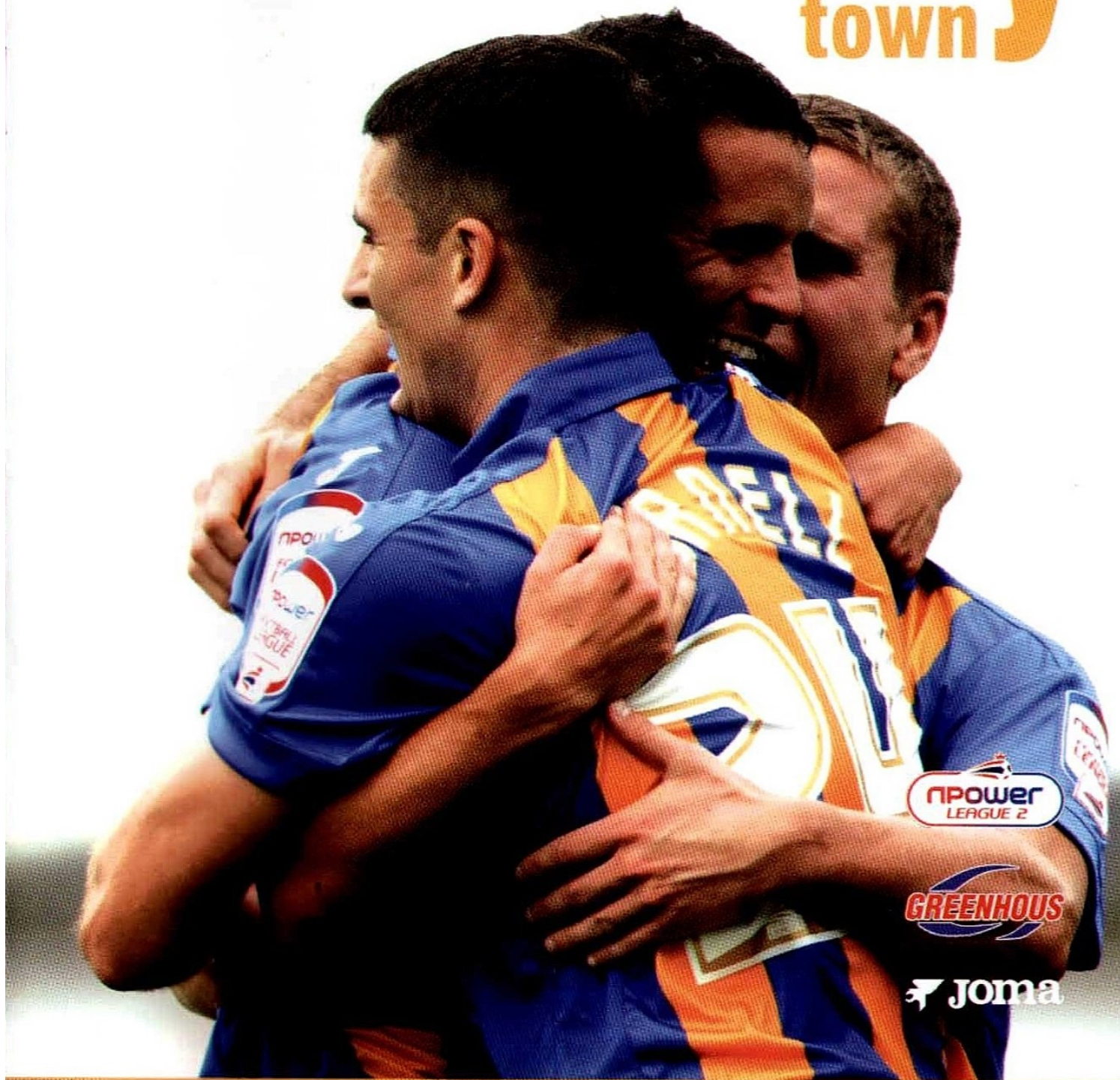


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GRAHAM TURNER

Last Tuesday's performance and result against Swansea City has given everyone at the club a real boost. While we accept that it was not Swansea's strongest team it was still full of quality and experience with many of them destined to play a part in Swansea's Premier League campaign this season.

There has been a shift in the way the underdogs have approached these sorts of cup-ties. With playing surfaces far better than they used to be the 'up and at 'em' sort of strategy used in the past by the smaller clubs is no longer effective. The great leveller of a quagmire of a pitch used to be a big factor in results, those of you who are old enough can probably remember our pitch when we famously beat Manchester City in 1979. A surface that City manager Malcolm Allison described as Egypt on Ice, referring to the amount of sand we had put over an icy pitch. Without doubt the attitude of the two sets of players had a significant bearing on the result. One team (us) wanted to play the other didn't fancy it.

Today is different, firstly a game would never take place on a surface like that and with the massive improvement in all playing surfaces there is no advantage to the smaller club. Therefore a more tactical approach has to be pursued. Swansea are a very good passing team and have had great success over the past few seasons using a style that can pull the opposing team all over the pitch. We had to have a good team shape and patience allowing them to have control of the ball in certain areas of the pitch, but denying them time and space anywhere near our goal. When we won possession of the ball we were able to break quickly and cause them a few problems. The players were terrific in the manner in which they carried out this disciplined approach and thoroughly deserved the victory which may well have been by a greater margin.

Today's opponents Swindon Town also had their night of glory beating Championship club Bristol City at Ashton Gate. Although their start to the league season has not been auspicious they played extremely well at Bristol and could easily have won by a far larger margin than the 1-0 scoreline. On the evidence of last night's performance they will be in contention at the end of the season.

I must mention the local newspapers view on us, and I quote "The Shrews policy of bringing in big lumps suggests they may abandon all forms of technique in favour of physique, they will get nowhere". I'm sure that MM, TG, RH, JJ and MR will enjoy being described as 'big lumps'. As we have witnessed against quality teams like Derby County and Swansea City referring them as 'big lumps' could not be further from the truth, and that we have not abandoned our beliefs in technical ability being preferred to physical attributes.

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IAN SHARPS

Tuesday night saw us take on Swansea in the Carling Cup and it was a bit of different game for us. I thought we played well, but the game was more about containment and then hitting Swansea on the break. I think we had more chances than them in the game and afterwards their manager even said that we deserved to win and that is a great accolade for the lads to have.

All of our goals were decent and we took the chances well, had a number of good breaks and could easily have scored more than the three goals that we got on the night if we had been a bit more clinical.

It was disappointing to concede the early goal, but it was good to see the character that the lads showed to come back, Shane in particular after he scored such an unfortunate goal. It shows testimony to the great character that we have in the squad to turn the game round and went on to win the game.

You get different games during the season where you are examined in different ways of playing and I thought on Tuesday we performed well and passed that examination. The draw took place this morning and with the number of upsets in the Carling Cup then we are as likely to get a non Premiership side as we are to get a Premiership side. The next round is a long way away and this season is all about us winning promotion and not about us winning the Carling Cup.

Today is a big game for us and Swindon should not be underestimated as they are a good side, they've showed that already by beating Bristol City earlier in the week. Their manager has brought a lot of experienced players in to their side and I'm sure it will be a good game.

So far it's been a good week for us but in simple terms we want to end the week with a second league win to add to the 3 points we picked up against Crewe. We need to reproduce the form that we showed against Swansea; it's no good producing one off performances in the cup like Northampton did last season. They won away at Liverpool but you see the season they had in the league then I'm sure they would have swapped that result for a better crack at promotion.

The crowd are important to how well we do this season and they showed great support for us on Tuesday night. Even when we went the goal down early on they got behind us rather than getting at us and the lads really appreciated that support.

I'd like to finish by wishing my Mum a happy birthday; I've splashed out on tickets so that she can be at the game today so many happy returns to her. I'm sure Marvin will produce a Fresh Ego Kid cap as she's really into wearing caps!



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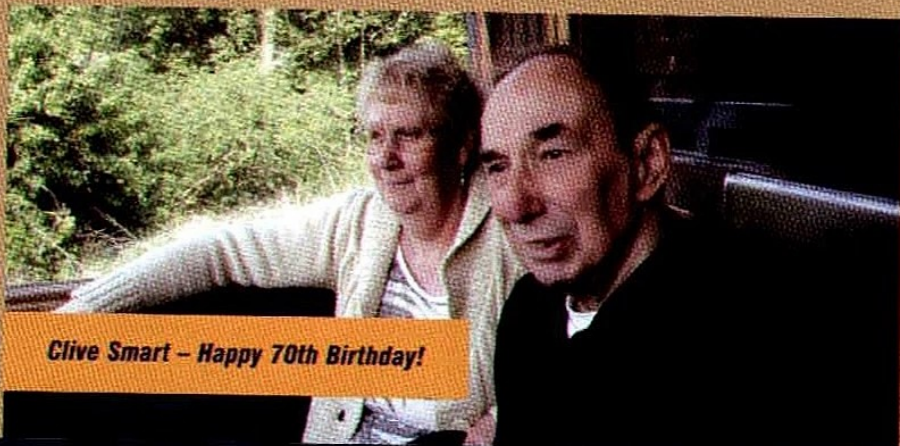
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Clive Smart – Happy 70th Birthday!



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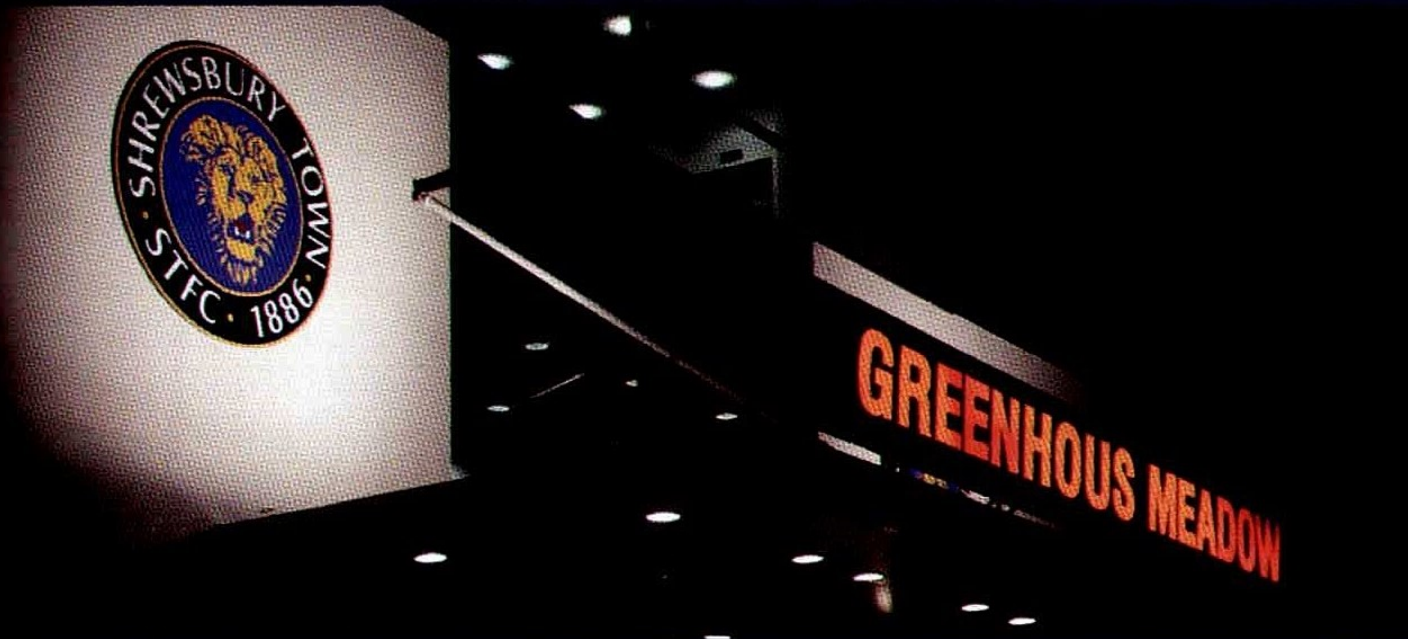


SWANSEA CITY MARVIN MORGAN

Marvin Morgan was named the Man of the Match for the game against Swansea City. Sovereign member Bob Jones is pictured presenting Marvin with his bottle of Tanners Champagne.

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Word from the Commercial Department



Good afternoon and welcome to the Greenhouse Meadow for today's Npower League 2 match against Swindon Town. Shrewsbury Town Football Club is very privileged to have so many loyal sponsors and supporters and I would like to take this opportunity in once again thanking all of the companies who work with the football club in so many ways.

Over the next few weeks I would like to introduce some of these companies so that all of our supporters know a little bit more about the companies behind the boards, shirts and other sponsorships.

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Legends

The football club has now announced three of the ten legends. Arthur Rowley, has now been joined by Chris Smith and Colin Griffiths. This now leaves only 7 more to be announced.

The legends will be inducted at a gala evening at the Greenhouse Meadow on Thursday 6th October 2011. The black tie dinner will held in the Sovereign Lounge and tables and individual tickets are now on sale. Tables can be purchased for £400 plus VAT and individual tickets at £40 plus VAT.

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I hope and trust you enjoy today's game and would like to wish Graham and the boys good luck

Anton Gunter
Commercial Manager

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All paid up members will this year also receive a complimentary 125 year anniversary badge.

Those who still need to pay their subscriptions can do so by seeing Chris Smith or Jackie Klekot before today's game in the Powerleague bar or alternatively in main reception immediately after the game.

You can still purchase other items including Bobby Charlton photos, "Breathe on em Salop" history books, and several different kinds of anniversary badges which are shown below.



MONTHLY DRAW

The Super Blues monthly prize draw for August was drawn at haltime last Saturday.

Winners were:

- £200 - 1st prize... Paul Brooker (363)
- £100 - 2nd prize... Neil Handley (1)
- £100 - 3rd prize... James Gwillam (457)
- £50 - 4th prize... Mr J Turner (40)
- £50 - 5th prize... Mr Wayne Williams (284)

£10 Runners Up prizes will be drawn at the next Super Blues Committee meeting

SCRATCH CARDS

We are still looking for people to sell our ever popular scratch cards. These are only 50p each and you can win a top prize of £400. If you are able to help sell tickets even if it is match days only please contact Chris 01952 604742

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Teams of 4

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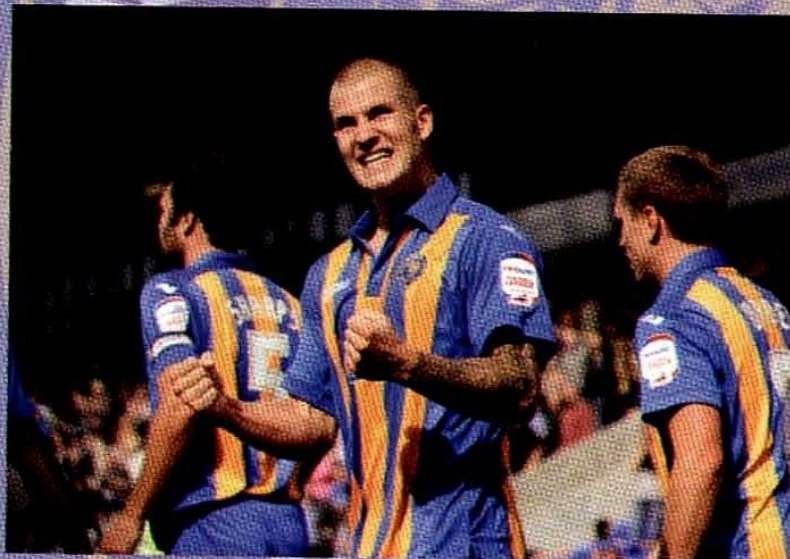


Matchday Re-Runs

Join us on Monday nights from 7pm in the Arthur Rowley Lounge to watch the highs and lows of the previous home or away game.

Admittance is free, hot food will be available and the bar will be open.

We hope to see you there!



CHRIS SKITT

Good afternoon ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to yet another home game; today against Swindon Town. May I take this opportunity to welcome those travelling with Swindon: staff, players and supporters to the Greenhous Meadow.

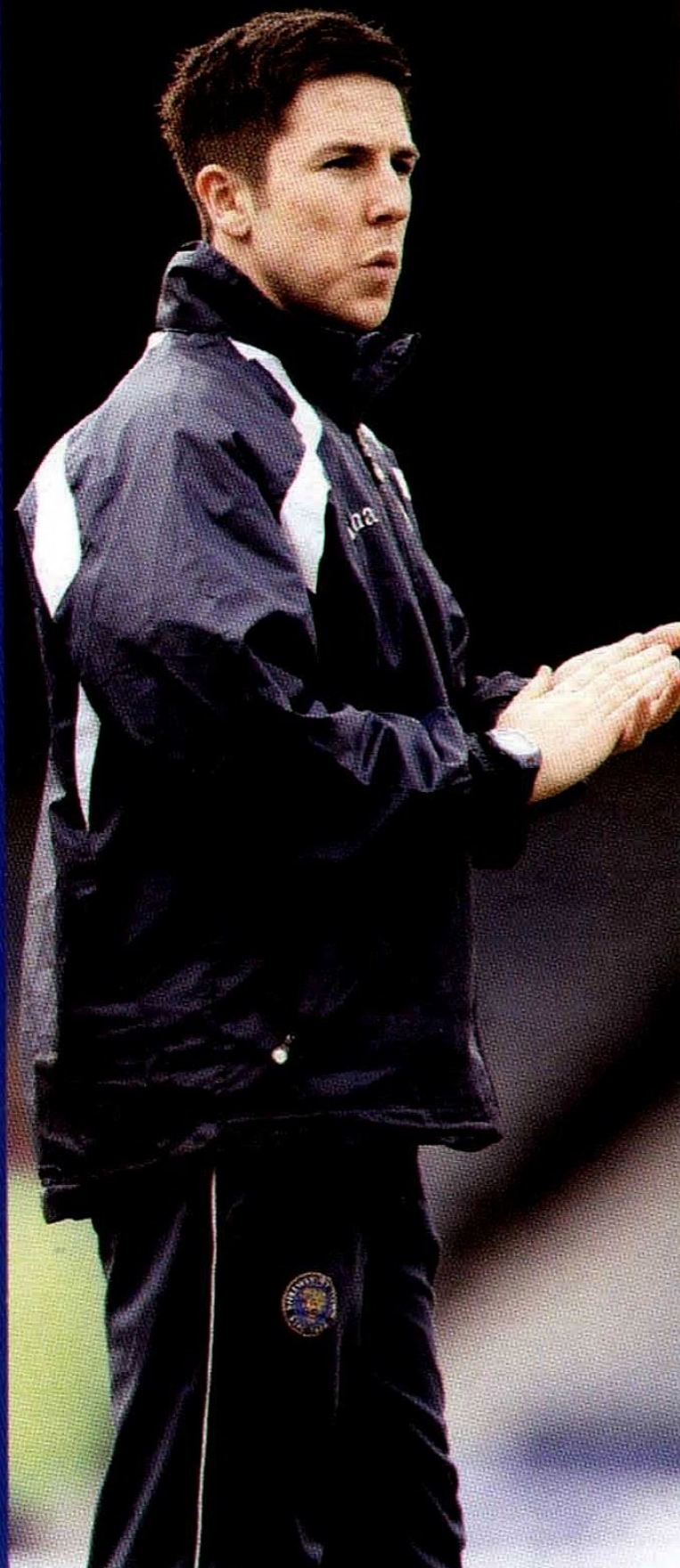
Well, what better way to start my column today with the great result we saw on Tuesday night, once again it was testament to the lads team moral and work ethic that we got the result we did – not to mention tactics!!! However, while the lads are in jubilation, it is the coaching and medical staff's role to refocus the attention on to the game today. This is something which we all look to do equally and use our own professional attributes to ensure that the players are once again ready and raring to go and provide another performance to get you, the supporters on their feet!! As I mentioned last week, recovery is of the utmost importance, for this reason players have had a little rest both mentally and physically this week which allows their body to repair or recover the necessary faculties. Rest quickly follows onto active recovery techniques, alongside a combination of manual therapy techniques which means we will be ready and raring to go come 3pm today.

