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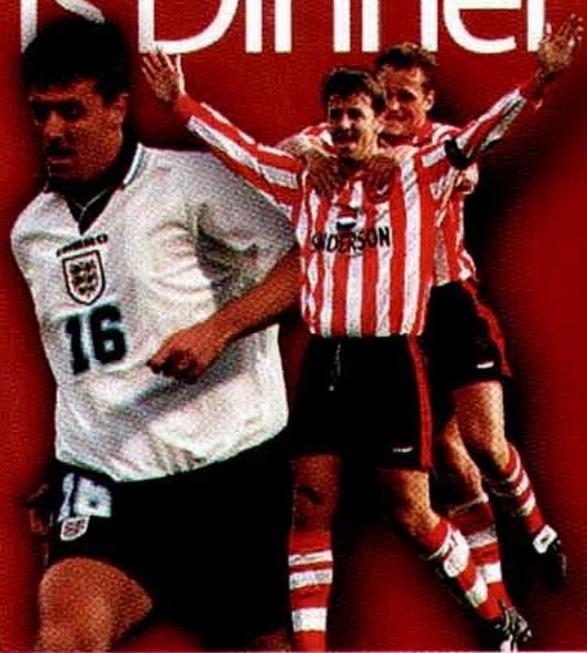
# Sportsman's Dinner

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## Thursday 6th October 2011 CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

Enjoy a night of entertainment with Cheltenham Town FC at the club's latest Sportsman's Dinner.

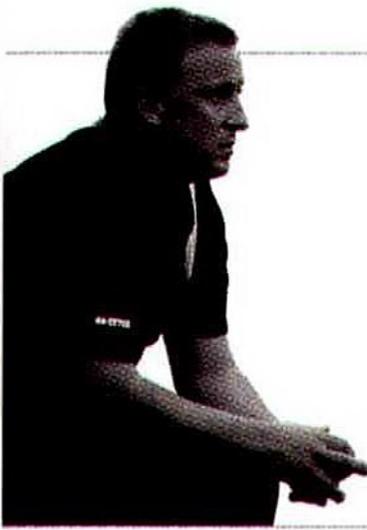
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# Mark Yates

...The Gaffer

## **ROBINS MANAGER MARK YATES LOOKS AHEAD TO TODAY'S HOME CONTEST WITH SWINDON TOWN.**

**Good afternoon, today I'd like to welcome Paolo Di Canio and his Swindon team here to the Abbey Business Stadium. Buoyed by a win last Saturday, they will be confident and backed by a big away support.**

Results haven't been what we would have wanted but there have been many encouraging things in our two performances. We played a very good side in MK Dons on Tuesday and not many teams in our league will play the way they did. That said, we handled them well for 45 minutes.

To concede the goals in the manner in which we did was disappointing, but the players didn't lose heart and went on to continue playing and creating chances until the final whistle. We will continue to work hard in training to improve all aspects of our game.

It's important that we improve our home form from last season.

I'm sure we'll be able to do that. We have some experienced good defenders, some bite in the middle of the park and some attacking players that will excite people. We have to believe in ourselves as a team and put it all together.

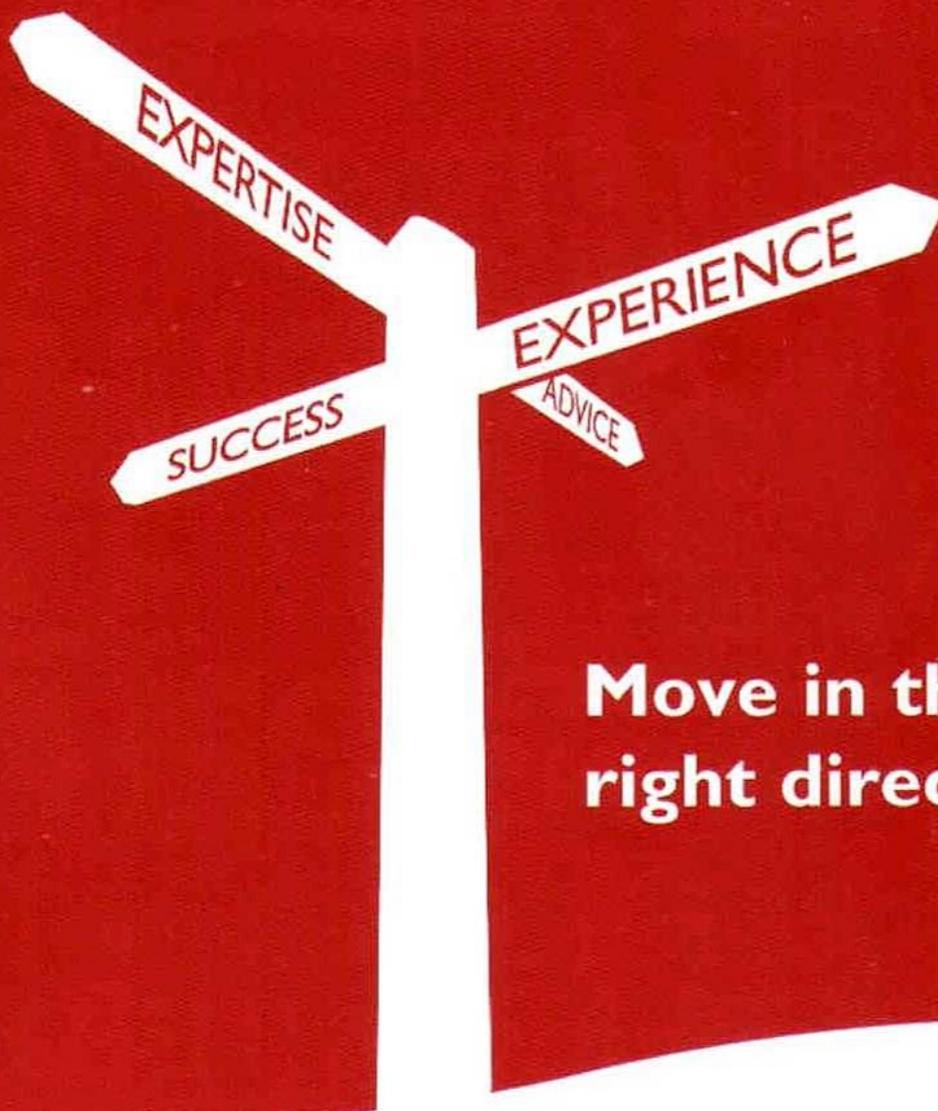
The new rule of only having five subs is getting a lot of attention in the media. From my point of view it makes the decision making of who is on the bench a little more difficult. But from what I understand it is a financial decision - which I know is a

concern for most clubs at our level.

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**Mark**





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# Paul Baker

...From the boardroom

## CHAIRMAN PAUL BAKER LOOKS AHEAD TO TODAY'S BIG CLASH WITH SWINDON TOWN FC

I am writing these notes from a wonderful villa on the Greek island of Kefalonia where I am spending a few days relaxing before the start of another campaign with Cheltenham Town in Football League 2.

This promises to be one of the toughest campaigns ever given the quality of teams in the division and the reputed size of some of the wage budgets which will be more than double ours. I would estimate at least 10 teams will have a wage budget in excess of £2m which is quite staggering particularly given the fragile state of the economy, the general state of English Football and the 26% reduction in TV revenues at the start of the 2012-13 season.

We will not be chasing a dream, we tried that once before and it very nearly ended in tears and debts we are still repaying, we have learnt our lesson and I have learnt mine, in football you must not let the heart rule the head and that is a tough lesson to learn because ultimately we are in it because we are passionate about it. We have however been able to increase the playing budget with some carefully considered savings elsewhere and we will be reporting a profit for the season just gone.

I am genuinely excited by the squad Mark has put together and talking to fans they are too. We must not

get carried away either by defeats to Stourbridge and Newport, good wins against Walsall and Bath City and a good performance against Bristol City. But we do have the best choice of attacking options that we have had for sometime and we do have some genuinely talented young players who have every chance of making it both in Football League 2 and higher.

We also have some very talented youngsters who have recently embarked upon careers with the club for salaries which believe me should be higher to reflect their talent, commitment and contribution; they are Tony Symonds and James Brown.

Tony is an absolute star and in my view could earn considerably more elsewhere - but he has a passion for the club and loves his job, how many people can honestly say that? He has made huge progress since joining the club, learning from others within the club like Associate Director Simon Masding and from seeing what other clubs do to. In the last month or so he has produced the new corporate brochure which is excellent, managed the highly successful 'Open Day', taken on the conferencing side of the commercial department and written some excellent copy in conjunction with our new partnership with the Gloucestershire Echo. He has a great career ahead of him and we will struggle to keep him but we will try, because passion and love are fantastic ingredients to possess.

James Brown is of course the editor of our highly regarded matchday programme, a truly very good read improving in content and quality season after season. This season he has taken

on a new role with Paul Godfrey (who incidentally would also command a very high transfer fee if he was a player!). Between them they have persuaded the club to invest in some new technology and equipment to bring matchday commentary and video interviews to our web site. This is a bold move but they were able to persuade the Board that the investment would bring in more revenue and be well received by fans, they were right!

Supporters in the In2Print will benefit this season from the new TV's that have been installed thanks to Steve Smith and the 500 Club. If possible we would love to extend this facility to other parts of the ground. I am also confident that our ground catering offer will be better this season, both in terms of variety, choice and service, please give Hancox Catering a chance and lets have constructive feedback, it is not easy trying to serving so many people in such a short time frame.

Today sees the return to the Abbey Business Stadium of our near neighbours Swindon Town, they are very welcome. As a West Ham fan too, I shall be interested to follow the progress of Paolo Di Canio, an inspired choice if a little controversial, but lets face it football needs characters and he is certainly that.

Good luck to Mark and the team, thank you to all our fans none of whom, like me, have a chance of predicting how this season will pan out!

Thanks for your support,

**Paul Baker**  
Chairman.

# Club News



All the latest news from here at the Abbey Business Stadium...

## COACHING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CTFC

Cheltenham Town FC Community Programme are currently looking to employ football and sports coaches for September 2011. We are looking for coaches who hold at least an FA level 1 football qualification, but an FA level 2 or 3 qualification is desirable.

Coaches who apply must be able to provide their own means of transport

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Staff that coach part time receive CTFC kit and will gain valuable experience coaching with a professional football club.

The pay structure is £10/£12/£15 an hour for level 1/2/3 football awards respectively. The nature of the coaching will be after school club coaching, usually around the hours of 3:00-4:30pm across a whole week, with further coaching areas available such as college coaching, evening centres and Disability coaching if desired. There are no fixed hours or

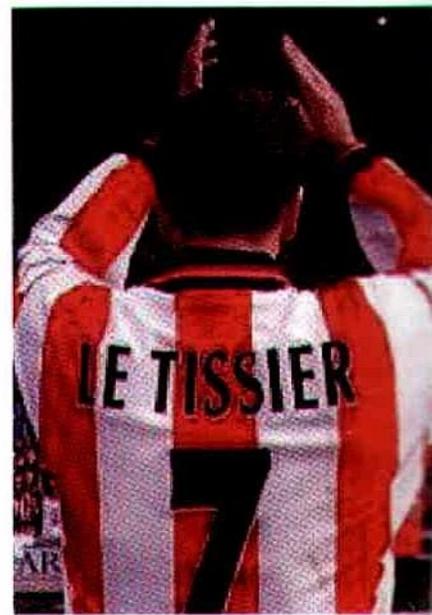
contract periods, so you can work around a current job or education plan.

Please send a copy of your CV along with a covering letter to the Community Programme here at the Football Club.

## CHELTENHAM TOWN FC SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

With Guest Speaker Matt Le Tissier  
Thursday 6th October 2011  
Cheltenham Racecourse

Enjoy a night of entertainment with Cheltenham Town FC as we bring you our latest Sportsman's Dinner. We are delighted to announce that guest speaker on the evening will be England and Southampton legend Matt Le Tissier who will inspire you with fantastic stories from his celebrated career as one of the most loyal men in football.



To compliment the fantastic entertainment on offer, there will be a delicious three course meal and the chance to bid for some exclusive items in the evening's auction.

Tickets and tables are now available. Book early to avoid disappointment.

To find out more and to book your tickets, please contact Leanne Sheath on 01242 588107 or [leanne.sheath@ctfc.com](mailto:leanne.sheath@ctfc.com).

## BUTCHER FAMILY THANKS ROBINS



The football world was rocked earlier this year after the death of Macclesfield midfielder Richard Butchers and Football League clubs united in memory of a fine player

Cheltenham Town were one of the clubs that rallied around Macclesfield and Richard's family by sending a signed Robins shirt to help raise money for the Richard Butcher Memorial Fund. We received this very kind letter from Richard's family not too long ago.

*Dear Cheltenham Town FC,  
We would so like to thank you for the signed shirt you have sent us.  
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Richard died peacefully in his sleep on 10th January 2011 at home in

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## SHARE YOUR VIEWS WITH THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

Do you want to be a member of the Gloucestershire Echo's fans panel?

It's your chance to have your say on the Robins, with pre-match comments printed in Friday's edition followed by marks out of 10 for each player and your say on the chosen fixture which will be included in Monday's double page Cheltenham Town spread.

This is your chance to share your thoughts with other Robins supporters and Gloucestershire Echo readers so get in contact with Echo Football writer Jon Palmer today! If you want to

get involved, email Jon Palmer at [jon.palmer@glosmedia.co.uk](mailto:jon.palmer@glosmedia.co.uk) for further details.

## IN2PRINT STAND TV'S

Cheltenham Town have this season invested in new televisions, situated in the In2Print Stand which the club hopes will improve the match day experience here at the Abbey Business Stadium.

Supporters will now be able to keep track of the day's fixtures and scores whilst enjoying a drink from the bar or snack from the catering units within the In2Print Stand concourse.

The decision to add TV's follows from a recent fans' survey held by the Robins Trust. Over the course of the season, the club are also hoping to introduce live coverage of the match, ensuring supporters won't miss any of the action if vacating their seat during the first or second half.





# CHELTHENHAM TOWN FC MK DONS FC

1 Luke Summerfield

4 Baldock, Ibehre, Lewington, Balanta

The Robins were dumped out of the Carling Cup by a clinical MK Dons side on Tuesday night.

A 4-1 scoreline perhaps flattered the League One side at 90 minutes but their clinical finishing within a 20 minute period was enough to dispose of Cheltenham's League Cup adventure at the first hurdle.

Cheltenham had started the game well after withstanding heavy pressure in the first ten minutes and they took the lead through Luke Summerfield. The midfielder struck from 25 yards and watched as his effort deflected off MacKenzie and crept past Martin in the Dons goal. The Robins were emphatic after that point and had a number of chances to double their lead but it was the league One outfit that would strike a devastating blow right before half time.

Balanta's long range effort couldn't be held by Brown and the poacher Sam Baldock poked in the rebound to pull the Dons level.

The second half started as the first ended - MK Dons on top. The League One side took instant control in the 46th minute after Jabo Ibehre converted Bowditch's cross. MK captain Dean Lewington made it 3-1 after powering a header past Brown following a corner in the 61st and it was 4-1 moments later when the energetic Balanta popped up at the back post to nod in an Ibehre cross.

Cheltenham found their feet once again for twenty minutes in the game but by this time it was too late and the club's League Cup adventure was over for another season.

