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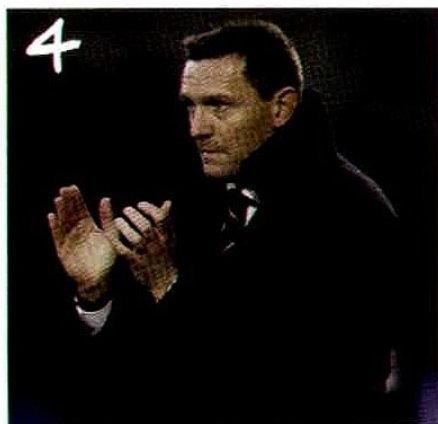


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AIDY BOOTHROYD

Welcome to Sixfields



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*Good afternoon,
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and welcome back to
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game with
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I would like to welcome Paolo di Canio and the players, officials and supporters of Swindon Town to the game.

It is New Year's Eve, the end of one year and the start of another. It is the time when people make resolutions and go on diets, getting themselves back in shape and ready for the spring and summer ahead. For us as a club it is also about out with the old and in with the new.

We are looking more at an evolution than a revolution, and the work to improve the squad will take time. We won't get too carried away with a victory, nor will we get too downhearted at a defeat.

It is inevitable that new players will be joining the club in the coming month, and it is up to the current playing staff to show me, you and everyone connected with the club that they want to be part of our future.

I was very pleased with the performance against Burton Albion on Monday. Results wise, the first 3 games have not been great, but we look and feel like a team on the up. The supporters I have spoken to tell me that, and it is not often the players receive a standing ovation having lost 3-2 at home, but that is what they got on Boxing Day and it was fully deserved.



Paul Peschisolido said to me that he felt embarrassed to have won the game on Monday, and I know that if we keep that level of performance up the points will come. We need to maintain the commitment we have shown so far and there is plenty more hard work ahead. I will happily accept a little bit of good fortune today without any embarrassment!

It has been an eventful three games so far. We have hit the woodwork three times, we have scored three goals, we have played three different formations, had 2 penalties awarded in our favour, we have had 2 penalties awarded against us, we have had 2 red cards and have been on the end of some controversial decisions.

I would like to welcome Shane Higgs to the club. Despite having not played too much football recently, his performance

on Monday showed what a quality keeper he is and I am sure he will prove to be an asset to the club.

This is the final game of 2011, a year that I gather has not been a successful period for the club. 2012 is a fresh start and it is natural that some players will come and some will go. We can look forward to happier times in 2012.

Thank you to those companies and individuals who have sponsored the club throughout the year, and thank you to those who are sponsoring the game today, Clarity Print Finishers, ECL Civil Engineering Ltd and Blue Chip Park Homes Ltd. The football staff and I really appreciate your support.

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DAVID CARDOZA

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to Sixfields.

Welcome to everyone from Swindon Town for what is a mouthwatering game, and the perfect way to end 2011.

The turn of the year marks the halfway point in the football season and is often a time to look both backwards and forwards. We have spent a fair bit of time looking back over the last few weeks, so I want to begin by looking forward to 2012 and beyond, to what we believe will be exciting times for the club.

One project we are particularly excited about is the place we have been awarded in Rugby League's Championship One competition in 2013. Since we made that announcement at the start of the month we have had a huge amount of interest in the project, and that has been very encouraging. We have a long time to prepare for the big kick off, which will be in February 2013, but that build up time will be spent making sure this becomes a big success. All of the staff at the club are right behind the plans, and we know we need to attract sponsors and supporters for it to be the success we all want it to be. I think we will attract both commercial partners and good attendances, at least initially, the challenge for us will be to maintain that level of interest for the long term. To do that we need to make our home games days out for all the family, not just about the product on the pitch, important though that will be. Our venture in to Rugby League has been well received by supporters so far, and we hope that will continue as our plans evolve.

Back to football, and our Group Tickets scheme has been a huge success in 2011. We often have 400 to 500 people attending through the scheme at most Saturday home games, and that makes all the difference to the attendance. Not only that, but the youngsters who do attend through the scheme enjoy an experience and a memory that will stay with them, hopefully encouraging them to come back again.

Commercially we have again enjoyed a fair amount of success in 2011. Restaurant numbers have been good and the support of our sponsors, just like that of our supporters, has held up remarkably well through a difficult year. The club is in good shape, and when things take off on the pitch, we are in the best position we can be to take advantage with the infrastructure in place to support a successful team.

I thought we were desperately unlucky to lose the game against Burton Albion on Boxing Day. We were in charge of the game when John Johnson was sent off, and I thought that was a harsh decision. Even after that the lads showed tremendous determination, effort, passion and togetherness to stay in the game for so long. Saido Berahino hit the post with a terrific effort at 2-1 when had we gone 3-1 up it may well have killed the game off. It took another controversial decision going against us in the shape of an 88th minute penalty to finally earn Burton the points, but the general display again showed me that we are heading the right way.

The shape of the team was good, the effort was good and the spirit was there for all to see. It is not often a side is given a standing ovation having lost 3-2 at home, but that is what happened on Monday and I know we are heading the right way with Aidy Boothroyd in charge. Performances are improving and the results will follow.

As I write these notes we are in the bottom two, but I am sure we won't stay there for too long. If there were 3 or 4 games left in the season it would be a time to worry, but given the improving nature of our play, the transfer window ahead and the man we have in charge gives me confidence that we will climb the table. We are due some luck and we are due some refereeing decisions to go our way and with 20 odd games left, we have ample time to climb away from trouble.

I would like to welcome goalkeeper Shane Higgs to the club. Shane is the first of a number of new signings we are expecting in the next few weeks. He enjoyed a fine debut on Boxing Day and did enough to suggest he will be a good acquisition for the club.

It's the time for New Year's Resolutions, but rather than a resolution, I will tell you my New Year's wish. I want us to win more home games in 2012. We haven't won too many at home in 2011, so it would be nice to see some more wins here at Sixfields and to come to games to enjoy them rather than in a state of trepidation!