On the injury front, Carl Regan is the only issue we have at the minute. Carl sustained a strain of the quad during the game against Oxford; although not typically a long injury, quads are an area of the body which need special treatment and a holistic and diverse approach. This is because many areas work in conjunction with the quad's to allow additional movement within the body. Carl is doing really well within his rehab and I would suggest that he will be beginning to train within the next week or so.

Carrying on my 'back room info' theme, it has been drawn to my attention that a certain member of our strike force has recently released his own clothing line. It was to my surprise (having seen what he turns up to work in) that it was a certain Marvin Morgan! For those that saw the 'heart' sign celebration against Swansea, his clothing line is 'Fresh Ego Kid' and is depicted by the previously mentioned heart. I'm sure if any of you sit in the crowd long enough after the game, our very own Del Boy will come to try and sell you a shirt or hat.

Hope you have a great day at the game, made even better by a home win!!!!!!

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LEGENDS: COLIN GRIFFIN

It is a record that may never be broken.

Colin Griffin is the only Shrewsbury Town player to have started more than 400 League games, spending in excess of 35,000 minutes on the pitch for the Shropshire club.

And such statistics ensured his naming as the third of 10 Hall of Famers was greeted with a nod of recognition from all Town followers.

After signing from Derby for 10,000 as a 20-year-old in January, Griffin was to become part of the defensive furniture in the following 13 years.

And a pretty solid piece of furniture he was.

In that never to be forgotten Division Three championship winning side of 1978-79, Dudley-born Griffin was to start every game in the League and both major knockout competitions.

And it was fitting that, while he only scored seven goals in his 402 League starts for Shrewsbury, one of them was the clubs first goal in the second tier, against Notts County in a 1-1 draw at Gay Meadow.

Griffin retained his place for much of the next decade and, even after he scaled down his playing commitments in the late 1980s, remained on the clubs payroll as coach to Ian McNeil and Chic Bates.

"It's a big honour when you think of some of the names who are likely to be

in the list," said Griffin, now 55 and still living in the county town, as he joined a Hall of Fame list that already includes record goal-scorer Arthur Rowley and supporters figurehead Chris Smith.

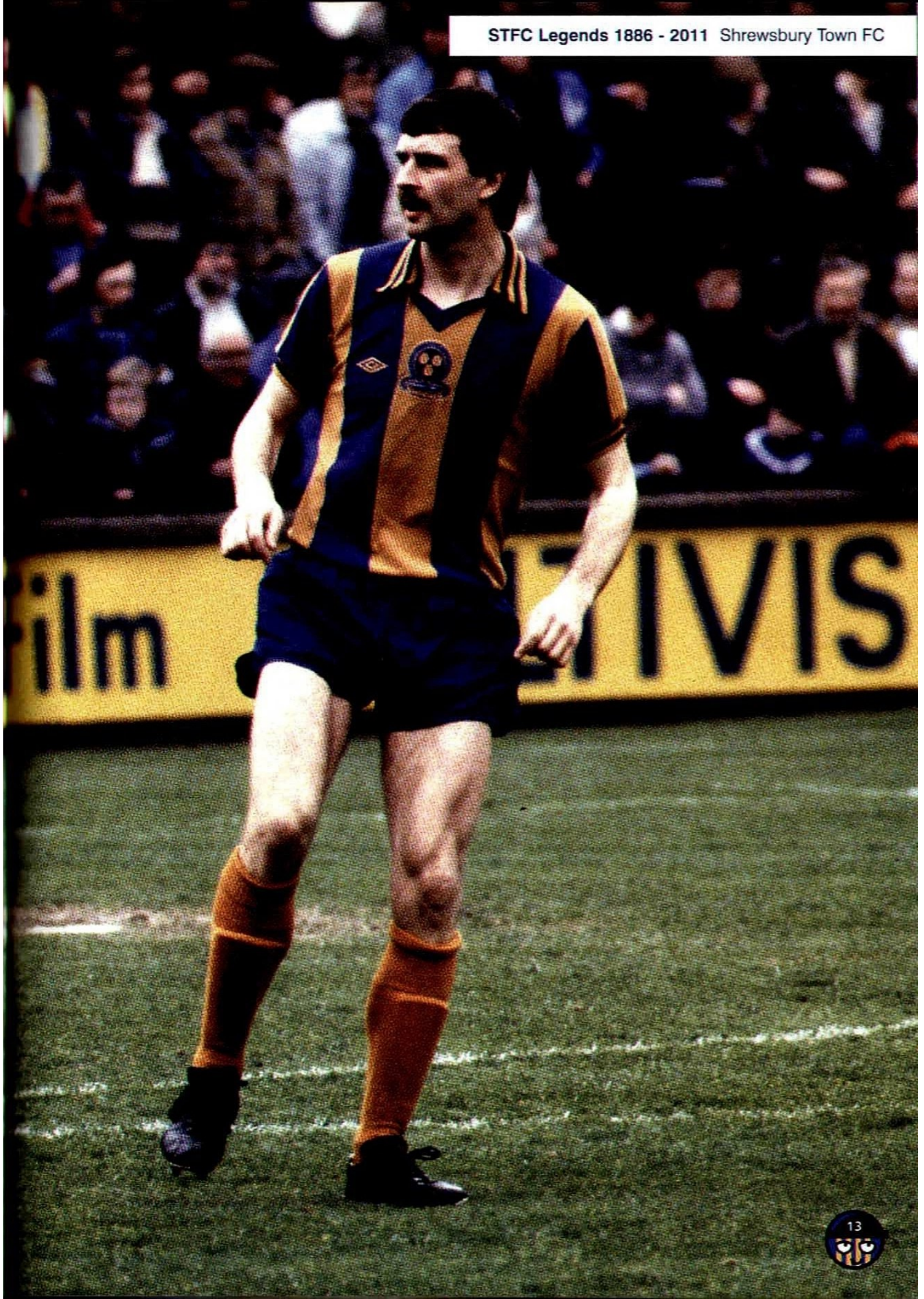
"I had a fantastic time playing for the club and to get promoted and then stay in the second division alongside some very big clubs was a great achievement and the highlight of my time there."

After eventually cutting his ties with the club and football as a career, Griffin began his post-sporting life by becoming a postman, an occupation he remains in today at the age of 55.

And there is no doubting he delivered the goods for Shrewsbury Town.

Tables of 10 for the gala dinner are available at £400 plus VAT while individual tickets can be purchased.

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Stuart Dunn covers Town's fortunes for BBC Radio Shropshire and the Shrewsbury Chronicle

I HAD been planning to devote a fair chunk of today's column to charismatic Swindon boss Paolo Di Canio as he pays his first visit to Shrewsbury - but then along came the latest Carling Cup classic against Swansea City on Tuesday night.

There's something special about Town and the Carling Cup at the moment, with Swansea the latest enthralling chapter to follow on from the fine 3-2 win at Derby County in the last round plus the high scoring clashes at home to Ipswich and Charlton Athletic in recent years.

Tuesday was a terrific night as Town produced an excellent performance crowned by three good goals to sentence the Premier League new boys to a second round exit.

We've had to wait eight years for Town to beat a top flight team in a competitive game since Everton were humbled 2-1 in the FA Cup third round at the Gay Meadow.

And, ironically, the man in charge that day, Kevin Ratcliffe, was here on Tuesday sat directly in front of me in the Press Box, working for BBC Radio Wales. He was in good form, too, as he enjoyed watching a match at the Greenhous Meadow for the first time.

Town's performance was not the only highlight as I was also impressed by the way Swansea manager Brendan Rodgers conducted himself throughout his visit.

With his wife Susan born in Shrewsbury and his father-in-law Mike Kearney a former Gay Meadow playing favourite, it's clear that Rodgers already had a certain affection for Shrewsbury Town.

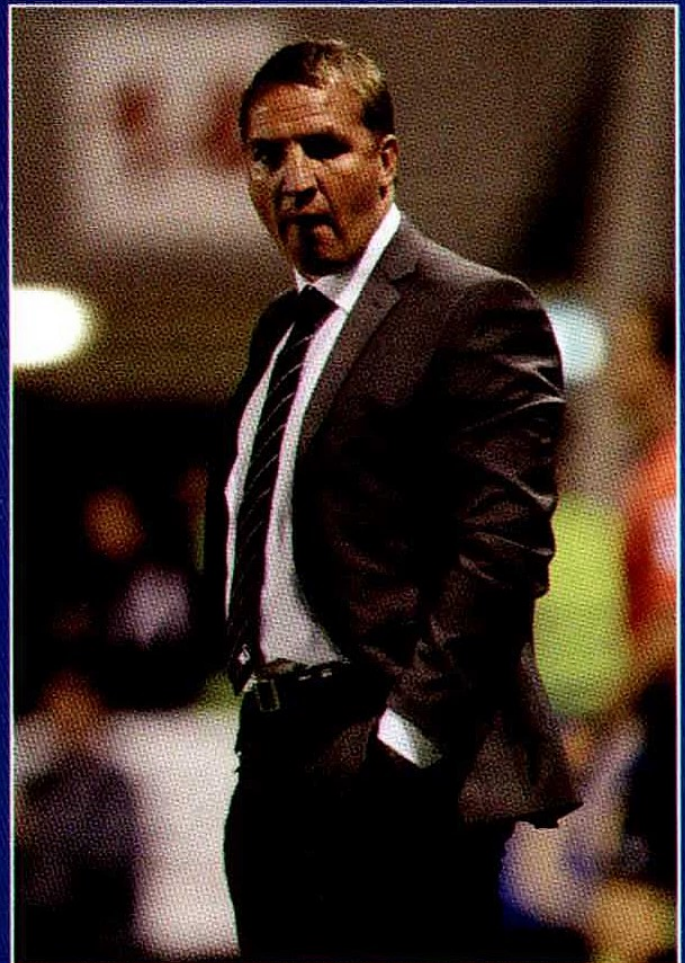
And, even in the disappointment of his Swansea side tasting defeat, he was extremely gracious, conducting plenty of post-match interviews, including one with myself just outside the players' entrance before he boarded the team bus for the return to South Wales.

"It's the first time I've been here and it's a fantastic stadium," said Rodgers. "Hopefully there's a great future here for Shrewsbury and let's hope they can emulate and be inspired by the likes of Swansea and produce good football, which they can, and climb the leagues."

Of his own family connections with the town, Rodgers said: "Susan couldn't lose. Her father played here and they had a wonderful time here as a family. Susan was born in Shrewsbury hospital, but that doesn't take away any disappointment for me."

Rodgers added he had no complaints about Tuesday's result, admitting Town were full value for their victory.

"It was totally deserved," he confirmed. "I thought they were the best team on the night. We didn't have as much quality or even attitude in the game as they had.



Brendan Rodgers was impressed with what he saw on Tuesday night

"It was a great night for Shrewsbury and well deserved.

"I've had very few days or evenings since I came into the club where I've been unhappy with the team because normally the application and attitude is there in every game win, lose or draw.

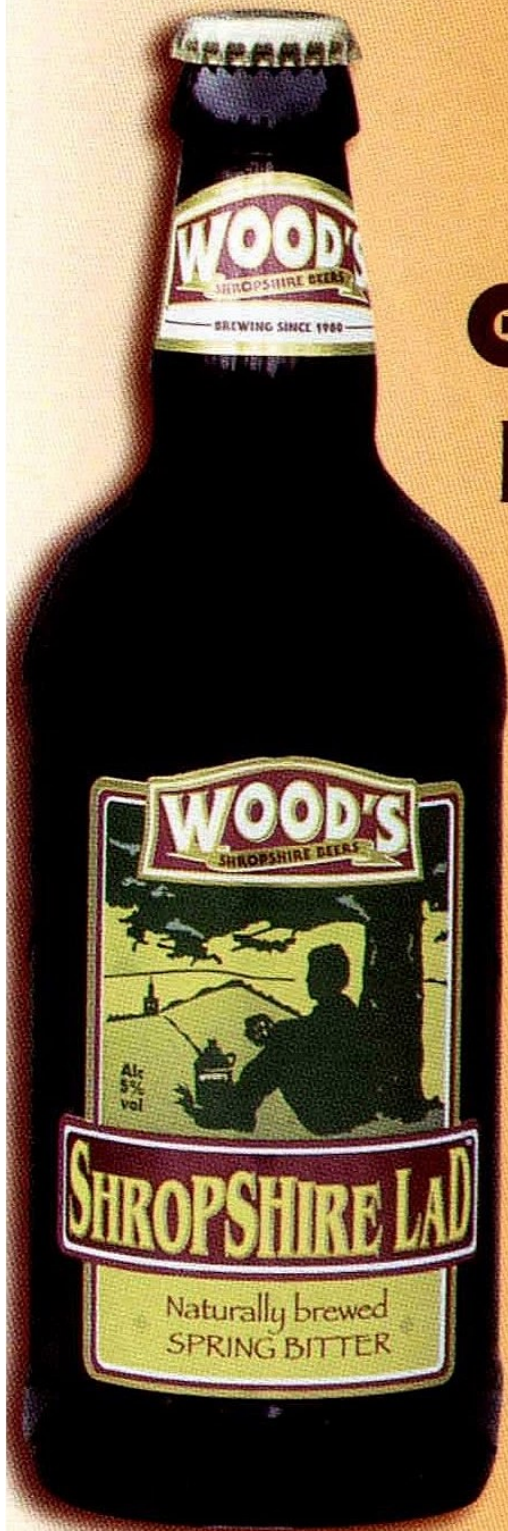
"I felt we had one or two players that maybe just weren't quite right in their mind, but it was certainly a rude awakening for them.

"Shrewsbury are a well organised team with some very good individual players. The playing surface is fantastic and there's lots of space for development around the ground as well."

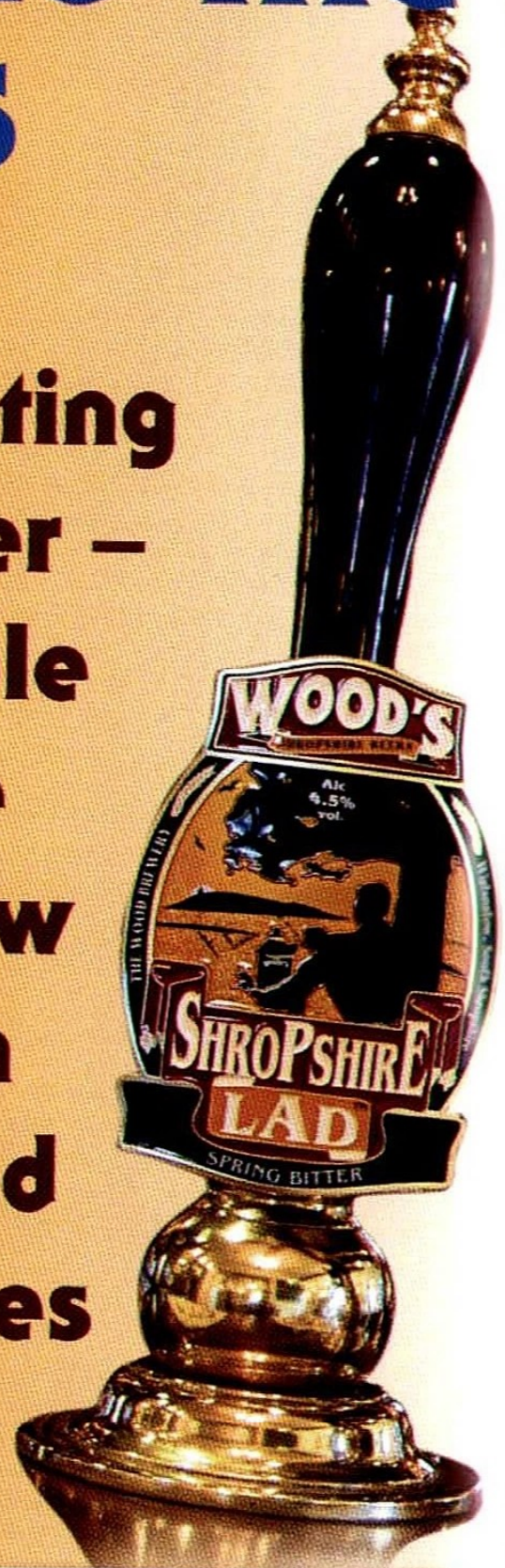
Rodgers gained himself plenty of new Salopian admirers on Tuesday and it can only be hoped Swansea improve on what we saw from them earlier this week and make a good go of their debut campaign in the Premier League.

As for Town, fingers crossed the Carling Cup third round draw, due to be held earlier today, has been kind and that we can look forward to another epic night.

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Today I am going to take this opportunity to let you all know about a couple of things that the trust are doing, usually I just recap but 3 games at home in a row give me more space. The first is the new bus service that is being organised as part of our supporter's bus scheme. It is pretty much the baby of Adrian Plimmer, a founder member of the trust and he has worked hard over the years to keep the project ticking along. It is one of those unseen jobs that people don't really think about, let's be honest, if you are sitting on the bus you don't really think about the chaps who help to lay it on. Ade deserves a pat on the back for his work over the years, keeping in touch with the different operators, reproducing timetables and visiting the various venues. The coaches run from several pubs around Shrewsbury and we have added a new service to the portfolio (a portfolio of buses?), which runs from the Inn on the Green in Radbrook.

So if you live in the Radbrook area, instead of getting a lift or walking or even jumping in the car, you can pop in to the Inn on the Green for a (sensible, we always have to add that these days) pint or two, before jumping on the bus and being chauffeur driven to the ground. After the match, jump back on the bus at the specified time, and you can have a quick one to celebrate before popping home. It ticks several boxes, environmentally speaking any sort of mass transit is a better option than personal transport (with the exception of cycling and walking, oops), you can socialise on the way, you don't have to pay to park or remember where your car is parked and of course you can have a guilt free drink! Details of the new scheme can be found on our website www.shrewstrust.com or ring Paul King at the Inn on the Green on 01743 588385.

Before I go, I hope you will forgive me just one more quick plug. Some of you will have already seen the beautiful results of our concourse project on the walls of the west stand. The project is aimed at celebrating the history of Shrewsbury Town football club and beautifying the concourse areas where supporters congregate at half time and before matches. To that end, Shrewstrust have sourced hundreds of pieces of memorabilia, tamper proof frames and some top quality printing, to bring you our concourse project.

We have funded a part of the project and now we are asking supporters, local businesses and anyone else who is interested, to help us fund the rest of the project. We have a couple of levels of funding: number 1 is simply joining Shrewstrust. We only ask for a £5 annual membership and we are putting 80% of new memberships toward the scheme, membership details can be found at the above website. Number 2 is the sponsorship option, for £50 you can sponsor the board of your choice and can feel proud when you walk past it, because you helped to put it there! We have already had quite a bit of interest in this option but with 90 odd frames to sponsor, there are still a few for you to choose from.