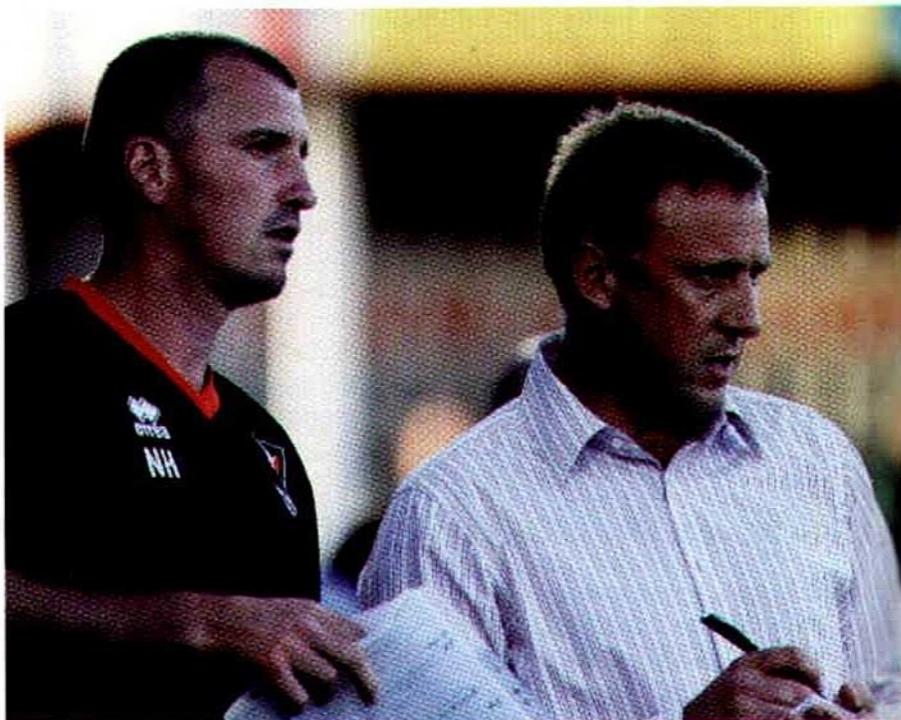
## Teams

### Cheltenham Town FC (4-4-2):

Brown (GK); Lowe, Elliott, Bennett (C), Andrew; Low (Penn 67), Summerfield, Pack, Mohamed; Goulding (Smikle 67), Spencer (Duffy 84) **Subs not used:** Book (GK), Hooman, Jombati, Graham

### MK Dons FC (4-4-2):

Martin (GK); Chicksen, MacKenzie, Williams, Lewington (C); Bowditch, Potter (Chadwick 63), Gleeson, Balanta (O'Shea 67); Ibehre (Powell 67), S. Baldock **Subs not used:** Bragg (GK), G. Baldock, Flanagan



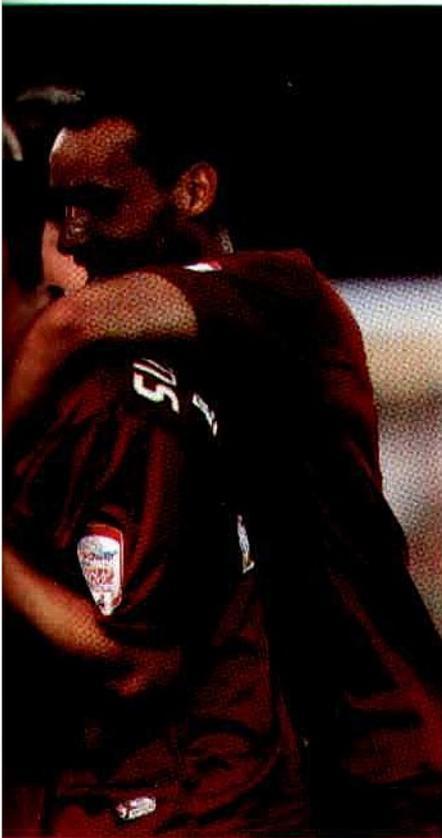
**Date:** Tuesday 9th August 2011 (Carling Cup R1)

**Venue:** Abbey Business Stadium

**Attendance:** 1,625 (183 from Milton Keynes)

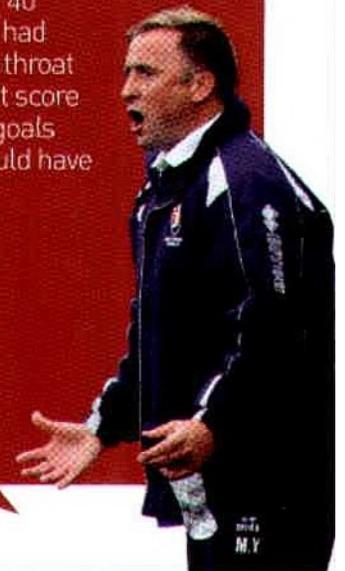
**Referee:** Mr. James Linington

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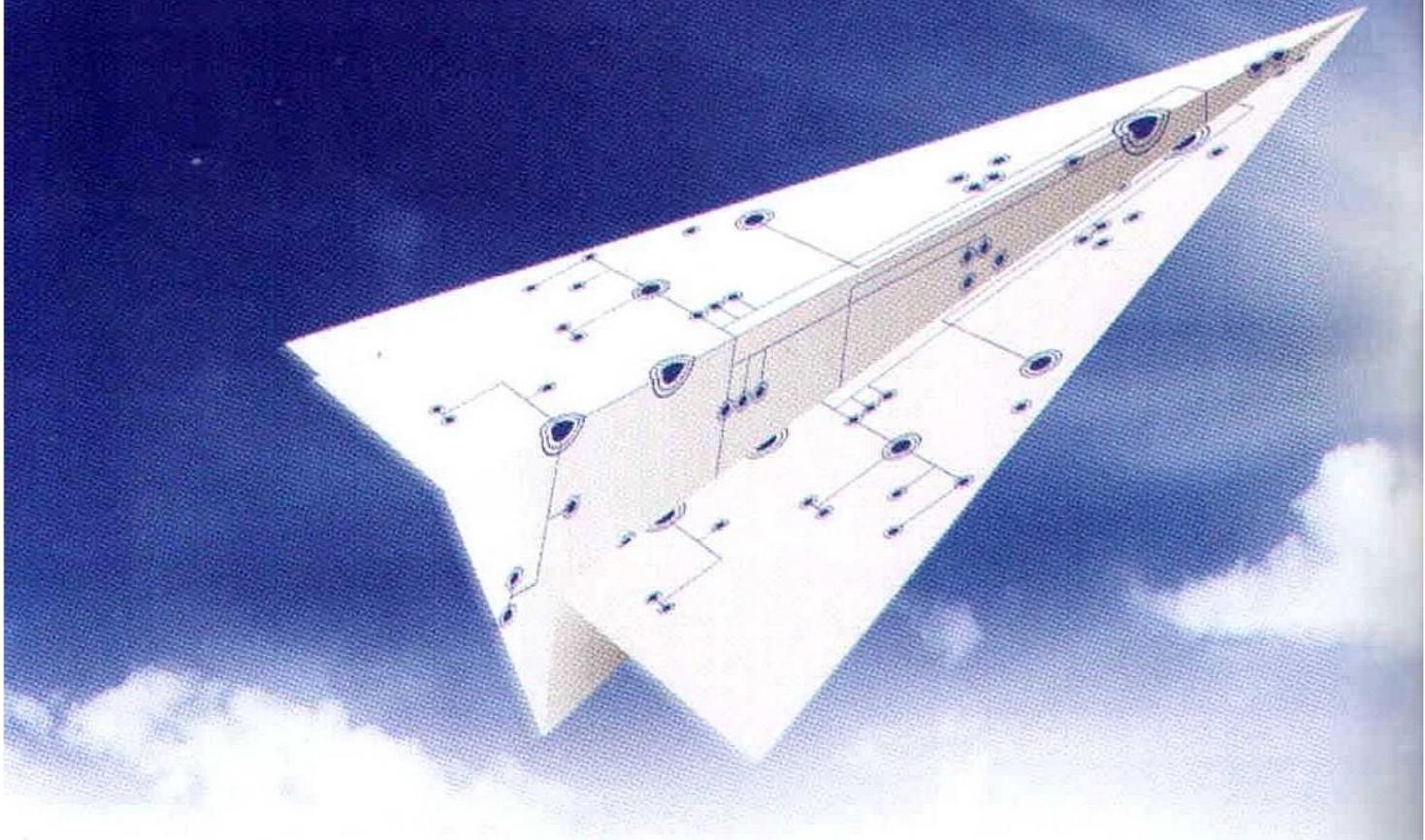


### MANAGER SAID

"The scoreline was a little harsh but that's what happens when you play decent teams sometimes. We coped with a five minute period of pressure and then for 40 minutes we had them by the throat but we didn't score a couple of goals that we should have done."



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Our match ball sponsors are our Stadium Sponsors, Abbey Business Equipment. Neil and his guests are long term supporters of the club and are always a very welcome sponsor here on a match day.

Our programme sponsors today are Blade Motor Group, another new addition to our list of match day sponsors. Blade Group is the county's largest independent motor dealer group. Representing brands such as Volkswagen, Audi, SEAT, Skoda, Honda and Alfa Romeo amongst their car division and Harley-Davidson, Triumph and Honda motorcycles. A

very warm welcome to Jonathan and his guests and we hope you have a great day with us.

A thank you also to our sponsors of the MK Dons game on Tuesday evening, Nick Cockerill and Andy Birkett. Nick and Andy are pictured here pitchside with MK Dons Manager, Karl Robinson and Nick is also pictured here presenting Man of the Match, Jimmy Spencer with his award.



Tickets are now on sale for the Sportman's Dinner on Thursday 6th October, with special guest, Matt Le Tissier. Having been a Junior (and now a bit more senior!!!) Saint, I know this will be a great evening of laughs and entertainment courtesy of Mr Le Tissier so if you would like to come along, please ring or e-mail to book!

### Leanne

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If you are interested in contacting any of our partners or sponsors but you feel that you need more information then please don't hesitate to contact me here in the Commercial Department (01242 588107 or [leanne.sheath@ctfc.com](mailto:leanne.sheath@ctfc.com)).

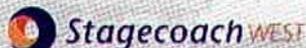
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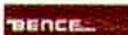
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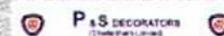
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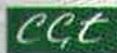
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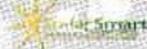
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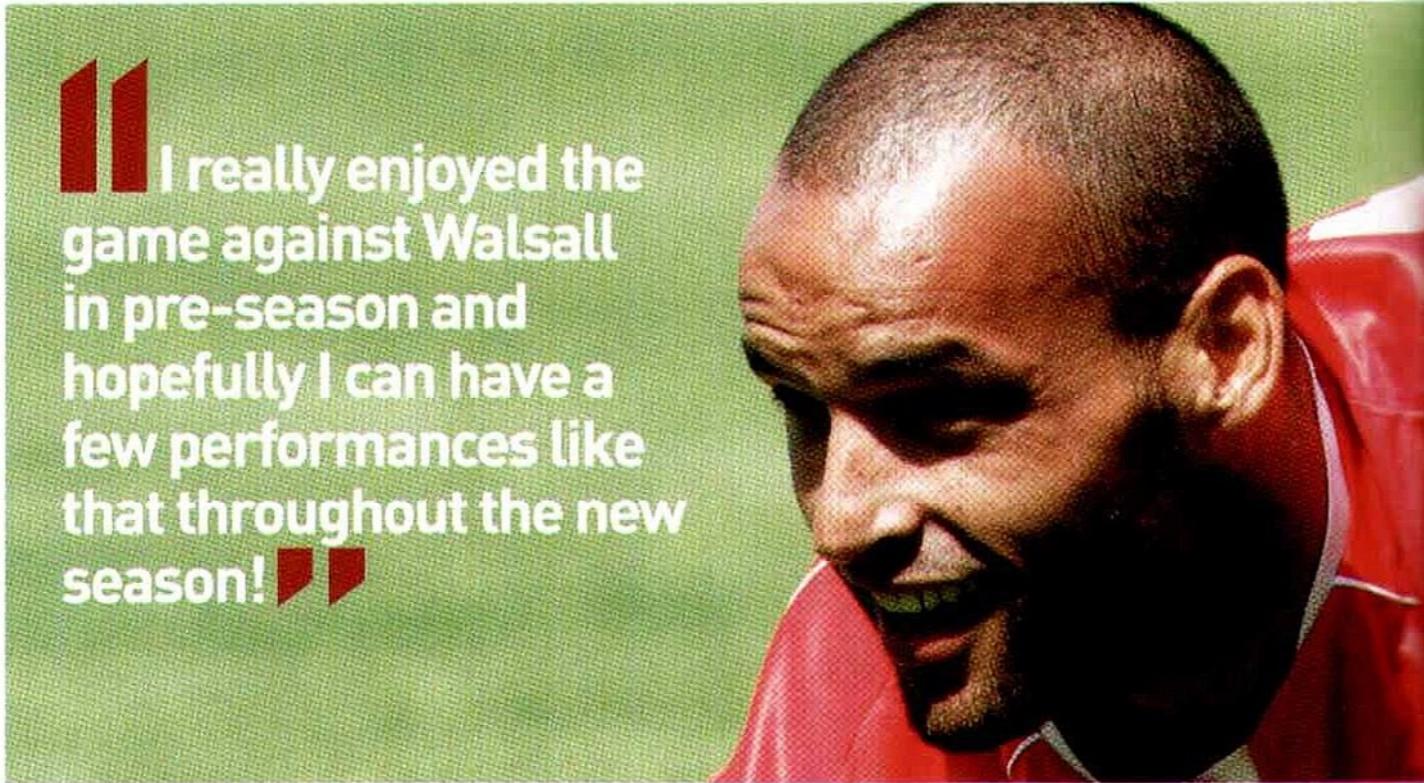
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**I really enjoyed the game against Walsall in pre-season and hopefully I can have a few performances like that throughout the new season!**

## KAID MOHAMED

### NAME:

Kaid Mohamed

### DATE OF BIRTH:

23/07/1984

### NATIONALITY

Welsh

### POSITION:

Winger

### SQUAD

NUMBER: 23

### ROBINS WINGER KAID MOHAMED TALKS TO THE ROBIN AHEAD OF THE CLUB'S FIRST HOME LEAGUE MATCH OF THE SEASON AGAINST SWINDON TOWN

This weekend's clash against Swindon Town FC is the ideal opportunity for new signing Kaid Mohamed to showcase his explosive style against what is a former club.

Mohamed has been very much a talking point amongst supporters after his explosive performance against Walsall in pre-season and another good game against Gillingham last weekend.

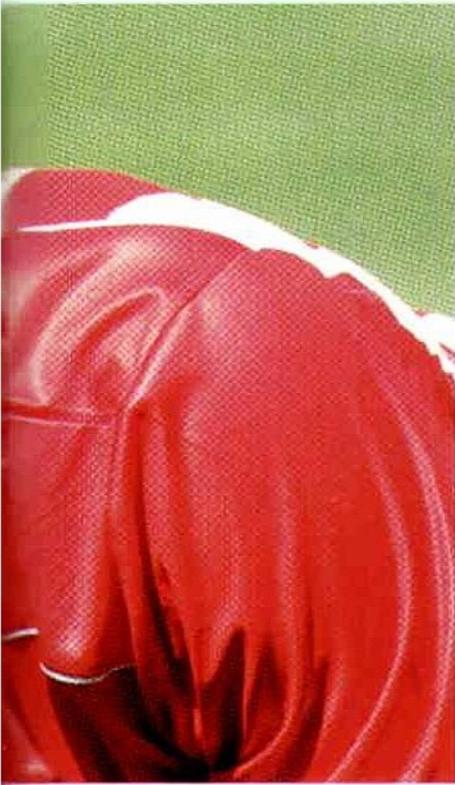
The 27 year-old winger spent the early years of his career with Welsh Premier League clubs such as Cwmbran Town, Llanelli

and Carmarthen before joining Swindon Town back in 2007.

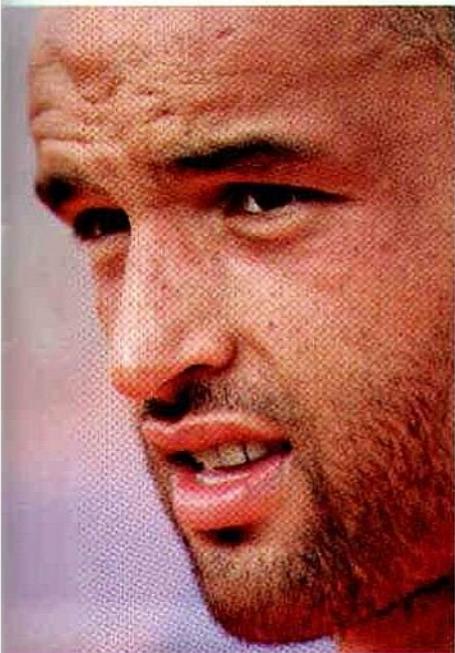
Mohamed moved to Forest Green in 2008 after spending a period on loan with Torquay United and a handful of appearances at Swindon. Another loan switch to Newport County followed before Kaid linked up with Bath City and last season proved to be his most prolific season yet.

Kaid scored the goal that took Bath City into the BlueSquare Premier and, in total, he netted 26 goals in 65 outings for the club. He left Bath to join AFC Wimbledon in March because he had the ambition of playing in the Football League and his impact was well felt with the Dons.

Kaid scored five goals in ten outings for the club including a hat trick in the playoff semi final victory over Fleetwood Town.



Those kinds of performance attracted the interest of Mark Yates and Kaid now has the opportunity to prove himself once again in the Football League. The quick attacker opted to join the Robins ahead of the new campaign and signed a two year contract with the club.



It's been a busy summer of new faces around the corridors of Cheltenham Town Football Club with a pre-season very much focused on fitness and stamina.

Pre-season has been tough but Kaid admitted that he has settled well into life at Cheltenham Town Football Club.

"My time here so far has been pretty intense but we had a good pre-season," he said.

"Everyone is fit and feeling sharp and we're ready for what the season has to offer. We were disappointed to have lost against Gillingham but hopefully we can forget that result, move on and crack on with the rest of the season.

"I've settled in really well to be honest and all the boys have accepted me straight away. I didn't really know many people here to be honest but we're all close now and we just need some good results now.