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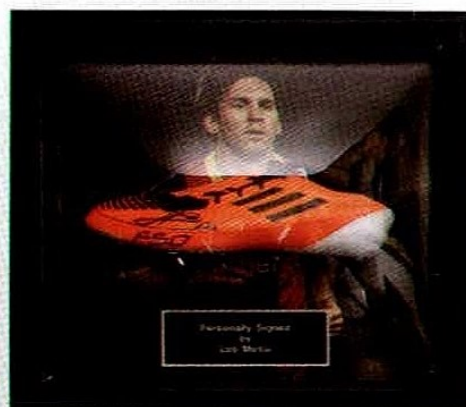
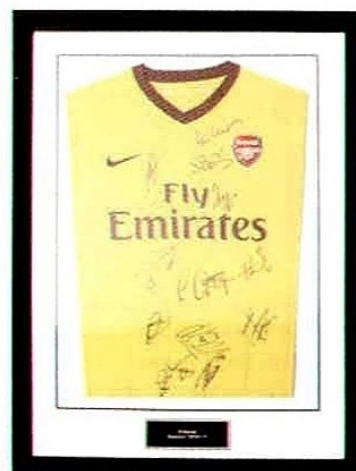
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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN WITH JOHN JOHNSON

Happy New Year

I am writing these notes as we await news from the FA on the appeal to the red card I was shown on Boxing Day. I was bitterly disappointed to be sent off, particularly so in those circumstances when I felt the decision was incorrect. The ball went up in the air, and I was just focused on winning the ball. I used my arm as leverage as you need to do to jump in that situation and all I saw was the ball. That is where my attention was and at no point did I look up or look at the Burton player. To be honest, I barely knew he was there until we clashed heads. The referee had the red card out and said he sent me off for an elbow, but at no point did I lead with or throw an elbow out. It was a genuine and honest challenge to win the ball.

That decision left us with an uphill task, playing with ten men for 70 odd minutes, but I thought the lads showed a lot of commitment, skill and courage against a very good Burton team. But for a controversial penalty decision going against us with two minutes left we would have taken a point, and we could have had all three had Saido Berahino's shot not come back off the inside of the post at the start of the second half.

That game is gone now, and while the result went against us, we can take a lot of positives out of the display ahead of what

is a very busy weekend for us. We play Swindon today and then go to Shrewsbury on Monday, and both of those teams are challenging for promotion. They will both be difficult games, but we have shown we are an improving side and we can go into both games with confidence.

We have trained throughout this holiday period. The squad were in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and we have been working all this week, preparing for the games today and on Monday. Sorry I can't bring you details of the Secret Santa that the squad ran just before Christmas, but I will have full details for you next time.

Thank you very much for your support today and throughout the year. 2011 has not been a great year for us, but there is a belief that we are improving and that 2012 will see happier times for the club.

The players and I would like to say a big thank you to today's sponsors, Clarity Print Finishers, ECL Civil Engineering Ltd and Blue Chip Park Homes Ltd.

Finally, there should be a 6,000 crowd inside Sixfields today, which should help generate a cracking atmosphere. Please get behind the lads and let's try and end the year on a high note. Happy New Year everyone.

On behalf of all of the players, Happy New Year and welcome to Sixfields for the last time in 2011.



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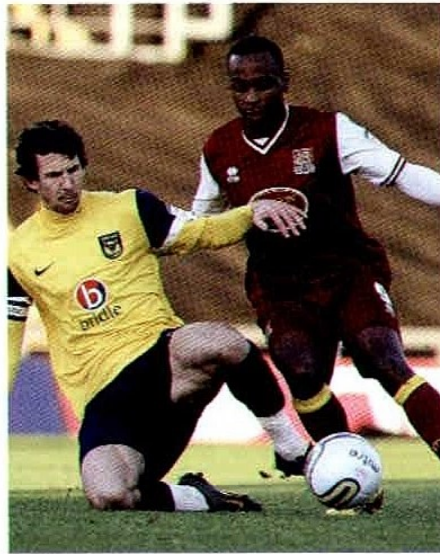
OXFORD UNITED 2

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Attendance: 7,517 (748 Cobblers fans)





Match Stats

Oxford:

Ryan Clarke
 Damian Batt
 Jake Wright
 Simon Heslop
 James Constable
 Alfie Potter (sub Deane Smalley 83)
 Andy Whing
 Peter Leven
 Liam Davis
 Tommy Craddock
 (sub Anthony Tonkin 89)
 Robert Hall (sub Asa Hall 72)

Subs not used:

Jon-Paul Pittman
 Harry Worley

Cobblers:

Sam Walker
 Jason Crowe
 John Johnson
 Ben Tozer
 Andy Holt (sub Lewis Young 83)
 Nick McKoy (sub Jake Robinson 69)
 Michael Jacobs
 Paul Turnbull
 Arron Davies
 Saïdo Berahino
 Adebayo Akinfenwa
Subs not used:
 Freddy Hall
 Tadhg Purcell
 Ashley Corker

Referee: Mr A Bates

Booked:

Oxford: Simon Heslop (13), Andy Whing (22), James Constable (45)
Cobblers: Adebayo Akinfenwa (60), John Johnson (74)

Sent off:

Oxford: none
Cobblers: none

Oxford Match Stats:

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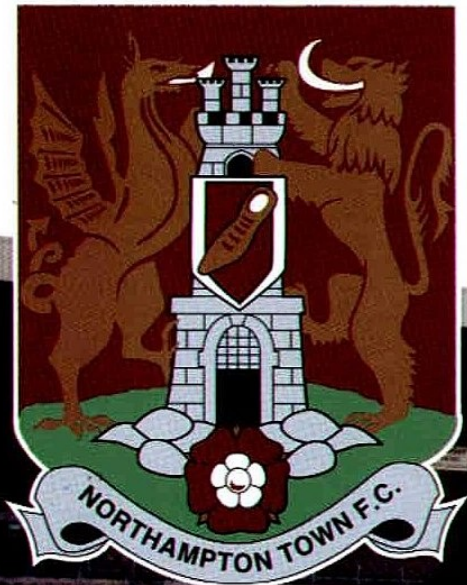
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FOULS:	(3)	7
CAUGHT OFFSIDE:	(2)	3

