

We lost a few big personalities, with Gordon (Greer) and Billy (Paynter) going but some good characters have come in to replace them. 'Prutts' is great to have around and the likes of Thomas (Dossevi) and 'Bally' have added something too. 'Sheens' came back again and there are a lot of characters in there that's for sure.

How did you feel at the end of last season? You played 46 games last term!

The summer was short because we had the play-off final and then we were back down here for pre-season so the break wasn't that long. I just sat about and saw my friends up in Scotland. Unfortunately I couldn't get away on holiday with them because they were going in August which as a footballer is a bit difficult!

■ SIMON FERRY:

It has been a challenging first half of the campaign for you too hasn't it?

It's been a bit stop-start to be honest. I played at the start of the season and was then out of the side, then I came back in and got injured so it's been difficult. Hopefully sooner rather than later I can get into the side and try and put a run of games together.

The competition in midfield has been tough. Do you get frustrated at all?

Football is like that. You can't turn down the chance to sign good players and 'Prutts' coming to Swindon was a good signing for the club. Any player that comes to a club will want to play regularly – but everyone is in the same position.

The three-game ban for Jonathan Douglas should give you an opportunity now...

'Timms', 'Prutts' and 'Dougie' have all done really well this season so I can't complain too much. I am not saying to myself that I will definitely play but I know the opportunity is there. You can't be too impatient. It's not just me that hasn't played for a while so you can't be selfish and just sit about. It's all about the team really. You don't want to be walking about the place with your face tripping you up.

How difficult has training been over recent weeks with the snow?

Things have been disrupted but it has been the same for many teams up and down the country. We have been training at Cirencester in the indoor arena and doing a bit in the gym, but the boys can't wait to get out and into a game again.

After a win last time out at home in the league against Sheffield Wednesday, how much of an opportunity does today's game represent?

Our home form hasn't been too bad of late. We have beaten Colchester United and Sheffield Wednesday here recently and if we can put three league wins together on the bounce and build on that then we will be going in the right direction. Momentum is hard to stop and a couple of wins would be a massive confidence boost.

The postponement of the Tranmere game was a bit disappointing but not a surprise given the conditions. Hopefully we can get back out there against Peterborough and do what we have to do to get another three points at home.



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RED WHITE AND YOU...

With Community Development Executive, Steven Weller

Good afternoon and welcome to The County Ground.

OVER the last couple of weeks the club has placed itself firmly at the centre of a number of educational activities with local schools. This has seen a number of positive outcomes for all participants and below are just a couple of insights into how Swindon Town have become further involved in the community.



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING!

BEFORE Christmas two members of the first team squad, Will Evans and Nathan Thompson, visit Even Swindon Primary school as part of their reading week. The players were well received by the kids who enjoyed listening to Will and Nathan reading Christmas short stories to them, answering questions and getting involved in group discussions. Deputy Head at Even Primary, Colin Jones, spoke enthusiastically about the visit.

He said: "Will Evans and Nathan Thompson were a huge success in both enthusing about reading and in their positive responses to any questions raised. The children and staff enjoyed the players' visit and will follow their respective careers with interest!"

The following week the roles were reversed, as a group from the school visited The County Ground. They enjoyed a tour and a quiz before sitting down with Chris Smith (Website Editor) for a session on 'writing in football'.

Chris talked to the group about match reports, player interviews and the importance of working to deadlines. The group came to the club as part of a creative writing project and lecturer for the day Chris offered his views on the visit.

He said: "It was a really enjoyable day for everyone involved, and it was great to see what the children got out of being in and around the club.

"Having been writing for the club for over a year now, I was more than happy to share with the children some of what I've gained from being in this job.

"We did a few exercises, encouraging the children's match report writing and interviewing skills, and the group looked to be learning and enjoying themselves, which was the main aim.

"A lot of the lads who were here struggle with literacy, but hopefully through the medium of what is such a universal sport, we've encouraged them to develop their reading and writing skills – both of which are, and always will be crucially important."

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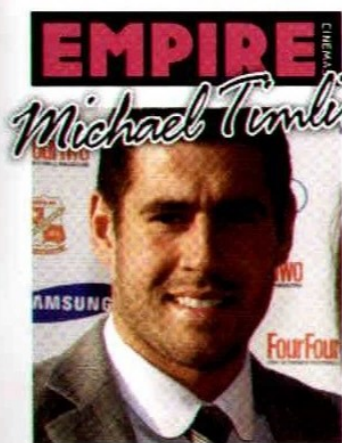
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FILM REVIEW

UNSTOPPABLE 18/20

Director: Tony Scott

Stars: Denzel Washington, Chris Pine and Rosario Dawson

PLOT

Unstoppable is a drama about a runaway train carrying a cargo of toxic chemicals which pits an engineer and his conductor in a race against time. They're chasing the runaway train in a separate locomotive and need to bring it under control before it derails on a curve and causes a toxic spill that will decimate a town.

CAST

Denzel Washington has never done a bad film and

he didn't disappoint. In my opinion 'Unstoppable' is up there with 'Deja Vu'. Washington and Chris Pine worked well together and Rosario Dawson, who played 'Connie', was superb.

PLOT



VERDICT

This was a great film and will probably turn out to be one of the top action adventures of the year!

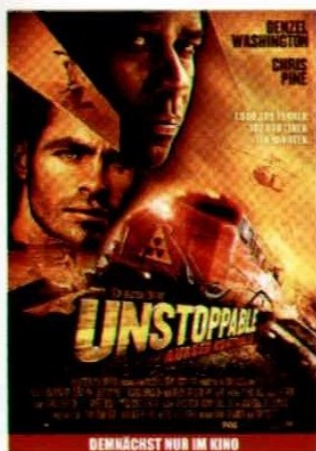
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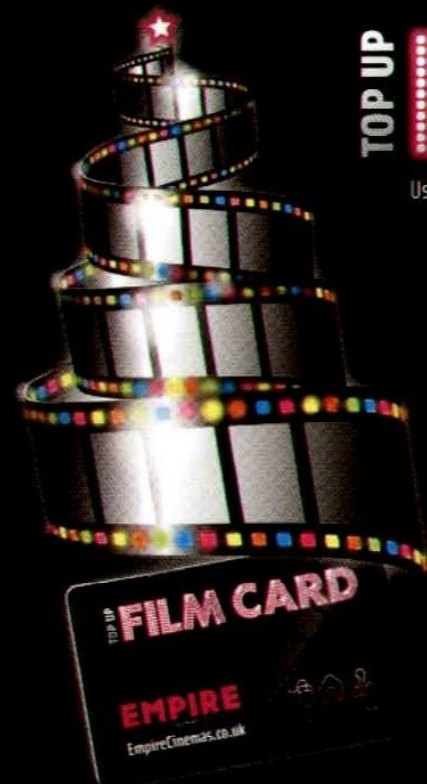
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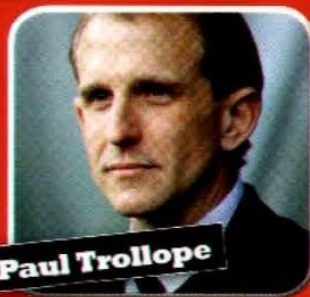


Odd One Out?

All of these football managers have one thing in common apart from one but can you name him?



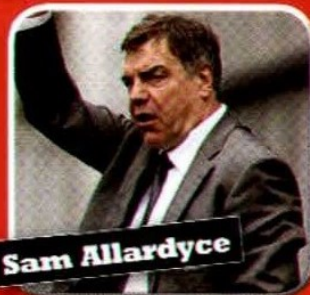
Chris Hughton



Paul Trollope



Phil Parkinson



Sam Allardyce

Do you know 5 things about...
Charlie Austin?

1. How old am I?
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4. Against which team did I make my first league appearance for STFC?
5. How many goals have I scored so far this season?