It is something I am very proud to be involved in and I like the project because it is what Shrewstrust are all about, supporters doing good things for supporters. It is also nice to see something on the walls of the stadium. I can appreciate the need for a new home and I am glad we are here, but I do miss the old meadow for its unique character. With the concourse scheme we are putting a bit more character into the areas of the ground we inhabit as supporters, and because it is organised funded and seen by the regular supporter, it is something that is truly ours.

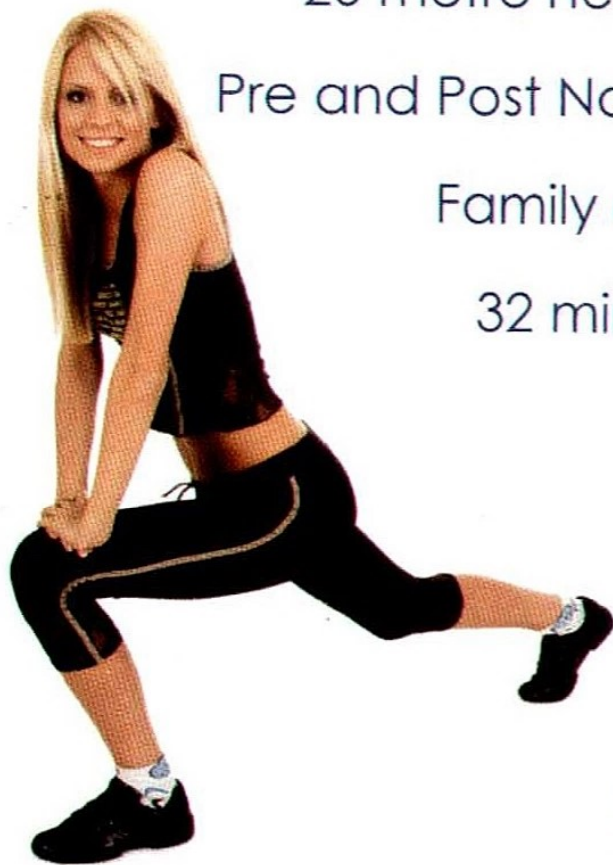
While I am on the subject of the concourse, we are still looking for old photos and other interesting bits of memorabilia, so if you have something we could reproduce for the project, please let us know via the website.

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It was good to get our first win under our belt of the season, the team played a lot better than the last two matches which were away at Burton and Oxford respectively. The manager made four changes, two in the back line one in mid field and one up front, the back four seemed to be more comfortable with two left sided players and two right sided players, the mid field played comfortably with McAllister scoring a brilliant header in the first half and Nicky Wroe scoring right on the stroke of full time, it was a brilliant solo run made by him from just inside the Crewe half and shot on goal just inside their penalty area, GOAL, which sealed the match for the Town. Ben Smith pulled off a couple of good saves to keep Crewe out, they did hit the post in the second half but were kept at bay, they did have a player sent off with a straight red card for a bad tackle on McAllister, the Crewe player had only been on the pitch for ten minutes, short match for him. The Town front two did a lot of running, with no result, Terry Gornell came in for James Collins who was on the subs bench for the game, but came on with ten minute to go.

We are playing Swindon today so it will be interesting to see how we play against them as they are an ex championship side with experience behind them, but they do have a new manager in his first season as a manager. A win would see us climb into the top half which is where the club want to be.

The OSC will be running coaches to the Walsall, Gillingham and Bristol Rovers games, Times & Prices as follows:

NEXT AWAY TRIPS:

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2011

v WALSALL (KO 7:45pm)

Four Crosses Coach Dep 4.30pm,

Pedigree, Oswestry 4.45pm,

Oxon Shops Bus Stop 5.10pm,

Meole Downes Garage 5.20pm,

Asda Bus Stop, Old Potts Way 5.35pm,

Telford Services 6.00pm

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v GILLINGHAM (KO 3pm)

Four Crosses Coach Dep 7.25am,

Pedigree, Oswestry 7.40am,

Oxon Shops Bus Stop 8.05am,

Meole Downes Garage 8.15am,

Asda Bus Stop, Old Potts Way 8.30am,

Telford Services 8.55am

Adult £23.00, OAP/U16's £21.00,

U/11 with Paying Adult £10.00,

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TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2011

v BRISTOL ROVERS (KO 7:45pm)

Four Crosses Coach Dep 2.05pm,

Pedigree, Oswestry 2.20pm,

Oxon Shops Bus Stop 2.45pm,

Meole Downes Garage 2.55pm,

Asda Bus Stop, Old Potts Way 3.10pm,

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AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE

This afternoon we are delighted to welcome the directors, players and especially the supporters of Swindon Town Football Club. We have not met for a year or two and if my memory serves me right this will be their first visit to the Greenhouse Meadow. Like Shrewsbury Town they have tasted the wonderful highs in football and rather like us they now have the challenge of trying to force themselves back into the higher echelons of the football pyramid.

I emphasise the welcome to our away supporters before every game because I travel away to so many clubs and find the visitors are far too frequently treated like unwanted aliens. The supporters are after all are the football club and the most successful clubs achieve their status because of the level of and quality of their support. I do believe our own club is getting better at making the away supporter feel welcome because after all, quite apart from any good motive we may have for encouraging away visitors, it is an important source of revenue.

Our modern new ground allows us to provide decent toilets, food and drink outlets for our visitors. The seating is also good with cover against the elements and because I am located within the away area in the north of the ground I know that the stewarding is always sensitive and supportive and with rare exceptions extremely effective. The club is also dealing more proactively with the pre match preparation of the stadium with seat cleaning and so forth and Richard and Andy have got to be among the very best grounds men anywhere in the country preparing as near a perfect a playing surface as is possible.

There has been a lot of talk about gangs of late. We have recently seen open gang warfare of the most destructive kind on the streets of our green and pleasant land and they are even importing a policeman from America to help us to resolve the issue. Well to both sets of STFC fans who might be reading this today, welcome to our respective gangs. By committing ourselves to our respective football clubs we are by implication a part of a gang which thankfully is normally constructive and purposeful although occasionally and sadly potentially destructive as well. It is a gang represented by people from every walk in life, from the most humble to the most exalted, young and old, male and increasingly female.

The FA understands better than anybody the importance of building good community relations through local football clubs. We benefit massively here in

Shrewsbury through the work of our Community Manager who is Martin James. It is no coincidence since his appointment we invite more and more young people, football clubs and schools with their teachers and leaders to our home games and provide more and more opportunities for our community to become involved in a positive and constructive way with our football club.

I have seen for myself how motivating and uplifting it can be for people of all ages, not just the young or those who might be at most risk, to feel they can identify with someone or something which is positive and successful. The presence of young footballers, who themselves in some cases have overcome significant challenges, injury, prejudice and social barriers is massively heartening and has the potential of being a really powerful antidote for many of our current social challenges.

There are wonderful Youth Workers and gifted and talented teachers. The vast majority of our parents do a great job despite the conflicting advice from politicians, the media and the newspapers or the pressures from our rapidly changing society. But, young professional footballers at every level can in my opinion become even more important role models for the many who have no one else to look up to or to learn from.

I have seen myself the change of attitude that can take place in a room when young, fit footballers enter it. Don't forget, we all hold our footballing heroes in such high regard and whilst we can't make them into social workers or require them to heal all of society's ills, we can encourage and support their greater involvement in community life. You can measure the awe in which we hold them by the queues of people of all ages at the recent open day. What other individual apart from a visiting pop star could command the same regard and respect within our town.

To ensure we have some balance to our concerns about the destructiveness of some young elements, I can think of no better example than the publication of examinations results over the last couple of weeks. The same generation who are the cause of so much concern are the very same who make up the vast majority who were responsible for the best ever examination results.

And this afternoon playing for both STFC's will be a number of young men with all the pressures and demands of being a professional sportsmen. They will have had to overcome many setbacks in their early careers and today the hopes and expectations of thousands of demanding supporters will be firmly resting on their young shoulders. They thankfully represent the vast majority of decent, hard working and totally committed young people who like every generation who have come before them want to make the world into which they so recently arrived an even better place to the benefit of everyone.

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MASCOTS



Issac Brookes and Jack Davies were our mascots for the game at home to Swansea City.

Ryan David Johnson | Age 8

From: Shrewsbury
 Favourite Player: Mark Wright
 Favourite teams: Shrewsbury and Man United, in that order!!!
 Hobbies: Football, Cricket and Swimming
 School: Coleham.



Jennifer Kayleigh Johnson | Age 5

From: Shrewsbury
 Favourite player: Ian Sharps
 Favourite teams: Shrewsbury and Man United, in that order!!!
 Hobbies: Tap and Jazz and Swimming.
 School: Coleham.



Leo Weaver | Age 9

From: Bishops Castle
 Favourite Player's: Stewart Downing, Joe Jacobson, Lionel Ainsworth and Marvin Morgan
 Favourite teams: Shrewsbury Town, Liverpool and England
 Hobbies: Football, BMX, Playing games for BCJFC u10
 School: Bishops Castle



Jack Wainwright | Age 11

Teams: Shrewsbury Town and Liverpool
 Player: Ian Sharps
 School: Adams Grammar School, Newport
 Hobbies: Football, and cycling



LENNY'S DEN

QUICK QUIZ

- Shrewsbury Town F.C was formed in 1886- at which hotel?
 (a) Turf Hotel (b) Raven Hotel (c) Lion Hotel
- In Shrewsbury's history, they have had a few grounds before our new stadium was built. Which was NOT a Shrewsbury Town ground? Which is the odd ground out?
 (a) Racecourse Ground, Monkmoor (b) King's Meadow (c) Sutton Lane (d) Barrack's Ground (e) Ambler's Field
- True or False? David Moyes, manager of Everton, once played for Shrewsbury Town.
- What is Swindon's nickname?
 (a)The Larks (b) The Sparrows (c) The Robins
- What is the name of Swindon's Ground?
 (a)The Country Ground (b) The Town Ground (c) The County Ground
- True or False? Swindon Town F.C was promoted to the Premier League in 1963.

WORDSEARCH

Here are the names of ten Premiership strikers; see if you can find them all in Lenny's wordsearch- across, up, down, backwards and on the slant!

AGUERO (Man. City) DOYLE (Wolves) ZAMOROA (Fulham)
 ROONEY (Man.Utd) FLETCHER (Wolves) JOHNSON (Fulham)
 DZEKO (Man City) KLASNIC (Bolton) SUAREZ (Liverpool)
 DROGBA (Chelsea) TEVEZ (Man City) DAVIES (Bolton)

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ANSWERS: 1. (a) OR (c) Some accounts say the Turf Hotel, others say The Lion 2. (b)Kings Meadow - that was never in Shrewsbury, it's AFC Wimbledon's ground! 3. True 4. (c) The Robin 5. (c)The County Ground 6. They were promoted to the Premiership- yes, but it was in 1993. The Premiership didn't exist in 1963!!

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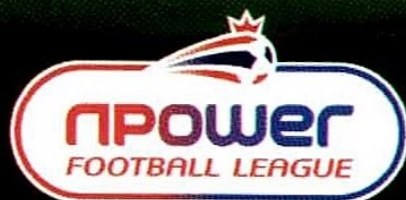
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Welcome back to the Greenhous Meadow for the third home game of the season. For the ASFC we have had just the one game at home, but like the Town remain unbeaten of our home patch this season. This week we have the match report from a close game against local rivals Crewe.

STFC ASFC 1 – 1 Crewe

The ASFC faced the rapidly improving Crewe team facing somewhat of a defensive crisis. With Phil Thomas still MIA, Andy Groves, and Andy "Poolie" Davies away, and Justin Klekot suffering from knee ligament damage, only Mike Price remained of the regular defenders over the last few seasons. Added to that Manager Andy Davies was also missing, leaving team management affairs in the capable hands of Ant Thomas. With a few calls and chasing the ASFC hastily assembled squad had some new players, Patrick Leahy (brother of Gerry), Nathan Parton (brother of Steve) and George Martin (brother of no one we know of).

The Team lined up;

GK Sam Morris – DF Ant Thomas, Mike Price, Patrick Leahy, Jamie Hall – MF Tim Klekot, Steve Price, Gerry Leahy, George Martin – ST Glyn Price, Dave Evison – Bench Nathan Parton, Jordan Downward.

The ASFC started brightly and created a number of good opportunities which went begging or were lacking the final killer pass or touch. New boys Martin and N Parton looked lively in the opening exchanges, Martin going close with a well executed volley. At the other end the new defence held firm and when Crewe did break them down Morris was on hand to come out and make two excellent stops to keep the scores level.

Once again set pieces were a big plus point for the ASFC. First D Evison went close with a free kick from the edge of the area, before G Price headed just wide from a corner. The best chance of the half fell to Tim Klekot when a corner was fizzed across the box and from 2 yards out a falling Tim managed to impossibly head up and over the bar. He maintains it was a tough chance!

The pressure finally told though as good work from G Price in winning the ball back down the right side put Crewe on the back foot and his cross was cleared to the edge of the area, where N Parton unleashed a sweetly struck volley low and hard giving the keeper little chance. Parton has a good record of bagging on his rare appearances for the ASFC, but he really needs to work on his celebration! At half time the ASFC came into the break one up but knowing this Crewe side were not out of the game yet.

The ASFC started the second half even better than the first and carved out three or four great chances which



Steve Price put in another shift in Midfield

Evison, Price and T Klekot would have hoped to have done much better with. The back line were still dealing with the threat of Crewe well, and the central midfield pair of Leahy and S Price were providing a great shield as we were getting forward well to support the forwards.

Patrick Leahy on his debut had really been impressive, and had not put a foot or a head wrong in the game, but unfortunately had his pocket picked near the midpoint of the half and allowed the Crewe forward in to approach Morris in goal and finish well. Underserved on the strength of P Leahy's performance, but on the balance of play it had been coming.

That opened the game up further and both teams had a go for the win, but a lack of sharpness from both team's strikers meant that the score ended 1-1.

Man of the Match went to Jamie Hall, the young man who's really impressive in his new defensive roll. This week Hall was imperious at left back, and used his great heading ability well. P Leahy was second for a really strong debut at the back, and third this week was George Martin.

The ASFC have a couple of weeks off as most of the squad travel to France for the wedding of ex ASFC player Andy Jones, all the best to him for his big day. The next action for the ASFC is in the Stanley Hermes Cup in Coventry where the ASFC have been drawn in a group with Manchester United, Barnsley and Leyton Orient. Tough group that!

The ASFC have also been involved in another cup draw this time for the IFA Midlands Cup, and managed to get the tough draw of West Broms Academy (youth) team away from home. After drawing the first two league games, it's all about the cups now!

Pricey



Cup doesn't runneth over

Tuesday's fantastic League Cup victory over Premier League Swansea saw Town progress to the third round for the 1st time in 17 years. Our last run saw us lose in an epic with Blackburn Rovers – Shearer et al. A 0-0 draw at Ewood was followed by Town actually leading 3-1 at one stage, only to go down 4-3.

That season Town played Southampton in the second round. A two legged affair Town lost 1-0, before winning at home 2-0, with Sir Michael Brown getting the winner. Just over five thousand turned up.

To be fair the home sections were packed with Gay Meadow's then capacity restricted to just over seven and a half thousand. Southampton fans, following a club at the time that was struggling on the field under Ian Branfoot's tenure as Manager, didn't fancy the long trip from Hampshire, and it's fair to say that a minibus would have troubled capacity issues in terms of transportation.

In my 36 years of following Town we have never done that well in the Bob Lord's creation to provide a midweek competition for football clubs (his idea being that with the advent of floodlights – and following the huge crowds that attended these novelty games at the time – think a packed Molineux for European challenge games in the 50's, that fans would flock to it). It was normally a first round exit to Walsall or Hereford that started off the season, normally followed by Town topping the league.

When we went up to what is now the Championship, Town finished high enough in the league to actually get a bye to round two, and become a seeded team. Town actually drew Bolton (then League One) with us as the high placed seeded side.

The two legged nature meant that crowds were never as high as for the FA Cup. Even against top flight teams. Norwich City visited us in a second round tie in the early eighties, with just over five and a half thousand inside GM. Just fewer than ten thousand came for the visit of West Bromwich Albion, which despite coming back from 3-0 down in the home tie, and an Ian Atkins thunderbolt, went out narrowly on aggregate.

Single legged ties helped create more of a cup tie feel,

certainly in the initial rounds where previously there had been two legged affairs. But with the advent of the Premier League and Champions League, priorities changed.

Premier League clubs more worried about retaining their status used the competition to 'squad rotate' and the visit of a 'might' team to some little League Two venue lost a lot of its magic. Despite this competition probably being the best chance of European competition for these teams.

Because of the European angle, Championship teams now enter at the 1st Round stage, with Premiership teams (except those in Europe) coming in at round two. The really big boys come in at round three.

The first two rounds are seeded so that League Two and lower placed League One clubs will always play higher placed opposition. Hence Town drawing and beating Derby County and Swansea City.

This in theory should mean a good payday for the lower league club.

However the appeal of this competition and indeed that of newly Budweiser sponsored FA Cup means that the riches cup competitions once had, have reduced.

Clubs are stuck in a dilemma. True cup competitions won't normally be budgeted for and therefore in theory the income generated is additional. However fans, who are becoming increasingly more budget savvy, demand cut price admission due to factors like 'well they wont bring a first team' or 'three games in a week'. Valid issues which affect the overall attendance.

Although a crowd of just over 4000 may be seen by some as disappointing and justifying the concerns of fans arguing for price reductions at these types of games, whether there is sufficient real interest to gain extra attendees is a large unknown. Judging by comparable matches our attendance was actually quite good.

The likelihood is that by dropping admission prices Town would have needed another couple of thousand to gain the same income. Whether those who had already made up their minds not to have attended would have done, again remains a massive unknown.

Fans have to understand that admission monies only cover a fraction of the running costs of any football club. And whilst I agree with financial fair play, and sustainability, we are a fair way off all clubs competing equal. Therefore clubs have to be careful when doing cut price deals that it's not a loss leader they can't afford.

No football club, or indeed business wants to turn away or price out people from attending a football match., but this has to be balanced by covering off the bottom line.

For me the approach for the JPT should be adopted for all non-league games. £10- Adults. £5 Kids and OAP's, and the ability to do further offers as clubs see fit. Cup matches should be promoted as occasions to introduce new fans and potential sponsors to competitive football. It needs the Football League, Premier League and FA to promote this. Especially at a time when attendances after such a rise over the last twenty years are starting to drop.

Let's hope that by the time you read this, we have a great draw and a chance to progress to Round Four. That would be something wouldn't it!

ADE PLIMMER



SWINDON TOWN By Gerard Butler

After they reached the play-off final in the previous season, last season's relegation was as surprising as it was disappointing, but they are looking to make an immediate return to League One following the ambitious appointment of Paolo Di Canio as manager.

Squad-wise Thomas Dossevi left the club before the end of the campaign whilst Michael Rose, David Prutton, Leccinel Jean-Francois, Jonathan Douglas, Jon-Paul McGovern left in the close season, and Elliott Benyon was loaned to Wycombe. Arriving at the County Ground was goalkeeper Mattia Lanzano from USD Gavorrano in Italy. In defence, Joe Devera signed from Barnet, alongside Spezia's Alberto Comazzi and Alessandro Cibbochi. The midfield saw the addition of Jonathan Smith from York, new captain Oliver Risser ex Lyn Oslo, Helmond Sports' Etienne Esajas and Alan McCormack of Charlton, whilst the attack was boosted by Livingston's Raffaele de Vita and Alan Connell from Grimsby. Signings have continued to flow into the club with strikers Lukas Magera and Leon Clarke (formerly of QPR) arriving in the last week alongside winger Lander Gabilondo.