Cobblers Match Stats:

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SHOTS ON TARGET:	(2)	6
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	(2)	5
CORNERS:	(2)	6
FOULS:	(8)	15
CAUGHT OFFSIDE:	(1)	1

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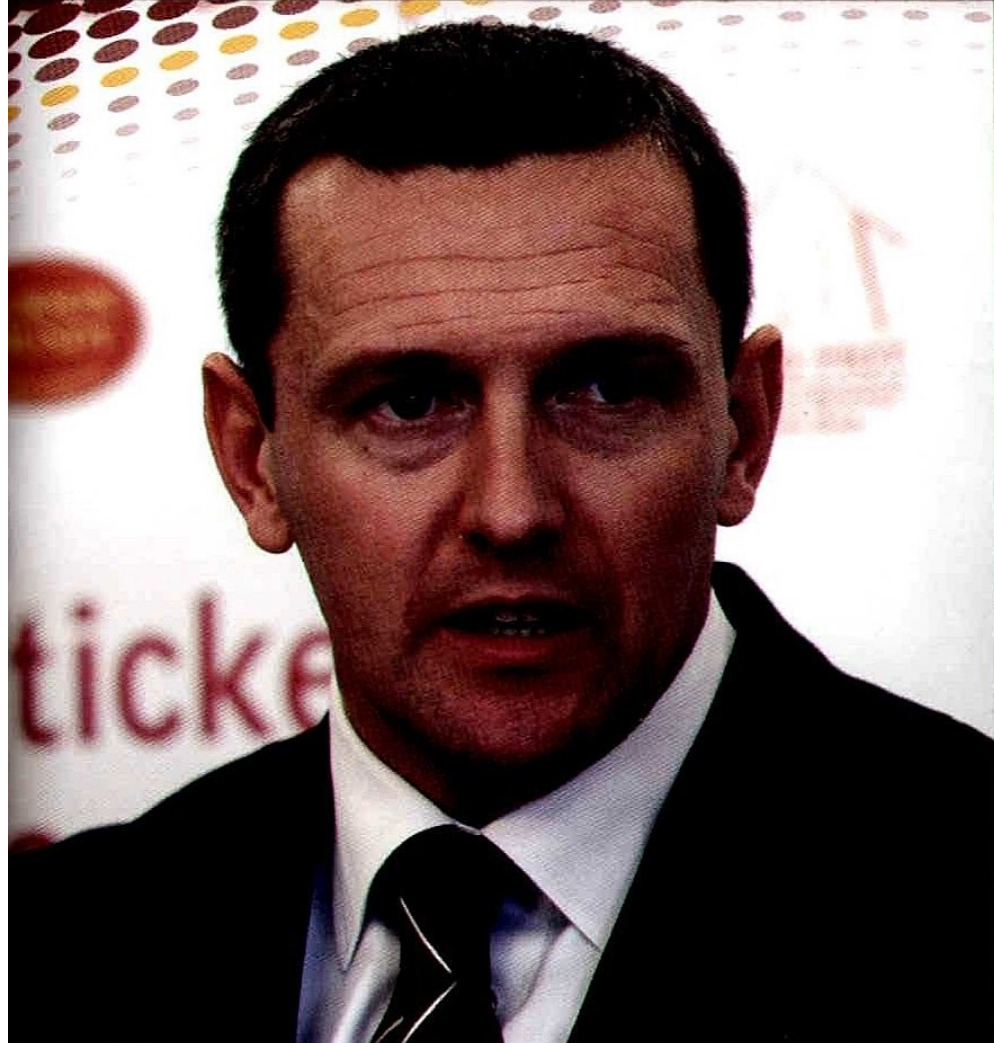


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Happy New Year

The key event of the past 12 months was the club's decision to sack Ian Sampson as manager and replace him with Gary Johnson.

Just about every strand of the current storyline at Sixfields threads back to that pivotal plot twist back in March.

As a married man I am used to admitting my mistakes and I will say at this point that in celebrating the move to bring in Johnson I was dead wrong.

For what it is worth I did not agree with the removal of Sampson from office but I was fully in favour of the man who was brought in to replace him, and firmly believed he would be a success.

That he was not remains something of a mystery and without going into too much detail it would seem the club did not get exactly what they believed they would get with that managerial appointment.

But that is all in the past now, and while Christmas is often a time to reflect on the

events of the past it is also a time to look ahead to the coming year.

So what can we expect of 2012 from a Northampton Town perspective? In the short term it is likely to be more hardship – Rome was not built in a day and Aidy Boothroyd has a substantial job on his hands moulding this group of under-achieving players with virtually no confidence into a side capable of winning games.

I don't think the side will get relegated. I've said this before and they have come very close but I do think they have enough about them – and the right manager – to scrap their way to safety.

So here's hoping that after the last managerial appointment ended in such near-disastrous circumstances, that the latest one will be much more successful, and that all concerned can look forward to a much better year in 2012 than was endured in 2011.

2011 is unlikely to be remembered too fondly by too many Cobblers supporters and about the best you can say about it is that it is almost over.

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

Higgs excited by Sixfields challenge



New Goalkeeper Shane Higgs penned an 18 month contract with Northampton Town just before Christmas, and went on to make his debut in the Boxing Day visit from Burton Albion. He has been telling us how his move to Sixfields came about.

"My agent phoned me a couple of weeks ago to say that the manager here was interested in talking to me," he said.

"I met Aidy Boothroyd straight away and we had a good chat about what he expects and what he needs.

"I trained with the lads for a couple of days after that and I was more than happy to sign."

Although Higgs has been without a club since leaving Leeds United at the end of last season, he has not been short of offers, as he explained.

"I've had some interest from other clubs in the last five months but nothing that has really appealed to me like the offer to come here did.

"I know the league position isn't very good at the moment but I think with a few changes things can turn around very quickly and that's what made the move so appealing for me."

For a keeper of his experience, with more than 300 career appearances and a club like Leeds United on his CV, it must have been hard for Higgs to be without a club for a period.

"The last few months have been quite difficult and having been in football for 17 years it is quite strange when suddenly you don't have that routine any more," he admitted.