LOOK-A-LIKES



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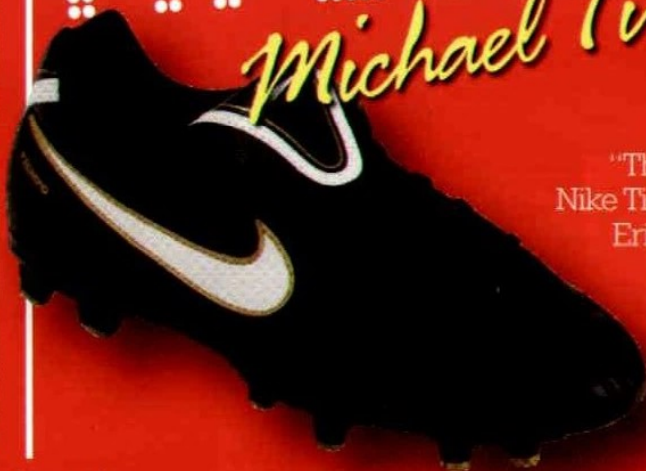
Harry Redknapp

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Today's Mascots

Sam Mallorie-Williams



Age: 9
School: Abbey Meads Primary
Plays for: Highworth Town Juniors

Hobbies: Football, golf & judo
Favourite player: Scott Cuthbert

Joe Wilding



Age: 6
School: St. Francis School in Taw Hill
Hobbies: Playing & watching football & rugby

Favourite player: Charlie Austin

Tom Starr is pictured here posing in his T-cup kit just before setting off on the Swindon Half marathon to raise funds which he completed in a very respectable time of 23 minutes!



11-year-old T-cup fan Declan Harris met Thomas Desseni before the Brentford game at The County Ground with Declan adding another photo to his extensive collection!



Aidan Bramwell had a better World Cup than England, and is seen here with Brazil fans at Darlington ahead of the game between Brazil and Portugal.



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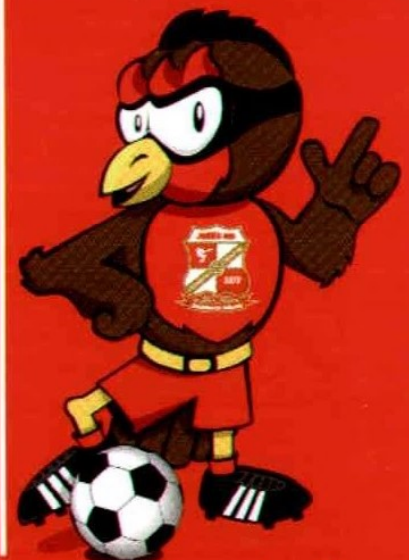
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Odd One Out: All of these managers have had their jobs taken over except from Phil Parkinson, manager of Charlton Athletic who still remains in work.



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A Postcard from:

Name: Sean Morrison
Position: Defender
Holiday Destination:
Turkey



The holiday season may be here, but this week it is the turn of defender Sean Morrison as we find out a little more about the summer **HOLIDAY FAVOURITES** of members of the Town squad.

Where did you go on holiday this summer?

I went to Marbella with Callum (Kennedy) and J-P for a few days, which turned out to be a really good break. After that I went to Turkey with my girlfriend for two weeks which gave us both time to switch off and properly relax. It also gave me time to kick back after what had been a long season.

What sights did you see?

Having heard a lot about Turkey, I made sure we got out and about and did quite a few things. We had a day out and went to some mud baths and we also went to see the Kings Tombs at Dalyan.

If money were no object and you could go away on a dream trip, where would you go?

Probably one long trip to Las Vegas! I haven't been yet because I'm not 21 but all the lads rate it as a great destination. I'll probably go next summer with Callum and a few of the other lads from the club.

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

The worst hotel was a place I stayed at in Greece about two years ago. I went over there with some of my friends from Plymouth but unfortunately the hotel was awful! The bathroom was pretty shocking – consisting of just a hole in the middle of the floor. The best hotel is the Yang Sing Hotel in Manchester. We used it a few years ago for a Christmas Party. It was a boutique hotel and pretty luxurious.

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

I tend to spend most of my time on the beach sunbathing but I do like to get about and see a few sights, depending on the destination and what there is on offer.

What is the thing you most look forward to



on your return home?

Nando's! I'd start with some olives before a double chicken pitta with mango and lime. Some peri-peri chips on the side with some creamy mash. And to finish it off I'd go for a passion fruit cheesecake.

If any Town fan was visiting your hometown of Plymouth, what places would you recommend?

Plymouth Hoe is fantastic in the summer. It's right on the front and is a pretty popular place with tourists. As far as restaurants go I would recommend a place called the Steak & Omelette Bar which is on Cornwall Street.

Where do you want to go next summer?

I have spoken to my girlfriend about going out

to Barbados and that's something we both quite fancy. As soon as the season finishes I might go back to Marbella before trying to get out to Barbados for some sun.

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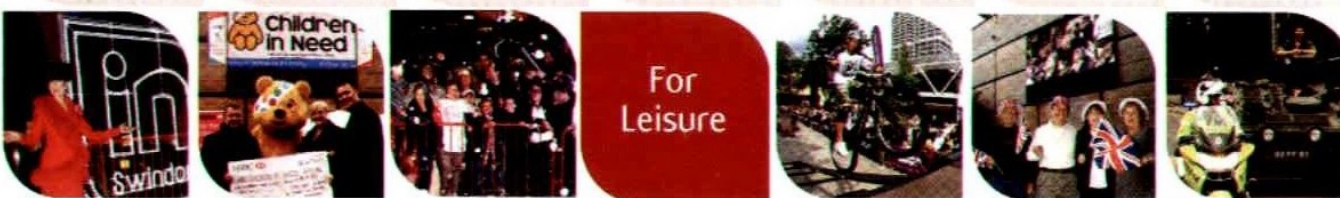
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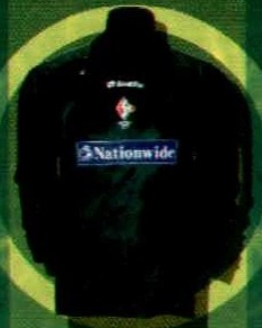
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THE FA Y



Pictured above:
The Town youngsters train in the snowy conditions

Pictured below:
The teams emerge from the tunnel at Watford



SWINDON TOWN'S Under 18s went a step further than their senior counterparts in their own FA Cup run, but were ultimately undone – but not upstaged – during a tough night's workout at Watford.

THE CUP TRAIL

THE 2010/11 FA Youth Cup campaign began for Paul Bodin's youngsters with a trip to Nailsworth to face Forest Green Rovers at the first round stage. What looked a relatively simple workout on paper proved to be a testing encounter, with the Robins requiring almost every minute of extra-time to squeeze past their Gloucestershire hosts as goals from Connor Waldron and Seb Broomfield secured a 2-1 victory.

The draw for the second round paired Swindon with a home tie against Coventry Sphinx, who had already seen off Kidderminster Harriers, Redditch United, Eccleshall, Mickleover Sports and Hereford United. However, Bodin's side made light work of their visitors with a six-goal salvo courtesy of goals from Josh Parsons (2), Miles Storey (2), Seb Broomfield and Ben Whitehead. The dream of an away glamour tie in round three was on.

TO THE HORNET'S NEST

TOWN'S reward for successfully navigating rounds one and two was not the dream date at Chelsea or Manchester United, but an away trip to Vicarage Road to face Watford, one of the country's most respected sides at youth level. The Hornets boast an impressive Academy set-up – with England duo David James and Ashley Young both graduates from the Watford youth production line.

The build-up to the Watford game was far from ideal for the Swindon squad who went into the evening having not played a competitive fixture since Saturday 13th November. Adverse

weather conditions had also hampered training preparations with training held at Greendown School on an icy AstroTurf surface in the days before the U18s' date in Hertfordshire.

GAME TIME

SWINDON were able to name a strong side for the match, with in-form striker Miles Storey partnering former Plymouth Argyle striker Seb Broomfield in the frontline.

The Robins went a goal down from the penalty spot with 20-minutes on the clock. Leigh Bedwell was adjudged to have brought down Britt Assombalonga inside the box with the spot-kick awarded. Sean Murray stepped up and slammed home the penalty to leave Swindon a goal down midway through the first half.

However, the Robins were not unnerved and continued to play some attractive football but came up against a goalkeeper in good form and full of confidence, with home keeper Chez Bond having recently collected international honours for Wales at youth level.

Town were dealt another blow when Matt Clark was forced off with a head injury and the subsequent switch saw Harry Grant move in from the left hand side of midfield to a central role, with Ben Whitehead coming off the bench for a 70-minute opportunity to impress.