The first match for the new look side was a 3-0 home win over Crewe, with goals from Callum Kennedy, Risser and Aden Flint. However, after the Carling Cup tie at Bristol City was postponed due to civil disturbances, three successive losses followed; 1-0 at Dagenham and Cheltenham, and 2-1 in the home derby with Oxford United.

Last season began with a 2-1 home loss to Brighton, and then a Carling Cup exit at home to Leyton Orient. However, they pulled back a two goal deficit in the 2-2 draw at Hartlepool, whilst the visit of Brentford brought a 1-1 draw, but the trip to Milton Keynes saw a 2-1 loss. A turning point emerged in the Trophy, as a 3-0 win was claimed at holders Southampton thanks to a Vincent Pericard double. That form continued into the league with a 0-0 draw at Carlisle, before a rematch with the Saints saw Austin set up a 1-0 County Ground win. This was backed up by a 2-1 win at Walsall thanks to Alan Sheehan and Pericard, and then a 1-0 home success came against Huddersfield thanks to a late Sean Morrison goal. However, a 3-2 home defeat to Plymouth Argyle kept them in 13th spot at the end of September.

October was destined to see lots of goals at both ends of the pitch. The game at Dagenham saw a 2-1 defeat, whilst Ball and Pericard earned a 2-0 home Trophy win against Torquay United. Back in the league, Bristol Rovers were seen off 2-1 by goals from Morrison and Pericard, but the visit to Peterborough brought a remarkable 5-4 loss, in which Town

came from 3-0 and then 4-3 to draw level, but still lost. They bounced back again in the 2-2 home draw with Leyton Orient, and were at it again as they scored twice in the last three minutes to secure a 3-3 draw in the derby at Yeovil Town but Swindon remained a modest 16th.

A congested November opened with a comprehensive 3-0 home defeat to Charlton, but the FA Cup brought a fine response as Plymouth Argyle were beaten 4-0 at Home Park by goals from Morrison, Austin, Pericard and Ritchie. However, Town went out of the Trophy following a penalties exit at home to Brentford, although they responded with a 2-1 home win over Colchester thanks to Dossevi and Austin. A topsy-turvy 3-3 draw came at Rochdale, but the trip to Notts County brought a 1-0 loss, ahead of a 1-1 FA Cup draw at Crawley. After Morrison and McGovern had served up a 2-1 home win over Sheffield Wednesday, Town were dumped out of the FA Cup in the home replay with Crawley, 3-2 after extra time, despite the hosts taking a two goal lead.

What followed that match was a major loss of form as the Wiltshire side won only three of their remaining 27 matches, including an 18 match winless run from January to March. That sequence opened with the 1-1 home draw with Peterborough, whilst the New Year began with a 2-1 home loss to AFC Bournemouth, before a fine 4-2 win was set up at Charlton thanks to Austin's double and contributions from Morrison and Ritchie. However, the month continued with losses at Oldham and Bristol Rovers either side of a home defeat to Yeovil, whilst 0-0 home draws with Tranmere and Exeter meant they were only out of the bottom four on goal difference, and, crucially, Austin was sold to Burnley. They were still in 20th place following a miserable February in which only one point came from six games, a 1-1 home draw with Rochdale, as defeats came at Bournemouth, Leyton Orient, Colchester and Southampton, as well as at home to Carlisle.

Wilson resigned at the start of March, with Paul Hart appointed to the end of the season, however a winless month saw only three points collected, in home draws with relegation rivals Walsall and Dagenham, and impressively at Huddersfield, alongside defeats at Brighton, Plymouth and Exeter. April began with a 1-1 draw at Hartlepool and the 1-0 win at Brentford through Calvin Andrew meant that Town were five points from safety with five games left. However, home defeats to Milton Keynes and, most damagingly, Notts County, meant that they had to win at Sheffield Wednesday to preserve their hopes, but the loss at Hillsborough confirmed their relegation, and the departure of Hart, as the season rounded off with a 2-0 home loss to Oldham and 2-0 win at Tranmere through Jean-Francois and Michael Timlin.



SWINDON TOWN - A BRIEF HISTORY

Swindon Town Football Club was founded in 1879. The team turned professional in 1894 and joined the Southern League which was founded in the same year. Swindon reached the FA Cup semi-finals for the first time in the 1909-10 season, losing to eventual winners Newcastle United. Swindon entered the Football League in 1920 as a founding member of Division Three and defeated Luton Town 9-1 in their first game of the season.

In 1969 Swindon beat Arsenal 3-1 to win the League Cup for the first and only time in the club's history. As winners of the League Cup, Swindon were assured of a place in their first European competition: the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. However, the Football Association had previously agreed to inclusion criteria with the organizers which mandated that only League Cup winners from Division One would be able to take part. As the team were not eligible, the short lived Anglo-Italian competitions were created to give teams from lower divisions experience in Europe. The first of these, the 1969 Anglo-Italian League Cup, was contested over two legs against Coppa Italia winners A.S. Roma. Swindon won 5-2.

Swindon progressed well during the 1991-92 season, Glenn Hoddle's first full season as manager, and just missed out on the Second Division play-offs, having briefly led the table in the autumn. A year later they beat Leicester City 4-3 in the new Football League Division One play-off final to achieve promotion

to the FA Premier League.

Hoddle moved to Chelsea before the 1993-94 Premier League season began, and was replaced by assistant John Gorman, but Swindon never adjusted to the pace of Premier League football. They were relegated after recording only five wins and conceding 100 goals, and have never returned to this level.

The club has been beset by financial difficulties throughout its history, having been placed into administration twice and also twice fought off winding-up orders from Her Majesty's Customs and Excise over unpaid tax-bills. The 2009-10 season started positively with the club maintaining a play-off position going into the new year with the team at one point in second place with automatic promotion in their own hands. However, a slight slip in form towards the end of the season saw Swindon finish 5th but still ended the season with a semi-final play-off place against Charlton Athletic. Swindon won the tie on penalties and went on to play in the Football League One play-offs final against Millwall at Wembley. However, they lost 1-0 in what was their 1st defeat in 4 appearances at Wembley.

Before the start of the season, many pundits tipped Swindon for relegation. After losing the final Swindon lost their top scorer Billy Paynter who joined Leeds United on a free transfer. After an inconsistent season, in which Danny Wilson resigned, on 25 April 2011 Swindon were relegated to Npower League 2 after losing 3-1 to Sheffield Wednesday.

MANAGER - PAOLO DI CANIO

Di Canio was born in Rome. He signed for Lazio in 1985 where he remained until 1990, moving to another of Italy's biggest clubs, Juventus. He stayed there until 1993 and successive seasons saw him join first Napoli and then A.C. Milan. In 1996 he joined Celtic in Scotland, and his successful season in Glasgow saw him make a move to the English Premiership as he joined Sheffield Wednesday. Whilst in Sheffield, Di Canio was the club's leading goal scorer for the 1997-98 season with 14 goals and he became a fans favourite.

In England, Di Canio is infamous for an incident on the pitch in September 1998 when he pushed referee Paul Alcock to the ground after being sent off against Arsenal at Hillsborough, which resulted in an extended ban of 11 matches and him being fined £10,000.

In January 1999, Di Canio signed for West Ham United. He scored the BBC Goal of the Season in March 2000 with a volley against Wimbledon, which is still considered among the best goals in Premiership history. In this season he was also voted Hammer of the Year by the club's fans.

In 2001, he won the FIFA Fair Play Award. The previous December, in a match against Everton, in a noteworthy display of sportsmanship, Di Canio shunned a goal scoring opportunity and caught the ball on a cross instead as the Everton goalkeeper Paul Gerrard was lying injured on the ground after he twisted his knee attempting a clearance on the edge of the box. FIFA described the act as "a special act of good sportsmanship."

In August 2004 he returned to his home team of Lazio taking a massive paycut in order to return to the economically

stretched Roman team.

He scored in the Rome derby, just as he had in 1989, leading the team to a 3-1 victory over A.S. Roma in January 2005.

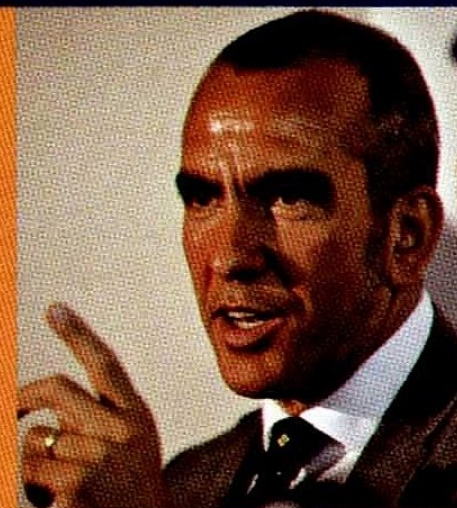
However the negative publicity that Di Canio generated for Lazio, including his intimate relationship with the club's ultras and their increased influence thanks to his presence in the team, coupled

with problems with some teammates and coaches, exasperated club president and majority shareholder, Claudio Lotito, with whom he already had a difficult relationship.

As a result, Di Canio's contract was not renewed in the summer of 2006. During several of his games for Lazio, Di Canio made a fascist salute to their right-wing fans.

On March 10, 2008, Di Canio announced his retirement from football. In an interview he revealed that his dream would be to manage former club West Ham, and applied for the position after the resignation of Alan Curbishley in September 2008.

Di Canio has a UEFA Pro Licence for coaching. In May 2011 Di Canio was appointed manager of Swindon Town, following the club's relegation to League Two. Di Canio began his career as a manager with an emphatic 3-0 win over Crewe on the 6 August 2011.



1 MATTIA LANZANO (GK)

Italian goalkeeper Lanzano departed native side USD Gavorrana 1930 in July to sign a two-year deal with Town. The 20-year-old custodian travelled with the squad on the pre-season tour to Italy, and made his debut in the 11-0 win over Norcia. Lanzano competes with Phil Smith and Mark Scott for the number one jersey at The County Ground.

2 KEVIN AMANKWAH

Amankwaah signed for Town on a two-year deal from Championship side Swansea City in the summer of 2008. Amankwaah soon made the right-back slot his own after being reunited with his former boss at Bristol City, Danny Wilson in early 2009. The 28-year-old put pen to paper on a two-year contract extension in January 2010, before making 24 appearances for Town in the 2010/2011 season.

3 CALLUM KENNEDY

Former Reading youngster Kennedy was first granted a taste of first team action by former Town boss Paul Sturrock. The youngster made a surprise start in the 4-1 win over Brentford in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in September 2007. After being taken on the club's pre-season tour to Austria in 2008, Kennedy was handed a chance to impress in pre-season with games against Cardiff City and Plymouth Argyle. Numerous substitute appearances then followed in Season 2008/2009, before he made his full debut against Carlisle United at the start of December 2008. Despite his lack of first team action in the face of injury and the form of Alan Sheehan, Kennedy signed a new one-year deal in January 2010. After loan spells at Gillingham and Rotherham United during Season 2010/2011, Kennedy returned to The County Ground as first-choice left-back for Season 2011/12.

4 ADEN FLINT

Flint joined Town from Blue Square North side Alfreton Town in January 2011, after having been pursued by Danny Wilson for a considerable time. The defender, who has also received two international caps at England 'C' level, made his debut in the 1-1 draw with Rochdale at The County Ground on February 5th. He was thrust straight into the starting line-up on the opening day of the 2011/12 season, being named man of the match in the 3-0 win over Crewe Alexandra.

5 JOE DEVERA

Devera became Paolo Di Canio's first signing as Town boss in June 2011. Devera linked up with the Robins after an established spell with Barnet and will hope to use his considerable experience to help Swindon to success. The 24-year-old, who is of Venezuelan descent, made 177 appearances during a six-year career with the Bees, and was named the club's Player of the Year in 2008 and 2011. A product of the Barnet youth system, Devera can play at either right-back or centre-back, and will add much-needed depth to the Town defensive line.

6 ALBERTO COMAZZI

Experienced defender Alberto Comazzi signed a two-year deal at The County Ground in July following lengthy talks with the club. The 32-year-old progressed through the youth team ranks at AC Milan before spending time with the likes of Como, Monza and Verona. Comazzi spent last season at Spezia, before arriving in Wiltshire for his first spell in English football with Town.

7 PAUL CADDIS

Caddis signed alongside fellow Celtic youth team graduate Simon Ferry in August 2010 for a combined undisclosed fee. The 22-year-old penned a three-year deal, and his capture concluded a lengthy pursuit from then Town boss Danny Wilson. Caddis can play in many different positions, but is predominantly a right-sided defender. Caddis made 42 appearances in the ill-fated 2010/11 season, and was voted Fans' Away Player of the Year.

8 SIMON FERRY

Along with Paul Caddis, Simon Ferry made the permanent switch from Celtic in August 2010, penning a three-year deal. The midfielder had enjoyed a hugely successful season at SN1 in 2009/2010, making 42 starts and scoring twice in Town's play-off campaign. Having joined Celtic at the age of 12, Ferry progressed the ranks at Parkhead along with Caddis and former Town teammate Scott Cuthbert, enjoying much success. However, he was sidelined for nearly two years with a serious ankle injury, and 2009/2010 was his first full season of professional football, a season in which he was agonisingly close to success.

10 MATT RITCHIE

After two separate loan spells, Matt Ritchie signed a two-and-a-half year contract at Town in January 2011. Ritchie made his full debut for the club in the 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy second round win over Torquay United at The County Ground, before going on to make 34 appearances during the rest of the season, scoring 12 times. A bustling attacking midfielder, the 22-year-old was voted Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts in 2010/11.

11 ETIENNE ESAJAS

Esajas signed for Town after impressing during a three-week trial at the club during the summer. The Dutchman scored in each of his friendly appearances for the club against a Marche XI and Swindon Supermarine, and put pen to paper on a two-year deal at The County Ground shortly afterwards. Esajas, who made 65 appearances for Sheffield Wednesday during his previous stint in English football, spent Season 2009/10 with Dutch side Helmond Sport.

12 ALAN MCCORMACK

McCormack signed a two-year-deal at The County Ground in July 2011. Following his release from Charlton Athletic, the Irishman trained with Paolo Di Canio's side for a week before putting pen to paper. Charlton Athletic secured his services last summer following Southend's relegation to League 2, and McCormack went on to make 24 appearances for the Addicks, scoring once. McCormack competes with Michael Timlin, Jonathan Smith, Simon Ferry and Oliver Risser for a midfield slot.

13 OLIVER RISSER (CAPT)

Risser penned a two-year-deal at The County Ground in July 2011, and was named club captain shortly after. The 30-year-old is a Namibian international who has played in Norway, Germany and Greece during his career. A powerful defensive midfielder, Risser can also play as a centre-back.

14 JORDAN PAVETT

Pavett won a nationwide competition to sign a professional contract with Swindon Town. Pavett, 19, beat more than 3,500 amateur players to the dream prize in Samsung's 'Win A Pro Contract' competition. He took part in series of regional and national trials before lining up in the final at The County Ground in January 2011. Pavett, from Maldon, Essex, was then one of three players selected to train with the Wiltshire club, and picked as the winner by boss Danny Wilson after impressing the Robins' coaching staff. Pavett was handed the number 14 shirt by Paolo Di Canio ahead of the 2011/12 season and featured during the pre-season tour of Italy.

15 NATHAN THOMPSON

Having been part of a successful youth team set up in 2008-2009, Nathan Thompson signed a two-year professional contract in the summer of 2009. The youngster appeared among the substitutes on a number of occasions in Season 2009/2010, but did not feature for the first team due to the impressive form of fellow right-backs Kevin Amankwaah and Stephen Darby. Thompson's performances in the youth team had brought interest from Premiership giants Arsenal and Chelsea, and he impressed alongside the likes of Sean Morrison, Kurt Hammonds and Mark Scott. After being given two starts at the tail end of Season 2010/11, Thompson signed a new one-year deal at SN1 in the summer.





16 IBRAHIM ATIKU

Atiku signed a two-year deal with Swindon Town in the summer of 2011. The midfielder was offered a contract after impressing on trial in Italy on the club's pre-season tour. The Ghanaian has played in Greece and Sweden as well as experience with the Ghanaian national team.

17 ALAN CONNELL

Swindon Town clinched the signing of Grimsby Town striker Connell for an undisclosed six-figure sum in July 2011. The 28-year old frontman put pen to paper on a two-year deal at The County Ground. Connell arrived at Blundell Park from Bournefleet in July 2010 and scored 25 league goals for the Mariners last term - finishing the campaign with 29 in all competitions. A popular player in two spells at Dean Court, the former Ipswich trainee has won promotion to League 1 on three separate occasions and enjoyed prolific spells with Torquay United and Hereford United.

18 MARK SCOTT (GK)

20-year old goalkeeper who is yet to make his first team debut for The Robins, but will look to take his chance during the current campaign. The stopper started his career with Southampton as an eight-year old and spent six years with the Saints before being released. He then linked up with Whitchurch United and played Under 16's football for the non-league side before his performances caught the eye of Aldershot Town FC. After a year with The Shots, he made a move to Swindon in the summer of 2007. Established himself in the youth team during the 2007/08 season and also played in a number of reserve games. 2008/09 started well for Scott, who was included on the bench for the League One encounter with Leeds United in September 2008 after an injury to Peter Brezovan. The 6'2 stopper spent a loan spell with Chippenham Town during the early stages of the 2009/10 campaign where he gained further experience at first team level.

19 MATT CLARK

Clark was awarded a six-month professional deal in the summer of 2011. The central midfielder, who can also operate wide on the right, came up through the youth ranks at SN1. He is yet to make a competitive first team appearance but was included in the Town squad for the pre-season tour of Italy.

20 ABDUL SAID

A midfielder of Somalian descent, Said joined Swindon from Coventry City on a two-year scholarship in July 2009. A lively character on and off the pitch, Said made a number of appearances for the reserve team during the 2009/10 campaign. He was awarded a six-month professional deal in the summer of 2011, but is currently continuing his rehabilitation from a serious knee injury sustained in the closing stages of the 2010/11 season.

22 MICHAEL TIMLIN

Former Town manager Maurice Malpas dipped into the transfer market with the addition of Michael Timlin from Fulham in May 2008. He started his career at Craven Cottage as a left-winger but was converted to central midfield by then Academy Director, Steve Kean. The switch paid remarkable dividends for Timlin as he made rapid progress through the Academy's ranks, and then on to the international stage with the Republic of Ireland. Timlin initially arrived at The County Ground on loan in November 2006 and went on to make 24 appearances as Town won promotion from League 2. Timlin made the permanent switch to Wiltshire in the summer of 2008, relocating from his London base to Swindon in the process. The 25-year-old signed a one-year contract extension in July 2010, before making 29 appearances in 2010/11 and putting pen to paper on another new one-year deal in the summer of 2011.

23 RAFFAELE DE VITA

Italian striker De Vita signed a two-year deal with the Robins in June 2011, joining Town after a spell in Scotland with Livingston. De Vita joined Blackburn Rovers aged 15 and came up through the youth and reserve team ranks at Ewood Park. Despite a hat-trick in a reserve team game against Wigan Athletic,

first team opportunities never surfaced and the frontman opted to leave the Premier League side. In July 2008 he moved into Scotland to join Livingston where he spent three seasons. Last term he made 31 appearances, scoring 11 goals.