"It did cross my mind that maybe my career was done for but like I say in football things can change very quickly and I'm delighted to be here.

"Maybe it was the break that I needed and I'm really looking forward to the challenge here."

Having been at the club for over a week now, what are his first impressions?

"There is a good bunch of lads here, there is a lot of them and there are a few names to learn."

"The work ethic in training is excellent and everyone has been very positive and upbeat."

His ability to dominate a penalty area and organise his defence are two attributes that Aidy Boothroyd spoke about when he brought Higgs to the club, and the keeper believes they are roles he can fulfil.

"I like to think I am quite vocal as a goalkeeper but I'm sure people will have their own opinion on that," he said.

"The manager wanted to bring someone with experience in and I like to think of myself as quite a commanding goalkeeper and I like to talk to the back four as much as I can."

"I've played in League's One and Two for most of my career, it's relatively simple football but if you do it right and you are effective then you can easily get on a run of winning games."

"The manager is working really hard on getting the team organised first and foremost and if we can get that right then hopefully we will build from there."

Higgs enjoyed an excellent debut against Burton Albion on Boxing Day, making a string of fine saves in what was a dramatic, controversial and ultimately frustrating afternoon.

"I thought we looked a really good side against Burton," he said. "The work rate was fantastic and we took a lot of positives out of the game, despite the result. We were a man down for most of the game but we created a lot of chances and showed a lot of spirit and I felt we were unlucky with their penalty decision late on. It was a 50:50 call but the decision went against us on that occasion."

Apart from Burton's late penalty, the decision of the referee to send John Johnson off early in the game was another big talking point, and Higgs felt that also went against the Cobblers. "I thought the sending off was unlucky, it looked like a clash of heads to me from the angle I was looking at. The referee said it was an elbow but it didn't look like that to me."

"If we can keep the effort, spirit and quality of performance we showed on Monday we will soon climb the table. I am sure about that."

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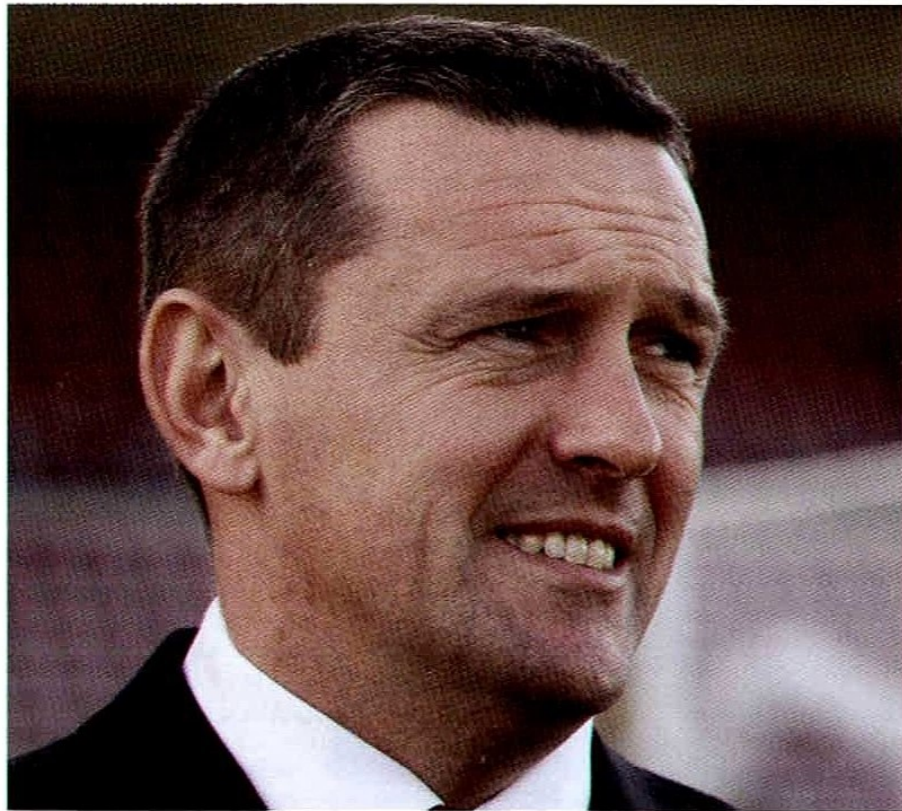
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A time for reflection at the turn of the year



I always feel that at the turn of the year it is a good time for reflection, to look back at events over the past year and to look into the New Year to see what 2012 may bring.

We suffered a bad run early in 2011 which eventually led to Sammo losing his job. I am not going to dwell on what happened then but things did not get a lot better with survival coming too close to the end of the season for comfort.

We now find ourselves too close to the bottom of the table for any of us but with a new manager who has the right credentials to take us forward from where we are, to make us a team that is hard to beat and just as importantly, who no-one looks forward to playing.

The players have commented that training is now more intense and Aidy has stated publicly that good levels of fitness are a prerequisite for teams that he manages. We could see this in the first half versus both Crewe and Oxford, although versus Crewe we faded in the second half and at Oxford we were punished for defensive frailties.

Aidy has stated that the team is not far away from where he wants it to be but he also knows that there are still some areas that need strengthening. Some players have already been released, a decision that gave them extra time to find a club. Others undoubtedly will go and there will be the usual speculation as the transfer window opens as to whether certain players will be coming or going.

I certainly don't have a crystal ball as to what will occur but it will be interesting to see what happens.

So to conclude may I wish you and yours a Happy New Year and I hope 2012 will be full of good things for all of us Cobblers fans. I am sure we will all settle for mid table obscurity for this season as an aim with further progress next term.

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News at Sixfields

Late start to next season

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For the second annual event of its type, we're going bigger and better than before, expanding the number of age groups involved in what will become a two day event hosted over the weekend of the 19th and 20th of May.

The club are looking for a title sponsor, who will receive the naming rights to the event, making it the 'Jackson Grundy Cup' for example, as well as the many other benefits of associating with one of the leading community events in the area.

As well as helping to host the weekend, money raised from sponsorship will be spent on running the club's Centre of Excellence as they work to prepare the next generation of local talented players for first team football in years to come. Sean Parrish and his team will also be at the event to scout the 100+ teams that will be in attendance, and will hopefully pick out a star of the future too.