"I've viewed a few places nearer the club but it's obviously a difficult decision when you're looking for a new place to live. I'm taking my time with that but I hope to move in within the next month."

Cheltenham Town opened their season against Gillingham last weekend at the Priestfield Stadium. A feisty affair saw both teams competing well but eventually saw a 1-0 defeat for the Robins.

It was clear from the start that Gillingham were going to try



and nullify the attacking threat of Cheltenham by flooding the midfield and it seemingly worked as Cheltenham couldn't finish their sixteen goal opportunities throughout the 90 minutes.

When the Robins did break through, it was often at the hands of Mohamed and the former Swindon Town winger believes that it will all fall into place over the next few games.



"I didn't get too much of the ball last weekend and Gillingham did well with their marking," he explained.

"It was a tough game but you're going to get those throughout the season.

"It's a new squad and a lot of us haven't played with each other a lot so it will take time. Hopefully in the next few weeks we can gel together and pick up some

really good results because it's important that we get a good start to the season."

Wingers have always been a talking point here at Cheltenham Town and it was high on Mark Yates' transfer agenda this summer. Kaid comes with a pedigree and it's clear that his pace and direct running will be utilised on the wing for Cheltenham this season.

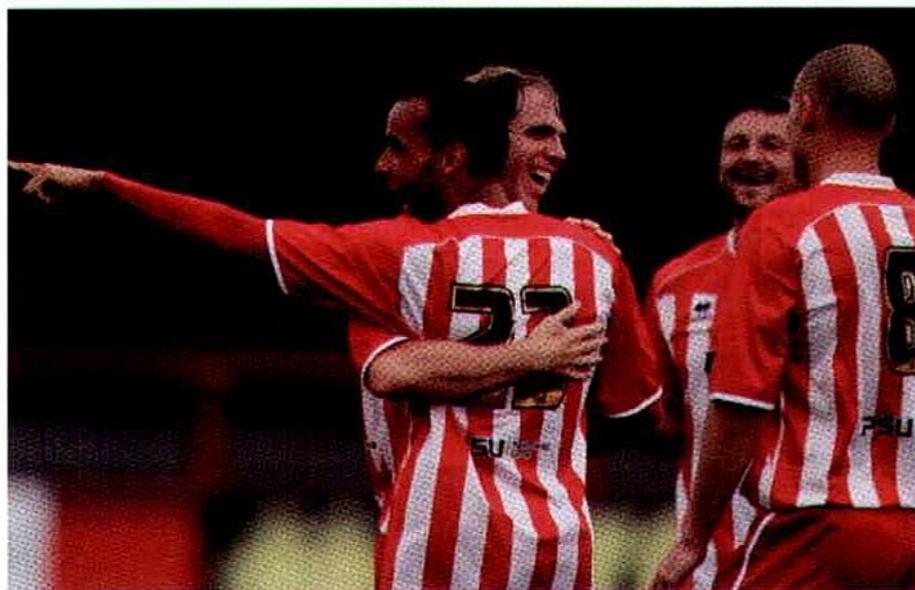
Mo believes his ability on the wing is one of his main strengths but he admitted that he hadn't made any sold targets for this season.

"I think my main strength is wing play and running at people," said Kaid.

"I love getting the ball on the wing and then cutting inside. I really enjoyed the game against Walsall in pre-season and hopefully I can have a few performances like that throughout the new season!

"I don't have specific targets apart from just doing well for Cheltenham Town Football Club. It would be nice to score goals and that is a real bonus but as long as we are winning then I'm happy."

Swindon Town arrive at the Abbey Business Stadium this weekend following their relegation from League One last term. Paolo Di Canio is now the man in charge at the County Ground and, fresh from a 3-0 demolition of Crewe,





they could prove a very real threat to the Robins this afternoon.

Kaid Mohamed is a former Swindon Town player but left the club back in 2008 for Torquay

United. He made 12 appearances for the club during that time and he's looking forward to lining up against his former club this afternoon.

"I'm definitely looking forward to playing Swindon this weekend!

"I was released by them but obviously it's not about me. It's all about Cheltenham for me now and I want to score goals and win games for the club. I am looking forward to the game though because it'll be the first time I have played against them since I left the club.

"I think there are one or two still at the club that I know well such as Callum Kennedy and Phil Smith but the squad has changed a lot since I was there.

"I had a good spell there and I made a lot of good friends. I'm looking forward to the game now, I really am."

Cheltenham Town are a different looking side after a summer of change and the club will be

aiming for a more consistent season after suffering with bad form after Christmas last season.

Mark Yates will be looking for wholesale improvements and has admitted that the club must aim high for the playoffs. Kaid believes the squad is full of more than capable footballers and agrees that the club must aim high to progress once again this season.

"The gaffer said last week that this team is strong and that we should always be looking at the playoffs.

"I think we have a really good squad, our pre-season has been good and everyone is looking really fit. We have plenty of good footballers in this squad and if the target is playoffs then that is what we are going to be aiming for."



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## SHARP SHOOTERS

Player	Team	Lge	Cup	Ttl
Clayton Donaldson	Crewe	28	1	29
Ryan Lowe	Bury	27	1	28
Cody McDonald	Gillingham	25	0	25
Craig Davies	Chesterfield	23	2	25
Adam Le Fondre	Rotherham	23	1	24
Barry Corr	Southend	18	3	21
Marc Richards	Port Vale	16	4	20
Wesley Thomas	Cheltenham	18	1	19
Shaun Harrad	Northampton	16	3	19

## WHERE TO SEE GOALS (By Ground)

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/Mt
B2net Stadium	Chesterfield	23	90	3.91
Edgeley Park	Stockport	23	82	3.57
Fraser Eagle Stadium	Accrington	23	77	3.35
Sixfields Stadium	Northampton	23	73	3.17
Pirelli Stadium	Burton	23	67	2.91
Don Valley Stadium	Rotherham	23	67	2.91
Alexandra Stadium	Crewe	23	67	2.91
Roots Hall	Southend	23	65	2.83
Underhill Stadium	Barnet	23	65	2.83
Adams Park	Wycombe	23	63	2.74
Broadhall Way	Stevenage	23	61	2.65
Moss Rose Ground	Macclesfield	23	61	2.65
Sincil Bank	Lincoln City	23	59	2.57
Gigg Lane	Bury	23	58	2.52
Plainmoor	Torquay	23	58	2.52
Globe Arena	Morecambe	23	57	2.48
Kassam Stadium	Oxford Utd	23	57	2.48
Coral Windows	Bradford	23	57	2.48
Whaddon Rd Ground	Cheltenham	23	56	2.43
Prostar Stadium	Shrewsbury	23	54	2.35
Vale Park	Port Vale	23	54	2.35
KRBS Priestfield	Gillingham	23	53	2.30
Edgar Street	Hereford	23	53	2.30
The EBB Stadium	Aldershot	23	52	2.26

## TEAM LEADERS

Team with the most..  
**shots on target** 267 Rotherham. **shots off target** 297 Morecambe. **corners** 298 Barnet. **hit woodwork** 28 Torquay. **offsides** 153 Barnet. **fouls** 563 Gillingham. **yellow cards** 83 Oxford Utd. **red cards** 9 Stevenage.

## PLAYER POWER

Player with the most..  
**Shots** 163 Craig Davies (Chesterfield). **Shots on target** 79 Craig Davies (Chesterfield). **Shots off target** 84 Craig Davies (Chesterfield). **Assists** 16 Ryan Hall (Southend). **Crosses** 158 Ryan Hall (Southend). **Offsides** 72 Terry Gornell (Accrington S). **Fouls** 93 Matt Harold (Shrewsbury). **Free-kicks won** 141 Anthony Grant (Southend).

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## GOAL COUNTER 1509

**RIGHT FOOT** 942 goals



**LEFT FOOT** 281 goals



**HEADERS** 241 goals



Own goals 34 (2.3%), Other body part 11 (1.1%)

## QUICK-FIRE GOALS

From the start of a match  
 Emile Sinclair (Burton Albion vs Macclesfield) 0:22

By a substitute after coming on  
 Louis Dodds (Port Vale vs Accrington S) 1:48

## DISCIPLINARY



2.9 cards per match      0.2 cards per match

## QUICK-FIRE CARDS

From the start of a match  
 Danny Swales (Gillingham vs Stockport) 0:57

By a substitute after coming on  
 Mauro Vilhete (Port Vale vs Barnet) 1:07

## SUB TOTALS

Subs used ..... 2724

Offsides ..... 2746

Corners ..... 5978

Shots Off Target ..... 5926

## BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Total number of goals you would have missed by leaving every match ten minutes early

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In the npower Football League Two this season there have been 5299 shots on target, goals constitute 28.5% of all shots (doesn't include own goals). The woodwork has come to the rescue of the defending side on 256 occasions (the biggest beneficiaries being Southend 17). There have been 163 penalties awarded this season and of those 117 have been scored (a success rate of 71.8%). Crewe have been awarded most penalties - 12. Morecambe have given most penalties away 11. The team to score the most penalties is Accrington S 11. Crewe missed 5 penalties in the npower Football League Two this season.

## RESULTS

How many times each result has occurred this season - home sides score shown first

0-0	48
0-1	32
0-2	28
0-3	11
0-4	3
0-5	3
0-6	1
1-0	51
1-1	79
1-2	39
1-3	15
1-4	5
1-5	3
2-0	29
2-1	58
2-2	32
2-3	7
2-4	7
2-5	-
3-0	22
3-1	24
3-2	8
3-3	8
3-4	5
3-5	-
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6-4	1
7-0	1
7-2	1
7-4	1
8-1	1

# The Word



The Robin columnist Rowan Farnham-Long welcomes football back after a long summer

## IT'S BACK!

**The lush, green grass complemented by the bright, white lines. The new stadiums, stands and shirts, sparkling in the August sunshine. Eager debutants looking to put down a marker for the season ahead; conversely, long-standing fixtures of the side desperate to maintain their status in the squad.**

Coaches and managers implementing ideas which have occupied their minds over the long summer break, judged early on by their immediate success or failure.

Fans streaming in to take their familiar places, seats or terraces which have been a second home for weeks, years, decades even. The comforting clatter of a plastic seat. Surrounded by the faces and voices that are always there, who love and hate the game they pay to see.

The over-priced snacks of questionable origin, which you convince yourself you're hungry enough to consume, then immediately wonder if it was worth it, both financially and physically. The long or short journey to the ground, full nevertheless with pre-match predictions, ambitious hopes

and pessimistic moans. Trips to towns and cities otherwise thought of as 'undesirable', but home to tales of glory and anguish of years gone by.

Ninety minutes which have been prepared for all week. The light at the end of the five-day working grind. The day which means the most. Patiently waited for, it then rushes by when succumbing to defeat, or hangs interminably whilst in possession of a crucial 1-0 lead; torture either way, until the final whistle sounds.

The full-bodied challenges, the



sweeping passes, the long-range thunderbolt or the last-gasp toe-poke over the line. The pinpoint crosses, the bullet headers, the full-stretch saves and the top corner free-kicks. The tricks, the flicks, the fumbles and the trips. The goal which is talked about for weeks, years, decades even.

The mundane, the controversial and the outrageous. The moments which make you wonder if it's all worthwhile, followed by the moments which make you sure that it all is. The new fans and the old fans, enthralled by the spectacle before them, the ultimate unifier. The chants towards the opposition fans, obvious villains because they were born ten miles down the road.



The ball crossing the line – or not. The introduction of goal-line technology – or not. The officials getting every decision spot on – definitely not. The torn out hair and ripped up tickets – definitely inside when the ball was played, ref. The post-match phone-ins and witch-hunts, commiseration and jubilation over a crackling line from somewhere along the M4.

The superstars and the journeymen, often poles apart but sometimes equal on any given Saturday. The dazzlers and the bruisers, emulated by amateurs across the country on any given Sunday. Red faces in winter, stung by arctic winds which penetrate the replica scarves; red faces in summer, embarrassment or anger as the season slips away into mid-table mediocrity once again. Looking ahead to next season – we'll always have next season – where it will all begin again.

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## Senior Sports Therapist Ian Weston explains how pre-season worked and it's benefits for the new season.

**Good afternoon and welcome to our first home league game of the season. We have now come to the end of a six week pre-season which has been long and very tough for our players physically and mentally.**

Firstly I must give credit to our players who all reported back in very good condition. Our initial tests and screening were very pleasing and positive.

Weeks one and two of pre-season we worked on the players' endurance base so the runs tend to be of a varied speed over a longer distance. We structured pre-season so the players worked in three groups. One group was doing endurance run, one was doing conditioning and injury prevention work and the other group was doing football based endurance drills. The conditioning and injury prevention group will work on core exercises/functional lunges, squats, balancing exercises, flexibility and specific muscle group work.

Weeks three and four we were able to move onto speed endurance work with

and without the ball. Here the runs were more intense but over a short distance.

More emphasis was placed on the football and organisation in weeks five and six. This was alongside speed and agility drills.

I am pleased to say we have added Jason Murphy to our backroom team. Having worked with Jason before, I know that he is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic. He has already been a very valuable asset to our club as fitness coach and match analyst.

We picked up only two minor injuries during pre-season. Steve Elliott picked up a mild knee ligament strain early in the second week and it kept him out of a full training for twelve days. Steve worked extremely hard during this

period and he was able to continue his pre-season work in a different way. For example he worked on a mountain bike, in the swimming pool and had some very intense conditioning sessions.

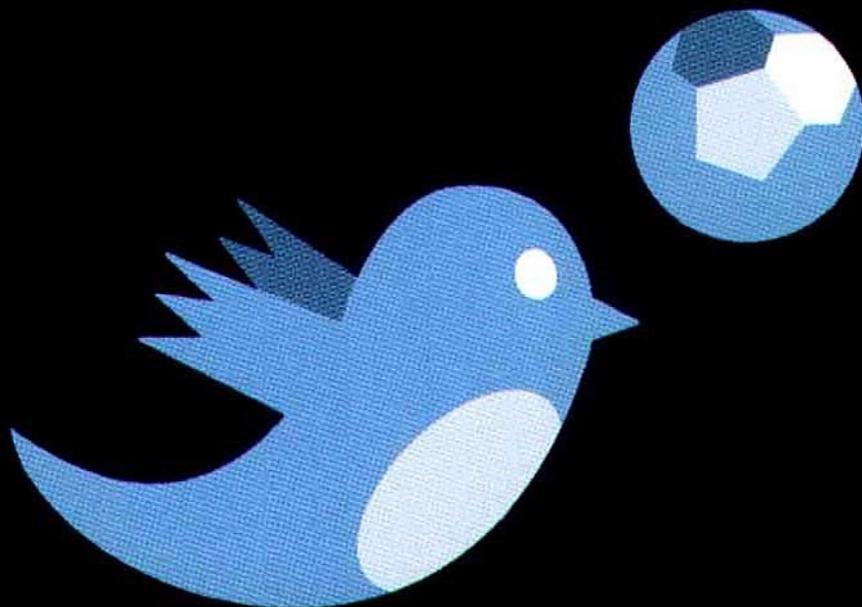
Russell Penn picked up a mild thigh strain early during our game against Stourbridge. Again, Russell was able to continue his work in other areas and was soon back in full training without any problems.

Considering the intensity of pre-season, it is very pleasing to say we have a full squad available for today's game.

Enjoy the game,

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# League Two Round up



We take a look at the biggest news around Football League Two this week.

## CHRIS WILDER BAFFLED BY SUBS RULE



**Oxford United** manager Chris Wilder has slammed the Football League's decision to limit teams down to just five subs.

Seven substitutes were allowed to be named on a matchday last season but the Football League's new ruling means that managers such as Wilder will name just five in the league this season.

Wilder told BBC Radio Oxford: "I think it's a ridiculous decision, I don't get it. The proposal was done without managers being told or asked.

"All players want to be involved and have an opportunity to get on to the pitch.



"It's good for the younger players to get match time on the pitch as well. I just don't get it, it's a non-football decision."

The Football League have stated that the decision was made in light of the financial difficulties some clubs are facing in recent years.

Teams in the Football League are permitted to name seven substitutes in the FA Cup and Carling Cup but only five can be named in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

## HESSENTHALER SORRY FOR PAYNE CHALLENGE



**Gills manager Andy Hessenthaler has admitted his midfielder Stefan Payne should have received his marching orders after lunging in on Brighton's Romain Vincelot.**

Gillingham lost the game 1-0 after Albion's Ashley Barnes converted a 67th minute penalty. Payne was one of seven players booked before lunging in on Vincelot.

Payne's tackle prompted a brief skirmish between both sets of players and Hessenthaler admitted Payne was lucky to have not been sent off.

He told BBC Radio Kent: "I've got to say that's a straight red. That's why I went up to Gus [Poyet] when it happened, he should have gone.

"He was a lucky boy. He lost his head and he can't do that. We can't afford to lose players in games. He'll learn from that."