Further injuries before half-time were sustained by Grant and Broomfield – but Bodin's young charges were able to resume in the second period after treatment during the interval.

In the second half Swindon created some excellent chances but were once again frustrated by Bond, with Josh Parsons and Whitehead going close.

The hosts closed the game out with

YOUTH CUP



20-minutes remaining Watford captain Adam Thompson headed home a free-kick to put his side safely into the hat for round four.

Swindon Town Under 18s: Leigh Bedwell; James Richards, Tom Ryan, Dan Evans (Captain), Chris Sim (Chapman '72); Josh Parsons (Stevens '75), Matt Clark (Whitehead '19), Abdul Said, Harry Grant; Seb Broomfield, Miles Storey

Substitutes not used: Connor Waldron, Luke Murdon

POST-MATCH REACTION

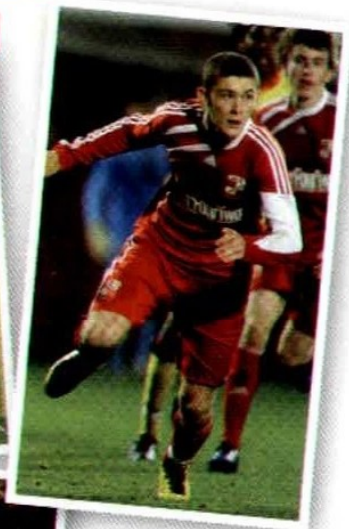
DESPITE seeing his side knocked out of the FA Youth Cup, Under 18's manager Paul Bodin was pleased with what he thought was a determined performance from the Robins.

"We were a little fragmented at times with the injuries we had," Bodin said. "Matty Clark went off with a bang to the head and we had a few other knocks at the end of the first half.

"In the second half we rolled our sleeves up and got things back together. We made some chances and forced their keeper into some good saves. The lads did well and maybe could have had a goal to show for their efforts."

Bodin also believes the evening will benefit his side in the long-term as those second year players look to impress with the potential of a first team contract in the offing.

"The players will have learnt a lot from a totally new experience. Coming to Vicarage Road will have been good for them and coming up here on the first team bus is all part of giving them a taste for it."



Pictured top left:
Defensive duties

Pictured top right:
Chris Sim in action

Pictured left:
Matt Clark is carried from the field



Pictured right:
Chris Sim slides in

Pictured below:
Somalian midfielder Abdul Said tries to get a handle on the game as Chris Sim (right) looks on in

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The latest news with Clive Maguire...

HOLIDAY COURSE SUCCESS

SWINDON Town Football in the Community Trust would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

The last Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust funweek of 2010 took place last week.



There was coaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic College. On Tuesday our very own Shane Hewlett took charge of an all-girls coaching programme over at St. Joseph's using the fantastic facilities on offer there. All the children were also treated to a Q&A session with midfielder David Prutton on Tuesday morning – so a big thank you to David for some superb answers!

Looking back, it has been a fantastic twelve months for Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust. Lots of children, many of them attending courses for the first time, have gone away with that special Swindon Town experience. The children have not only had the opportunity of being coached but they have also made new friends and some of their heroes who don the famous red and white of STFC every Saturday afternoon!

If you have not yet attended one of our courses then the first course of 2011

will take place in February. For further details please call the Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust on **01793 421303** or visit our website at **www.stfc-fitc.co.uk**

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FOR all of you out there with youngsters aged three or four years old, boys or girls, who show a keen interest in football we are launching our new centres from early January 2011.

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allowing the children to develop and learn in a safe yet fun environment.

If you would like to find out more about this exciting development then please contact Luke Sharps in the Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust office on **01793 421303**.

DISABILITY PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 10th December saw the final session of 2010 for our Adults at the Croft Centre.



The attendees, who come along from Upham Road, One Step Ahead and Abacus House, were very proud to receive their medals for all their hard work throughout 2010. These sessions really highlight the importance of the Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust engaging people who may not be given the chance to participate in their favourite sport.

Many of the participants are avid supporters of Swindon Town and regularly attend games at The County Ground.

ZAMBIA RACE NIGHT APPEAL

EVERYONE at Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust would like to say a sincere thank you to everybody who attended our fantastic race night on Friday 10th December in the Legend's Lounge.

Clive Maguire, Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust manager, said: "We had 180 people at the event and it was a brilliant evening. I would like to say a special thank you to all of our race sponsors who contributed to us making over £2,500 on the night."

"This was a significant achievement and added to the money we raised at the same event in July, we have almost reached our target of enabling members of the Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust team to visit Zambia at some stage in 2011."

The Swindon Town Football in the Community Trust team would also like to say a massive thank you to former Town defender Phil King who hosted the night with his sharp wit and questionable jokes!



Where are they now?

IAN WOAN

Despite only making 25 appearances for Town during Season 2000/2001, **IAN WOAN** made quite an impression at The County Ground, his languid, elegant midfield style helping Andy King's side to avoid relegation from Division Two on the last day of the campaign.

WITH the club in dire straits off the pitch, and staring fourth tier football in the face on it, Ian Woan's decision to turn down a move to Reading in favour of a stint at The County Ground in October 2000 may have taken some by surprise.

However, seven months later and the midfielder was celebrating with the SN1 faithful after Danny Invincible's last minute volley had secured a 2-1 stoppage time win over Peterborough United, securing Town's status in Division Two in the process.

And while a Division Two relegation battle is probably not one of the most stand-out memories of what was long and impressive playing career for Woan, he still looks back fondly at his time at The County Ground.

He said: "Obviously it wasn't an ideal situation at the club on and off the pitch when I came in, but I'll always remember my time here.

"There were a lot of good people here and I had a great time, and that last day (against Peterborough) with Danny's goal will always stick in my mind."

As Woan alludes to, Town's financial issues often took precedent over performances on the pitch, with numerous potential suitors making and breaking promises to save the club on a regular basis as fans grew increasingly concerned about whether there would even be a club to support in their town.

This was an atmosphere of which Woan

has vividly unpleasant memories, but is also one with which he compares Town's current stability off the pitch – something the former Nottingham Forest man is delighted to see at a club that he admits is still close to his heart.

"The club had just come out of administration and were being threatened with it again, and you didn't know whether you were getting paid week in, week out," he recalls of his time spent at The County Ground.

"But everything seems to be back on an even keel again now, which is in stark contrast to when I was there as a player because it was very hit and miss.

"It's always a massive privilege to come back here. I had some great times here and it's a great club.

"That's all been sorted now and it's a great club to come back to. There were a lot of friendly faces when I was there and there still are so I wish the club the best."

Just over ten years after his County Ground stint began, Woan is now in his fourth season at Championship side Portsmouth, where he is employed as first team coach working under manager Steve Cotterill.

Despite having been put through a similar amount of financial turmoil during his time at Fratton Park as during his time at The County Ground, the 42-year-old is confident his side have now turned a corner both on and off the pitch, as they attempt to return to the Premier League at the first time of asking.



■ Ian Woan pictured making one of his 25





"Everything seems to be back on an even keel again now, which is in stark contrast to when I was there as a player."

appearances in a Town shirt



"I've been down at Portsmouth for four years now, it's been a bit of a rollercoaster but I'd like to think we've put a lot of those problems behind us now," he said.

"Our problems have been well publicised and it has been a struggle to be honest.

"But we've got ourselves a steady squad now who are really helping us, and if we can keep them fit then I think we'll be making our way up the table."

Leaving his connection with the club aside, Woan has another reason to keep an eye out for Town's progress this season, with Pompey winger Matt Ritchie having made an impact at The County Ground during his loan spell.