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Welcome Ja'cob'!

We would like to welcome another Cobblers fan into the world. Ja'cob' (!) Harry Bentley was born on the 17th August 2011.

His mother (Janine) and her husband (David) are both season ticket holders in the West Stand. Jacob's favourite player is Adebayo Akinfenwa and his family look forward to bringing Jacob along to a game at some point in the future!



Morecambe travel disruption

Supporters travelling to Morecambe next Saturday are advised that there will be a full closure of the M6 / M1 interchange, the Catthorpe Viaduct, on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th January.

Roadworks will require the full closure of:

- M1 Northbound between junctions 19 (M6 North off slip) and 20 (including closure of the M1 Northbound on slip at junction 19)
- M1 Southbound between junction 19 (A14 off slip) and 18
- M6 Southbound from the A14 off slip at M1 junction 19.



The closures will begin just before midnight on the 6th (Friday night) and could be in place until early afternoon on the 8th (Sunday).

M1 Northbound traffic will be diverted off at M1 junction 19 and signposted onto the M6/M69 to M1 junction 21.

On the return from Morecambe, M6 traffic destined for the M1 Southbound will be signposted off at M6 junction 2 using the A46/A45/M45 to M1 junction 17.

Welcome!

We would like to say a big welcome to Shane Higgs who joined the club last week.

Higgs began his career as a trainee at Bristol Rovers, making 10 appearances for the Gas. He was signed by Cheltenham Town for £10,000 in 1999. He spent nearly four years as reserve to Steve Book, making only a handful of appearances, before finally breaking into the first team in March 2003. He then became the Robins first choice keeper, winning the club's Player of the Year award twice. Whilst at Cheltenham he gained two promotions and was a fixture in the first team for many years. He joined Wolverhampton Wanderers on a month's loan in November 2008 and stayed at Molineux as cover the end of the season. Wolves manager Mick McCarthy highly recommended Higgs to Leeds manager Simon Grayson and Higgs moved to Elland road in July 2009. He started the 2009/10 season as first-choice goalkeeper after fierce competition from former number one Casper Ankergrén. He left Elland Road in the summer of 2011 after spending time as understudy to Kasper Schmeichel, his previous club before Aidy Boothroyd convinced the highly rated stopper to make the move to Sixfields. In all, Higgs has made well over 300 senior appearances in his career.



The 34 year old has signed an 18 month contract at Sixfields.

Frank Large Supporter of the Year Nominations now being taken

Nominations are now being taken for the 2011/2012 Frank Large Supporter of the Year award. All supporters are able to nominate their own supporter of the year.

It could be someone who has gone above and beyond the regular supporter.

It could be they are nominated because of their fundraising work, their commitment to watching the Cobblers or some sacrifice they made to watch a particular game.

Although called 'supporter of the season' you could nominate a couple, a family or even a group.

The cut off date is 31 March 2012, and a committee made up of representatives from, the club, supporters groups and the media, will sift through the nominations and select a winner. The presentation, a framed certificate, will be presented at the last home game of the season.

The award is named after the late Frank Large, a former Cobblers great.

To nominate, please write to Gareth Willsher, Northampton Town Football Club, Sixfields Stadium, Northampton. NN5 5QA.

For a nomination to be valid, it must include the full name of the person being nominated together with the reason for that nomination. Please also include your full name, address, telephone number and email address.



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There is still time to enter the Beacon Bingo season ticket competition.

Beacon Bingo in Northampton and the Cobblers have teamed up to offer you the chance to win your 2012/13 season ticket - FREE!

You can pick up your Cobblers/Beacon Bingo card from Sixfields.

Each time a Northampton Town goal is scored you mark the number off your card using the goal minute posted, so, if a goal is scored in the 37th minute, you mark 37 off your card if you have it. All Cobblers goals, both home and away, count. Opposition goals do not count.

Official bingo goal times are published on www.ntfc.co.uk, in the match programme and in the Herald & Post.

The first person to fill their card wins a 2012/13 season ticket worth up to £380, and as Michael Jacobs shows, some cards are nearing completion.

Please see the lottery section of www.ntfc.co.uk for a full list of goals scored so far.

If you win and have already paid for your season ticket, the club will arrange to have the cost of your season ticket refunded.

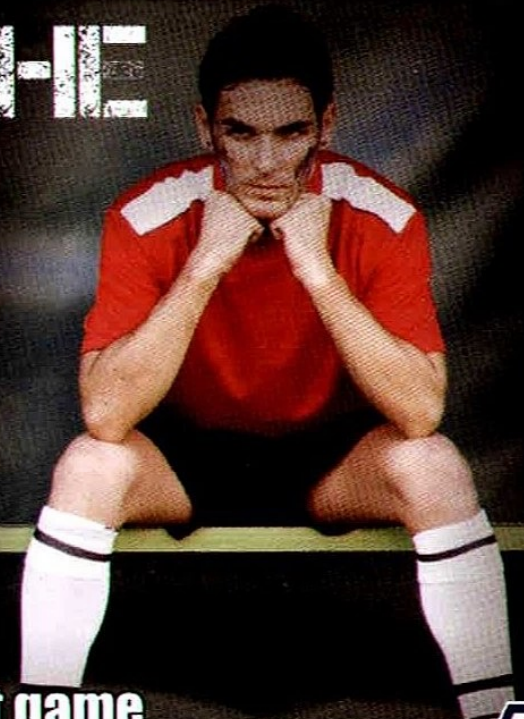


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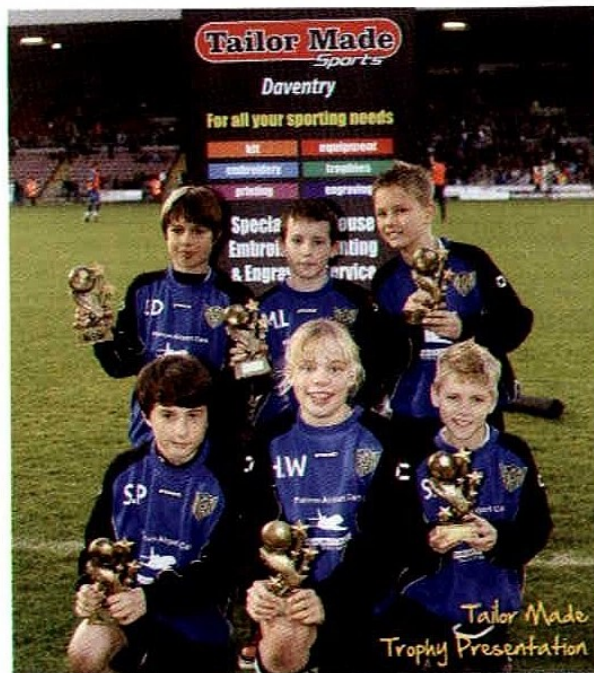