Gillingham's Luke Rooney was sent off last weekend against the Robins after lunging in on Brian Smikle just outside the Cheltenham Town area.

## RAIMONDI DEAL SACRIFICED



**Swindon's proposed deal for Uruguayan striker Nicolas Raimondi has been sacrificed by manager Paolo Di Canio.**

The Italian manager has instead opted to bring two strikers in on trial for a closer look. Forward Raimondi, 26, had been training at the County Ground last week but Di Canio told BBC Wiltshire: "I won't sign him now.

"He's a player who can join us but I want to be sure about another two situations in the next few days.

"We're going to check on one, maybe two strikers that will come on trial."

Raimondi spent last season at Bulgarian side Lokomotiv Plovdiv and has also played in Cyprus and Bolivia.



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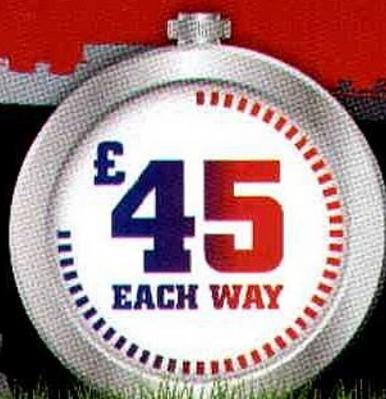
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## MANAGERIAL RECORDS

### Mark Yates

Played 72 Won 19 Drawn 23 Lost 30  
For 85 Against 112  
Av Pts/game 1.11

**Biggest Win(s)** Cheltenham 4 Bradford  
0 (28/12/2010). **Biggest Loss(es)**  
Crewe 8 Cheltenham 1 (02/04/2011).

### Paolo Di Canio

Played 1 Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 0 For 3  
Against 0  
Av Pts/game 3.00

**Biggest Win(s)** Swindon 3 Crewe 0  
(06/08/2011). **Biggest Loss(es)** No  
losses found

## MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...0 Mark Yates .....0 Paolo Di Canio .....0  
Draws ...0 Goals 0 Goals 0

### Player with the most... shots

Wesley  
Thomas 77

### shots on target

Wesley  
Thomas 39

### shots off target

Wesley  
Thomas 38

### assists

Brian  
Smikle 6

### crosses

Danny  
Andrew 88

### fouls

Wesley  
Thomas 55

### free-kicks-won

Marion  
Pack 49



### Player with the most... shots

Charlie  
Austin 61

### shots on target

Matt  
Ritchie 35

### shots off target

Charlie  
Austin 27

### assists

Sean  
Morrison 5

### crosses

Michael  
Rose 48

### fouls

Matt  
Ritchie 46

### free-kicks-won

Matt  
Ritchie 72

## GAMES SINCE

3	a win	0
6	a home win	0
2	an away win	0
0	a defeat	2
0	a home defeat	1
0	an away defeat	1
1	a score draw	7
36	a no score draw	10
0	conceding a goal	2
1	scoring a goal	0
5	conceding > 1	2
3	scoring > 1	0
3	keeping a clean sheet	0
0	failing to score	2
34	back to back wins	0
4	back to back defeats	2
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	2
3	win by > one	0
5	loss by > one	2

## SHARP SHOOTERS

Cheltenham	FL Cup	Tot	Swindon	FL Cup	Tot
Kaid Mohamed	14	0	14	1	15
Jeff Goulding	10	0	10	0	12
James Spencer	8	0	8	7	1
			Matt Ritchie	7	1
				8	

## TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played.....6 Cheltenham wins .....3 Swindon wins .....1  
Draws .....2 Goals 10 (1.7 per game) Goals 6 (1.0 per game)  
0-0's.....0 Times failed to score 1 Times failed to score 3

**Biggest League win at Cheltenham for each team:**

17/09/2002 & 16/08/2008 Cheltenham 2-0 Swindon

No wins for Swindon

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## LEAGUE STATS



17	Position	24
46	Played	46
13	Won	9
13	Drawn	14
20	Lost	23
56	Goals For	50
77	Goals Against	72
52	Points	41



### Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	7	12	19	4	8	12	20

### Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
8	6	8	18	5	6	11	24

### Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
11	7	5	16	8	3	3	24

### Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	5	15	13	1	6	20	19

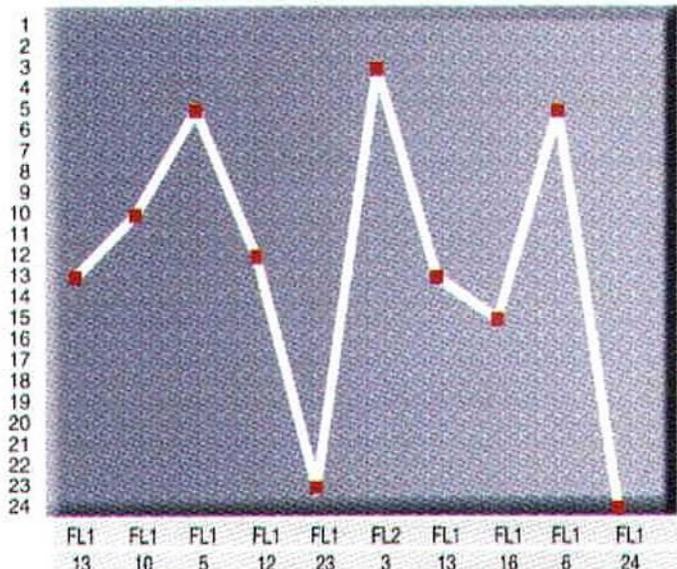
### Match Scores

**Wins:** 1-0[3], 2-0[3], 2-1[3], 3-2[2], 4-0[1], 4-2[1], **Losses:** 0-1[2], 0-2[3], 0-3[3], 0-4[1], 1-2[7], 1-3[2], 1-8[1], 4-6[1], **Draws:** 0-0[1], 1-1[11], 2-2[1]

**Wins:** 1-0[3], 2-0[1], 2-1[4], 4-2[1], **Losses:** 0-1[6], 0-2[2], 0-3[2], 1-2[7], 1-3[2], 1-4[1], 2-3[2], 4-5[1], **Draws:** 0-0[5], 1-1[5], 2-2[2], 3-3[2]

## SWINDON - TEN SEASON RECORD

01/02 02/03 03/04 04/05 05/06 06/07 07/08 08/09 09/10 10/11



\*up to and including 07/08/2011



# Swindon Town

It's an Italian revolution at the County Ground with West Ham legend Paolo Di Canio taking the reigns of Swindon Town FC

## SWINDON INFORMATION

Name: Swindon Town  
 Founded: 1879  
 Nickname: The Robins  
 Stadium: The County Ground  
 Manager: Paolo Di Canio  
 Website: www.swindontownfc.co.uk

## HONOURS

- Western League**  
 • Winners: 1898-99
- Southern League**  
 • Winners: 1910-11, 1913-14
- Football League 2nd Tier Playoff**  
 [Currently the Championship]  
 • Winners: 1989-90, 1992-93
- Football League 3rd Tier**  
 [Currently League 1]  
 • Winners: 1995-96
- Football League 3rd Tier**  
 [Currently League 1]  
 • Play-Off Winners: 1986-87
- Football League 4th Tier**  
 [Currently League 2]  
 • Winners: 1985-86
- League Cup**  
 • Champions: 1985-86

## PREVIOUS MEETING

Swindon Town 2-2 Cheltenham Town  
 The County Ground  
 3rd March 2009 | League One

The last meeting between both sets of Robins ended in a 2-2 back at Swindon Town's County Ground.

A battling display in difficult conditions gave the Robins an impressive point against a strong Swindon side. Swindon had taken the lead in the 32nd minute through Robson-Kanu but Elvis Hammond equalised just one minute later for Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Town then took the lead themselves through the impressive Elvis Hammond but former loanee Kevin Amankwaah scored and equalised with his first touch after coming on as a substitute.

Cheltenham would later be relegated from League One under manager Martin Allen.

**Swindon Town FC (4-4-2):** Brezovan (GK); Smith, Ifil (C), Greer, Vincent (Amankwaah 65); Robson-Kanu, Peacock (Allen 46), Timlin, McNamee; Cox, Paynter **Subs not used:** Smith (GK), Marshall, Jean-Francois

**Cheltenham Town FC (4-4-2):** Brown (GK); Bird, Gallinagh, Duff, Ridley; Vincent (Bignall 45), Finnigan (C), Westlake, Low; Hammond, Connor (Spencer 77). Subs not used: Puddy (GK), Durrant, Hemmings **Subs not used:** K.J. Friend

**Attendance:** 6,293

**Referee:** D.J. Phillips

## An introduction to... ... Swindon Town

A club perhaps known as a sleeping giant, Swindon Town were formed back in 1879 by Reverend William Pitt of Liddington. They turned professional in 1894 and have gone

on to have great success throughout their history.

Arguably one of the club's greatest feats was winning the league Cup back



## 2010-11 League One

How did they do?

\*Plymouth docked 10 points

		P	HW	HD	HL	HGF	HGA	AW	AD	AL	AGF	AGA	Pts	GD
20	Walsall	46	9	3	11	33	36	3	9	11	23	39	-19	48
21	Dag & Red	46	8	6	9	28	27	4	5	14	24	43	-18	47
22	Bristol R	46	6	7	10	24	35	5	5	13	24	47	-34	45
23	Plymouth	46	9	4	10	27	33	6	3	14	24	41	-23	42
24	<b>Swindon</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>41</b>

in 1969. They defeated Arsenal 3-1 that day to lift the trophy. They have also been a major threat throughout their Football League history winning league titles.

Swindon achieved promotion to the Premiership for the first time in their history back in 1992-93 after beating Leicester City 4-2 in the playoffs. They were relegated the following year having only won five games and conceded 100 goals during that time.

Swindon have often had big name managers such as Glenn Hoddle, Osvaldo Ardiles and Lou Macari but their latest appointment certainly generated plenty of interest around the County Ground. Former West Ham United player Paolo Di Canio was appointed this summer and has made an impressive start to life as Swindon Town manager. His first competitive game ended in a 3-0 victory over Dario Gradi's Crewe Alexandra last weekend.

Swindon has plenty to offer this season and, for many, they are favourites for the League Two title come May. Time will tell but today's game is one not to miss.

## THE MANAGER

**Paolo Di Canio**

Former West Ham United striker Paolo Di Canio was appointed as the new Swindon Town manager on Monday 23rd May 2011.

The charismatic Italian signed a two year deal with the club and joined alongside his assistant Fabrizio Piccareta and fitness coach Claudio Donnatelli. His first competitive match ended in a 3-0 win for Swindon Town against Dario Gradi's Crewe Alexandra on the opening day of the 2011-12 campaign.

He started his playing career with Lazio back in 1985 before joining other major Italian clubs such as Juventus, Napoli and AC Milan. Di Canio has won the UEFA Cup (Juventus), UEFA Super Cup (AC Milan), Serie A (AC Milan) and the UEFA Intertoto Cup



(West Ham United) during his long career amongst other memorable honours.

He came to England as a Sheffield Wednesday player back in 1997 before really making his name with West Ham United. He made 118 appearances for the club and scored 48 goals during that time. He is still

known as a Hammers legend.

Moves to Charlton, Lazio and Cisco Roma followed before Di Canio hung up his boots and set his sights on a managerial career.

Di Canio has a UEFA Pro Coaching license but his first managerial job is indeed Swindon Town Football Club.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Swindon Town have three former managers in the English Football Hall of Fame. They are Glenn Hoddle, Dave Mackay and Ossie Ardiles.
- Two Swindon Town players, whilst contract with the club, have appeared in the World Cup. Alan McCoughlin represented the Republic of Ireland back in 1990 and Jan Åge Fjørtoft who represented Norway back in 1994.
- John Trollope holds the record for Swindon Town appearances, having played 889 first-team matches between 1960 and 1980. Trollope also holds the English Football League Record of most appearances by a player at one club, having played in 770 League games

## SWINDON Recent form

**npower League One** Tranmere 0-2 Swindon 07/05/11 (W)

**npower League One** Swindon 3-0 Crewe 06/08/11 (W)

**Carling Cup (R1)** Bristol City P-P Swindon Town 09/08/11\*

\*Swindon's Carling Cup fixture was unfortunately postponed due to the week's UK Riots



# Swindon Town

## The Squad

### THE GOALKEEPERS

#### Mattia Lanzano

**Nationality:** Italian

**D.O.B:** 04/07/1990

**Previous Club:** Piacenza, USD, Gavorrana 1930

Italian goalkeeper Mattia Lanzano departed his native side of USD Gavorrana 1930 to sign a two year deal with Swindon this summer. The 21 year-old has yet to make his competitive debut for Town as he competes with Phil Smith and Mark Scott for the number one jersey.

#### Phil Smith

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 14/12/1979

**Previous Club:** Millwall, Crawley, Folkestone Inv



Swindon's current number one Phil Smith joined the club back in July 2006 from Crawley Town. He made his first start for the club in the Carling Cup defeat by Brentford. He has made over 100 appearances for the club.

#### Mark Scott

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 03/01/1991

20 year-old Mark Scott has yet to make his debut for Swindon Town. He started

his career with Southampton at the age of 8 before joining Aldershot as an under 16. He moved to Swindon in the summer of 2007.

### THE DEFENCE

#### Kevin Amankwaah

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 19/05/1982

**Previous Club:** Torquay, Bristol City, Cheltenham (loan), Swansea, Yeovil

Former Cheltenham Town loanee Kevin Amankwaah signed for Swindon from Swansea City in the summer of 2008. The tall right-back is nearing his 100th appearance for the club but will need to compete to make it into Paolo Di Canio's Swindon side. He didn't play a part last weekend.

#### Callum Kennedy

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 06/01/1989

**Previous Club:** Rotherham (loan), Gillingham (loan)

Former Reading youngster Kennedy was given his first team debut by Paul Sturrock and has never looked back. He enjoyed loan spells with both Rotherham and Gillingham but started last weekend's 3-0 victory over Crewe and even scored from the penalty spot in the process.

#### Joe Devera

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 06/02/1987

**Previous Club:** Barnet

Joe Devera was Di Canio's first summer signing and joined from League Two side Barnet. The defender, who is of Venezuelan descent, made 177 appearances for the Bees and was part of their youth system before making an impact on the first team.

#### Alberto Comazzi

**Nationality:** Italian

**D.O.B:** 16/04/1979

**Previous Club:** Verona, Ancona, Spezia, Como, Monza



32 year-old Comazzi was a product of the AC Milan youth system and signed for Swindon Town this summer after lengthy talks with the club. Yet to make an appearance for Swindon.

#### Paul Caddis

**Nationality:** Scottish

**D.O.B:** 19/04/1988

**Previous Club:** Celtic, Dundee (loan)

Former Celtic defender Paul Caddis joined Swindon Town in the summer of 2010 and can play in a variety of different positions. Caddis has Champions League experience with Celtic and was voted as the club's away player of the year last season.

#### Alessandro Cibocchi

**Nationality:** Italian

**D.O.B:** 18/09/1982

**Previous Club:** Ternana, Torino, Colligiana, Deruta, PortoSummaga

Italian defender Cibocchi joined Swindon Town as part of Paolo Di Canio's Italian revolution. He has plenty of lower league experience in Italy but has yet to appear for Swindon.

## THE MIDFIELDERS

### Simon Ferry

**Nationality:** Scottish

**D.O.B:** 11/01/1988

**Previous Club:** Celtic, Swindon (loan)

Simon Ferry left Celtic to join Swindon in August 2010 and has always impressed when lining up for Town. Has suffered a serious ankle injury in the past but his energetic displays in midfield have made him a real contender at the County Ground.

### Billy Bodin

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 24/03/1992

Young midfielder Bodin has come through the ranks at Swindon Town and has made just six appearances for the club including last weekend's opening win against Crewe. Prospect for the future.

### Oliver Risser

**Nationality:** Namibian

**D.O.B:** 17/09/1980

**Previous Club:** Lyn Oslo



Oliver Risser is Swindon's new club captain and was signed this summer by Paolo Di Canio. The 30 year-old is a Namibian international and plays predominantly as a defensive midfielder. Risser scored in last weekend's 3-0 league opener over Crewe.

### Matt Ritchie

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 10/09/1989

**Previous Club:** Dag & Red (loan), Portsmouth, Notts County (loan)

Matt Ritchie is an attacking midfielder who put pen to paper with the club in January 2011. He was Swindon supporter's player of the year last term

and played a part in last weekend's win over Crewe. One to watch out for today.

### Alan McCormack

**Nationality:** Irish

**D.O.B:** 10/01/1984

**Previous Club:** Preston, Southend, Motherwell (loan), Charlton, Leyton Orient (loan)

Irish midfielder Alan McCormack signed a two year deal with Swindon this summer following his release from Charlton Athletic. Started his career with Preston North End and made his competitive debut as a sub last weekend.