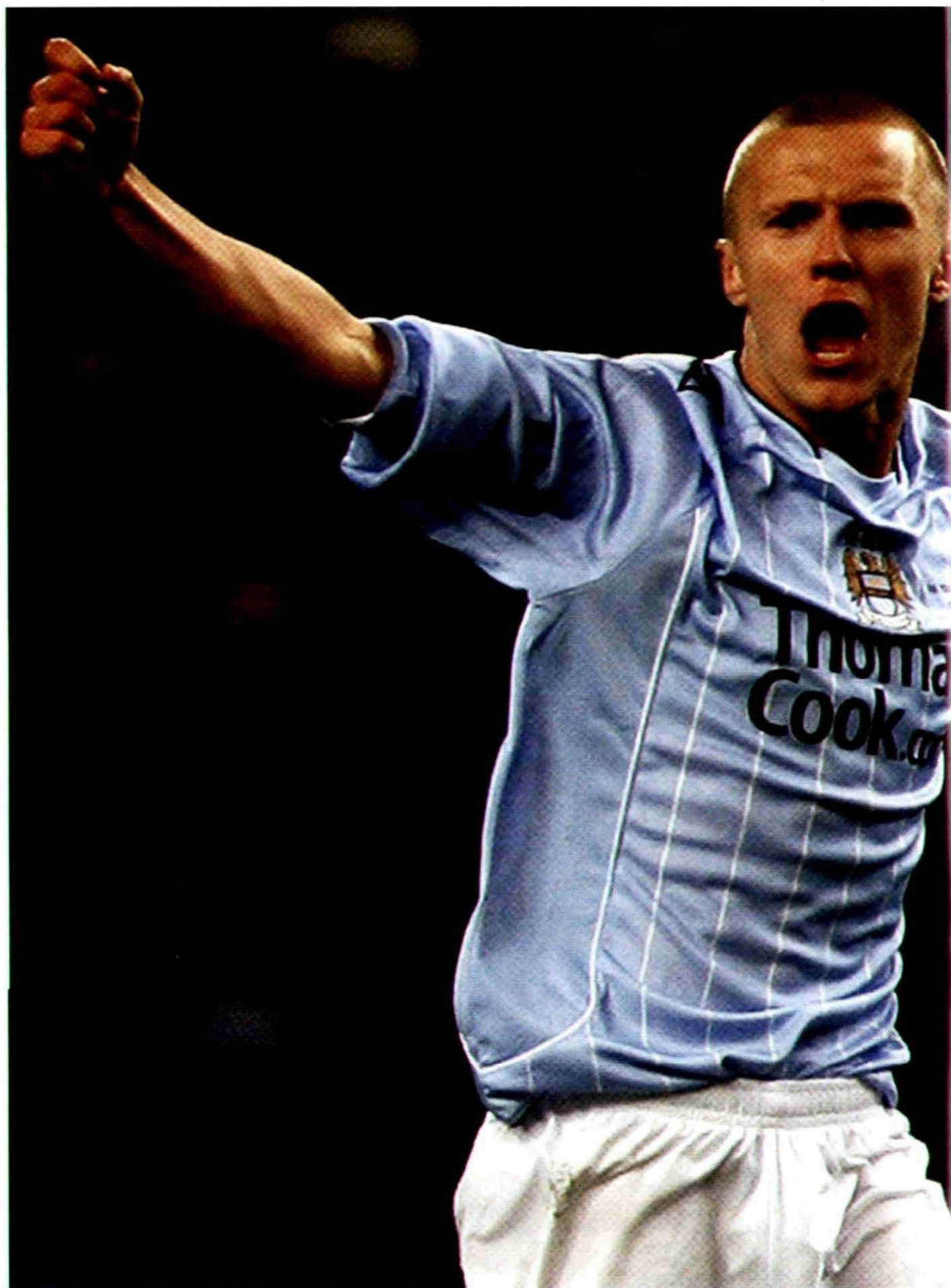
And Woan is delighted that what he sees as a mutually beneficial agreement between the clubs continuing to bear fruit.

"Matt is a really talented kid. He's a livewire and lightens up the place with his energy," he enthused.

"He's got a great left peg and he sparks training every day and Swindon are benefiting greatly from having him here.

"Unfortunately we can't offer the first team games at the moment but having come to such a fantastic football club as Swindon, he can learn a lot.

"He's got a lot of games under his belt already and it's doing him a world of good which is brilliant!"





Making his

MARK

DAVID BALL'S six-month loan spell at The County Ground is close to coming to an end, and having made some impressive contributions to Town's season so far, the Manchester City striker is determined to leave his stamp on SN1 by the time January comes. →

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FOR the striker, who celebrated his 21st birthday exactly a fortnight ago, the past six months have proved a hugely formative time in his fledgling career, with The County Ground being the first place he has made temporary home since signing on at his home town club at the age of 12.

And Ball is grateful for the opportunity he was offered by Town, as he reflects on a stay which has seen him score three times in 19 appearances thus far, including a brace in the unforgettable 5-4 defeat to today's opponents Peterborough United back in October.

He said: "I've really enjoyed it, and it's been a great all-round experience for me on and off the pitch.

"I would have liked to have played a bit more than I have, but I think when I have had the opportunity I've done ok and scored a few goals so I'm happy with what I've done so far.

"Obviously I got a couple of them in that game at Peterborough which was crazy! It was a bit like the reserve game we had here against Torquay a while ago.

"It was a great feeling to get those goals, but it was just gutting we lost that day."

"With it being my first loan move it was a lot to take in – moving three hours away from home and into a different environment."

The youngster, who has enjoyed great success with City's youth team throughout his teenage years, admits the prospect of making his first move away from Eastlands was somewhat daunting when in its early stages.

"With it being my first loan move it was a lot to take in – moving three hours away from home and into a different environment," he said.

"It was a new league and a new place for me to be so it took me a couple of months to get myself going.

"I'm quite a family person too so it was difficult to move away from them, but my girlfriend came down with me and we settled in nicely after a while.

"And like I said, I think once I found my feet in the area and in the team, I've done pretty well for the team down here."

Ball added that one of the most difficult aspects of his acclimatisation to his new surroundings was the new style of football with which he was confronted, as the physical and mental pressures of League 1 swiftly replaced the less intense nature of reserve and youth team football to which he had previously adapted.

"I'd say it's a lot more physical than the

■ DAVID BALL:

Premiership to be honest with you," admitted the striker.

"You don't get as much time on the ball as you do in the Premiership or in youth and reserve games, so it was really different for me.

"You're playing for points on a Saturday, and the games really matter to everyone involved, which is a totally different environment to what I've been used to.

"But you have to adapt to all these things, and I think I've done that pretty well and have learned so much as a result."

The youngster, who counts the likes of Emmanuel Adebayor, Carlos Tevez and Roque Santa Cruz as teammates at Eastlands, went on to lavish praise on Town talisman Charlie Austin, claiming to have gained a lot from playing alongside a striker whose roots in the game could not be in starker contrast to Ball's.

"Charlie is a quality player. He's had a completely different upbringing to me but he's adapted brilliantly to the game," he said.

"He's come in and shown how good he is, and I see it in training every day.

"It is unbelievable. He is one of the best finishers I've seen, and even though we're the same age I think I've learned a lot from him as well."

Despite looking back on what has been an enjoyable time at SN1, Ball was keen to stress the fact he still has four games left to stamp his mark on The County Ground, should his loan deal not be extended – a possibility he has not yet ruled out.

"I'm determined to really make an impact in the last few weeks here, and it's a really important time for the team," he said.

"Hopefully I can get a place in the side, get a few goals and then just go from there – whether that is here or somewhere else.

"Nothing's been sorted out with City as yet, but there are a few options there so we'll just have to wait and see."

And with today's clash against Peterborough United signalling the start of a crucial and busy period of games for his adopted club, Ball is confident that Town can put together a run of results and start to haul themselves towards the top end of the League 1 table – a place where he believes they belong.

"Obviously Christmas is a really important time in the season, we showed what we can do against Sheffield Wednesday the other week, so there's no reason why we can't push on from that," he said.

"There is no reason why we can't be challenging at the top of the table.

"The next few games are games that we should definitely be taking points from, and it only takes a few wins to get you right back up there so that's what we've got to aim for."