24 JONATHAN SMITH

Swindon Town secured the signing of York City midfielder Smith in June 2011. The former Forest Green Rovers man joined the Robins for an undisclosed fee, signing a two-year contract at The County Ground. The 24-year-old was highly-rated during his time with the Minstermen, and will be hoping of making an impression in League 2.

25 WILL EVANS

Centreback Will Evans signed a two-year professional deal with Town in July 2010. The 19-year-old, who hails from Cricklade, represented Fairford Town before being snapped up by Town and progressing through the Centre of Excellence at The County Ground. He made one appearance for the Robins in 2010/11, replacing Jonathan Douglas in the 3-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Southampton at St. Mary's.

26 PHIL SMITH (GK)

Goalkeeper Smith joined Town in July 2006 from Crawley Town and made his first start for the club in the Carling Cup defeat by Brentford in August 2006. A dependable customer, Smith was made to wait for his chance which came following an unfortunate injury to Peter Brezovan in October. The 'keeper had impressed enough to be handed a new two-year contract by Christmas of his first season and played a definitive part in the promotion campaign, making a string of superb saves to earn his side numerous points. The 30-year-old endured a frustrating campaign in 2009/2010 in the face of David Lucas' imperious form but still made some telling contributions to the campaign, not least in the Play-Off Semi-Final second leg against Charlton Athletic at The Valley, in which he made a string of excellent saves and helped Town secure a place at Wembley.

27 ALESSANDRO CIBOCCHI

Paolo Di Canio sealed his tenth signing of the summer with the capture of left-back Cibocchi in July 2011. The 28-year-old joined Town on their pre-season tour of Italy and did enough to convince Di Canio he was worth a contract. The Italian has signed a two-year-deal at The County Ground, and will compete with Callum Kennedy for a first team place this season. Cibocchi made his first appearance for the Robins in pre-season at Swindon Supermarine.

31 BILLY BODIN

The son of Town legend and Under 18's manager Paul, Bodin signed his first professional contract at The County Ground in 2010, alongside fellow youth team graduate Will Evans. Bodin has progressed through the ranks at the club, having played from Under 9 level upwards in red and white. The 19-year-old, who can play as both a left-winger and a striker, already has international honours to his name, having represented Wales at both Under 18 and Under 21 level.

39 MEHDI KERROUCHE

Algerian striker Medhi Kerrouche became Paolo Di Canio's eighth signing of the summer, agreeing a two-year contract at The County Ground. The 25-year-old free agent left United Arab Emirates side Al-Oruba during the summer and was awarded the number 39 shirt after signing with Town. Kerrouche scored 12 goals in 18 games for the UAE Second Division outfit last year, and scored his first game for Town in pre-season at Cirencester Town.





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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES ONE OF SWINDON TOWN'S FINEST-EVER PLAYERS

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town.

A son of former Preston and Barrow wing-half George Summerbee, he was born in Preston and moved to Cheltenham as a youngster when his father became Cheltenham Town's manager. Mike was the first wave of young players introduced by Bert Head at Swindon and made his League debut in the Robins' 2-0 victory at home to Bournemouth three months before turning professional in March 1960.

Summerbee scored his first League goal in Swindon's 4-3 win at home to Colchester United the following month and missed just one match in 1960-61. He formed an exciting right wing partnership with Ernie Hunt and was a key figure as Swindon won promotion for the first time in their history in 1962-63. Other young stars who played for Swindon during this period included Cliff Jackson, Don Rogers, John Trollope and Bobby Woodruff.

Mike featured prominently as Swindon stormed to the top of the Second Division in the opening weeks of the 1963-64 campaign and began to attract the attention of bigger clubs. Summerbee was Swindon's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1964-65, netting 39 goals in 218 League games for the Robins before moving to Manchester City for £31,000 in August 1965.

Joe Mercer's first signing for City, the manager had played alongside Summerbee's father in Aldershot's star-studded wartime team and followed young Mike's progress. Mike was ever-present in City's 1965-66 Second Division title triumph and starred as they won the League Championship in 1967-68, the FA Cup in 1968-69 and League Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup in 1969-70. He missed the latter final through injury but was awarded a special winner's medal.

Summerbee made his full England debut in the 1-1 draw with Scotland in January 1968 that confirmed Sir



Mike Summerbee

Alf Ramsey's team as the winners of their European Nations Cup group and winners of the Home Championship. He kept his place for England's 1-0 victory over Spain at Wembley in the European Nations Cup quarter-final first-leg and scored his only international goal in the 1-1 draw against Switzerland in November 1971.

A fashionable dresser in the 'Swinging Sixties' Mike was part-owner of a boutique with George Best. He was a League Cup finalist again in 1974 and played over 300 games in the top-flight before moving to Burnley for £25,000 in August 1975, then had a spell with Blackpool before becoming Stockport County's player-manager.

Mike was a colourful character and a genuine personality as well as a player with skill in abundance. He retired from the game to concentrate on his business activities, including a bespoke shirt making company, combining these with a successful career as an after-dinner speaker and also appearing alongside Pele in the film 'Escape to Victory'. His son Nicky followed in his footsteps, playing for both Swindon and Manchester City.

Crewe Alexandra career summary:

	L	FAC	LC	T
1959-60	15 (1)			15 (1)
1960-61	45 (8)	3	3	51 (8)
1961-62	43 (4)	2	3	48 (4)
1962-63	37 (6)	4	2	43 (6)
1963-64	37 (7)	3	4 (1)	44 (8)
1964-65	41 (13)	1	1	43 (13)
Total	218 (39)	13	13 (1)	244 (40)





Referee Paul Alsop hits the deck after the infamous Paolo di Canio "push"

One of the complaints levelled against modern-day football by old-timers like myself is that it lacks characters – people like Len Shackleton or George Best, who would add thousands to the attendance just by being there.

It was refreshing to read during the summer, therefore, that Paolo di Canio had been appointed manager of today's visitors Swindon Town.

Di Canio was without doubt one of the few great characters of the Premier League era. He was obviously a spectacular player, and no-one who saw his goal for West Ham against Wimbledon in March 2000 will ever forget it.

It was a magnificent volley with both feet off the ground, and deservedly won the Match of the Day Goal of the Season award for that year. As recently as 2009 it was voted the Premier League goal of the decade in a Sky Sports News viewers' poll.

Another award-winning moment in Di Canio's colourful career came in December of the same year in a game against Everton.

Everton keeper Paul Gerrard, who was until last month goalkeeping coach here at the Greenhous Meadow, was lying injured on the ground after he twisted his knee attempting a clearance on the edge of the box. As the ball came over, di Canio, who had the goal at his mercy, caught it so that Gerrard could receive treatment.

FIFA described the act as "a special act of good sportsmanship", and gave di Canio their Fair Play Award.

But the moment di Canio will probably be best remembered for was his infamous push on referee Paul Alcock when he was playing for Sheffield Wednesday in September 1998.

Alcock had shown di Canio the red card, and the Italian responded with a slight push on the official – a touch that wouldn't have knocked over a two-year-old. But Alcock fell to the ground in spectacular fashion, and di Canio ended up with an 11-game suspension and a £10,000 fine.

I know the powers that be had to take a stand on the incident, and that players can't go around manhandling match officials, but it still remains the funniest thing I've ever seen on a football field. Alcock's fall was idiotically spectacular, and was the classic example of someone going down "in instalments". If you've never seen it, and there can't be many who haven't, you can find it on YouTube.

Looking back to that Reeves and Mortimer-type moment – "Oh, I've fallen, Vic" – set me thinking about other funny incidents I've seen in football matches.

Right up there would be Ronnie Rosenthal's miss when playing for Liverpool against Aston Villa in 1992. The Israeli international dribbled past defender after defender in a remarkable display of skill, and when he skipped around the keeper he had only to tap the ball into an empty net. But he decided to blast it, the ball hit the bar and rebounded to safety.

Another memorable moment came in the World Cup game between Brazil and Zaire in the 1974 World Cup. Brazil were awarded a direct free-kick on the edge of the Zaire box, and the referee blew the whistle for them to take it. But a Zaire defender ran out from the wall, and booted the ball upfield – and gave a little bow to the crowd after he was booked for his efforts.

Then there was Ron Atkinson, shortly after he had taken over as manager of Nottingham Forest in 1999. His first game in charge was at home to Arsenal, and he waved to the fans as he made his way to the dugout. Unfortunately for Ron, it was the away dugout – and it took him a long time to live that down!

My funniest Shrewsbury Town moment came in a Shropshire Senior Cup-tie against Oswestry Town at Gay Meadow some time in the early 1970s. The Town were two or three goals up when a defender thumped a long ball upfield for the legendary Alf Wood to chase. The kick was too strong, and the Oswestry keeper was always favourite to get to the ball first.

As the keeper came out to clear the ball, however, he slipped over and left the striker through on his own with the ball heading towards the empty net. Never one to miss the opportunity to put his name on the scoresheet, Alf decided to boot it into the net even though it was heading there anyway.

Just he was about to kick it, by now inside the six-yard box, it bobbed up off a divot, and Alf sent the ball high over the bar and into the Wakeman School gardens. It was hilarious – although whether it would have been quite so funny if Town hadn't been winning comfortably is, of course, another matter altogether...

MIKE ROBINSON
Editor of *Kidz in Sport* publications

Four goals by Ray Weigh plus two from Alex McCue and another by Willie O'Donnell gave Shrewsbury Town a thrilling 7-0 Third Division (South) victory over Swindon Town in front of 5,305 at Gay Meadow on 6th May 1955. Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS traces what happened to Shrewsbury's team:

JOHN MCBRIDE: Scottish goalkeeper who contested a first-team slot with Russell Crossley and made 78 League appearances for Shrewsbury before moving to Wellington Town in September 1956. He later played for Kidderminster Harriers and Aberdeen, then held coaching posts overseas, notably in Egypt.

JIMMY BANNISTER: Right-back who scored twice in 238 League games prior to joining Northampton Town in July 1958, then Aldershot, Gravesend & Northfleet and Alfreton. He worked in the building trade, then was a publican, including the Shoulder of Mutton at Barton under Needwood, and died in April 2007.

GORDON SKEECH: Left-back who featured as Shrewsbury won promotion in 1959-60 and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1960-61, scoring twice in 223 League games before rejoining Runcorn in July 1963. He bred and trained greyhounds for many years, living in Newton-le-Willows until his death in May 2008.

JOE WALLACE: Long-serving right-half who was ever-present in Shrewsbury's 1958-59 promotion success and netted three goals in 337 League games prior to joining Southport in October 1962, then played for Caernarfon. He later ran a pub, then a fish and chip shop in Shrewsbury until his death in April 1993.

JOE MALONEY: Centre-half who was also ever-present in Shrewsbury's 1958-59 promotion campaign and made 237 League appearances before joining Port Vale in July 1961, then played for Crewe, Winsford, Caernarfon and became Crewe's trainer. He was a storeman at the railway works and died in October 2006.

MAURICE CANDLIN: Versatile left-half who made his farewell appearance in the featured match, scoring twice in 69 Third Division (South) games while at Gay Meadow before moving to Wellingborough in July 1955. He was later licensee of the Old Swan in Earls Barton and died in Carlisle in December 1992.

DERRICK PRICE: Tricky outside-right who missed just one match for Shrewsbury in 1954-55, netting 28 goals in 125 League outings prior to joining Aldershot in July 1958. He became production auditor during 39 years with GKN Sankey. Settling in Hadley, he is a notable figure in Shropshire crown green bowls.

WILLIE O'DONNELL: Scottish inside-right who was Shrewsbury's leading marksman in 1955-56 and netted 46 goals in 130 Third Division (South) games while at Gay Meadow before moving to Burton Albion in July 1958. He later worked in the licensed trade back in Glasgow until his untimely death.

RAY WEIGH: Centre-forward who scored 43 times in 107 League games for Shrewsbury before moving to Aldershot in July 1957, then Dorchester Town and Christchurch. Settling in Bournemouth, he was a sales re-merchandise for Brooke Bond Tea, then a school caretaker and ran a private car hire business.

RAY RUSSELL: Inside-left who featured prominently in Shrewsbury's 1958-59 promotion success and netted 55 goals in 168 League outings prior to joining Crewe Alexandra in March 1960. Later playing for Wellington Town and Halesowen Town, he is now a retired saw doctor living back in his native Walsall.

ALEX MCCUE: Scottish outside-left who netted 28 goals in 91 League games for Shrewsbury before leaving in May 1956 to play football in Canada. Later with Hastings and Boston United, he was Dover's player-manager, then had a spell with Deal Town. He settled in Folkestone and died in October 1989.

Jermaine Grandison



HIS STORY

Two players who played for Shrewsbury Town in the mid 1990's are featured today and the fact that they seem to meet up quite often helps the article. Austin Berkley was signed by Fred Davies after impressing during a pre season trial. He was born in Gravesend and joined the only Club in Kent in Gillingham. He moved to today's opponents Swindon Town and scored with a header in a Football League Trophy game but had few opportunities with either side before moving to Salop in August 1995. He made 172 appearances scoring on 12 occasions before moving to Barnet in 2000. At a time when things were not at their best "Ozzie" was a crowd favourite because he had pace and could stretch the opposition defence.

The other player from the South was Darren Currie who was born in London and started at west Ham from where he came to Town twice on loan and also had a spell at Leyton Orient. In February 1996 Fred Davies paid £70K for the skilful winger who in total made 83 appearances scoring 10 goals. Darren had no real pace but was able to trick and turn his opponents having had a spell like Austin with Barnet amongst his many Clubs the pair are now connected with Dagenham and Redbridge.

Austin had a long distance loan from Barnet to tie up again with Ian Stevens at Carlisle United. He moved on to join his home town club Gravesend before being signed by Paul Parker for Chelmsford. When Parker took over at Welling he took Austin there and the winger later moved to Erith and

Belvidere as player coach. He studied Sports management at University and is still involved in the game. He is in charge of the Under 15's at Dagenham and Redbridge and was enjoying a holiday in France just before the season started.

Darren Currie had a trial at Stoke after he left Town and played 7 matches for Plymouth Argyle before a three season spell at Barnet. Wycombe Wanderers paid £200K in July 2001 and after Adams Park he moved to Brighton and had probably the best spell of his career. Joe Royle decided to make Darren the first player he had paid a fee for in December 2004 that fee was £250K. He went on loan to Derby County and Coventry City and even tried L.A. Galaxy before he signed a two year contract at Luton in 2007 and in 2009 he signed a three year contract at Chesterfield. They allowed him to join Dagenham and Redbridge before he joined them fully and last season he was part of their first team squad whilst also coaching their Under 13 team.

It was plain during their time with Town that both had a love of the game and over the years I have bumped into Darren many times and he has always said that he wants to stay in the game and is determined to do things in the proper way if he is allowed to coach or manage. Austin too has taken courses and his University course to maintain his involvement so hopefully they can continue to meet up and who knows may one day become a management team somewhere.

DEPARTED FRIENDS

Salop made their first trip to Ayresome Park over Easter 1967 as they clashed with Middlesbrough. The ground although in a down market area was in pristine condition as it had staged World Cup matches just 10 months before. Seating had been put in for that event and like Hillsborough this meant that fans could experience the joy of sitting in the rain. An uncovered area at both venues had seating added which in the World Cup played during the summer was not such a problem. The game on Easter Monday attracted a crowd of 25432 as both sides were pressing for promotion. The return two days later saw "Razzer" Harris replace Trevor Meredith in the number 7 shirt.

Both matches were blood and thunder affairs with the home side winning 1-0. Big John Hickton was in his first season with Boro and the side was big and aggressive. In injury time Hickton bundled Geoff Fellows and the ball into the net and any threat of Town fans needing to visit the adjacent hospital or the graveyard next door was removed. Two days later with the added security of "Razzer" the sides met again in another blood and thunder game and George Boardman's goal lifted the points.

Queens Park Rangers were runaway winners of the title with Boro runners up. Town slipped a little and finished sixth three points adrift of the Teesside Club.

Middlesbrough were formed after a meeting of players from the local cricket team in the Albert Park Hotel in 1875 and



EPIC SEASON

No-one can predict what will happen in any given season but it is hard to believe that there will ever be a campaign between today's two rivals like 1960-61. Mind you this season has begun in exactly the same way. Fifty one years ago to the day the "Rockin Robins" set off from Wiltshire to travel to Gay Meadow to start a very unusual series of six matches. Just a note on the song it was written by Leon Rene under the pseudonym of Jimmie Thomas and recorded by Bobby Day in 1958. It reached number two in the Billboard 100 and made Day a one hit wonder. A cover version by The Henchmen was a hit in Australia in 1965 and Michael Jackson recorded it in 1972 while Paul Anka did it in 2005.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw in front of 7330 with Town's goal coming as a second half equaliser from Colin Whitaker. There was nothing very unusual about that then but this was the first season of Alan Hardaker's pride and joy the Football League Cup. When the draw was made Salop were drawn away to Swindon Town and the two STFC Clubs were scheduled to meet on October 12th. Over Birdlip Hill the Shropshire faithful headed south to be part of a crowd of 10840 most of whom were convinced it would be a home victory. They knew they were right when the home side scored but again Salop hit back with Lenny Copp signed from Leeds United scoring on debut to set up a replay. Surely it could not be 1-1 again and there would be a winner. Well not quite it was 1-1 at half time with young Lenny on his home debut the goalscorer once more.

Arthur Rowley scored a second half penalty but the game ended 2-2 so 48 hours later it was back to the County Ground. Arthur was using the competition to try things. Mike Gibson who had only played one League game came in for the opening Cup match and kept his place but Lenny after his two goals missed out through

injury. Dave Pountney switched from centre half to inside right with young Dave Humphries slotting in to mark the prolific Dave "Bronco" Layne. Perhaps an even bigger surprise was full back Norman Hobson on the right wing. Again it was a tight affair with the game going to extra time before the two wingers scored Jimmy McLaughlin gave us the lead and Norman Hobson wrapped up the win.

Town went on to beat Bradford City Norwich City and Everton before losing after extra time to Rotherham United in the semi final but this is about Swindon Town.

Having thrashed Newport County 4-1 in the F.A. Cup first round with a McLaughlin hat trick and Rowley there was an air of déjà vu and disbelief when we drew Swindon Town away. The game was scheduled a calendar month after the League Cup win and attracted the biggest crowd of the games 11910. "Bronco" Layne was on his way to scoring 28 League goals in a 41 game stay at Swindon but Arthur was impressed with the way young Humphries had dealt with the marksman. So he was recalled and snuffed out the danger and the bosses' second half goal was the match winner. We lost in a second replay at Molineux to Aldershot in the next round. It was the only Town game my dad ever went to and he did not take me.

There was of course still the return League game and on the last day of 1960 the sides met for the sixth time in just four months this time at Gay Meadow. A crowd of 9670 took the total who had watched the six matches to just over 52000 and guess what, Yes it was a draw. This time Town led 2-1 thanks to Malcolm Starkey and Jimmy McLaughlin but Swindon levelled.

Six games won 2 drew 4 lost 0 goals 9-6.