### Jonathan Smith

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 17/10/1986

**Previous Club:** Forest Green, York City



Jonathan Smith signed for Swindon this summer from non-league side York City. He made his debut in the 3-0 victory over Crewe.

## THE STRIKERS

### Raffaele Da Vita

**Nationality:** Italian

**D.O.B:** 23/09/1987

**Previous Club:** Blackburn, Livingston

Italian striker Da Vita began his career with Premiership side Blackburn but made his first real impact with Livingston in the SPL. He made his debut last weekend but has yet to score for Swindon Town.

### Alan Connell

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 05/02/1983

**Previous Club:** Ipswich, AFC Bournemouth, Torquay, Hereford, Brentford, Grimsby. Former Grimsby striker Alan Connell joined Swindon Town this summer and



made his debut as a substitute last weekend. Alan was Grimsby's Player of the Year last summer and it's reported that Swindon made a six figure sum for the dominant attacker.

### Mehdi Kerrouche

**Nationality:** Algerian

**D.O.B:** 11/10/1985

**Previous Club:** AC Cambrai, KSK Ronse, USM Alger, GFCO Ajaccio, Naval, Al-Oruba

Kerrouche who has played in the French and Belgian leagues joined Swindon Town in the summer of 2011. Kerrouche has been a consistent goal scorer at all his club and Paolo Di Canio will hope he can do just that at the County Ground this season.

## STAR MAN

### Aden Flint

**Nationality:** English

**D.O.B:** 11/07/1989

**Previous Club:** Alfreton Town, Matlock Town (loan)

Aden Flint joined Swindon Town from BlueSquare North side Alfreton Town in January 2011. The 22 year-old signed a contract with Swindon before being sent back out on loan to his former club. The defender made his debut for the club in the 1-1 draw with Rochdale last season and he has represented England at 'C' level. He started last weekend's 3-0 victory over Crewe Alexandra and, as well as scoring, was named man of the match for his tremendous display.



## LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten leading post-war Swindon Town captains

### MAURICE OWEN

Long-serving favourite Maurice Owen captained Swindon Town's 1962-63 promotion success. Initially with hometown Abingdon, the centre-forward turned professional at the County Ground in December 1946 and grabbed a hat-trick on his League debut in the following month's 5-0 victory at home to Watford. He was leading marksman on six occasions and helped Swindon twice reach the FA Cup fifth round. Later playing in a defensive role, he scored 150 goals in 555 League outings for the Robins before retiring in May 1963 and joined the club's coaching staff. He then settled back in Abingdon and died in July 2000.

### STAN HARLAND

Central defender Stan Harland captained Swindon Town's 1968-



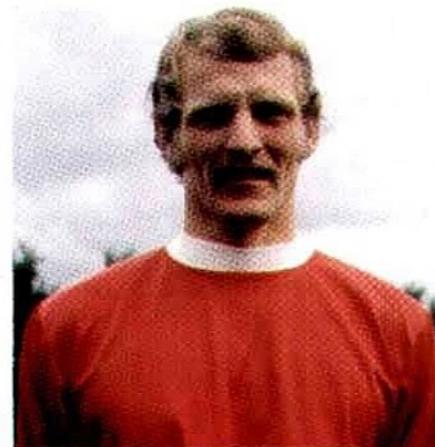
69 promotion and League Cup 'double' triumph. He had spells with Burnley, New Brighton, Everton and Bradford City before joining Carlisle United in June 1964. Ever-present in their 1964-65 Third Division title campaign, he moved to the County Ground in August 1966. Also skipping Swindon's 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final success, he netted six goals in 237 League games prior to joining Birmingham City in December 1971 and captained them to promotion that season. He was later Yeovil Town's player-boss and died in Yeovil in September 2001.

### ROD THOMAS

Welsh international right-back Rod Thomas was capped 30 times while at Swindon Town. Initially with Gloucester City, he moved to the County Ground in July 1964 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. He also starred in their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph and netted five goals in 296 League games before following Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Featuring in their 1974-75 League Championship campaign, he moved to Cardiff City in November 1977, then had spells with Newport County and Gloucester again before becoming a publican.

### JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's



1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later youth-team boss, he was awarded an MBE.

### ANDY ROWLAND

Versatile England Youth striker Andy Rowland skippered Swindon Town's record-breaking 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with hometown Derby County, he moved to Bury in August 1974 and was leading marksman in three successive seasons. He was ever-present in 1975-76 and helped them progress to the League Cup fifth round in 1977-78. Reunited with Bobby Smith at the County Ground in September 1978, he was top scorer as Swindon were League Cup semi-finalists in 1979-80. He netted 80 goals in 287 League games prior to joining Swindon's coaching staff and served the Robins for 22 years.

### COLIN CALDERWOOD

Commanding central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the



County Ground in July 1985 and starred as Swindon won the Fourth Division title in 1985-86. He was also an important figure as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including their 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games for Swindon, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He has managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian.

#### **GLENN HODDLE**

Ex-England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle led Swindon Town to First Division play-off final glory in 1992-93. Signing professional for Tottenham Hotspur in April 1975, he starred in their 1981 and 1982 FA Cup final successes and was a finalist again shortly before joining Monaco in June 1987. He helped win the French League title in 1987-88 and was appointed Swindon's player-boss in April 1991, scoring once in 64 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Chelsea in a similar capacity in June 1993, he guided them to the 1994 FA Cup final and has since managed England, Southampton, Spurs and Wolves.

#### **SHAUN TAYLOR**

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as they won promotion to the Premiership in 1992-93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98 and has since become their development coach.

#### **MATT HEWLETT**

Ex-England Youth midfielder Matt Hewlett skippered Swindon Town to the Second Division play-offs in 2003-04. Signing professional for Bristol City in August 1993, he made his League debut in that month's 3-2 defeat at home to Sheffield Wednesday and was an influential figure as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs

in 1996-97, then won promotion in 1997-98. He had a loan spell at Burnley before moving to the County Ground in July 2000 and netted six goals in 179 League outings for Swindon prior to joining Torquay United in July 2005 but recurring injury problems curtailed his career in February 2007.

#### **GORDON GREER**

Scotland B international central defender Gordon Greer captained Swindon Town to the League One play-off final in 2009-10. Initially with Port Glasgow, he joined Clyde in June 2000 and moved to Blackburn Rovers for £200,000 in May 2001. He returned to Scottish football with Kilmarnock in August 2003, then joined Doncaster Rovers in July 2007. Featuring in their 2007-08 promotion campaign, he moved to Swindon initially on loan in January 2009. He joined them on a permanent basis in July 2009 and partnered Scott Cuthbert in the heart of their defence but missed the play-off final at Wembley due to suspension.





**Keith Lowe**

**D.O.B:** 13.9.1985  
**Nationality:** English  
**Squad Number:** 2  
**Position:** Defender  
**Previous Clubs:** (Reading, Exeter City, Bournemouth, Burnley, Luton Town, Hereford, Chester, Walsley)



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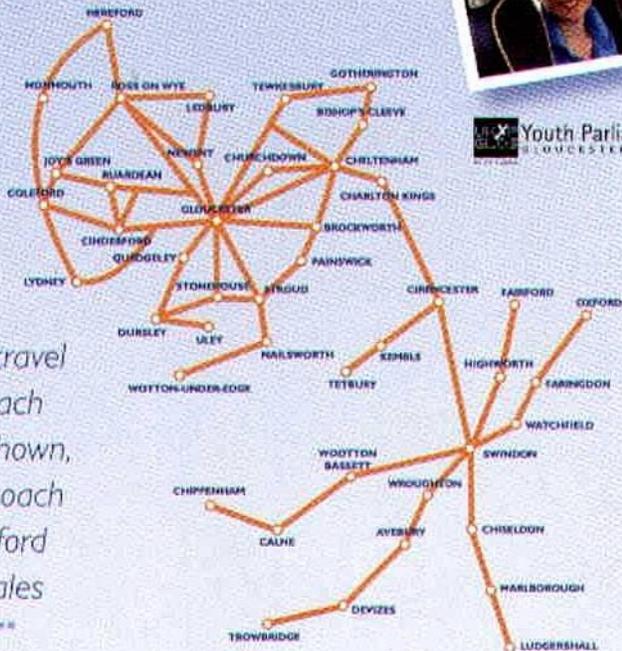
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The Sixfields stadium is well signposted around the area. There is a fair sized car park located at the ground, which costs £3. Make sure though that you arrive early as it has been known for it to get full for the more popular games.

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Northampton train station is over two miles from the ground, so it is probably best to hire a taxi. However if you feel like braving the 25-30 minute walk then walk right from the station and follow the road past the express lift tower (you can't miss it, a tall tower that was once used for testing lifts), passing the Wickes store on the left. Continue down to the Leisure Centre, turn left down the path beside it and then turn right onto the road. You will see the stadium in the distance in front of you.

**Sat Nav:** NN5 5QA

**Distance from Cheltenham:** 77 miles (from the Abbey Business Stadium)

#### Ticket News

Ticket prices have not yet been announced for this fixture but please keep your eyes on [www.ctfc.com](http://www.ctfc.com) for all ticketing updates.

#### Travel Club Departure

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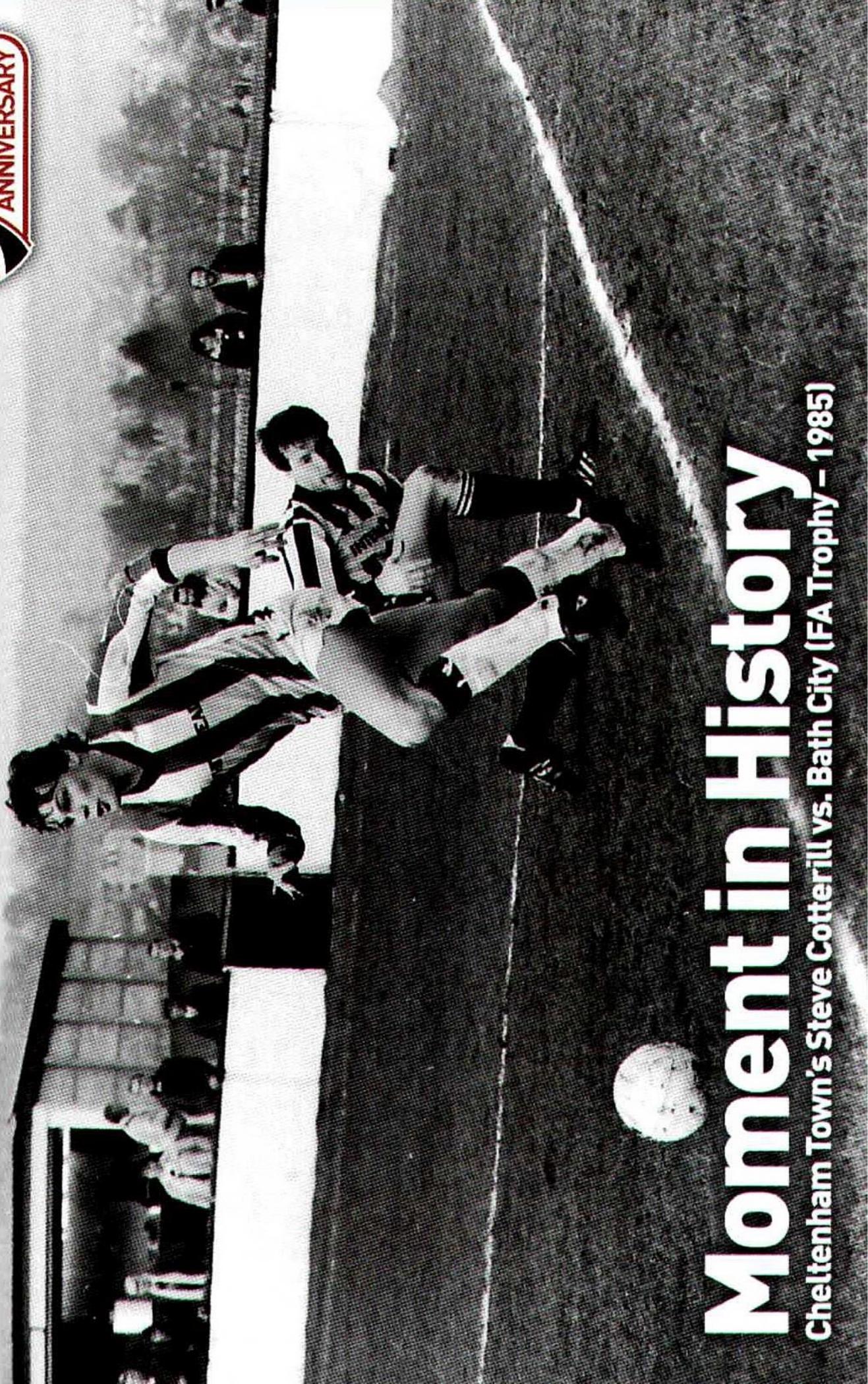
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# Moment in History

Cheltenham Town's Steve Cotterill vs. Bath City (FA Trophy - 1985)

# Robins Scrapbook

**Good afternoon and welcome to the Abbey Business Stadium for another season of npower League football, our 11th since gaining promotion from the Conference in 1999.**

**Swindon Town have, of course, been a League club for much longer having gained election in 1920 as founder-members of Division Three South.**

Today's match is the seventh League meeting between the two clubs. To date Cheltenham Town have won three, Swindon have won one and there have been two draws. There was also a Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round game in 2007 that Cheltenham won 3-1.

Swindon Town last visited us in August 2008 for a League One match that ended in a 2-0 Cheltenham win. Second half goals from Ben Gill and Jennison Myrie-Williams gave the Robins their first success of the season.

## **Owen Bathe**

There is a sad task to perform today as we pay tribute to long-standing Cheltenham Town supporter and former director Owen Bathe, who passed away last week.

Owen's father had been a director of Cheltenham Town in the 1930s and after serving in World War Two, Owen joined the Cheltenham Town Supporters Association in the late 1940s.

An accountant by profession, he took an active role in the club right from the start and when Cheltenham Town

Owen Bathe



suffered financial problems in the early 1950s, Owen was among a group of supporters including Harry Compton, who later became chairman, and Peter Donnelly, later manager, who effectively took control of the club. Owen stepped down from the Board in 1958 to help run the Supporters Association competitions office in Rodney Road, helping to raise valuable funds over a number of years, but returned in 1970 when the lotteries and competitions were amalgamated under the club banner once again.

In the early 1960s Owen was elected to a committee of five people who oversaw construction of the Main Stand. Cheltenham supporters all owe a debt of gratitude to Messrs Don Pitt, Fred Bishop, Bert Cox, Doug Bissett and Owen Bathe, whose hard work and foresight got the stand built. Without it we would not have gained promotion to the Football League.

Owen remained on the Board until the early 1980s - around the time that we finally finished paying for the Main Stand - but remained a keen supporter for many years.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of his friends and family at this time.

**Played for both sides**

In the 2008 programme between Cheltenham and Swindon we looked at the previous meetings between the clubs and some of the players to have worn the red and white of both sets of Robins.

There are still plenty more to consider because we estimate that over the years there have been at least 70 players to have appeared for both sides. At this point I should shout out a note of thanks to Swindon Town historian Paul Plowman, who has provided much valuable information regarding a number of them.

Sifting through those player records all has been a major task, especially as many of them made only youth or reserve team appearances for Swindon before joining Cheltenham Town in the Southern League or Conference.

Others served Swindon Town at Football League level and among them was a player who is in the crowd today. Tetbury-born Dave Dangerfield was one of the leading players of the 1970s at Cheltenham Town, making over 300 appearances for the club in a variety of different positions.



Dave Dangerfield



Steve Scarrott celebrates a goal at Bridgend Town in 1983

A former England schoolboy international, Dave became an apprentice at Swindon at the age of 15, signing schoolboy forms along with his brother John in October 1964. He turned professional in August 1969 and spent six years at the County Ground, three as an apprentice and three as a professional making 16 starting appearances and four subs.

A forward in his younger days, he was converted to midfield at Swindon and was a member of the squad which won the Anglo Italian Trophy in 1970 and the team that defeated Liverpool in the League Cup later that year.

Moving to Charlton Athletic in summer 1973, Dave became disillusioned with playing for the reserves and moved to Cheltenham Town on loan, where his brother John was already playing. The loan quickly became a permanent move and he went on to establish himself as a first team regular over seven seasons at the club.

Dave was a very industrious left-footed player and good passer of the ball who performed a key role in the 1976-77 Southern League promotion season at left-back in a settled defence that also included John Murphy, Steve Foster and Ray Dean.

Following promotion Dave adapted well to Premier Division football and was voted supporters player of the year in 1978-79. He also represented

the FA XI against British Colleges at Whaddon Road in February 1977 and enjoyed a benefit match against Swindon Town in the summer of 1979.