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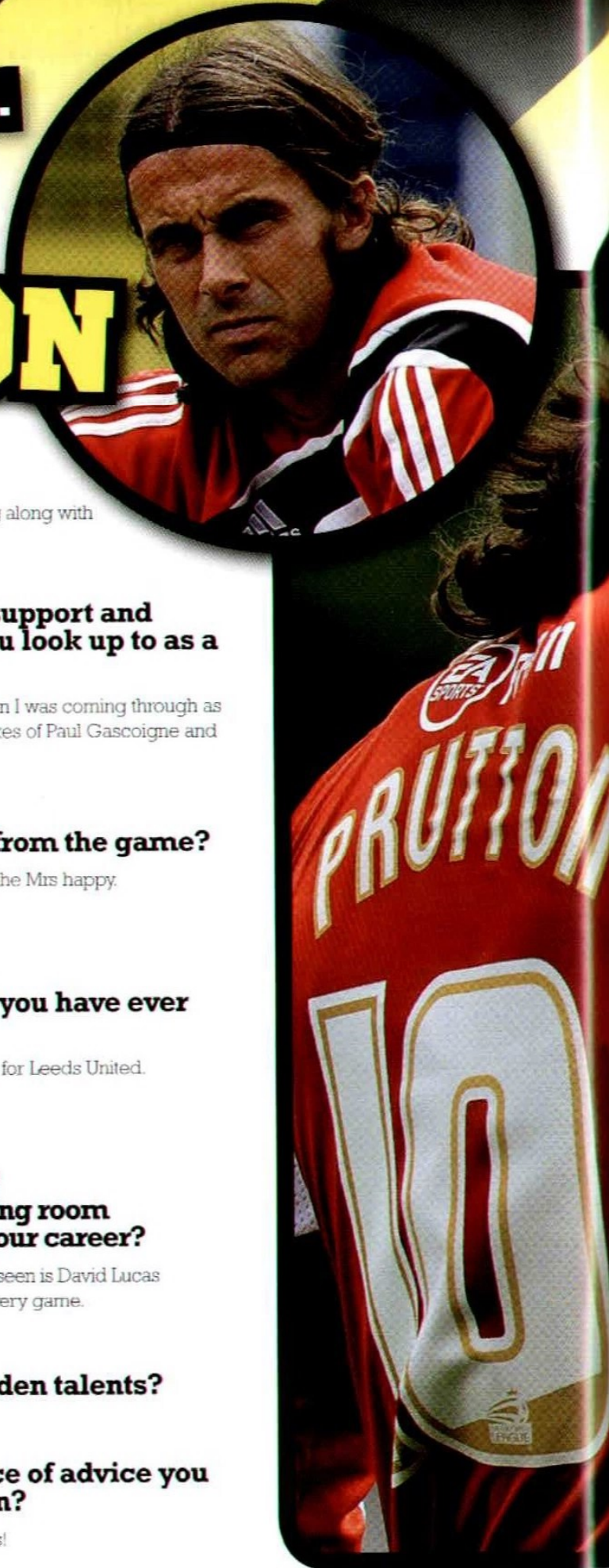
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How would you sum up your time with Swindon so far?

It has been enjoyable, frustrating and promising along with some fun and frolics.



Which team do you support and which players did you look up to as a junior player?

I don't really support a team. When I was coming through as a youngster I used to follow the likes of Paul Gascoigne and Roy Keane.

How do you spend time away from the game?

Mostly entertaining my daughter and keeping the Mrs happy.



What's the best goal you have ever scored?

A 20-yard effort against Millwall for Leeds United.

Do you have any superstitions? And what's the strangest dressing room superstition you have seen in your career?

I don't have any myself, but the strangest I have seen is David Lucas applying oil to various parts of his body before every game.



Do you have any hidden talents?

I can juggle with ten balls!

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Never trust a bird in white jeans!

What's the best game you have ever played in?

In one of my first seasons at Southampton we beat Liverpool 2-0. I scored one early on and I set up the other for Peter Crouch in front of a packed house at St. Mary's.



What was life like coming up through the youth team ranks?

It was enjoyable. I started my career with Nottingham Forest as a kid and came up through their youth system. I played about 150 games for them before joining Southampton in 2003.

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

It's shared between me and my good lady. I do a super salad which puts years on your life!

Which player would you nominate for...

Soccer Saturday

'Timms' because he's a know it all.

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'Sheens' has long arms which would probably serve him well in the jungle.

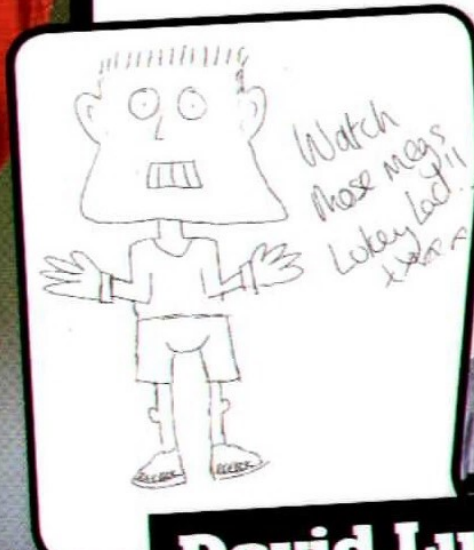
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WORDS:
CHRIS DUNLAVY

WHEN young Thomas Ince crashed in a spectacular winner for Notts County earlier this month, the comparisons to his illustrious dad Paul were already being made.

AT 18, the Liverpool academy graduate has still got time to scale those heights, but let's hope he doesn't get weighed down by expectation. For some sons of famous fathers (ie: Jordi Cruyff), you are always onto a loser. But others have shown that you can make a decent fist of it. Here are two who succeeded – and one who didn't.

BRIAN CLOUGH & NIGEL CLOUGH

Ol' Big 'Ead may have made his name as a manager, but he was no slouch as a player either. With 197 goals in 213 appearances for Middlesbrough, followed by an equally impressive tally of 54 in 61 for Sunderland, Brian was one of the most feared strikers around during the late fifties and early sixties, with a shot widely hailed as the best in the business. He also got two caps for

England before a knee injury ended his career at the age of 27.

Nigel began his career under his dad at Forest in 1984, and, in nine years at the City Ground, he hit 131 goals in 403 appearances, won plaudits for his intelligent forward play and won 14 caps for England. He then moved to Liverpool and Man City before retiring aged 32.

Although not as prolific as Brian, Nigel shades it due to the fact that all his goals came in the top flight, whereas Clough snr spent his whole career in Division Two.

WINNER: Nigel

FRANK LAMPARD SENIOR & FRANK LAMPARD JUNIOR

Difficult to compare, but the lad must take it. Frank senior spent 18 years at West Ham but was a solid rather than

spectacular left-back. Frank junior, meanwhile, has been one of the finest midfielders in the country for almost a decade, regularly scoring 20 goals a season and bagging nearly as many assists. Chelsea have missed him hugely this season, which proves just how important he is to their side. And Frank senior can't boast a clutch of League titles either.

WINNER: Frank junior

MIKE SUMMERBEE & NICKY SUMMERBEE

Part of the great Man City team of the late sixties and early seventies, winger Mike Summerbee formed a potent and flamboyant attacking trio with Colin Bell and Franny Lee. In ten years at City, he racked up 47 goals in

357 games, played eight times for England and won the Division One title, the Cup Winners Cup and the FA Cup.

He also became a Man City legend, which was to overshadow the career of son Nicky, who had a successful spell with Swindon Town before he joined City in the 1994.

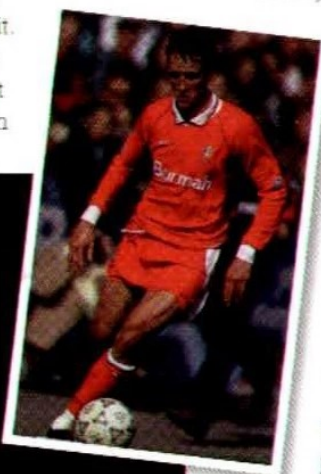
Relegated with City in 1997, Nicky's languid playing style often made him the target of terrace boos,

even after a £1m move to Sunderland in 1997. A well-publicised liaison with TV presenter Melanie Sykes put paid to his stay on Wearside and a tumble down the divisions followed. He was last seen playing for Non-League Tamworth in 2006