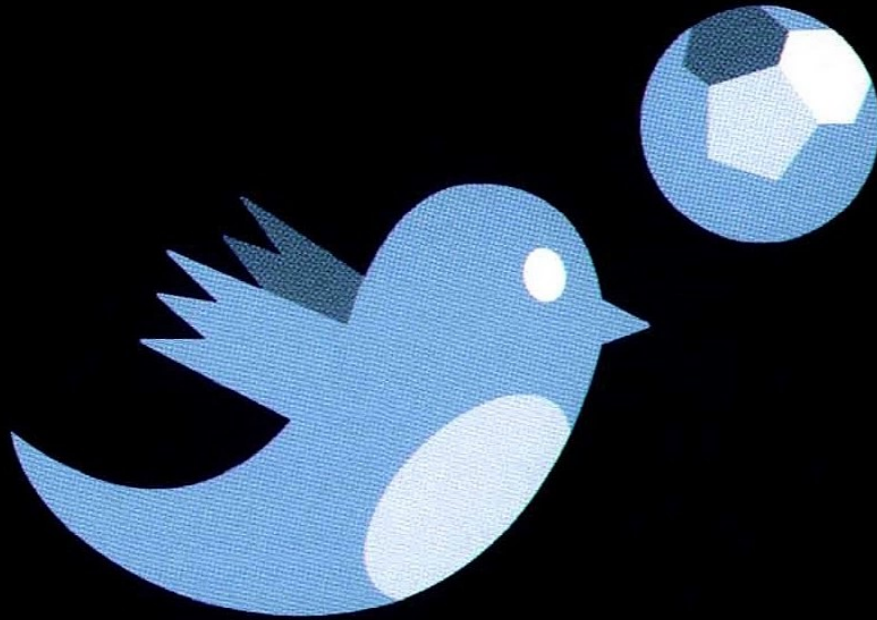
An epic and from our point a satisfactory sequence.

started playing at the Old Archery Ground in Albert Park two years later. After two years they moved to Breckon Hill and in 1882 changed to the Linthorpe Road Ground. They settled at Ayresome Park in 1903 they turned professional in 1889 but after three years reverted to amateur status before returning to the paid ranks in the last year of the nineteenth century.

They went into administration in 1986 and Chic Bates was keen to sign two of their out of work players for Salop. Centre forward David Currie and winger Peter Beagrie were the men concerned but young Steve Gibson who had made a fortune out of mobile phones rescued the Club. They sold Beagrie to Sheffield United and Currie to Darlington and the chance was gone.

Nine years later they moved once more with their new

home being the purpose built Cellnet Riverside Stadium. They achieved Premiership football within two years under Brian Robson and his captain Nigel Pearson and had European glory under Steve McClaren. Currently they are re-building the team under another ex captain in Tony Mowbray and Steve Gibson is still their chairman one of the League's longest serving custodians. The chairman no longer feels able to underwrite the manager's excesses and Mowbray had to slash the wage bill by moving on the higher earners brought from Scotland by Gordon Strachan. Local rumour had it that two of those player's wages were greater than Scunthorpe's budget last season but both have since left and the Iron have turned to Jimmy Ryan after their relegation.



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How much homework should the club do?

I know a certain previous Shrewsbury manager who used to compile a dossier on the opposition as thick as a phone directory (slight exaggeration but you know what I mean).

Graham Turner's rather different.

He and his Shrewsbury management deliberately DONT bamboozle the players with too much information about the opposition.

Key players.

Set-piece tactics.

"But if you put too much about the other side into your team preparations, it can build the opposition up too much," he told **BBC Radio Shropshire**.

"We obviously have the opposition watched and get an outline of how they play, but you can fill the players' heads with too much.

"It's the way WE play that's the most important thing."

Reacting to that, striker James Collins added: "I don't want to know too much about the other side.

Yes, I keep an eye on what the other League Two clubs are doing – I watch Sky Sports a lot, and you tend to mentally register what's going on.

"But the management here – they approach us with it the day before the game – they don't speak about other teams weeks ahead.

"They do their home work and we're always prepared.

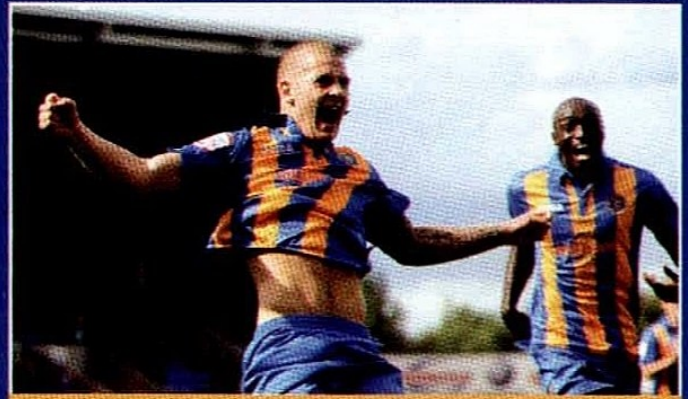
"Their idea is – 'go and play your own game, we'll pinpoint things that need to be sorted out on the day'.

"I think if you think too much about it you'll get too nervous, so you should be able to approach every game with a clear head and just play."

It's a big year for Collins – his first full season at Shrewsbury.

After signing from Burton mid-campaign, he nabbed eight goals last time round – but is hungry for more.

But he faces stiff competition in the striker's department, especially with the arrival of Marvin Morgan



James Collins

and Terry Gornell, and with Tom Bradshaw racing back from injury.

His season could also be interrupted or spurred (depending on how you look at it) by international duty for the Republic of Ireland Irish Under-21s next month.

He was excused playing in a recent friendly which coincided with a Town game, but there are back-to-back UEFA under-21 qualifiers coming up against Hungary and Turkey.

James qualifies through his mother's Irish side of the family, even though he himself was born and brought up in Coventry.

"It's a great honour to play for any country - you play with the best players, and it's a good test for your own ability," he continued.

"In years to come I'd love to play for the senior squad. They've got some great players like Robbie Keane, but they're coming to the end of their careers and hopefully that means there's a chance for young players like me.

"And who knows – if Ireland manage to qualify for a World Cup, I'd love to be part of it."

But for the moment, he's keeping his feet firmly on the ground.

"All I want is to play well and score goals, that's the bottom line," he said.

JAMES BOND

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TOP TEN

Ten Dates in the season when we've played the most games

1	26th December	91 games
2	30th March	36 games
3	28th December	33 games
4	13th April	33 games
5	27th December	32 games
6	1st January	31 games
7	2nd April	31 games
8	24th April	31 games
9	19th April	30 games
10	10th March	28 games

Players whose names have Ecclesiastical Connotations or Church related meanings

1	Phil Priest
2	Trevor Challis
3	Thomas Bishop
4	William Arch
5	Marc Pugh
6	Dougie Bell
7	Ray Cross
8	Charlie Graves
9	Harold Parsonage
10	Sean Parrish

ON THIS DAY

1938

Grantham are the opening day visitors in the Midland League and do down to a nap hand by Town as Nicholls, Williams (2) and Almond (2) are on the mark.

1955

A Derek Price goal is insufficient to prevent Town from going down to a 1-2 defeat at Swindon in a division three (south) fixture.

Ten players who were born in Manchester

1	John Halpin
2	Brian Loughnane
3	David Robinson
4	David Bennett
5	Kenny Clements
6	John Grant
7	Steve Jagielka
8	Alex Mortimer
9	Mark Sertori
10	Gary Megson

10 Best Results on Boxing Day at home

1	1945 v. Rotherham reserves	6-1
2	1890 v. Ludlow Town	7-2
3	1958 v. Southport	6-2
4	1946 v. Bradford Park Ave.	7-3
5	1905 v. Wellington Town	4-0
6	1902 v. Wellington Town	5-1
7	1903 v. Wellington Town	5-1
8	1914 v. Wellington Town	4-1
9	1932 v. Wellington Town	4-1
10	2002 v Bury	4-1

1960

Town and Swindon meet for the first time of six meetings during 60/61 season, Colin Whitaker scoring for us as the sides drew one all at Gay Meadow.

1991

Kevin Summerfield and Cliff Carr provide the goals in a two-all draw that sees Town progress to the second round of the League Cup at the expense of Plymouth.



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LEAGUE 2 REVIEW

This could be the most exciting time of the season. Paolo Di Canio is in town. I immediately looked for this fixture because of the former West Ham star.

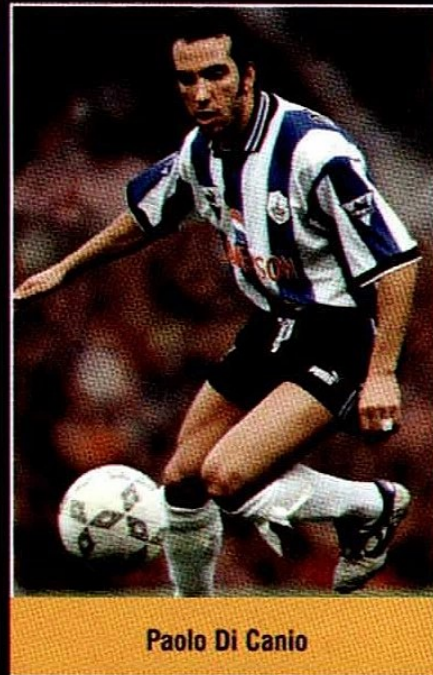
I remember being taken along to a Blackpool pre-season friendly against Sheffield Wednesday by my Dad when Di Canio was in his Premier League pomp. The Roman has always been a livewire and I was pretty excited to meet him. So, when the Wednesday bus pulled up outside Bloomfield Road, I was there waiting with my MATCH magazine to be signed.

A crowd had built up to greet the Italian but I shuffled my way to the front to ensure I could grab a word. Paolo stood around and shook hands with everyone and signed each individual's photo etc. I then mustered up the courage to ask him whether he would be wearing his white boots for the match and he turned to me and said: "We will see my friend, we will see."

That banal tale has stuck with me throughout the years and I have always followed the controversy that surrounds Paolo's politics and various antics on and off the field.

Anyone who has read his autobiography will agree that his candid words are not usually associated with footballer's books. He has lived life, that can be said. From early Ultra away days with Lazio, to stomach operations induced by Coca-Cola consumption, stabbing his brother with a fork and pushing a Premier League referee over – it is pretty entertaining.

He has not had the best of starts to his career as Swindon manager. Many



Paolo Di Canio

people were surprised when he first turned up in Wiltshire and the media frenzy has been brilliant for the newly relegated side. However, there were many doubters as to whether he knew what he had gotten himself in to and whether he would stick around too long. I am sure someone of Paolo's character would relish these challenges though.

But, the Robins have endured three losses on the trot, including a heart-wrenching home defeat to local rivals Oxford United

last weekend – a game in which Di Canio was sent to the stands for excessive passion when Swindon levelled the scores.

I hope Paolo will leave Shropshire disappointed today but I do wish him all the best and I am sure many of his followers will be looking out for the Swindon scores this season.

Di Canio has bolstered his squad with an international this week. It is a coup that particularly excited by Swindon supporting mate. Czech Republic striker Lukas Magera has signed on a free. The 6ft 4in 28-year-old played for his country in a recent Euro 2012 qualifier against Scotland in October. Magera played for Politehnica Timisoara in Romania last season.

We managed to bounce back from our defeat to the U's with a decent 2-0 home victory against Crewe Alexandra before following it up with another terrific Carling Cup performance against Swansea. To go 1-0 down against a Premier League side and win 3-1 requires a lot of character and I believe this side is starting to gel after a stuttering start to the new campaign.

Elsewhere in League last week, Plymouth edge closer to a takeover deal with Gibraltar based firm Bishop International. Apparently they are still negotiating a deal to buy Home Park and the surrounding land, which would allow the Cornish club to pay off their debts.

By the time you are reading this, a deal could have been completed as administrators have set a deadline of Friday for a deal to be done.

List of last week's results:

AFC Wimbledon 1-1 Hereford
 Bradford 0-1 Dag and Red
 Gillingham 3-0 Plymouth
 Macclesfield 0-0 Bristol Rovers
 Morecambe 2-0 Aldershot
 Northampton 2-3 Cheltenham
 Port Vale 4-1 Accrington
 Rotherham 2-2 Barnet
 Shrewsbury 2-0 Crewe
 Southend 0-1 Burton Albion
 Swindon 1-2 Oxford Utd
 Torquay 1-3 Crawley Town

nPOWER LEAGUE 2 TABLE

P	Name	H					A					GD	PTS	
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F			A
1	Crawley Town	4	2	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	5	3	7	10
2	Rotherham	4	1	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	6	2	5	10
3	Gillingham	4	2	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	4	3	5	10
4	Morecambe	4	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	5	1	5	9
5	Dagenham & R	4	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	9
6	Port Vale	4	1	1	0	6	3	1	1	0	4	2	5	8
7	AFC Wimbledon	4	0	1	1	3	4	2	0	0	4	0	3	7
8	Oxford United	4	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	7
9	Bristol Rovers	4	1	0	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	2	1	7
10	Torquay United	4	0	1	1	3	5	2	0	0	3	1	0	7
11	Burton	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	6
12	Cheltenham	4	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	6
13	Southend	4	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	4	-2	6
14	Shrewsbury	4	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	5
15	Barnet	4	0	1	1	3	5	1	1	0	3	2	-1	5
16	Macclesfield	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	1	4
17	Northampton	4	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	2	-1	4
18	Accrington	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	4
19	Swindon Town	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	3
20	Aldershot Town	4	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	3	-3	3
21	Bradford City	4	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	-3	1
22	Plymouth	4	0	0	2	1	6	0	1	1	1	4	-8	1
23	Hereford	4	0	0	2	0	7	0	1	1	1	2	-8	1
24	Crewe	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	2	0	5	-7	0

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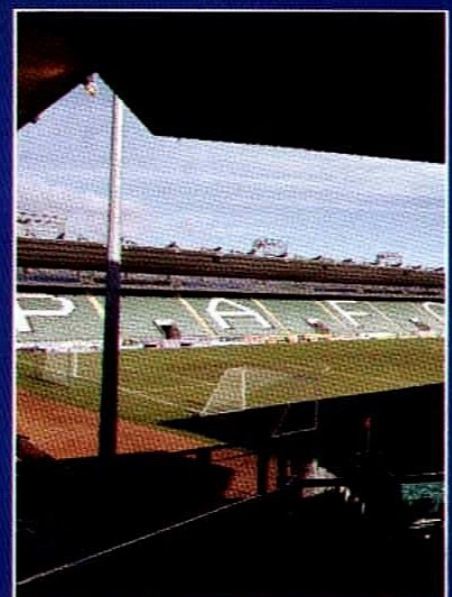
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DIRECTIONS: Take the M6 and head towards the M1. At junction 6a take the exit onto the M25 north circular. Continue on that as you head over the Dartford Bridge and exit onto the M2. Leave the M2 at Junction 4 and take the A278 towards Gillingham, going straight across

two roundabouts. At the 3rd roundabout turn left onto the A2 towards Gillingham town centre. At the traffic light junction with the A231, turn right into Nelson Road and passing the small bus station take a right turn into Gillingham Road, the ground is down on your right.

GROUND: Away fans are housed in part of the Brian Moore Stand where around 1,500 supporters can be accommodated. The stand is of the temporary variety i.e. the type that you would see around the 18th hole at the British Open Golf Championship, although it is of a good size and height, plus the views of the playing action are fine. Unlike most temporary stands though the facilities are surprisingly good, being of a permanent nature behind the stand. However it is uncovered, so although the Club hand out free rain macs if it rains, still be prepared to get wet!

BRISTOL ROVERS



Npower League 2
Tuesday 13th September 2011 - 7.45pm
SAT NAV - BS7 0BF

DIRECTIONS: Exit M5 at junction 16 (Signposted Filton) and join the A38 (South) towards Bristol City Centre. The ground is about five miles down the A38. You will pass the large British Aerospace works and further on, you will pass on your left the Inn on the Green and the Gloucester pubs. You then pass the Wellington pub on your right and continuing along the A38 Gloucester Road, turn left into Filton Avenue. The entrance to the Club car park is the second right down this road. There is a fair amount of street parking around the sides and back of the Wellington pub.

PUBS: The Queen Vic pub on the Gloucester Road (five minutes walk from the ground) which usually has a comfortable mix of home and away fans - unfortunately it's not that big and does get busy.

GROUND: Away supporters are mostly housed in an open terrace on one side of the Uplands Stand. This area is open to the elements so you might get wet if it rains. The open terrace makes it difficult for away fans to really generate some noise. Up to 1,100 away supporters can be accommodated in this area. If the weather is poor then it may be a better bet to head for one of the seats that are made available to away fans in the South Stand at one end of the ground. Recommended are the huge Cornish pasties (£2.50) that are sold at the ground, huge and tasty, plus they even do vegetarian ones which makes a change. Also on offer are a range of pies including the the Chicken Balti Pie.

All the very best of luck to Graham Turner and the team for todays game, COME ON YOU BLUES!!! **Sean Evans**

FORTHCOMING AWAY MATCHES 2011

WALSALL

Tuesday 30th August, 2011

Coaches depart:

Wem main car park... 5.00pm
Crown Abbey Foregate.... 5.30pm
Red Lion Wellington.... 5.45pm

**Fare: £12 non-members
But discounts apply**

GILLINGHAM

Saturday 3rd September, 2011

Coaches depart:

Wem main car park... 8.15am
Crown Abbey Foregate.... 8.45pm
Red Lion Wellington.... 9.00am

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LOOKING BACK

We travelled mid-week to Oxford where Lionel Ainsworth was again voted Man of the Match.

Full details of all travel times are shown on the new membership cards. Membership is proving extremely popular with over 100 people having already joined up and that is after just 3 trips!! It only costs £3 for adults to join, £2 for juniors and OAP's and you get a free badge.

Full information is also shown on the club website and in regular articles in match day programmes.

NEXT UP:

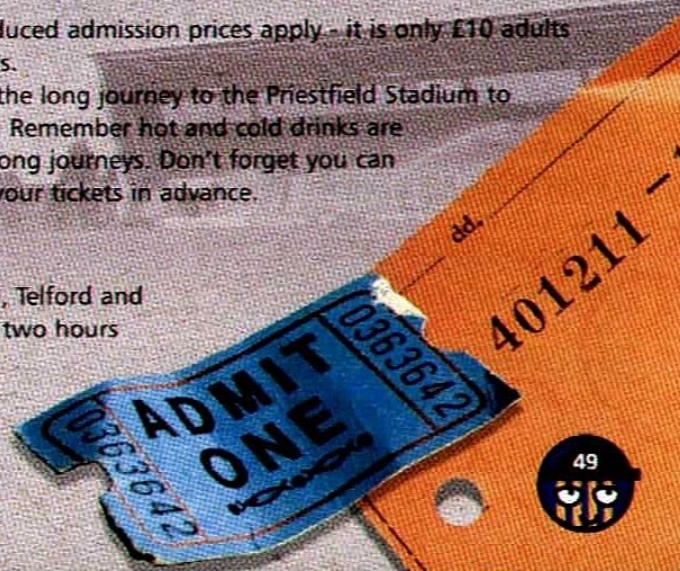
We have a trip to local rivals Walsall in the 1st round of the "Johnstone's Paint Trophy".

Don't forget reduced admission prices apply - it is only £10 adults and £5 juniors/Oap's.

We then make the long journey to the Priestfield Stadium to take on Gillingham. Remember hot and cold drinks are available on these long journeys. Don't forget you can save £2 by buying your tickets in advance.

HEREFORD

Coaches from Wem, Telford and Oswestry will leave two hours earlier due to 1pm kick-off.