Dave was handed the captaincy for the following campaign but with new manager Allan Grundy looking to make changes, he was transferred to Gloucester City in the summer of 1980. He later enjoyed a highly successful spell at Forest Green Rovers, where he collected FA Vase and Hellenic League championship winners medals in season 1981-82.

Another leading local player from the era was Steve Scarrott, who was involved with three of Cheltenham Town's promotion seasons.

Born in Cheltenham, Steve played locally for Leckhampton and St Marks CA before being spotted by Swindon Town. He spent four years as a youth and reserve team player with Swindon but did not break into the first team and joined Bath City towards the end of the 1973-74 season, linking up with former Swindon manager Bert Head at Twerton Park. He joined Cheltenham Town for the first time in 1975 and featured in the Southern League Division One North promotion campaign the following season.

Steve spent time at Gloucester City and Trowbridge Town before returning to the Robins in 1982. He operated in either midfield or at left-back as

Cheltenham won the Southern League Midland Division championship in 1982-83 and he was also the regular left-back as Cheltenham won the Southern League title two years later.

He left the club in the summer of 1985 and had a spell as player-manager of Gloucester City before hanging up his boots.

Steve works in Cheltenham for Metering Services and is a regular at home games as well as carrying out media work for the Press Association at Swindon Town and Forest Green Rovers games.

### An appeal

Paul Godfrey has been compiling historical information and archives for Cheltenham Town FC over the past 15 years. Paul is attempting to put together summaries of every season, comprehensive statistical records and player profiles.

Do you have a connection to Cheltenham Town Football Club? Was your grandfather a player or perhaps another family member was a volunteer or long-standing supporter of the club? Paul would like to hear from anyone who can help him with information regarding the history of Cheltenham Town and in particular, details of former first team players.



Cheltenham Town v Swindon Town, 2008

If you can help please contact Paul at the club – email [paul.godfrey@ctfc.com](mailto:paul.godfrey@ctfc.com)

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# MY Cheltenham Town



Cheltenham Town Football Club celebrates its 125th anniversary this season and we want to know all those memories that make you proud to be a Robin.

**Name:** Tarran Wilson  
**Age:** 25  
**Occupation:** Negotiator

**How long have you been a Cheltenham Town supporter?**

I have been a supporter for about 15 years.

**What made you want to become a Robin?**

I became a robin as it is my local club, and my uncle used to come and watch. He took me to my first game, although I couldn't tell you who it was against!

**What does Cheltenham Town reaching 125 years mean to you?**

It means a lot to me that I still have a local club to support. After all the worrying about whether we would still have a football club in Cheltenham when we had a certain manager in charge, it makes it even more significant that our board of directors didn't allow this club to go under.

**If you could have signed any player during your time, who would it have been?**

Lionel Messi. Although this would never have happened. If it could



have been any player we had been linked with I would say Gary Hooper, who I think would have done really well at the club.

**Who is your all time favourite Cheltenham Town player?**

There have been a few. Book, Victory, Finnigan, Gillespie, Bloomer and Yates. If I had to pick one of the above it would be Finnigan. A genuine workhorse in midfield who lead the team and was at his peak one of the best midfielders we have ever had.



**If you could pick a Cheltenham Town memory to re-live, what would it be?**

The night we won promotion to the football league against Yeovil. That night was full of ups and downs and to score that goal in the 96th minute was incredible. I won't get dragged into the debate of who scored it, but what a night. I remember being driven around Cheltenham after the game in my uncles van just beeping the horn and most other people doing the same as well.

**What is your greatest Cheltenham Town memory?**

Excluding the above, it would have to be our remarkable win against Rushden at Nene park. To be sat in that stand thinking promotion was slipping away from us and then for Boka and Grayson to score 2 goals in 2 minutes was phenomenal. I have the video at home of the game and it is nice to watch every now and again.

**What is your worst Cheltenham Town memory?**

Apart from being stuck in the service station on the way to Stockport last season and missing half the game, it would have to be the first time we got relegated from League 1 (Old Div.2) on the final day at Notts County. That was hard to take.

**What's your funniest Cheltenham Town moment?**

Watching Bob Bloomer score a goal and go on and run around the whole perimeter of the pitch.

**If you could play alongside any Cheltenham Town player, who would it be and why?**

If it was a current player I would probably say Josh Low. Although at times he can be a very frustrating player to watch, when he gets into gear he is without doubt one of the best players we have.



**What does being a Robins supporter mean to you?**

CTFC is in my blood and will be for life. All of the ups and downs we have you take as a supporter of a lower league club. We are all in this together and most importantly need to realise this is our club and with our support we can help take this club forward.

If you want to take part in **My Cheltenham Town** then contact James Brown on **01242 588105** or [james.brown@ctfc.com](mailto:james.brown@ctfc.com).

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

The Gloucestershire Echo – Right Behind The Robins

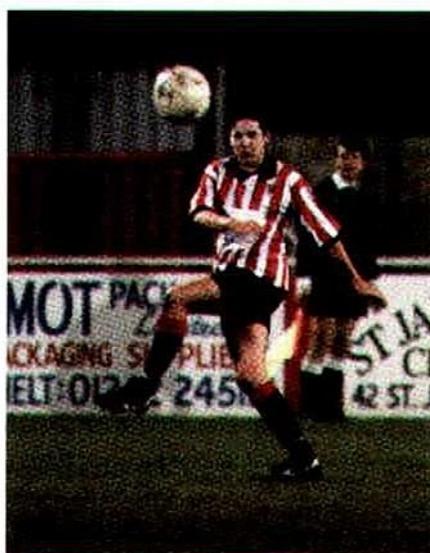
In the first of a new series of articles that will run throughout the season, Jon Palmer catches up with David Elsey to find out what the former Cheltenham Town defender has been up to since leaving the Robins in 1997.

**David Elsey spent two seasons with Cheltenham Town after his release by Swindon Town.**

After trials with both Cheltenham and Gloucester City, he joined the Tigers on a non-contract basis, but always had his eye on a move across the A40 to Whaddon Road.

His best friend and housemate Shane Cook was Cheltenham's back-up goalkeeper and when Chris Robinson took over from Lindsay Parsons as boss, Elsey became a Robin.

He made his debut in a Southern League match against Gravesend and Northfleet in January 1996 alongside Chris Banks at centre-



half, with Jimmy Smith at left wing-back.

"In typical Jimmy style he gave me a pre-match talk which was basically 'don't do anything stupid or clever and give me the ball when I tell you to!'" Elsey recalled.

"I did that, but we lost 1-0 and we should have won. I slipped in the mud and fell with my head next to the ball, which was too inviting for a player not to kick both. My debut ended with a cut up face and broken nose, but also a bit of respect from a few of the players."

Elsey was offered a two-and-a-half year contract and helped Cheltenham finish third in the Beazer Homes League Premier Division at the end of his first season.

"Before every home game Chris Banks and I would have a game of

head tennis as a warm up over a medical bench and I liked to think of it as a confidence boost for him because in all the times I played, I never won a game," he said.

One of the highlights of Elsey's first campaign was a 3-0 win at Gloucester City, in which he scored a spectacular goal before being sent off.

"It was the best red card I have ever received because we were 3-0 up and I got a fantastic reception from our fans," he said.



Elsey also scored in a key match against title-chasing Rushden and Diamonds, but he missed a penalty as Cheltenham were beaten 4-1 at Nene Park.

"I had never missed a penalty in a competitive game, so I felt comfortable and I sent the goalkeeper the wrong way, but it hit the post," he said.

"We got steamrollered in the last ten minutes and lost 4-1. That game hurt me as much as any I played."





Elsey's form for Cheltenham earned him a call-up to the Wales Under-21 squad, a rare achievement for a non-League player.

The following season, Elsey was hampered by a back injury and he spent the FA Cup first round tie at Peterborough on the terraces with team mate Steve Benton.

"We had a great time singing the 'celery song' and I still have no idea why that was being sung," he said.

"I was a fairly disorganised person and missed the team bus on one occasion, but I was very kindly taken to a game at Baldock on a minibus with some of the fans."

Elsey's second season at Cheltenham was hampered by a back problem and he left the club to rejoin Gloucester in August 1997 as part of the deal that brought deadly striker Dale Watkins to Cheltenham.

He made a total of 22 appearances, scoring twice.

"My time at Cheltenham was one of my most enjoyable in football," Elsey said.

"When I left I never viewed football as being my main focus and saw it as the end of any chance of being full-time again.

"I was out for 18 months following a slipped disc and Steve Cotterill didn't take to me.

"He told me that to my face and I respected his decision.



**David and his wife in Canada.**

"He told me Mike Duff was a player he did like and I have been delighted to see him progress to such fantastic things in football; he is an example of perseverance and hard work and I could maybe have learned a few things from him.

"But I was lucky to be part of a great club and some fantastic lads and I still follow the results."

Elsey went to the Robins' 2006 play-off final win over Grimsby Town to cheer on his old club. After an unhappy spell at Gloucester, Elsey considered retirement.

"I was never liked by Gloucester fans and they aren't too high in my estimations either," Elsey said.

"I didn't enjoy my time there and considered giving up football, but I then went on to enjoy spells with

Bath City, Mangotsfield United and Yate Town."

Elsey has been living in Canada for the past three and a half years.

Now 35, Elsey runs the Calgary division of engineering recruitment company Randstad, for whom he has worked for nine years.

He is married to Louise and has one young son, Oliver, with baby number two due in December.

"Most football here is indoor and a cross between hockey and five-a-side, or it's outdoor but on bad pitches," Elsey said.

"Major League Soccer is growing in Canada so the sport is really increasing massively, but I have stopped playing now."

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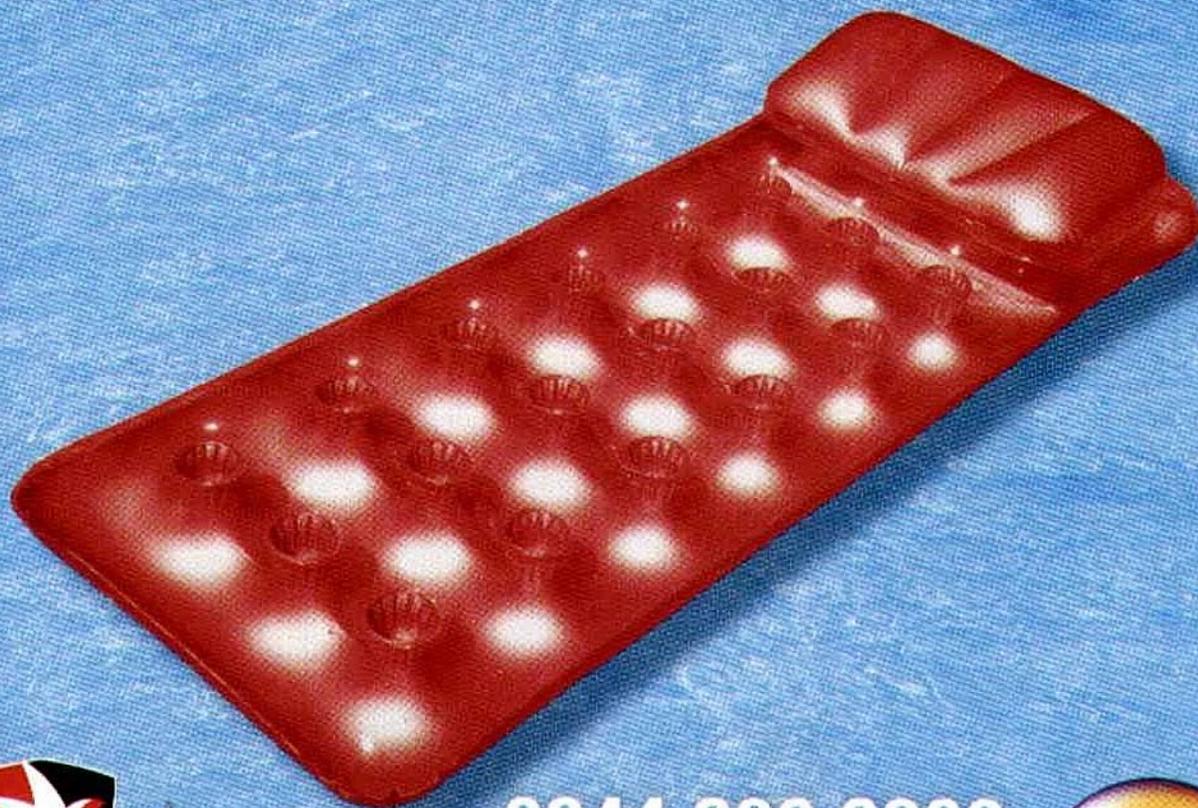
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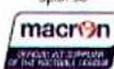
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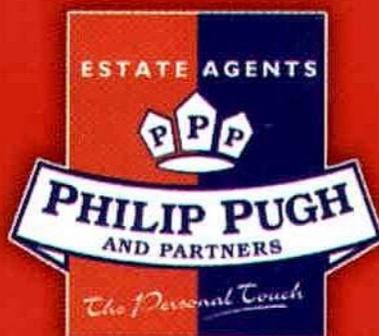


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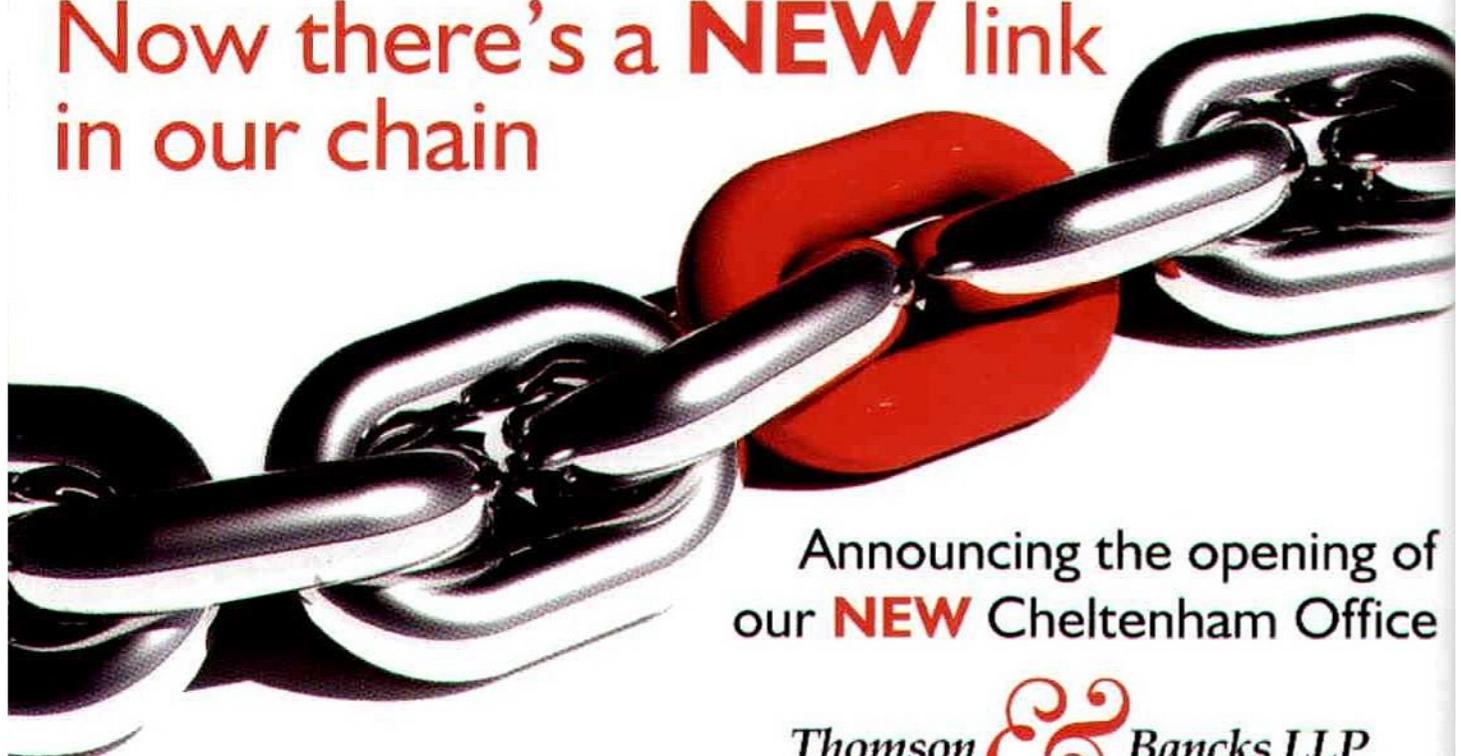
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**THE PRIZE** for this issue of The Robin is a Cheltenham Town ball signed by the whole squad but that's not all! We will also throw in two terracing tickets for our League Two clash with Morecambe on Tuesday.

So...what are you waiting for?? Check your programme number now!