WINNER: Mike



■ Thomas Ince, son of Paul, pictured in action for Notts County



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Sat Sept 11	Cheltenham T. YAC	H	2-1 W
Sat Sept 18	Oxford United YAC	A	0-1 L
Sat Sept 25	Bournemouth YAC	H	2-3 L
Sat Oct 2	Hereford United YAC	A	2-1 W
Sat Oct 9	Yeovil Town	H	2-3 L
Sat Oct 16	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	4-1 W
Sat Oct 23	Swansea City	A	2-3 L
Mon Nov 1	Forest Green Rovers FAYC1	A	2-1 W
Sat Nov 6	Plymouth Argyle	A	5-0 W
Sat Nov 13	Torquay United	H	4-0 W
Tue Nov 16	Coventry Sphinx FAYC2	H	6-1 W
Thur Dec 9	Watford FAYC3	A	2-0 L
Sat Jan 8	Exeter City	H	
Sat Jan 15	Torquay United	A	
Sat Jan 22	Hereford United	H	
Sat Jan 29	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Sat Feb 5	Oxford United	H	
Sat Feb 12	Exeter City	A	
Sat Feb 26	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Mar 5	Hereford United	A	
Sat Mar 26	Cheltenham Town	A	
Sat Apr 9	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A	
Sat Apr 30	Swansea City	H	
TBC	Oxford United	A	P-P
TBC	Bristol Rovers	A	P-P

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Tue Aug 17	Plymouth Argyle	H	4-0 W
Tue Sep 7	Swansea City	A	1-1 D
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Tue Sep 21	Torquay United	A	0-2 L
Tue Oct 26	A.F.C. Bournemouth	H	0-2 L
Tue Dec 14	Torquay United	H	5-5 D
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
Mon Feb 21	Forest Green Rovers	A	7pm

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2010/11 UNDER 18s APPEARANCES

	2010/11 SEASON			CARDS	
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Jake Bateman	0(1)	0	0	-	-
Leigh Bedwell	7	7	0	-	1
Seb Broomfield	7	5	9	-	-
Joe Chapman	5(2)	4(3)	0	-	-
Matt Clark	6	7	0	-	1
Dan Evans	7	7	1	-	1
Alex Ferguson	0(1)	0(2)	0	-	-
Harry Grant	7	7	2	-	3
Luke Murdon	0(3)	0(1)	0	-	-
Josh Parsons	7	6	6	1	-
James Richards	6	6	3	-	1
Tom Ryan	7	7	0	-	-
Abdul Said	7	7	0	-	2
Christopher Sim	2(1)	3(2)	0	-	-
Eddie Stevens	1(4)	1(3)	0	-	-
Miles Storey	5(2)	4	9	1	-
Connor Waldron	0	0(5)	1	-	-
Ben Whitehead	2(4)	4(3)	1	-	1

RESERVES 2010/11 LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Torquay United	7	5	2	0	10	17
Bournemouth	5	4	1	0	8	13
Swindon Town	6	2	2	2	1	8
Exeter City	6	2	0	4	-7	6
Swansea City	5	1	2	2	-3	5
Plymouth Argyle	5	1	0	4	-5	3
Forest Green	4	0	1	3	-4	1

UNDER 18s 2010/11 LEAGUE TABLE

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Swindon Town	7	5	0	2	19	7	+12	15
Swansea City	7	4	2	1	17	12	+5	14
Exeter City	6	4	1	1	20	9	+11	13
Plymouth Argyle	6	3	2	1	13	10	+3	11
Oxford United	9	3	2	4	12	16	-4	11
Yeovil Town	9	3	1	5	12	18	-6	10
Bristol Rovers	4	3	0	1	10	8	+2	9
Cheltenham Town	7	2	1	4	15	16	-1	7
Bournemouth	8	2	1	5	13	22	-9	7
Torquay United	6	2	0	4	6	10	-4	6
Hereford United	7	1	2	4	4	13	-9	5





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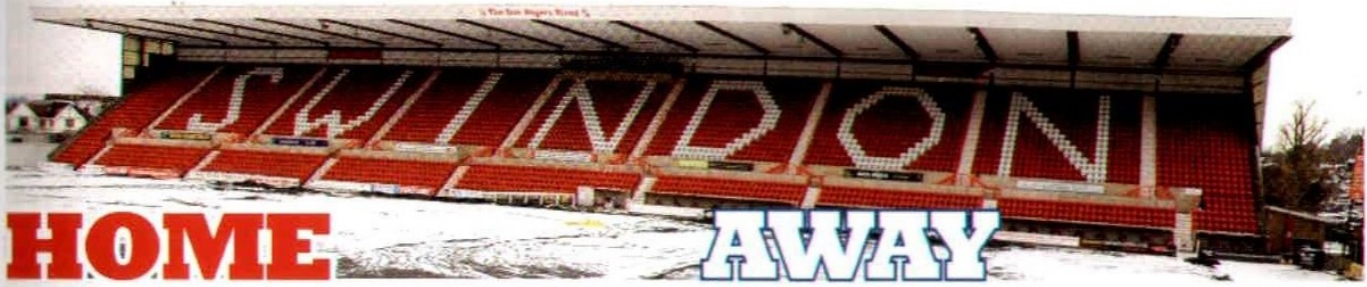
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Saturday 22nd January

Bristol Rovers (A), KO 3pm,
npower League 1



	Price	
Adult	£18.50	On sale to Season Ticket holder only from Mon 20th Dec. Club Red Members from Mon 27th Dec. General Sale from Mon 3rd Jan.
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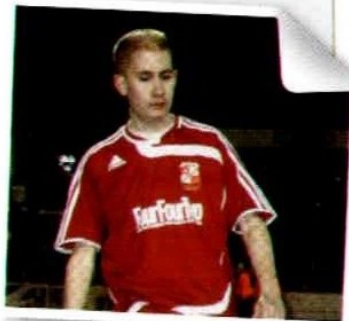
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FAN FILES

Matthew Fairs



SWINDON Town players, staff and officials were saddened to hear of the passing of Matthew Fairs recently. His mother, Angela, emailed the club with this tribute:

"Matty was 20-years old and he loved Swindon Town Football Club. He had been a mascot at The County Ground three times and his favourite Town player was Charlie Austin. His other hobbies were snooker and darts, he also enjoyed helping friends do discos."

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and the club would like to offer condolences to Matthew's family and friends.

Peter Coles

A message from Oliver Coles: "My Grandad, Peter Coles, would have been 85 on Saturday 18th December and it would be great to mention him in the programme as he was a big Town fan."

Birthday wishes

There were two birthdays in the Town camp recently with Phil Smith celebrating his 31st birthday on Tuesday 14th December. The 'keeper, who is the longest-serving player at The County Ground, even had a birthday cake presented to him at the club's annual awards evening. Manchester City loanee David Ball turned 21 on the same day.

SEND US YOUR SNAPS



1. Paul Darlaston is seen here proudly holding his new born son, **Harry**, who was born on 24th November and Mum, Dad and little Harry are doing very well.

2. Happy Birthday to Martin Blackmore (for 14th Dec) and **Neil Crawford** (for 21st Dec), pictured at Wembley in May still smiling after the match! They are both Season Ticket holders in The Don Rogers Stand. With love from Jaqui and Deb.

3. Tom Arnold is pictured here during his year long stint working at Scott Base, Antarctica for the New Zealand expedition. Tom has recently returned to civilization - welcome back!

4. Club Red Member Alan Jones is seen here proudly displaying his third shirt after collecting it at the 'Meet the Manager' evening with Danny Wilson!

SUPPORTERS CLUB



NEWSLETTER

YOUR next Supporters Club members' newsletter was posted before Christmas. As is customary at this time of the season we will be offering two free competitions with prizes including Duncan Shearer's autobiography and the chance to win one of four mascot packages which may be used by the winners to invite a child (who must be under 14) to be a mascot at a future game. Entries have to be received by the Yeovil game on Saturday 15th January.

CRAWLEY HALF-TIME DRAW

WE are very sorry the draw never took place for this game due to a severe hold up on the A420 ahead of the game delayed arrival of the tickets at the game. As it turned out, the freezing temperatures (and result) made it another reason why it was night all Town fans would prefer to forget.

FA YOUTH CUP

DESPITE their 2-0 loss at Academy status team Watford, in the third round of the competition, the boys gave a good account of themselves and we would like to wish them all good luck for the rest of the season.

IRIS HIGGS

I was very sorry to receive the news that Iris, who is a valued member of our committee, was hospitalised recently.

Iris will be well known to many fans, not only for her unwavering support of the Town home and away, but also for the dazzling display of badges she wears on the front of her Town shirt.