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The under 7s turn came earlier this month, with 14 teams from 10 clubs taking to the 3G astroturf 5-a-side courts at Goals, and one or two catching the eye of the Centre of Excellence scouts who popped along too.

Grange Park Rangers Blues won the under-11 tournament, beating Soccer Stars in the final in November. They're pictured collecting their trophies on the pitch at Sixfields, which were awarded to them by Bas Savage. Banbury Irish, whose under-10s are here today for the Stanair Cup, won the Plate competition that day. Falcons Youth won the Taylor Made under-14 day back in October, whilst in September Banbury Irish beat Long Buckby in the final of the under-13 event, with Ise Lodge winning the Plate.

Attention now turns to the under-8 day, which has been re-arranged for the 14th of January, a week before the local youth league resume their fixtures, to provide the ideal warm up event for local teams.

Other pre-match tournaments include:

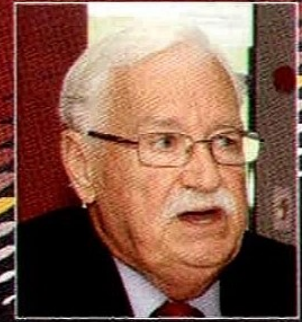
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JOHN MORRIS

A Lifetime of Memories



Gavin Field, at 88, is entitled to look back and reflect on all his years of involvement in sport – and in particular the 60 years he has spent helping the Cobblers both at the County Ground and since 1994 at Sixfields.

It is not simply the Cobblers who have benefited from Gavin's energy and enthusiasm over the years. For more than 25 years he was a volunteer driver for Crispin's and the Volunteer Bureau. "I was their longest serving driver," he told me, "It kept me busy but I feel it was worth it."

He has ventured into football management as well, as he reminded me when we looked back to the days when, as a young reporter on the Chronicle & Echo, I played myself in the Northants Thursday League. For 27 years Gavin managed Highland Rangers, just about the most successful civilian team in what was at the time a pretty hot league.

I played for Thursday United, the perpetual back markers with only the occasional victory to keep us going, and

I cannot remember any of those being against Gavin's side.

"I was able to run the team because I worked in a shop and Thursday was early closing day," he recalled.

"The opposition was often pretty tough, particularly the teams from the various army units in the area.

"For instance the Northamptonshire Regiment often had young professionals doing National Service available.

I remember one was Ken Nicholas, a local boy who at the time was with Arsenal. Both the Borough and the County Police had teams and the standard was not too bad at all."

Gavin has many memories of his business life as well as his sporting connections and he was happy to share some of them with me.

"There was one moment I really enjoyed while I was in the sports equipment business," he said, "And that was having a photograph taken with England batsman Geoffrey Boycott and England's World Cup-winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks along with special boots I had made for them.

"There was a shoe firm in Northampton at the time named Kingswell and they made the boots for me. Gordon was the first player I can remember to have a coloured pair of boots - and these were red.

"There was another occasion I remember very well involving footwear when it was the Cobblers who needed help, in a hurry. I had a call at home from 'Mac' McCormack, the club trainer at the time, because he was worried about the weather.

"It was a cold, icy spell at the time and although the pitch was playable it was going to be difficult. He wanted me to find non-slip boots for the players and I needed to move quickly.

"I chased around, weighed up several options and finally settled on a set of basketball boots that GT Hawkins supplied for me from their factory which at the time was on The Mounts. The building remains but the firm is long gone.

"I rushed them up to Mac at the County Ground, the match was played, with the opposition struggling for a foothold, and I had been able to do the club a good turn. Did we win? I'm not sure, but I think we did.

"Over the years there have been many memories of players and of matches and in particular I remember the feeling of anticipation back in the 1970s when we drew Manchester United in the FA Cup. We had battled through several rounds, and some replays, to be there and then we were beaten 8-2.

"But the memory is not all bad because it was the time George Best scored six goals which made it one of those days when it was good to have actually been there.

"I remember so many great characters amongst our own players and always think of them as friends. I was always fond of Roly Mills - and remember he always had to have different sized boots. One foot was size 7, the other 7 1/2."

These days Gavin's health problems mean he is unable to drive and he is quick to pay tribute to those people who are always there to support him.

"My dear wife Mary (they have been married for 55 years) and my family are wonderful," he told me, "And I owe a great deal to my friend Ray Caswell because he keeps me mobile when it comes to helping at Sixfields.

"He has been assisting the club for more than 30 years himself and he makes sure I can keep going. He is a true supporter and one time when the club finances were in trouble he even turned up with large jars of coffee and loads of teabags for everyone.

"I feel I have been part of the club family and it has been a pleasure to do it. Although I have never been paid the club has been very good to me. In return they know I will always come when they need me - like the little job I do of looking after the door for reserve team games."

Cobblers chairman David Cardoza was delighted to pay tribute to Gavin when I talked to him. He said, "Gavin has given us wonderful help over so many years. As a club we would be lost without this kind of support from within the local community. We are grateful to Gavin, and all the other volunteers who never let us down."



Gavin pictured as a Steward at the County Ground

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Gavin (centre) with Gordon Banks (left) and Geoff Boycott (right)



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THE DAN ROAN COLUMN

Prediction Time!

Well, for Northampton Town, it has to be a better year. 2011 won't be fondly remembered, aside from perhaps the win over Oxford United in January, the 6-2 demolition of Crewe in February and the win at Ipswich in August.