**GOOD LUCK AND COME ON YOU ROBINS!**



# JUNIOR ROBINS 2011-12



## MASCOT PROFILE

NAME: Charlie Warren



Age: 11

School: Siddington

Robins Fan For: 2 Years

Fav. Robins player: Scott Brown

Fav. Prem team: Chelsea

Fav. Prem player: John Terry

## MASCOT PROFILE

NAME: Joshua Kostjuk



Age: 9

School: -

Swindon Fan For: 2 Years

Fav. Swindon player: - Alan Connell

Fav. Prem team: -

Fav. Prem player: -

## Welcome Junior Robins!

Hello and welcome back to the Abbey Business Stadium for our first home league match of the 2011-12 season! Today, the Robins take on close rivals Swindon Town.

Thank you to everyone who has become a Junior Robin this year. Check out this page in every match day programme for cool quizzes, trivia, latest birthdays and competitions.

Make as much noise as you can for the Rubies this afternoon.

All together...

**Come on you Robins!**

## Birthday Card Competition

We kick off this season with a wicked competition, giving you the chance to win a fantastic match day mascot package!

This season, the club are celebrating our 125th birthday

and your challenge is to make us a birthday card! It can be as bright and colourful as you like and include your name and age.

The deadline for entries is 31st August. The winner will be picked and notified on 1st September. All entries will be displayed over in the In2Print Stand throughout the season and on this page in the Macclesfield programme!

**Once you're ready, post your card along with your name, age and telephone number to Birthday Card Competition, Cheltenham Town FC, Abbey Business Stadium, Whaddon Road, Cheltenham, GL51 5NA.**

Good luck!

**Happy Birthday to all our Junior Robins who are celebrating their birthdays over the summer.**

Taylor Meredith, Bradley Dix, Harvey Johnson, Aimee Johnson, Jacob Holbrook, Lewis Fowler, Toby Jenkins, Charlie Etheridge, Danny Etheridge, Adam Whent, Darcie Buddle, Jordan Huggins, Ben Pegler & Thomas Newman



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are four differences between these two images, can you spot them all?



# TRIVIA TASTIC

Test your football and CTFC knowledge with our tough trivia questions! Answers are at the bottom of this page but no peeking!

1. Who beat Cheltenham in the League Cup on Tuesday?
2. Who is the chairman of Cheltenham Town?
3. With which London club did Paolo Di Canio once play?
4. Where Cheltenham sign Russ Penn from?
5. Who is the new Cheltenham Town club captain?

## WORD SEARCH

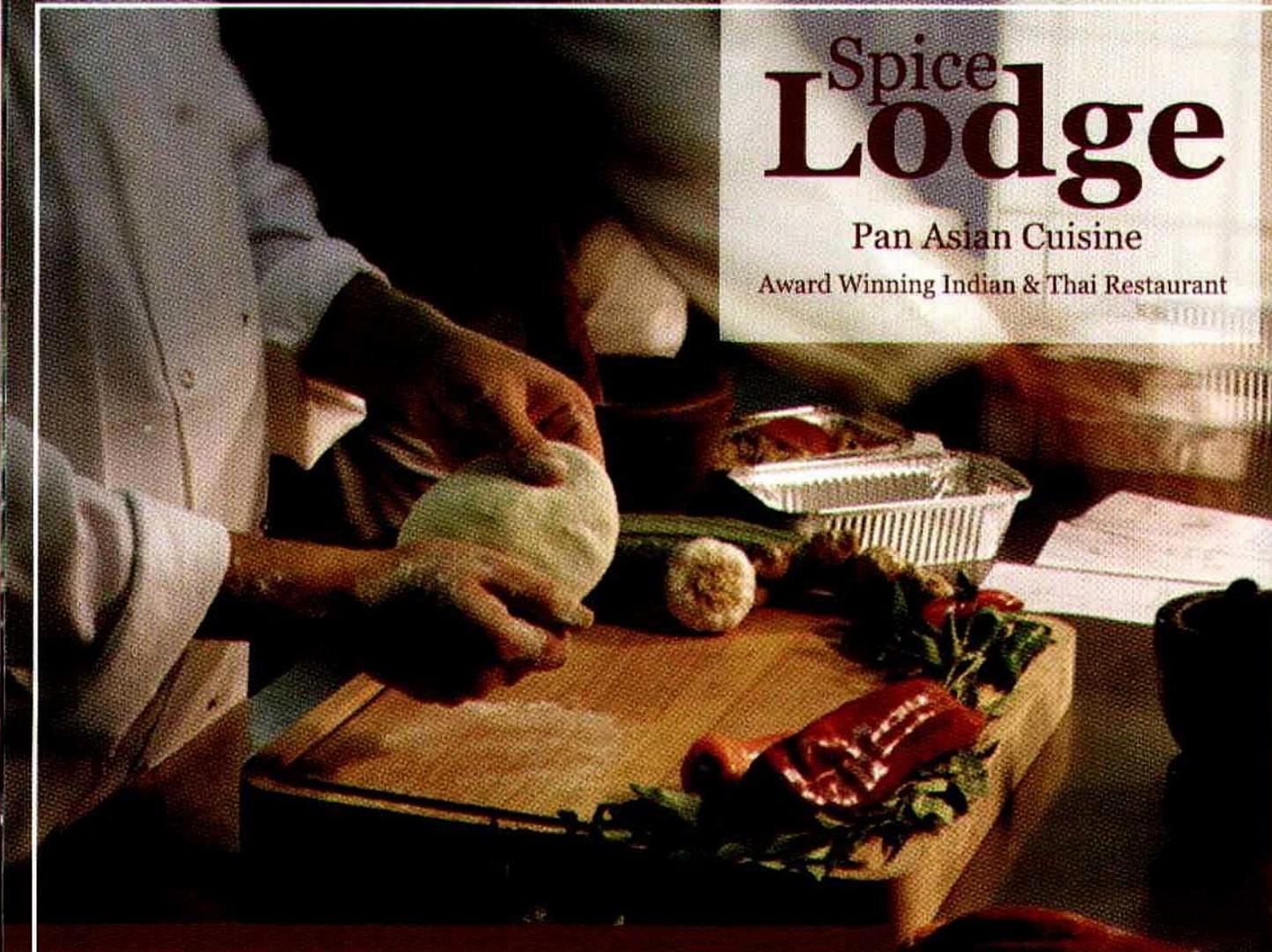
Can you find these five Robins in our Junior Robins Word Search?

- Spencer
- Summerfield
- Graham
- Low
- Pack

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  2. Paul Baker
  3. West Ham
  4. Burton Albion
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# CHELtenham TOWN Ladies



## TRAINING HARD FOR A NEW SEASON.

With a new coach, manager and ground Cheltenham Town Ladies FC are adamant of kicking off the season with a successful start. The ladies are delighted to welcome Andy Liddle as their First Team Manager and Chris Gooch as their First Team Coach. Andy has spent time managing a youth team at Abbeymead Rovers FC and is keen to get involved with the growing women's game. Chris Gooch is a qualified UEFA B Coach who works locally with Quedgeley Wanderers FC and regionally with a Premiership Academy. The early partnership has resulted in a fun and inspiring beginning to the new season, which will continue to grow with new players giving football a go.

## WHY CHOOSE CHELTENHAM TOWN LADIES?

There are many Women's teams in Gloucestershire but Cheltenham Town Ladies want to be the best. With quality coaching from experienced and qualified individuals you can be sure to benefit in terms of developing your individual and team skills. Cheltenham Town Ladies offer competitive signing on fees, which



also offers discounts for students and the unemployed. The Ladies are currently training twice a week and have friendly's organised for the summer period, so if you're looking to get fit it's a great place to start. Through the season we will train at least once a week with matches played on a Sunday. The club comprises a first team, which compete in the South West Premier Division and a Reserve team in the Gloucestershire County League, so all abilities are welcome!

The Ladies also offer a fantastic social network, with team

social nights, fundraisers and tournaments it is a great way to meet new people. Please 'Google' us or check out our website [www.cheltenhamtownladies-fc.moonfruit.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamtownladies-fc.moonfruit.co.uk) for more information and contact details.

The Ladies are a self run club and as mentioned above must pay to play, thankfully this season they are proud to have a number of sponsors on board. Our Gold sponsor is Stauff, Local Solutions for Individual Customers Worldwide. For nearly 35 years Stauff UK has serviced the hydraulics industry in the UK, supplying components, pipework accessories and related services. Without companies like Stauff, Cheltenham Town Ladies would not survive, so we thank them for their kind sponsorship.

The Ladies kick their season off at Newlands Park, Southam Lane on Sunday 28th August.



# Fan Focus

## Welcome to Fan Focus

Good afternoon and welcome to the Abbey Business Stadium for our opening league fixture versus close neighbours Swindon Town. Thank you for picking up today's copy of our new look match day programme 'The Robin' and welcome to our new feature, 'Fan Focus'.

This page is going to be all about you, our fans and will be focusing on all the things you need to know throughout the season including new initiatives, a closer look at the fan membership scheme, the latest from our official Facebook and Twitter pages and much more. You can also share your pictures and messages with fellow supporters by sending them in to us to display on this page. Simply e-mail them to [anthony.symonds@ctfc.com](mailto:anthony.symonds@ctfc.com)!

### FAN MEMBERSHIP SCHEME 2011-12

Thank you to everyone who has joined this year's membership scheme so far. I hope you all make the £2 advance ticket discounts available with your new look membership card. You can also use your card to make some great savings in and around Cheltenham at a variety of local stores, restaurants and services. We'll be adding new discounts throughout the season. Please visit [www.ctfc.com](http://www.ctfc.com) for a full list of participating outlets.



### IN2PRINT STAND TV'S

Cheltenham Town have this season invested in new televisions, situated in the In2Print Stand which the club hopes will improve the match day experience here at the Abbey Business Stadium. Supporters will now be able to keep track of the day's fixtures and scores whilst enjoying a drink from the bar or snack from the catering units within the In2Print Stand concourse.

Over the course of the season, the club are also hoping to introduce live coverage of the match; ensuring supporters won't miss any of the action if vacating their seat during the first or second half. For more info...stay tuned.



### RUBY SHIRT A REAL WINNER!

Congratulations to Trevor Rawlinson [pictured] who is the lucky winner of a brand new ruby anniversary shirt. Everyone that pre-ordered their shirt at the club's open day was entered into a draw to win theirs for free and Trevor's was the lucky name pulled out of the hat. Here his is showing off the shirt ahead of the

MK Dons game. Congratulations Trevor and thanks to everyone who pre-ordered.

## ROBIN SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN

Our armed forces still work tirelessly in honour of our country and one of our own supporters is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Sam Whittle is a big Robins supporter and is picture here wearing his Cheltenham Town shirt with pride whilst on service in Afghanistan.

On behalf of the whole club, we would like to thank Sam and our other brave soldiers currently in service. Please stay safe and we'll see you back here at the Abbey Business Stadium very soon.

Do you have know a Cheltenham Town supporters currently serving our country away from home? Please get in touch with us by calling Tony Symonds on 01242 588103 or alternatively you can email Tony using [anthony.asymonds@ctfc.com](mailto:asymonds@ctfc.com).

## FAN MEMBERSHIP - SAVING SPOTLIGHT



Every match day, we'll be focusing on the businesses that have offered Robins fans great savings as part of this season's fan membership scheme.

The first establishment under the spotlight this season is Subway. Subway are regular supporters of the fan membership scheme and have teamed up with the club to offer you a fantastic value meal deal at their stores within Cheltenham.

For just £3.49 you can enjoy a Subway Fresh Value meal which includes tasty 6" Sub, regular dispensed drink and a delicious cookie.

Simply present your membership or discount card at any of the following stores to take advantage!

87 High Street, 18 Pittville Street and 142 Bath Road Cheltenham

or Brockworth (Cross Hands Roundabout).

Next week, we'll take a look at the discounts offered by local Indian restaurant, The Spice Lodge. Fan's Corner

Every week, we'll be taking the best comments from our official Facebook and Twitter pages and putting them right here in the Fan's Corner! The more positive you are, the more chance there is of your comments being shown!

## SUPPORTERS REACT TO MK DONS DEFEAT ON TUESDAY...

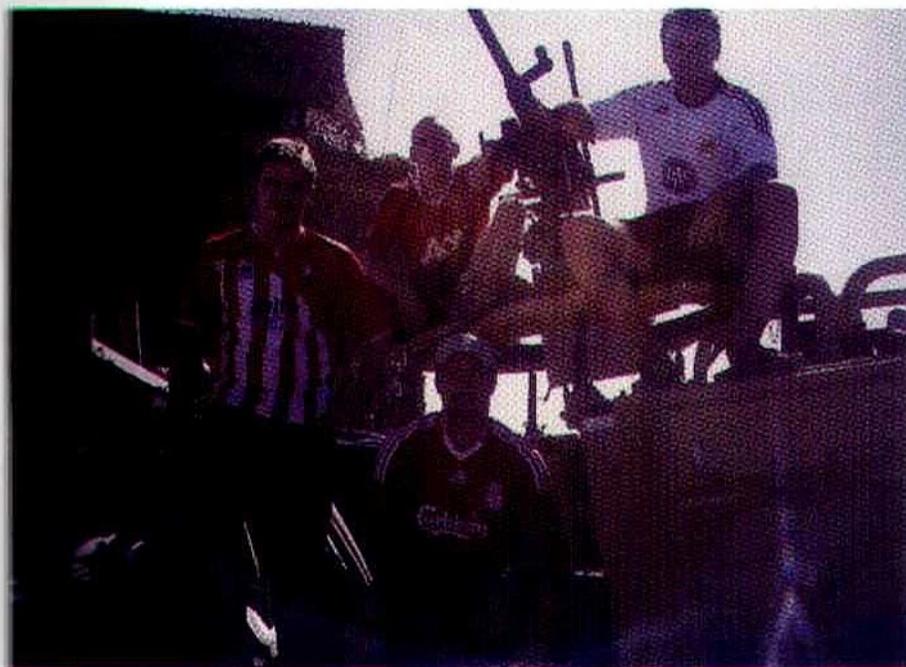
Adrian Waine "I thought we played some really good football, it could of been 4 all, Mo was my man of match, Pack was so full of energy, he was everywhere, Spence looked good, if we play like that on sat Swindon will be in for a shock, keep at it boys. COYR"

Matt19CTFC "Thought there were a lot of positives to take out of last night's game. Swindon will be a real test! #COYR #ctfc"

Steve Burns "Played well at times, was entertaining to be fair. Mohamed impressed tonight, shame he didn't smash in a couple of decent opportunities. Would like to see Jombati and Bags get some game time at some point."

XsophiemasonX "Went to my first football match last night at @CTFC\_Official :-)"

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# Club Shop

With the summer unveiling of the club's 125th Anniversary Ruby kit, there are some **great savings now available on 2010-11 home kits!**

## 2010-11 Home Shirt (Red/White)

Adult - Was £34.99, Now **£24.00**

Junior - Was £27.99, Now **£17.00**

## 2010-11 Home Shorts (Red)

Adult - Was £13.99, Now **£11.00**

Junior - Was £10.99, Now **£9.00**

## 2010-11 Home Socks (Red)

Adult - Was £7.99, Now **£3.60**

Junior - Was £5.99, Now **£3.60**

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## THE CHELTENHAM TOWN CLUB SHOP

The Cheltenham Town club shop is the number one place to visit if you want to wear your club's colours with pride and support the Robins this season.

We have everything from replica kits to chocolate bars and all at affordable prices!

And don't forget that you don't just have to visit us on a matchday because we are open throughout the week too!

## CLUB SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday to Fridays - 10am to 2:45pm

Matchdays (Saturday) - 12pm to 3pm and 20 minutes after the game.

Can't make it to the club shop? Don't forget you can now visit our online shop and buy from the comfort of your own home!



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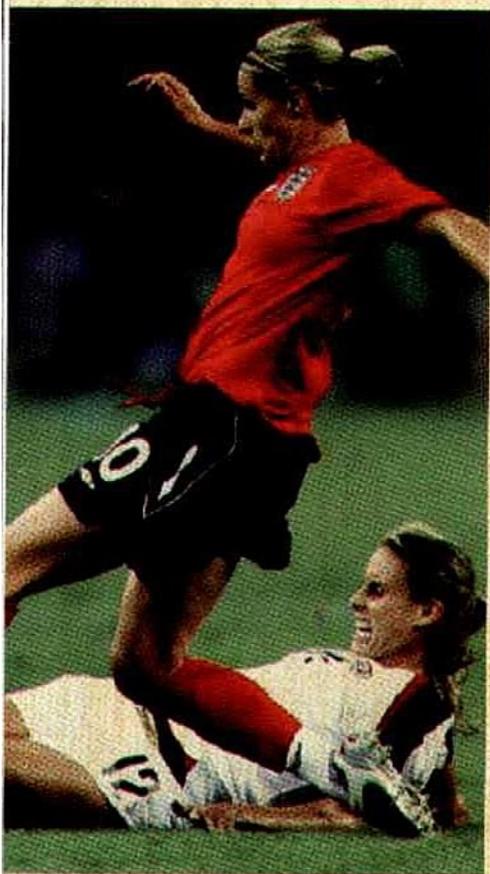
# Footy Banter

Fun, trivia and ponderings from the world of Football...