I am sure that every Town supporter will join me in wishing Iris a speedy recovery and with so many games coming up over Christmas, I am sure that she will be striving to get to them, if she possibly can.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FINALLY I hope everyone associated with the Town, either fan, player, member of staff, or official, had a very Happy Christmas. Unless you went to Exeter City on Boxing Day, following all our recent postponements, I hope that the weather relents so that everyone can all look forward to cheering on the Town today for the first time since Christmas.

Roger.

SWINDON TOWN FAN PROFILE

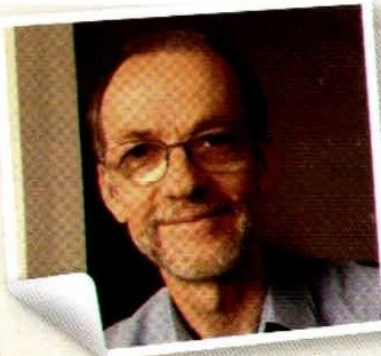
Name: Paul Plowman

Birthplace: Swindon

Where do you sit for Town games? At the back of The Arkell's Stand.

Who is your favourite current Town player? I don't have a favourite - they are a good bunch of lads!

Tell us about your favourite ever Town match... My first three trips to



Wembley will all live long in the memory for different reasons.

And who is your all-time favourite Town player? Don Rogers and Steve White were both great entertainers and great ambassadors for the club.

The best thing about supporting Swindon is... seeing my hometown team in live action every week - at the 'proper' kick-off time!

£'s For Points

Andy Whitaker	£3.00
Mike McQueen	£3.00
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Maurice Heritage	£1.50
Robert Stephenson	£1.50
Simon Bayliss	£1.50
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	£1.00
Chris & Maureen Kirkland	£1.00
David Toddington	£1.00
Honor Fraser	£1.00
Iris Higgs	£1.00
Jerry Walsh	£1.00
Wendy & Jim Murray	£1.00
Ken & Pam Anderson	£1.00
Kim Young	£1.00
Lloyd & Fiona Russell	£1.00
Mike Dew	£1.00
Miss Joan Griffiths	£1.00
Olive & Michael Spearman	£1.00
Paul Bartlett	£1.00
Paul Spearman	£1.00
Rod & Hilda Sheppard	£1.00
Rose & Mike Jones	£1.00
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Anonymous	£0.50
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Ken Bunce	£0.50
L J & C A Cannings	£0.50
Mrs Shirley May Hollister	£0.50
Pete Toddington	£0.50
Ian Pert	£0.50

TOTAL:

£1032.50

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Support your club and add your name to this list, call Mavis Knight on 01235 868755

HALF-TIME DRAW

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

D Davies of Eldene 1080 £390
M Tanner of Chippenham 991 £40

2010/11 SEASON SO FAR:

DATE	OPPOSITION	KO	ATT	VIS	POS	REFEREE						
SAT AUG 7	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	H 1-2 L	10,392	1,497	16	D Whitestone	Smith	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Jean-Francois	Ross	
TUE AUG 10	LEYTON ORIENT CC1	H 1-2 L	4,299	203	X	D McDermid	Smith	Caddis	Cuthbert	Jean-Francois	Ross (3)	
Sat Aug 14	Hartlepool United	A 2-2 D	2,893	256	18	C Boyeson	Lucas	Caddis	Cuthbert	Jean-Francois	Ross	
SAT AUG 21	BRENTFORD	H 1-1 D	8,132	668	18	S Rushton	Lucas	Caddis	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross (1)	
Sat Aug 28	Milton Keynes Dons	A 1-2 L	7,866	1,133	20	K Evans	Lucas	Caddis	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
Tue Aug 31	Southampton JPT1	A 3-0 W	8,333	499	✓	D Shelldrake	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Kerr (3)	
Sat Sep 4	Carlisle United	A 0-0 D	5,689	264	23	N Miller	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Kerr (4)	
SAT SEP 11	SOUTHAMPTON	H 1-0 W	11,087	2,189	15	A Penn	Smith	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Kerr (5)	
Sat Sep 18	Walsall	A 2-1 W	4,580	853	13	P Tierney	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Sheehan	
SAT SEP 25	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H 1-0 W	8,652	733	12	S Tanner	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Sheehan	
TUE SEP 28	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H 2-3 L	9,346	1,151	13	O Langford	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Sheehan	
Sat Oct 2	Dagenham & Redbridge	A 1-2 L	2,767	1,026	16	B Malone	Lucas	Amankwaah (2)	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
TUE OCT 5	TORQUAY UNITED JPT 2	H 2-0 W	3,625	191	✓	F Graham	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert (1)	Morrison	Ross	
MON OCT 11	BRISTOL ROVERS	H 2-1 W	9,065	870	14	A Taylor	Lucas	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
Sat Oct 16	Peterborough United	A 4-5 L	7,077	494	16	J Waugh	Lucas (2)	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
SAT OCT 23	LEYTON ORIENT	H 2-2 D	8,384	375	15	T Kettle	Lucas	Amankwaah (2)	Cuthbert	Morrison	Sheehan	
Sat Oct 30	Yeovil Town	A 3-3 D	4,671	1,156	16	M Russell	Lucas	Farrington	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
TUE NOV 2	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H 0-3 L	7,939	431	17	R Booth	Smith	Thompson	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
Sat Nov 6	Plymouth Argyle FA Cup 1	A 4-0 W	5,226	501	✓	D Shelldrake	Smith	Jean-Francois (3)	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
TUE NOV 9	BRENTFORD JPT 3	H 1-1 D ^{10pm}	3,469	189	X	J Moss	Smith	Jean-Francois	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
SAT NOV 13	COLCHESTER UNITED	H 2-1 W	7,679	282	13	R Lewis	Smith	Jean-Francois	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
Sat Nov 20	Rochdale	A 3-3 D	2,866	399	15	M Brown	Smith	Jean-Francois	Cuthbert (3)	Morrison	Ross	
Tue Nov 23	Notts County	A 0-1 L	4,644	365	20	C Pawson	Smith	Jean-Francois (2)	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
Fri Nov 26	Crawley Town FA Cup 2	A 1-1 D	3,895	724	-	R Shoebridge	Smith	Caddis	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
SAT DEC 4	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	H 2-1 W	9,123	1,300	14	M Russell	Smith (1)	Caddis	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
TUE DEC 7	CRAWLEY TOWN FAC2 (replay)	H 2-3 L	2,955	277	X	P Crossley	Smith	Amankwaah	Cuthbert	Morrison	Ross	
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										
Mon Jan 3	Charlton Athletic	A 5:05pm										
Sat Jan 8	Oldham Athletic	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 1:00pm										
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										
TBC	Leyton Orient	A TBC										
TBC	TRANMERE ROVERS	H TBC										



■ SWINDON TOWN 2 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1

04/12/10 - npower League 1

Jon-Paul McGovern signals to the crowd after scoring his fourth goal of the season, which proved to be the winner against his former club.

LAST TIME OUT:



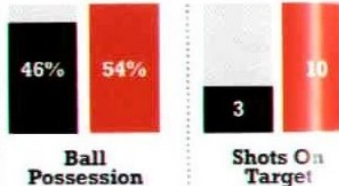
Swindon Town 2 Crawley Town 3 (FAC2R)

Date: Tuesday 7th December 2010

Venue: The County Ground

Attendance: 2,955

Referee: P Crossley



nPOWER LEAGUE 1

							SUBS USED
							Pericard (1), O'Brien (2), Ferry (3)
							Dossevi (1), Amankwaah (2), Ferry (3)
							Dossevi (1), Pericard (2)
							Kennedy (1), Ball (2), Pericard (3)
							Pericard (1), Amankwaah (2), Ball (3)
							Evans (1), O'Brien (2)
							Sheehan (1), Ball (2), O'Brien (3)
							Dossevi (1), Jean Francois (2), Ball (3)
							Ball (1)
							O'Brien (1)
							Rose (1), O'Brien (2), Ferry (3)
							McGovern (1), O'Brien (2), Bodin (3)
							Thompson (1), O'Brien (2)
							Pruton (1), O'Brien (2)
							Austin (1), Smith (2), Pruton (3)
							Rose (1), O'Brien (2), Dossevi (3)
							McGovern (1), O'Brien (2), Pericard (3)
							Dossevi (1), O'Brien (2), Ball (3)
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							Dossevi (1), Sheehan (2), Ferry (3)
							Lucas (1), Ball (2), Dossevi (3)
							Timlin (1), Shochan (2), Dossevi (3)