But, the decision to appoint Aidy Boothroyd towards the end of the year is very significant, and I am sure Aidy, assisted by Andy King and the rest of the staff, will build a recovery here at Sixfields.

The turn of the year is considered the half way point in the season, so here are my predictions for the second half of the season. If you are a betting person, feel free to ignore all of the below or put your money on the exact opposite!

PREMIER LEAGUE

It's Manchester City all the way. Manchester United will miss Vidic, and they don't quite have the depth of squad of City. Chelsea and Arsenal are too far off the pace, and while Tottenham are doing very well, again for me they don't quite have the depth of Roberto Mancini's side.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

No English winner for me. While I hope I am wrong, I can't really see Arsenal or Chelsea getting to the final. Barcelona are again the team to beat, and anyone who does manage to beat them will surely lift the crown.

CHAMPIONSHIP

After a few years of struggle, Southampton look set to return to the Premier League. Nigel Adkins has done a terrific job there,

and I think they will be joined by West Ham as Sam Allardyce takes the Hammers back to the promised land. At the other end of the table there could be some disappointed fans in the midlands as Coventry, Doncaster and Nottingham Forest are all in danger of the drop.

HERE AT SIXFIELDS

As I have mentioned, I predict Aidy Boothroyd will lead the Cobblers to midtable safety before continuing those strides forward next season.

The excitement will continue to build towards the February 2013 launch of the Rugby League team and off the field re-development progress will finally be made.

ENGLAND

I can see former Cobbler Bradley Johnson making the breakthrough into the main squad as a number of the senior players call it a day after Euro 2012. As for the tournament itself, I can see England making the quarter finals but sadly, no further than that. The FA will appoint their successor to Fabio Capello.

FA CUP

I predict Manchester United will be lifting the famous old cup. With City set to win the Premier League, and United out of the Carling Cup and Champions League, they will be desperate to ensure they don't end the season empty handed.

How accurate will those guesses be? Time will tell! Happy New Year to all Cobblers fans.

*The end of 2011,
the start of 2012,
and so what will
the New Year bring?*

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THE MARC BAZELEY COLUMN

Technology and Football

And I can check that anywhere in the world at any time as well. Wonderful, should I suddenly have a burning desire to compulsively check the latest scores in the Greek Super League or the French Ligue 2. In fact, it's probably fair to say technology has completely changed the way we indulge our obsession with the beautiful game.

It's brilliant and a far cry from much simpler times before smart phones and the interweb when you had to wait to get home and wait for Final Score to furnish you with all of the day's results. It certainly added an air of tension to the day's proceedings.

One of my earliest childhood memories is, in fact, sitting down with my father watching goal flashes from the vidiprinter – which actually made a printing noise – while a gurning Steve Rider runs through what's happening around the grounds from the Grandstand studio.

This would become a weekly ritual on a Saturday afternoon, as would my father cursing, screwing up his pools coupon and then throwing it away in disgust because once again he had failed to predict the correct draws. He did win £53 once, although I'm sure the losses down the years more than outweigh that.

A red letter day in the Bazeley household was when my parents decided to invest in a TV that had Teletext capability, opening up a whole new world of information and up-to-the-minute scores from any games taking place around the country that day.

Digital television and the information super highway have all but killed that. It's still there in a modified form, although without the same sort of charm that the blocky, pixelated mine of information that page 302 of Ceefax had to offer.

Oh sure, ITV had page 401 (later 410) on Teletext, but like everything they do when it comes to sport there are a lot of places that do it so much better. Indeed, an entire 38 pages of BBC Ceefax were devoted to the latest football news, results, fixtures and tables.

It really came to life on game days, allowing you to keep up with the

latest scores while watching the TV. Indeed, the beauty of the 'Mix' button meant you could have the goals up while watching highlights from the British Superbike Championship or the 3.20 from Newbury.

Page 312 was always a good one bringing you snippets of news from around the football universe – sometimes with up to 12 different sub-pages. Of course, if you spent too long trying to read about Bournemouth's latest loan signing then the page would move on and you'd have to wait five minutes for it to come back.

There was always the hold button, but progress in Teletext technology meant that in later years you would be able to navigate the sub-pages at your own leisure. That also went some way to removing the agony of having to wait for the page to scroll round and tell you how your team were getting on in their crucial Coca-Cola Cup tie.

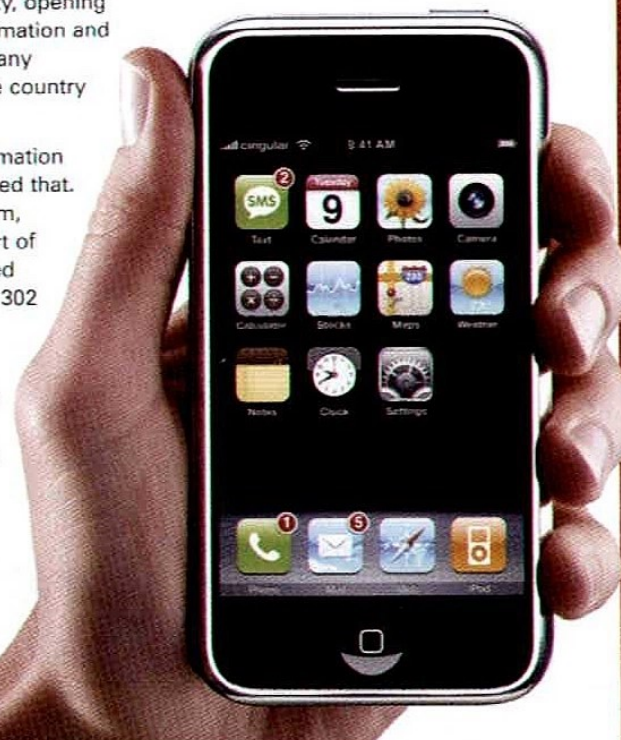
ITV did have the BBC beat with their regional goal show on a Sunday afternoon where Kevin Piper and a rotating cast of talking heads (Barry Fry, Alan Brazil and John Deehan) would chew over Saturday's games. You miss these things from the past, but like that brown Coventry City away shirt and the North American Soccer League, they're probably best left there.