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FIXTURE	DATE	RES	ATT	P	TEAM LINE-UP
PLYMOUTH AR.	Sat 6th Aug	1-1	6421 (1207)	14	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Hazell, Regan, Richards,
DERBY COUNTY	Tue 9th Aug	3-2	7073 (666)	na	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Hazell, Regan, Richards, Wroe,
BURTON	Sat 13th Aug	1-1	2989 (1513)	17	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Hazell, Regan, Richards, Wroe,
OXFORD UNITED	Tues 16th Aug	0-2	6102 (317)	20	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Hazell, Regan (Grandison, 72),
CREWE	Sat 20th Aug	2-0	5050 (521)	13	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Jacobson, Grandison, Wroe, ①
SWANSEA CITY	Tues 23rd Aug	3-1	4063 (633)	na	Smith, Cansdell-Sherriff, Sharps, Jacobson, Grandison
SWINDON TOWN	Sat 27th Aug				
WALSALL	Tues 30th Aug				
GILLINGHAM	Sat 3rd Sept				
HEREFORD UTD	Sat 10th Sept				
BRISTOL ROVERS	Tues 13th Sept				
PORT VALE	Sat 17th Sept				
TORQUAY UTD	Sat 24th Sept				
SOUTHEND	Fri 30th Sept				
BARNET	Sat 8th Oct				
CRAWLEY TOWN	Sat 15th Oct				
ROTHERHAM	Sat 22nd Oct				
ACCRINGTON	Tues 25th Oct				
AFC WIMBLEDON	Sat 29th Oct				
DAGENHAM & R	Sat 5th Nov				
NORTHAMPTON	Sat 19th Nov				
MORECAMBE	Sat 26th Nov				
ALDRESHOT	Sat 10th Dec				
MACCLESFIELD	Sat 17th Dec				
CHELTENHAM	Mon 26th Dec				
BRADFORD CITY	Sat 31st Dec				
NORTHAMPTON	Mon 2nd Jan				
SWINDON TOWN	Sat 7th Jan				
GILLINGHAM	Sat 14th Jan				
SOUTHEND	Sat 21st Jan				
HEREFORD UTD	Sat 28th Jan				
PORT VALE	Sat 4th Feb				
TORQUAY UTD	Sat 11th Feb				
BRISTOL ROVERS	Tues 14th Feb				
BARNET	Sat 18th Feb				
CRAWLEY TOWN	Sat 25th Feb				
CREWE	Sat 3rd Mar				
OXFORD UTD	Tues 6th Mar				
BURTON	Sat 10th Mar				
PLYMOUTH AR.	Sat 17th Mar				
CHELTENHAM	Tues 20th Mar				
MORECAMBE	Sat 24th Mar				
ALDRESHOT	Sat 31st Mar				
MACCLESFIELD	Fri 6th Apr				
BRADFORD CITY	Mon 9th Apr				
ROTHERHAM	Sat 14th Apr				
ACCRINGTON	Sat 21st Apr				
DAGENHAM & R	Sat 28th Apr				
AFC WIMBLEDON	Sat 5th May				

SUBS NOT USED

Wroe, Ainsworth (Taylor, 84), Wright, Morgan (Gornell, 88), Collins

Ainsworth, Wright, Morgan (Grandison, 89), Collins (Gornell, 83)

Ainsworth, Wright (Gornell, 67), Morgan, Collins (Taylor, 67)

Richards, Wroe, Ainsworth, Wright (Gornell, 67), Morgan, Collins (Taylor, 67)

McAllister (Richards, 89), Wright, Morgan, Gornell (Collins, 82)

(Goldson, 89), Wroe, McAllister, Ainsworth, Wright, Morgan (Collins, 78), Gornell

Neal, McAllister, Grandison

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Neal, Grandison, McAllister

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Richards, Neal, Bradshaw, Hazell, Leslie



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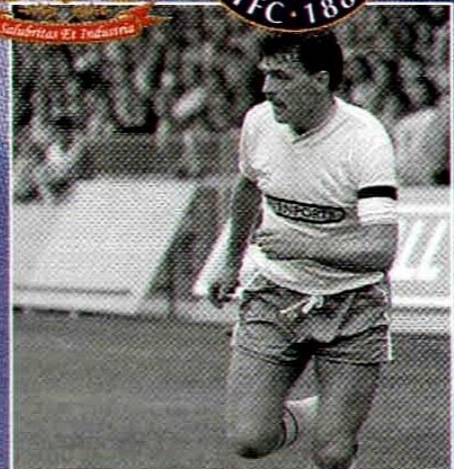
PLAYED FOR BOTH



CHIC BATES



JIMMY QUINN



BRIAN WILLIAMS

Philip or "Chic Bates" really needs no introduction to Town fans, but Shrewsbury and Swindon played for both would be incomplete without him.

Chic joined Shrewsbury as a player in 1974 when he moved from Stourbridge and scored in his first away game at Stockport. He went on to score 17 goals in the 1974/75 season as we walked to the Fourth Division Championship that year. He scored 45 goals in 160 games for town in his first spell with Shrewsbury, which ended when he moved to Swindon Town in 1977. He made fourteen appearances for Swindon that season, but only scored once. The following season, Bates fared better becoming Swindon top scorer with fourteen goals.

The performance of other strikers kept Bates out of the side for the majority of the 1979/1980 season, and he made just seven appearances, three as substitute. The lack of first team opportunity prompted a move to Bristol Rovers in March 1980. It was only a short spell with Rovers but he managed 29 appearances and 4 goals before moving back to Shrewsbury Town where he finished his playing career. All told, Chic Bates made nearly 300 appearances for Shrewsbury Town and 386 all together in a career where he played most of his games for one STFC or another.

Chic's contribution to both STFC's did not end there though as he spent no less than 3 periods as manager for Shrewsbury and also spent time as assistant manager at Swindon with Osvaldo Ardiles and also Lou Macari. Bates was manager at Stoke City too and also spent time coaching with Birmingham and Celtic. Chic has always been linked with Shrewsbury Town most of all though and since his management days, he has spent periods working for the club in a youth coaching capacity.

Another man who has played and managed both sides is Jimmy Quinn. Quinn had a club career spanning eighteen years for a number of lower division clubs, during which he was a prolific striker. His career was one of the more diverse that you are likely to read about, with too much to cover in an article like this. If you were to focus on one club that Quinn had an impact on, it may well be Swindon Town, with whom he spent 3 spells as both player and manager. Swindon was the team that first offered Quinn a taste of professional league football with a £10,000 move away from Oswestry Town in 1981. After a slow start, Quinn became an asset for the Robins, one which they sold to Blackburn Rovers after nearly 50 games. But after a couple of seasons, Quinn was re-signed by Lou Macari for a slightly bigger fee.

He helped Swindon to a 1986 Third Division play-off place, with ten goals but Quinn missed the play-off final replay versus Gillingham through injury. They managed without him and the following season, Quinn had one of his best seasons, scoring 31 goals in all competitions. When his contract expired in June 1988, Quinn agreed terms with Leicester City, and a tribunal set the fee at £210,000.

In October 1998, Quinn returned to Swindon as manager following the departure of Steve McMahon. It was a difficult task but Quinn managed to keep Swindon in Division One in the 1998-99 season, but his first full season in charge was almost impossible, with Swindon falling into administration. As is common in this situation, players were sold, and no money was available to replace them, so a 40 year old Quinn took to the field himself. But it was still not enough and eventually he was removed from his post despite the obvious difficulties.

Jimmy dropped into non league football both playing and coaching, before emerging as manager at Shrewsbury Town who had just been relegated to the conference. In his first season, Jimmy did what was asked and got us back into the league via the play-offs. We should never have been there in the first place, but we ended up having quite a nice campaign and an exciting day out in Stoke. The following season did not go as well and Quinn left Shrewsbury to be replaced by Gary Peters, but we will always be grateful for that play-off season.

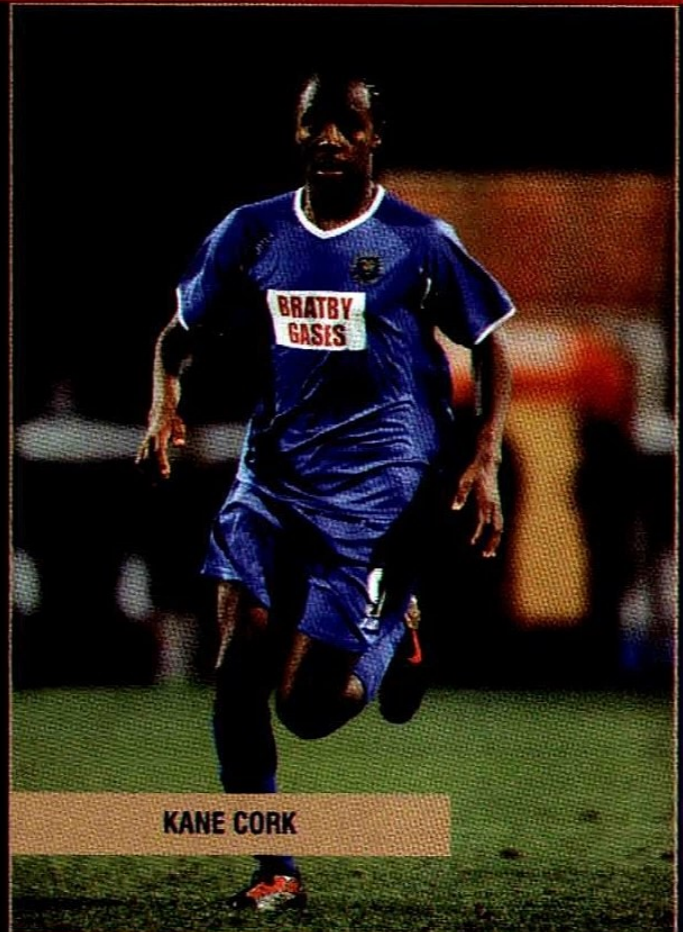
Left back/midfielder Brian Williams, was originally from Salford and started his career as an apprentice with local side, Bury, turning professional with them in 1973. He went on to make 159 league appearances and scored 19 goals before leaving to join Queens Park Rangers for a single season of 19 games in 1977. In 1978 he began a nine-year spell in the West Country in, spending three years with today's opponents Swindon Town, making 99 appearances and scoring 8 goals. He then spent four years with Bristol Rovers, with Gary Emmanuel going the other way in a swap deal. Williams followed that with two years with Bristol City, becoming one of the few players to represent both sides in Bristol derbies. His final League club was us, Shrewsbury Town, spending 2 seasons, making 65 appearances and scoring once. He then joined non-League side Alvechurch, but these days works for Shrewsbury Town doing great work with youngsters, as Shrewsbury Towns Community Officer.

Marcus Braddock

YOUTH REVIEW



ELLIOT TURNER



KANE CORK

Walsall 2 – Shrewsbury Town 1

On the back of the previous week's positive performance we made the short trip to Great Barr to face an unbeaten Walsall side.

Walsall started the game the brighter and forced us onto the back foot from the outset and but for an excellent save from Callum Burton we could have found ourselves a goal down early into the game. Walsall continued to dominate possession but we kept ourselves in the game with some dogged defending by Dominic Smith and Elliott Turner. When we did gain possession we passed the ball too slowly and were guilty of taking too many touches and inviting pressure. Despite our lack of passing and movement in the first half we did begin to pose them a couple of problems as the half wore on. Javia Roberts on the right, cutting in and firing a shot just over the bar and Cameron Broadway and Kane Cork both seeing their efforts drift wide of the target. We were again indebted to some excellent goalkeeping from Callum Burton late in the first half when he made a stunning one handed save down to his left.

As is always the case at half time we emphasised the importance of passing the ball well and with a purpose and at times being brave enough to get the ball down and play. Secondly, our starting positions were slightly deep affording Walsall too much time in defensive areas to build play.

We did start the second half much brighter than

the first and from an excellent Elliott Turner through ball Cameron Broadway saw his shot canon off the upright. An identical move involving the same players again almost paid dividends with Cameron's shot this time being blocked for a corner. Jack Gwilliams took the set play and Captain Elliott Turner arrived at the far post to head home and give us the lead.

Despite being in front we began to sit back and within fifteen minutes Walsall were back level. Cameron Broadway gave away a free kick at the angle of the penalty box and the Walsall left back lofted the ball over the wall and beyond Callum Burton. Six minutes from time Walsall grabbed the all important winner; a loose ball being pounced upon and a shot being fired past Callum Burton.

Presently, we are struggling to find a balance between where and when to pass the ball with a couple of players guilty of taking too many touches before passing, giving the opposition the opportunity to press and close down. On a positive note, the performances of under 16's Dominic Smith and Callum Burton were excellent in addition to Elliott Turner who demonstrated a great desire and determination. Cameron Broadway also deserves credit, his movement and energy was terrific and despite giving the free kick away leading to the goal he came in and apologised for the tackle. We failed to get to grips with a good Walsall side and at times made life slightly difficult for ourselves by not pressing the ball early enough and forcing the mistakes high up the pitch. As is

always the case we will not get down hearted and focus on the positives while attempting to address the areas for improvement this week in training.

Town: Burton, Recci, Mbeleck, Woods (Sub Phillips 62), Smith, Westray, Roberts, Turner, Broadway, Cork (sub Ryan, 85), Gwilliams

Subs not used: Armstrong, Stephenson

YOUTH FIXTURES

Alliance League - North West Conference

August				
Sat	6	1-4	Wrexham - A	C.Broadway
Sat	13	2-0	Wigan Athletic - H	J.Holyoak, E.Turner
Sat	20	1-2	Walsall	E.Turner
September				
Sat	3	11am	Port Vale	A
Sat	17	11am	Macclesfield Town	H
October				
Sat	1	11am	Tranmere Rovers	H
Sat	15	11am	Stockport County	A
Sat	29	11am	Port Vale	H
November				
Sat	12	11am	Macclesfield Town	A
Sat	19	11am	Tranmere Rovers	A
December				
Sat	10	11am	Stockport County	H
Sat	17	11am	Wrexham	H
January				
Sat	7	11am	Wigan Athletic	A
Sat	14	11am	Walsall	H
Sat	28	11am	Morecambe	A
February				
Sat	11	11am	Blackpool	H
Sat	25	11am	Accrington Stanley	A
March				
Sat	3	11am	Burnley	H
Sat	10	11am	Bury	A
Sat	17	11am	Rochdale	H
Sat	31	11am	Oldham Athletic	A
April				
Sat	14	11am	Carlisle United	H
Sat	21	11am	Preston North End	A

Behind the Scenes

Pete Wilding – Technical Coach

Since my full time appointment as the Technical Coach at the club I have noticed a gradual improvement in the standard of players we are recruiting into the Centre of Excellence programme. Along with David Hughes and Wayne Evans I feel we are setting our standards even higher as we identify the quality required to reach the highest level is widening. To break into our youth team programme, our Centre of Excellence players really need to be pushed and tested both physically and mentally to achieve this goal while at the same time enjoying their football. Rightfully so the first team squad levels are always being improved thus for making a stronger but achievable challenge for our youth players to get to.

My day to day personal involvement covers individual and team work alongside Dave or Wanners with the youth team players ensuring they get the best of our experience to enable them to develop. Then Tuesday through to Friday evening and Saturday morning we will oversee and work closely with all age groups from u-8 to u-16 players with a very good, reliable team of part time coaches. Also with Steve Reece setting up development centres across the county for 6 to 9 year old boys we as a club can begin developing these players earlier.

My personal aim is to ensure that we continue raising our standards and working hard to give our players as much contact time with us as possible to help with their development.



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FLOREAT SALOPIA



Town celebrate another Carling Cup victory

Tuesday night's victory over Premier League Swansea City was an absolutely fantastic achievement by the club and will be remembered by supporters for many years to come. But the aftermath of four top league sides being knocked out has not been to shout about how good the lower leagues may be, but rather to discuss the lack of enthusiasm shown to the competition by some clubs.

For the teams already involved in Europe, I get it, we all get it! They already have sufficient commitments with their ventures abroad, the Premier League and the FA Cup, blah blah blah. Although it's not an ideal situation for the strength of the Carling Cup as a whole it does stack up, somewhat at least.

But for other clubs it just's a little bizarre. I know clubs like Norwich have smaller squads than Man United/ Liverpool but is it really that much to ask that they can be competitive in the league and this cup at the same time? By the end of the month all League Two clubs will have played at least five league games and at least two cup games through their participation in the Carling Cup and Football League trophy and they just get on with it.

I know modern footballers tend

to get wrapped up in cotton wool but the idea that most can't deal with regular football on a Saturday and Tuesday night for parts of the season whilst maintaining high levels of performance is, in my opinion, utter rubbish. That's a very simplistic view and one which I'm sure most football managers would disagree with but honestly, man up fellas!

What makes it even harder to understand at times is that the cup offers a real chance for success in a knockout competition – Birmingham City are proof of that. They will have made a tidy sum from their trip to Wembley (and the fixtures leading up to it) last year, not to mention the cash that comes in from their European adventure.

And then there is the FA Cup. What is the difference? The only real one aside from people's perceptions is the that the winners of the FA Cup also get an invitation to the Community Shield – hardly the greatest prize is it?

Aside from that, both competitions end with a packed out Wembley final, both gain the winner entry into Europe in the next season and both can make the club plenty of cash.

But... the Carling Cup final is much earlier in the year – in fact, it will leave the remaining two or three months of the season for the clubs to get on with the bread and butter of the league – surely that's not to be sniffed at?

Maybe attitudes will change, and in the coming years we will see a Carling Cup taken seriously by all, however daft that suggestion seems now.

And in the meantime let's get back to today's game, and a chance for League Two to continue to make the headlines for all of the right reasons with two full strength sides giving their all for the points on offer.

Enjoy the game!

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MARCUS TALKS MUSIC

Marcus Braddock continues with his musical odyssey through the ears of the current Shrewsbury Town Squad.

You have to feel sorry for Jermaine Grandison really, he gets to work at 9 and the first thing he has to put up with is me asking him about his favourite tunes. As I mentioned last week, the inspiration (?!) for this year's interview was Desert Island Discs, but for the second week in a row my interviewee had never heard of the show. It is almost as if young footballers don't listen to Radio 4 at all, what is the world coming to?! But we had a chat about the music in Jermaine's life anyway.

MB: So I take it you're into a bit of music, what sort of thing do you like?

JG: I'm into Funky House, I also like a bit of hip-hop and some R'n'B.

MB: Any artists in particular you like at the moment?

JG: I like listening to Drake.

MB: Drake? I'm showing my age but that's a new one for me, what's he like?

JG: He's a singer, kind of hip-hop, R'n'B.

MB: I best have a listen to that then.

MB: And are there any artists I would have heard of on your iPod?

JG: I am into a lot of different stuff to be honest, I like Chris Brown.

MB: I will have to have a listen to him too I think!

So I did, Drake is a Canadian singer and actor who started his career as an actor on Degrassi: the next generation. He has been releasing records for a couple of years with some chart success, scoring a number 1 album on the U.S. Charts with "Thank Me Later". He seems to be popular with other artists too, people like Little Chris and Trey Songz who I have never really heard of. Jermaine is right, it is a sort of mix of hip hop and modern R'n'B, quite laid back and the beats are a bit slow for me. One word of caution if you do have a listen yourself, he does seem to like to swear quite a lot, which doesn't bother me, but it isn't everyone's cup of tea.

MB: So it's safe to say that your favourite thing on your iPod at the moment would be Drake?

JG: Yes, one of his called Trust Issues, a really good song.

MB: Do you go to many gigs?

JG: I don't get the chance a lot really. I have been to Drakes concert in Birmingham at the NEC. That was a good experience, I really enjoyed it.

MB: and if you had to pick an artist to go and see,

anybody at all, living or dead, who would it be.