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
Brighton	19	10	6	3	31	15	36	+16
Sheff Wed	21	10	3	8	34	21	33	+13
Huddersfield	19	10	2	7	31	21	32	+10
Charlton	19	9	5	5	31	25	32	+6
Bournemouth	19	8	6	5	36	21	30	+15
Colchester	19	7	9	3	25	23	30	+2
Oldham	18	7	8	3	27	21	29	+6
Peterborough	19	9	2	8	38	40	29	-2
Exeter	20	8	5	7	32	34	29	2
Southampton	19	8	4	7	26	18	28	+8
Brentford	19	8	4	7	23	21	28	+2
Carlisle	19	7	6	6	26	20	27	+6
Hartlepool	18	7	5	6	21	24	26	-3
MK Dons	19	8	2	9	25	32	26	-7
Plymouth	19	7	4	8	25	29	25	-4
Leyton Orient	19	6	6	7	27	26	24	+1
Swindon	19	6	6	7	30	33	24	-3
Rochdale	19	5	7	7	27	26	22	+1
Notts Co	18	7	1	10	23	28	22	-5
Tranmere	19	6	4	9	20	28	22	-8
Bristol R	19	5	7	7	23	34	22	-11
Dag & Red	19	4	6	9	21	32	18	-11
Walsall	19	5	2	12	18	32	17	-14
Yeovil	19	4	4	11	20	36	16	-16

Last updated: 19.12.10

APPEARANCES	2010/11 SEASON			CARDS	
	LGE	CUP	GLS	R	Y
1 Lucas	12(1)	2	0	-	-
2 Cuthbert	19	7	1	-	2
3 Rose	13(2)	6	3	-	1
4 Douglas	16	4	0	1	4
5 Frampton	1	0	0	-	1
6 Caddis	11(2)	2(2)	0	-	-
7 McGovern	14(4)	7	4	-	-
8 Ferry	8(2)	2(2)	0	-	-
9 Pericard	10(5)	6	6	-	-
10 Pruton	14(2)	5	2	2	2
11 Timlin	4	4(1)	1	-	-
12 Smith	7(1)	5	0	-	1
14 Morrison	17	6	4	-	2
15 Amankwaah	10(1)	3(1)	0	-	-
16 Ball	6(6)	2(1)	3	-	-
17 Kennedy	2(1)	1	0	-	-
18 O'Brien	3(9)	1(4)	0	-	-
19 Jean-Francois	5(1)	3	0	-	1
20 Dossevi	10(5)	(4)	3	-	2
21 Sheehan	4(2)	(2)	1	1	-
22 Ritchie	9	5	2	-	1
23 Thompson	1	(1)	0	-	-
26 Jasionkowski	0	0	0	-	-
28 Scott	0	0	0	-	-
31 Bodin	0(1)	0	0	-	-
32 Austin	13(1)	6	14	-	4
34 Evans	0	(1)	0	-	-

2010/11 Cup Competitions:



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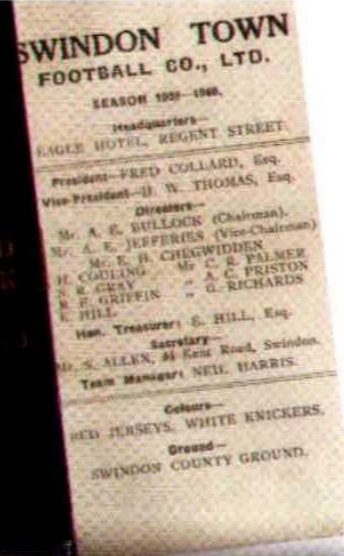
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Then...

THIS Season Ticket, for the 1939/40 season, was never issued. War was declared after just three games of the season had been played and the Football League programme was suspended. A regional league for South-West clubs was organised and commenced in October 1939. But the original Football League fixtures for the truncated 1939/40 season were used again for 1946/47.

This 'Ladies' ticket would have cost two guineas – around £2.10 whilst the 'Gents' equivalent being £3! Cheaper tickets could be purchased for the side stands and terracing at £1 10s (£1 50p).

The minimum price of admission on a matchday was one shilling (5p) and just 6d (2.5p) for 'Boys'!



First Eleven Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	Gr'd	FOR	A/G
Jan. 6	Brighton	home		
13	Watford	home		
20	Exeter City (E.C.)	away		
27	Port Vale (E.C.)	home		
Feb. 3	Bristol City	away		
10	Southend	home		
17	Bristol R. (E.C.)	away		
24	Manfield Town	home		
Mar. 2	Torquay United	away		
9	C. Palace (E.C.)	home		
16	Reading	away		
23	Bournemouth	away		
30	Walsall	home		
Apr. 6	Walsingham	home		
13	Ipswich (E.C.)	away		
20	Weymouth	home		
27	Q.F. Rangers	home		

Second Eleven Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	Gr'd	FOR	A/G
Aug. 26	Bath City	home		
31	Bath City	away		
Sept. 6	Aldershot	away		
13	Norwich City	home		
20	Guildford City	home		
27	Cardiff City	away		
Oct. 4	Exeter City	away		
11	Cardiff City	home		
18	Plymouth Argyle	home		
25	Gillingham	home		
Nov. 1	Gillingham	away		
8	Aldershot	away		
15	Dartford	away		
22	Hertford U.	away		
29	Bristol Rovers	away		
Dec. 6	Barry	away		
13	Torquay United	away		
20	Sewport County	home		
27	Worcester City	away		
Jan. 3	Worcester City	home		
10	Arsenal	away		
17	Swansea City	home		

Second Eleven Fixtures

DATE	OPPONENTS	Gr'd	FOR	A/G
Dec. 23	Chesham Town	away		
30	Yeovil & Petters U.	home		
Jan. 6	Yeovil & Petters U.	away		
13	Aldershot	home		
20	Cheshamford	away		
27	Gillingham	away		
Feb. 3	Exeter City	home		
10	Exeter City	away		
17	Plymouth Argyle	away		
24	Colchester Town	home		
Mar. 2	Colchester Town	away		

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- 2 Scott Cuthbert
- 3 Michael Rose
- 4 Jonathan Douglas
- 5 Andy Frampton
- 6 Paul Caddis
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- 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 Leccinel Jean-Francois
- 20 Thomas Dossevi
- 21 Alan Sheehan
- 22 Matt Ritchie
- 23 Nathan Thompson
- 26 Jakub Jesionkowski
- 28 Mark Scott
- 31 Billy Bodin
- 32 Charlie Austin
- 34 Will Evans

manager:

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- 1 Joe Lewis
- 2 Mark Little
- 4 Kelvin Langmead
- 5 Gabriel Zakuani
- 6 Charlie Lee
- 7 James Wesolowski
- 8 Lee Frecklington
- 9 Aaron Mclean
- 10 George Boyd
- 11 Grant McCann
- 12 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 13 James McKeown
- 14 Tommy Rowe
- 15 David Hibbert
- 16 Ryan Bennett
- 17 Carl Piergianni
- 18 Chris Whelpdale
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- 20 Nathan Koranteng
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Away:



03.01.11, KO 5.05pm
Charlton Athletic vs
Swindon Town

Reserves:



11.01.11, KO 2pm (Home)
Swindon Town vs
Forest Green Rovers

Next Event:



03.01.11, Doors open 4.30pm
Charlton Ath. vs Swindon Town
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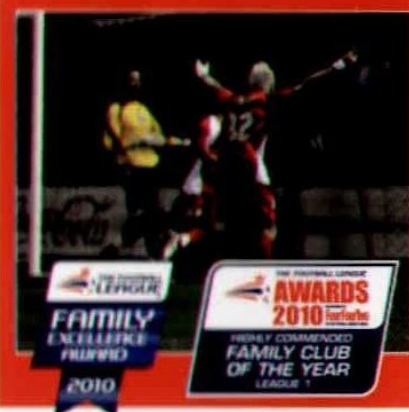
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Swindon Town 2

Smith 10, Cox 91

Peterborough United 2

McGovern 30, Ball 90



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Referee: R East Assistants: R Ellis, C I Powell 4th Official: N Radford