## FEMALE FOOTBALLERS PUT THE MEN TO SHAME

Football has unfortunately got a bad reputation for diving and footballers over-acting their injuries these days. It's pretty frustrating and we're willing to bet it annoys a lot of people as they watch their daily dose of football.

Nani, Drogba, Gerrard, Rooney, Ronaldo - these are all players that



have done it in the past and it just seems to be part of the beautiful game these days. However, new research has shown that female footballers play through more painful injuries, so are our female footballers tougher than their male counterparts?

Scientists in Bristol claim women are more robust due to psychological and sociological factors which affect their attitude to pain, injury and risk. A team at the University of the West of England (UWE) studied players including members of the England women's team.

The study by UWE looked at female players ranging in age from the under 10s to adults and found women often play down pain and injury when they talk about it.

It was found that women would want to play despite injury or would lie about having treatments so they could say they were fit.

"I discovered a complicated set of reasons why players continue to play even when they are injured or in pain," said John Bird, a sociologist at the heart of this research.

"They believe they have to be risk-takers, they want to keep their place on the team and don't want to let others down."

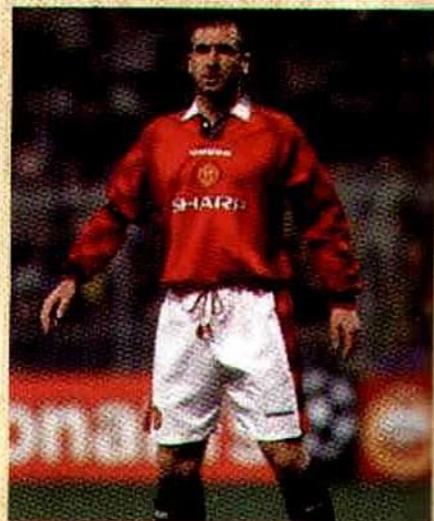
Female footballers everywhere - take a bow.

## DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

We're used to some of the best/worst/weirdest quotes in football these days but some of the following classic football quotes really left us scratching our heads!

**Alan Hansen discussing Manchester United's chances ahead of 1995-96 - "You'll win nothing with kids."** Those were the kids that won the league and did the domestic cup double by the way...

**Eric Cantona on...well... something? - "When the seagulls follow the trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea."** Eric Cantona talking nonsense. It must have made sense in his head...



**David Beckham discussing his son's religion** - "I would like to have Brooklyn christened but I'm not sure which religion yet." Becks doesn't do himself any favours...

**Andy Gray on music** - "People say footballers have terrible taste in music but I would dispute that. In the car at the moment I've got The Corrs, Cher, Phil Collins, Shania Twain and Rod Stewart." Andy Gray's car must be hell...

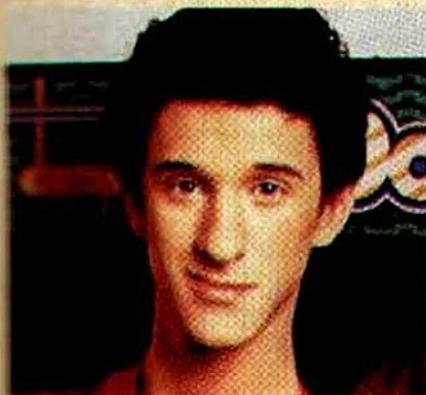
## FOOTBALL LOOKALIKES

Separated at birth? We think Saved by the Bell's Screech and Everton's Marouane Fellaini must be brothers!

Do you have any football lookalikes you want to share with us? Send your suggestions to Programme Editor James Brown  
[james.brown@ctfc.com](mailto:james.brown@ctfc.com)



Screech



Marouane Fellaini

## BRAIN TEASER

Test your knowledge by answering these seven football trivia questions. Answers are at the bottom of the page but we don't want to see any cheating!

1. In what year did Cheltenham Town lift the FA Trophy at the old Wembley?
2. Swindon Town manager Paolo Di Canio won the UEFA Cup with which Italian side?
3. Oxford United have just signed which MK Dons striker on loan?
4. Who scored a brace in last weekend's Community Shield final at Wembley?
5. What was the first football club to win the FA Cup and League Cup in the same year?
6. Cheltenham striker Darryl Duffy began his career with which club?
7. In what year did Swindon Town win the league Cup?

## DID YOU KNOW

- A Tanzanian soccer match was postponed in 1978 after the referee was arrested on the pitch and accused of smoking marijuana just before the kick-off.
- A Scottish Cup tie between Falkirk and Inverness Thistle in 1979 was postponed no fewer than 29 times because of bad weather.
- A Manchester City fan was banned in 1995 from bringing dead chickens into City's Maine Road ground. He used to celebrate City goals by swinging the birds around his head.



## FOOTBALLING ANAGRAMS

Can you work out these three footballing anagrams?? Answers are at the bottom of the page but no peeking!

1. Back Dam Hived
2. Downtown Sin
3. Madame Kid Ho

**Brain Teaser Answers:** 1. 1998 2. Juventus 3. Lewis Guy 4. Nani 5. Arsenal - 1993  
**Anagram Solutions:** 1. David Beckham 2. Swindon Town 3. Kaid Mohamed

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# 2011-12 Facts & Stats

## 2011/12 League Two

### Roll-Call

Name	League apps/gls	Cup apps/gls	10-11 Tot apps/gls	CTFC Career apps/gls
Scott Brown	1	1	2	153(1)
Sidi Jambati				
Keith Lowe	1	1	2	58(2)
Andy Gallinagh				123(25)/4
Steve Elliott	1	1	2	43(3)/1
Alan Bennett	1	1	2	2
Ricki Hayes				9(1)
Harry Hooban				
Sammy Andrew	1	1	2	57(1)/4
Steve Bird				268(60)/8
Michael Pook				60(9)/6
Russ Pann	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)
Josh Law	1	1	2	85(8)/13
Junior Smikle	(1)	(1)	(2)	40(11)/4
Luke Summerfield	1	1/1	2/1	2/1
Martin Pack	1	1	2	37(6)/2
Reggiean Graham				
Steve Lewis				18(23)/1
Younis Mohamed	1	1	2	2
Clare Duffy	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)
Jeff Beaulding	1	1	2	40(5)/10
Jimmy Spencer	1	1	2	2
Oliver Moore				

## 2011/12 League Two

### Club Stats

- Most Shots:** Morecambe (20)
- Least Shots:** Crewe (3)
- Most Fouls:** Northampton (17)
- Least Fouls:** Dagenham & Redbridge (4)
- Most Red Cards (inc cup):** Crawley (2)
- Most Yellow Cards (inc cup):** Bristol Rovers & Crewe (4)
- Most Clean Sheets:** Accrington, Barnet, Dagenham & Redbridge, Gillingham, Northampton (1)
- Highest Attendance:** Swindon Town (8,248 vs. Crewe)

## 2011/12 League Two

### Top Goalscorers

Player	Team	Goals
Justin Richards	Burton Albion	2
Jamie Stuart	AFC Wimbledon	1
Charles Ademeno	AFC Wimbledon	1
Mark Byrne	Barnet	1
William Virgo	Bristol Rovers	1



# CHELTHENHAM TOWN FC

## 2011/12 League Two

### Where are we...?

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Swindon Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2	Bristol Rovers	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3	Aldershot Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Barnet FC	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	Dagenham & Redbridge	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	Gillingham	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7	Rotherham United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8	Southend United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9	Burton Albion	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10	Crawley Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
11	Port Vale	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
12	Torquay United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
13	Plymouth Argyle	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14	Shrewsbury Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
15	Accrington Stanley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
16	Northampton Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
17	AFC Wimbledon	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
18	Bradford City	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
19	<b>Cheltenham Town</b>	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
20	Hereford United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21	Macclesfield Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
22	Morecambe	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
23	Oxford United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
24	Crewe Alexandra	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

# Fixtures & Results 2011-12



DATE	K.O.	OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	AWAY	REFEREE	POS						
Sat Aug 6	15:00	A Gillingham	0-1	5,360	148	L. Collins	19th	Brown	Lowe	Elliott	Bennett	Andrew	
<b>Tue Aug 9</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>H MK Dons (CCR1)</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>J. Linington</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Lowe</b>	<b>Elliott</b>	<b>Bennett</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	
Sat Aug 13	15:00	H Swindon Town											
<b>Tue Aug 16</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>H Morecambe</b>											
Sat Aug 20	15:00	A Northampton Town											
<b>Sat Aug 27</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Crawley Town</b>											
Sat Sep 3	15:00	A Aldershot Town											
<b>Sat Sep 10</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Macclesfield United</b>											
Tue Sep 13	19:45	A Torquay United											
Sat Sep 17	15:00	A AFC Wimbledon											
<b>Sat Sep 24</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Hereford United</b>											
Sat Oct 1	15:00	A Bristol Rovers											
<b>Sat Oct 8</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Dagenham &amp; Redbridge</b>											
Fri Oct 14	19:45	A Burton Albion											
Fri Oct 21	19:45	A Accrington Stanley											
<b>Tue Oct 25</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>H Crewe Alexandra</b>											
<b>Sat Oct 29</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Plymouth Argyle</b>											
Sat Nov 5	15:00	A Bradford City											
<b>Sat Nov 19</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Port Vale</b>											
Sat Nov 26	15:00	A Oxford United											
<b>Sat Dec 10</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Southend United</b>											
Fri Dec 16	19:45	A Barnet											
<b>Mon Dec 26</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Shrewsbury Town</b>											
<b>Fri Dec 30</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>H Rotherham United</b>											
Mon Jan 2	15:00	A Port Vale											
Sat Jan 7	15:00	A Crawley Town											
<b>Sat Jan 14</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Aldershot Town</b>											
<b>Sat Jan 21</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Bristol Rovers</b>											
Sat Jan 28	15:00	A Macclesfield United											
<b>Sat Feb 4</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H AFC Wimbledon</b>											
Sat Feb 11	15:00	A Hereford United											
<b>Tue Feb 14</b>	<b>19:45</b>	<b>H Torquay United</b>											
Sat Feb 18	15:00	A Dagenham & Redbridge											
<b>Sat Feb 25</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Burton Albion</b>											
<b>Sat Mar 3</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Northampton Town</b>											
Tue Mar 6	19:45	A Morecambe											
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<b>Sat Mar 24</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Oxford United</b>											
Fri Mar 30	19:45	A Southend United											
<b>Fri Apr 6</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Barnet</b>											
Mon Apr 9	15:00	A Rotherham United											
<b>Sat Apr 14</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Accrington Stanley</b>											
Sat Apr 21	15:00	A Crewe Alexandra											
<b>Sat Apr 28</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>H Bradford City</b>											
Sat May 5	15:00	A Plymouth Argyle											



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The Robins celebrate Luke Summerfield's goal against MK Dons in the Carling Cup.

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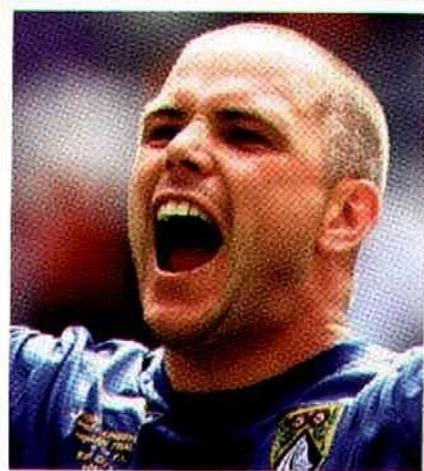
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## CHELTHENHAM TOWN FC v MORECAMBE FC



Tuesday 16th August 2011 • npower League Two  
The Abbey Business Stadium • K/O - 7.45pm

The loss of Sammy McIlroy may have been a blow for Morecambe but the introduction of new manager Jim Bentley may just give the Shrimps the push they need after a poor end to their 2010-11 season.

A 20th placed finish in League Two last season left Morecambe dangling perilously close to the drop zone and all focus will be put towards making sure that doesn't happen once again this season.

A 1-1 draw was played out between Morecambe and the Robins back in February at the Globe Arena. Stewart Drummond had opened the scoring for Morecambe but Frankie Artus' freekick ensure Cheltenham would take home a point.

### MORECAMBE FORM GUIDE

npower League Two Morecambe 1-2 Northampton 07/05/11 (L)  
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**nPOWER LEAGUE 2**

## NORTHAMPTON TOWN FC v CHELTHENHAM TOWN FC



Saturday 20th August 2011 • npower League Two  
Sixfields Stadium • K/O - 3pm

The Robins and the Cobblers had very similar seasons last term. Both promised so much with influential displays but perhaps lacked the consistency to mount challenge on the top half of the table.

Northampton Town have bought well this season with the return of Adebayo Akinfenwa and former Shrewsbury player Jake Robinson. They could be contenders come the end of the season.

A visiting Cheltenham Town side held Northampton to a 1-1 draw at Sixfields back in January. The Cobblers went ahead after nine minutes through Billy McKay but Wesley Thomas equalised for the Robins in the 48th minute.

### NORTHAMPTON FORM GUIDE

npower League Two Morecambe 1-2 Northampton 07/05/11 (W)  
npower League Two Northampton 0-0 Accrington 06/08/11 (D)  
Carling Cup (R1) Ipswich 1-2 Northampton 09/08/11 (W)



**nPOWER LEAGUE 2**

## CHELTHENHAM TOWN FC v CRAWLEY TOWN FC



Saturday 27th August 2011 • npower League Two  
The Abbey Business Stadium • K/O - 3pm

Big spending Football League new boys Crawley Town won the BlueSquare Premier division last season in emphatic style and they look set to take League Two by storm if their transfer activity is anything to go by.

Cheltenham Town and Crawley have never met in a Football League fixture before so this meeting at the Abbey Business Stadium will be a little piece of history in the making. One player of note in the Crawley line-up is Wes Thomas who finished last season as Cheltenham Town's top goal scorer before making the move to the Football League new boys.

### CRAWLEY FORM GUIDE

Carling Cup (Preliminary) Crawley Town 3-2 AFC Wimbledon 29/08/11 (W)  
npower League Two Port Vale 2-2 Crawley Town 06/08/11 (D)  
Carling Cup (R1) Crystal Palace P-P Crawley Town 09/08/11\*

\* (This fixture was postponed due to the UK riots)

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## Cheltenham Town FC

Manager: Mark Yates



○	Scott Brown (GK)	01
○	Keith Lowe	02
○	Danny Andrew	03
○	Dave Bird	04
○	Andy Gallinagh	05
○	Steve Elliott	06
○	Marlon Pack	07
○	Josh Low	08
○	Darryl Duffy	09
○	Jeff Goulding	10
○	Brian Smikle	11
○	James Spencer	14
○	Alan Bennett (C)	15
○	Russell Penn	16
○	Theo Lewis	17
○	Kyle Haynes	18
○	Michael Pook	19
○	Ethan Moore	20
○	Bagasan Graham	21
○	Sido Jombati	22
○	Kaid Mohamed	23
○	Harry Hooman	24
○	Luke Summerfield	25



## Swindon Town

Manager: Paolo Di Canio

01	Mattia Lanzano (GK)	○
02	Kevin Amankwaah	○
03	Callum Kennedy	○
04	Aden Flint	○
05	Joe Devera	○
06	Alberto Comazzi	○
07	Paul Caddis	○
08	Simon Ferry	○
10	Matt Ritchie	○
11	Etienne Esajas	○
12	Alan McCormack	○
13	Oliver Risser (C)	○
14	Jordan Pavett	○
15	Nathan Thompson	○
16	Ibrahim Atiku	○
17	Alan Connell	○
18	Mark Scott (GK)	○
19	Matt Clark	○
20	Abdul Said	○
22	Michael Timlin	○
23	Raffaele De Vita	○
24	Jonathan Smith	○
25	Will Evans	○
26	Phil Smith (GK)	○
27	Alessandro Cibocchi	○
31	Billy Bodin	○
39	Mehdi Kerrouche	○

## Next Home Game

v Morecambe | npower League Two  
Tue 16 Aug 2011 | Kick Off: 7.45pm



## Next Away Game

v Northampton Town | npower League Two  
Sat 20 Aug 2011 | Kick Off: 3pm

## Today's Fixtures

Accrington Stanley v Southend • Aldershot v Northampton • Barnet v Port Vale  
Bristol Rovers v Torquay • Burton Albion v Shrewsbury • **The Robins v Swindon**  
Crawley Town v Macclesfield • Crewe v Gillingham • Dag & Red v AFC Wimbledon  
Hereford v Morecambe • Oxford Utd v Bradford • Plymouth v Rotherham

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