JG: I was talking to one of the other players the other day, and he said he had seen Beyonce.

MB: Was that Chris Neal, he mentioned that last week, saw her at Glastonbury.

JG: That's right; he said she was really good so I would quite like to see for myself.

MB: So is that the music or her look that you like?

JG: I like the look; I always like to see what she looks like. I wouldn't mind seeing Chris Brown as well.

MB: What sort of thing does Chris Brown do?

JG: He's more or less an R'n'B artist, he's a good singer and a good dancer as well

Going back to when you were a kid, what sort of thing was on the stereo in the Grandison household?

I used to listen to boys to men when I was younger, I was quite young then. My dad was into quite a bit of Reggae, like Bob Marley and stuff; my mum was into a bit of Mariah Carey.

MB: And how do you choose music? Is it by recommendation from pals or somewhere else?

JG: I'm quite choosy, if I hear a tune on the telly that I like I download it, I download mix-tapes as well

And just out of interest, what sort of thing do you lot play in the changing room before a game?

There is a bit of R'n'B on in there and a bit of funky going on as well.

MB: Who gets to choose the tunes in the changing room?

JG: It's usually Chris Neal's I pod.

MB: So you don't get a look in then?

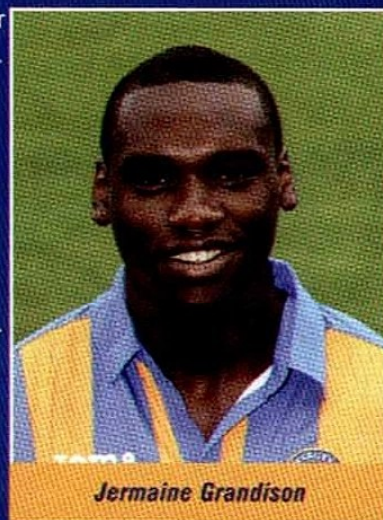
JG: no but I don't mind, I like his tunes.

MB: Is there anything in particular that gets you pumped up for a game?

JG: usually more upbeat stuff, the funky house, maybe a bit of Dub-step.

As ever, I would like to thank Jermaine for taking the time to speak to me.

COYB



Jermaine Grandison

New Signed Shirt Raffle



Following on from the presentation to supporter Mark Breeze, designer of this seasons shirt, at the Crewe game, we are now in a position to help Mark in his desire to raffle the shirt. Mark wishes to raise some money for the Baby Unit at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, a very worthy cause.

The shirt has been signed by the present squad and the manager, Graham Turner. At the Hereford game you will have the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for £1 from points around the concourses. The winning ticket will be drawn and announced at half time with the amount raised announced.

Left: Mark receiving the shirt from Shrewsbury Town Commercial Manager Anton Gunter.

Charity Support for African Children

Recently we have again been reminded of the horrors that famine and disease can bring to the people of Africa with the devastating scenes in Somalia and Ethiopia. As a club we are approached by many charities who work with the poor, sick and needy in Africa. Through the Community Sports Trust we have been able to donate used kits, footballs, cones, bibs and even football boots to worthy causes who especially work with children and young people in deprived areas across the African Continent including Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Ethiopia and Zambia.

The benefits to young people who have little cannot be fully appreciated by most of us for whom life is relatively stable and comfortable. The delight on the face of a 9 year old Malawi boy at receiving a shirt. The excitement at recreation time in a dusty yard in rural Kenya as a football is suddenly revealed to the expectant players. Football is a great vehicle to raise spirits and bring together people who live with hardship every day of their lives.

We will be assisting several local charities



who work in Africa again soon. Woodford and the Self Help Africa charities are based here in Shrewsbury. Through the Community Sports Trust, itself a charity, we can all make a difference and I ask you to help us whenever we announce an initiative to support those in need in Africa.

Raising Awareness Through Football

At Shrewsbury Town we have a marvellous opportunity each home game to raise awareness of many different initiatives, events etc. Whether these are health related as with the success of the Health Bus last season or more national in nature for example supporting Help the Heroes a match can be used to promote the worthy cause.

In future weeks we will be focussing on several very important issues. The British Legion will be launching their Poppy Appeal at our game against AFC Wimbledon, the Torquay game will feature Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research in memory of young supporter Ed Mainwaring who sadly died from the symptoms of leukaemia. There will be a Kick Racism Out of Football game and we will focus on the County Air Ambulance at another.

We may raise small amounts of money to support these charities at a game but the impact on them by raising awareness of the wonderful work they do has long term value.



West Stand Concourse Decoration

Thanks in the main to the efforts of the shrewsTrust, the West Stand is now beginning to become a more decorative and informative place to be as the number of picture boards celebrating the history of Shrewsbury Town FC continues to grow. An array of pictures from eras past highlight players, stories and occasions which are sure to get supporters reminiscing about times gone by. The next phase is to have a large mural painted on the central wall opposite the buffet bars. Through a partnership between the Community Sports Trust and the Federation of Stadium Communities pupils from several local secondary schools have been involved in a heritage project about the life and times of supporting Shrewsbury Town. Part of this has been the visit by a group of Year 7 and 8 pupils from the Grange School and as a result they have designed murals for the concourse walls. The best design has been chosen and the winner and the design will be announced shortly.



A local artist will transfer the design to the walls in due course and this will add a lasting legacy of the history of our proud club. We are looking at decorating the South Stand next.

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Graham Turner

Played 50 Won 23 Drawn 15 Lost 12
 For 76 Against 53
 Av Pts/game 1.88
 Biggest Win(s) Lincoln City 1
 Shrewsbury 5 (08/02/2011). Biggest
 Loss(es) Torquay 5 Shrewsbury 0
 (12/03/2011).

Paolo Di Canio

Played 4 Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 3 For 4
 Against 4
 Av Pts/game 0.75
 Biggest Win(s) Swindon 3 Crewe 0
 (06/08/2011). Biggest Loss(es)
 Swindon 1 Oxford Utd 2 (21/08/2011).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...0 Graham Turner 0 Paolo Di Canio0
 Draws ...0 Goals 0 Goals 0

Player with the most... shots

Marvin
 Morgan 12

shots on target

Mark
 Wright 5

shots off target

Marvin
 Morgan 9

assists

Mark
 Wright 2

crosses

Lionel
 Ainsworth 21

fouls

Mark
 Wright 6

free-kicks-won

Marvin
 Morgan 14



Player with the most... shots

Matt
 Ritchie 12

shots on target

Matt
 Ritchie 4

shots off target

Matt
 Ritchie 8

assists

Callum
 Kennedy 1

crosses

Callum
 Kennedy 17

fouls

Matt
 Ritchie 8

free-kicks-won

Paul
 Caddis 8

GAMES SINCE

0	a win	3
0	a home win	1
2	an away win	2
1	a defeat	0
9	a home defeat	0
0	an away defeat	0
2	a score draw	10
5	a no score draw	13
1	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	0
1	conceding > 1	0
0	scoring > 1	3
0	keeping a clean sheet	3
1	failing to score	1
7	back to back wins	3
26	back to back defeats	0
0	gaining a point	3
1	losing a point	0
0	win by > one	3
1	loss by > one	5

SHARP SHOOTERS

Shrewsbury	FL Cup	Tot	Swindon	FL Cup	Tot		
James Collins	1	1	2	Aden Flint	1	0	1
Marvin Morgan	0	2	2	Callum Kennedy	1	0	1
Nicky Wroe	1	0	1	Matt Ritchie	1	0	1

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played....32 Shrewsbury wins.....6 Swindon wins16
 Draws 10 Goals 34 (1.1 per game) Goals 49 (1.5 per game)
 0-0's.....3 Times failed to score 11 Times failed to score 6

Biggest League win at Shrewsbury for each team:

24/10/1959 & 06/09/1975 Shrewsbury 3-0 Swindon
 30/03/1962 Shrewsbury 1-3 Swindon

PRESS ASSOCIATION Sport



LEAGUE STATS



14	Position	19
4	Played	4
1	Won	1
2	Drawn	0
1	Lost	3
4	Goals For	4
4	Goals Against	4
5	Points	3



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	1	11	0	0	3	24

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	0	10	1	0	0	16

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
1	1	0	14	1	0	0	16

Record When Conceding First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	1	3	0	0	3	21

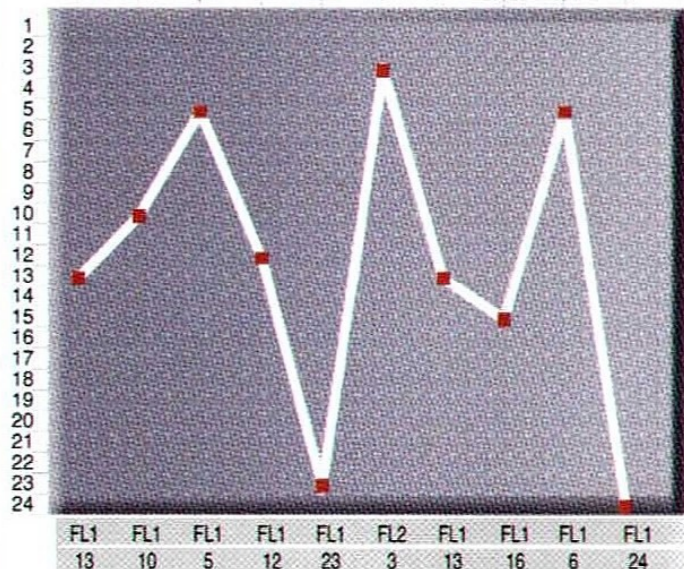
Match Scores

Wins: 2-0[1], Losses: 0-2[1],
 Draws: 1-1[2]

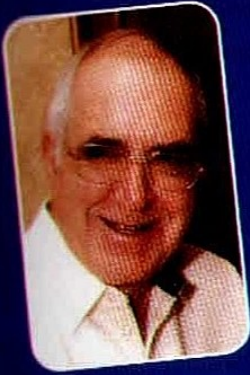
Wins: 3-0[1], Losses: 0-1[2], 1-2[1],
 Draws: None,

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 21/08/2011



Lawrie Bloomfield pens this weeks From The Pressbox Article

There were a few unfamiliar faces in the Press Box on Tuesday evening. A Premiership side -- even one that's less than a month old -- brings with it the Press Pack from Fleet Street (or wherever it is that papers are printed or written in these lap top days). And while we regulars are glad to see them, they do take some of the bread out of the mouths of those freelance journos who, for a very small fee I'm told, provide coverage of run-of-the-mill matches.

Maybe I'm getting old -- actually, there's no maybe about it -- but I do find some of the national paper coverage far less kind than the gentle coverage of Shropshire's media, which year in year out give Town a supportive and comfortable ride.

Last Sunday was a case in point. It rained in London -- sparing, for a few hours, India's blushes at the Oval -- but not sparing Arsene Wenger. He was pictured as a sodden mess and tagged as "The Wally without a Brolly". A splash headline, it's called in the trade.

It may be good post-match saloon bar fun for frustrated supporters who take out second mortgages to buy season tickets at an Emirates Stadium that's undoubtedly magnificent and plush and state of the art, but doesn't provide a roof over the manager's head.

So the question is this. Is a saloon bar humour headline in the best possible taste if written by a

journalist who has responsibility for some semblance of balance?

I got the point of the brolly gag. We all did. Arsene Wenger was being compared directly with Steve McClaren. True it was in only one Sunday paper, so it wasn't exactly umbrella coverage. But the point surely is that Smart Alec headlines composed in the twilight of a Saturday night when the writer can't wait to dash off to the pub, don't stand up to the sunshine of a bright Sunday morning. There can't possibly be any managerial comparison.

Arsene Wenger OBE is Arsenal's longest serving manager. Based on trophies won, he's the most successful...a worthwhile stat given that 80 or so years ago, under the legendary Herbert Chapman, the previously Trophyless Gunners won the FA Cup, two First Division titles, and then, after his sudden death at 55 in 1934, went on to win five First Division titles in a decade.

Arsene won the double in 1998 and 2002. In 2004, he steered his side through an entire season without defeat. In 2006 his team were beaten finalists -- by Barcelona, so no disgrace -- in the Champions League final.

Off the field he has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Economics respectively at the University of Strasbourg. He is fluent in French, English and German, and can get by in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Japanese.

Steve McClaren, now at Nottingham Forest, isn't a longest serving manager anywhere. At Middlesbrough, even after winning the League Cup in 2004 and finishing as runner up in the UEFA Cup two seasons later, he clung on by his finger nails for what seemed ages only because of a tolerant chairman. Then he didn't stay long at Dutch side FC Twente, even though he won the club's first Eredivisie championship in the 2009-10 season. Off he went to Wolfsburg where one of the first phrases he learned was *Auf Wiedersehen*.

Back here we remember his inability, in 15 months as England's boss, even to qualify for anything, and especially his cowering under an umbrella at that final humiliating Euro 2008 exit.

But there are similarities. Last Saturday neither man won. And neither had a brolly. But then it wasn't raining at Nottingham Forest.



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NPOWER League 2
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Hours will differ from time to time; any additional hours or alterations to the times will be advertised in advance on the website www.shrewsburytown.com and in match programmes.





MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

M Heywood

Assistant Referee (yellow)

C Dunn

Assistant Referee (plain)

A Scregg

Fourth Official

M Perry

ELSEWHERE IN THE LEAGUE

Accrington Stanley v Burton Albion

Bradford v Barnet

Bristol Rovers v Hereford

Cheltenham v Crawley Town

Dag & Red v Torquay

Macclesfield v AFC Wimbledon

Northampton v Morecambe

Oxford Utd v Aldershot

Plymouth v Crewe

Port Vale v Southend

Rotherham v Gillingham

NEXT

Town v Hereford United

nPower League 2

Saturday 10th September 2011

Kick-off 1pm – Greenhous Meadow

Town Youth v Macclesfield Town Youth

Alliance League

Saturday 17th September 2011

Kick-off 11am – Shrewsbury Sports Village

THE LAST WORD

Given the popularity of the English game around the globe, the creation of the Premiership was hardly ever going to be either a non-starter nor a financial white elephant; indeed it has proved to be the most lucrative money spinner since the invention of sliced bread.

Not content with selling the exclusive TV rights to our own pay per view channels, the Premiership brand can now be viewed in almost every country in the known world, from Belize to the Bahamas, Columbia to Zimbabwe and just about everywhere in-between.

The TV revenue alone has brought into the game riches beyond compare, making the top clubs richer than they could ever have dreamed of, and even made the so-called lesser lights crave the financial security that only the Premiership can bring, often meaning that relegation back to the Championship brings with it in some cases, financial ruin.

Premiership players have become the most wealthy athletes of any sport on the planet, the top earners, guaranteed millionaire lifestyles from weekly pay-packets that in some cases exceed the annual income of normal workers two or three fold, and yet these individuals can still decide to tell the world and his mother that they are stressed. Yes, you know who you are. Get a real job, in the real world away from the pampering and the pandering to your every little whim, then see what REAL stress is!

Multi-billionaire owners buy Premiership clubs nowadays almost as playthings their vast, apparently bottomless pits of cash thrown at foreign players who are expected to bring instant success, and in so doing further augment the balance sheet at the end of the financial year.

The Premiership hosts the highest diversity of nationalities of any football league currently in existence anywhere, the financial rewards – as previously stated – proving second to none and being something that no sane minded individual would turn their nose up at if offered such wages.

One thing that does perhaps seem inconceivable is that the Premiership has been around for twenty years.

Of the original twenty-two clubs who contested the very first Premiership back in 1991/92, exactly half remain in this current campaign, seven now in the Championship, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday and Oldham having sunk into League One, and Wimbledon having reinvented themselves as MK Dons also plying their trade in the third tier of the English professional game.

Whilst the Manchester Uniteds, the Liverpools, Arsenal and Tottenhams of this world have proved impossible to dislodge from the top table of our national game, others have had a see-sawing relationship with the big boys, clubs such as Wolves, West Brom, Birmingham and Leicester to name but a few.

This season's new boys, Swansea, will hope not to emulate some of the clubs who have but a fleeting glimpse of the glamour known as the Premiership, Blackpool, Barnsley, Burnley and today's visitors Swindon being four who readily spring to mind.

Where football in general, or the Premiership in particular, may be in another twenty years time remains open to debate, but once you've tasted steak it would be surely too difficult to revert back to mince, wouldn't it?

Kevin Davies

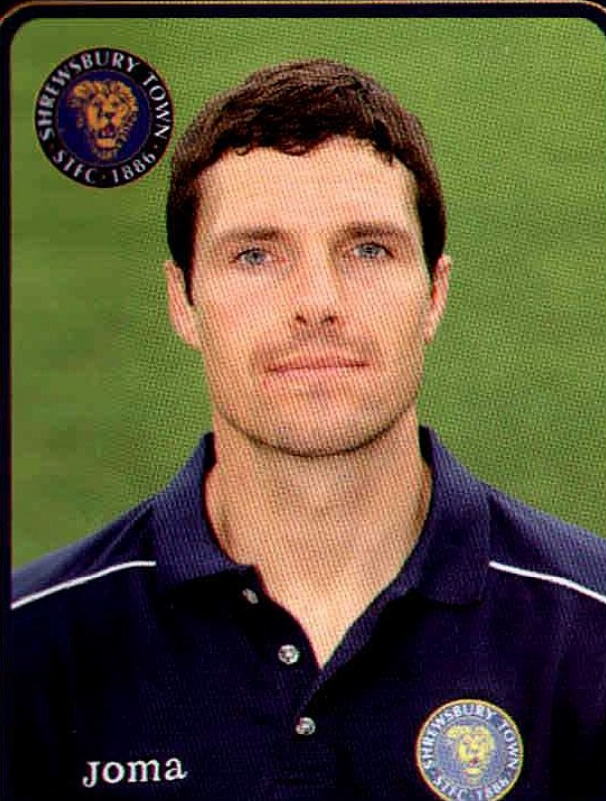




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Name: ALEX SIMPSON
Card No: Series 2, Card 9
Position: Midfield
Born: Glasgow 24/11/1924
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 12st
Joined from: Southampton June 1955
Town debut: 20/8/55 v. Newport County (h)

Tough tackling Scottish half back who played for Wolves Notts Co. and Southampton before joining Town in 1955. Played 100 games scoring 4 goals and re-joined the family fish and chip business in Wolverhampton on leaving football. Retired to Devon where he died aged 83 in 2008.

	App	Goals
Football League	100	4
FA Cup	6	
Others	4	

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Name: PAUL PETTS
Card No: Series 2, Card 10
Position: Midfield
Born: Hackney 27/9/1961
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 11st 2lb
Joined from: Bristol Rovers Aug 1980
Town debut: 2/8/1980 v. Bury (h) – Anglo Scottish Cup

Paul and dad John were the first father and son England Youth caps. Paul joined Town in July 1980 for £40K from Bristol Rovers and was a key man in midfield in our second tier days. He netted a late hat trick from outside the box against Leeds in 1983 and now lives near Swansea.

	App	Goals
Football League	138 (11)	16
FA Cup	7 (2)	
Others	40 (1)	1

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Name: JOE JACOBSON
Card No: Series 2, Card 11

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Name: MIKE JACKSON
Card No: Series 2, Card 12

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- 4 SEAN MCALLISTER
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- 7 PAUL CADDIS
- 8 SIMON FERRY
- 10 MATT RITCHIE
- 11 ETIENNE ESAJAS
- 12 ALAN MCCORMACK
- 13 OLIVER RISSER (CAPT)
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- 16 IBRAHIM ATIKU
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