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Isn't technology wonderful?
As I'm writing this, just by checking the Sky Sports Football Score Centre app on my BlackBerry I can tell you that we can look forward to Mons against Anderlecht in the Belgian Jupiler League, should anyone so desire to follow what will no doubt be a thrilling encounter.





Rugby League plans draw praise

Northampton Town Football Club's ambitious bid to bring semi (and eventually fully) professional Rugby League to Northampton has drawn praise from all over the country.



The new club will kick off in Championship One in February 2013, and Ralph Rimmer (Chief Operating Officer, Rugby Football League), said, "This is a really, really great thing not just for Northampton but for Rugby League in general.

"We've been working on this for several months and we received lots of applications for entry into the Championship in 2013.

"I'm really delighted to say that the first club to be invited to play in that competition was Northampton.

"Northampton will enter the competition in 2013 and I expect them to be a massive asset to the competition and the game.

"We've got four teams who will come into the league for 2013 and it will become a development based competition providing outlets for professional rugby league players.

"We already know that this area has provided something in the region of 10 to 20 players who are already at professional rugby league clubs.

"We have been working hard on doing real due diligence for all the prospective clubs.

"The facilities here are good already and David Cardoza has given us great support and been really proactive in making this happen.

"I think it's got a great chance of success and that's what makes it exciting.

"For all the clubs that come in their success will be built on the strength of the partnerships around them and this partnership is very strong.

"The existing local club, the Demons, are already really successful and that's without having an obvious feeder club to tie in with them.

"Now they will have a Championship One club and Wakefield Trinity have also been very quick to tie up a link here."

Davide Longo the General Manager of the Wakefield Wildcats, who will form a link with the Northampton team said; "We know that Northampton is a hotbed of rugby and working with the Demons and the new Northampton club will provide a way through to Super League.

"We want to make sure that the coach education side of things is the best it can be as well as making sure that the off field stuff is right as well.

"We need to build up the awareness and make sure that all the local schools are involved.

"That's the type of expertise we want to pass on and we want the team to be successful."

Gary Campbell of the Northampton Demons added, "It's a fantastic opportunity for our club.

"As a community club we have made massive strides over the last five or six years and this move gives our players something to aim at.

"With Northampton having a Championship One club in 2013 it gives us an opportunity to propel the club up and bring some more professionalism into the club."

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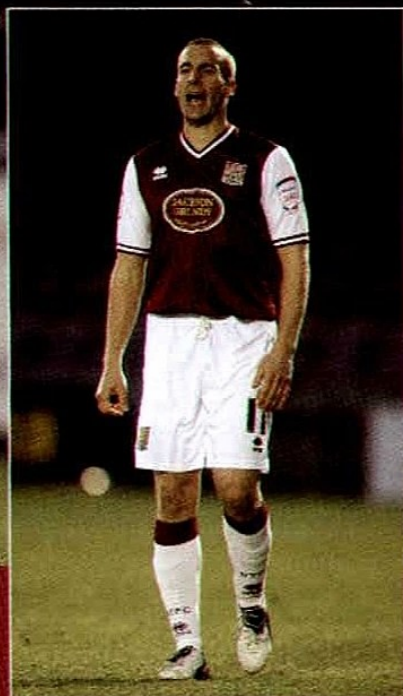
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Has the worst hair? Marin Pozgain

Is the funniest?
After me, John Johnson is a long, long way back in second

Is the least funny?
Greg Kaziboni, I don't know what goes on in that boy's head!

Is the practical joker? John Johnson

In Football

Which team do you support?
Manchester United

Who is the best player you have ever played with? John Sheridan

Who is your best mate in football?
Joe Burnell

What is the best ground you have ever played at? Anfield

What is the best goal you have ever scored?

A free-kick for Hull in a local derby against Scunthorpe

Favourites

What is your favourite...

Other sport? Golf

Meal? Thai food

Drink? Diet Coke

TV programme? 24

Film? The Shawshank Redemption

Band/artist? Bon Jovi



★ Star Graduate

MIKE SUMMERBEE

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.

He was 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

SWINDON TOWN CAREER SUMMARY

	League	FA Cup	League Cup	Total
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)

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 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.

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Saïdo Berahino celebrates his goal against Burton Albion on Boxing Day

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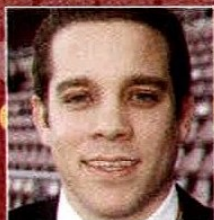
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Commercial Cobblers



Congratulations Red Hot World Buffet and Bar

The club's back of shirt sponsors, Red Hot World Buffet and Bar, received national recognition at the prestigious Hero and Icon Awards, hosted by Peach, the leisure consultancy and publishing group recently.

Held at the Mayfair Hotel, London, the awards recognise the creativity, vibrancy and diversity of the eating and drinking out market in the UK.

Red Hot World Buffet and Bar received the much sought 'Best Newcomer Brand of the Year 2011' award and fended off tough competition from Bistro du Vin, Craft Beer Co and Franco Manca. Judges praised the chain for 'proving there's not only life but a thriving eating-out market outside London if you have the right product.'

Mr Kashmira Singh, Chairman at Red Hot Buffet said: "This is truly a great honour for us as a growing business and to receive national recognition amongst many established brands is testament to our commitment to making Red Hot Buffet a recognised household name."

"This award is dedicated to all the people back home who have worked so hard to bring Red Hot to where it is today. We can proudly say that we have the best people and team in the leisure industry in the UK today."

Peter Martin, CEO of Peach, said: "These are the brands, companies and individuals that have impressed most over the year and it's clear from our winners that there is no shortage of inspirational leadership in this business."

"The eating-out market remains a dynamic and vibrant industry full of creativity and innovation, as demonstrated by this year's recipients of the Peach Hero & Icon Awards."

Other trophy winners were Zizzi, Harvester, Byron, Wetherspoons and Pizza Express.

The awards were run by Peach Factory in conjunction with Coca-Cola, RBS, Livebookings, Torex, Ecolab, Enotria and Coffer Corporate Leisure.

In 2004, Red Hot Buffet employed just 24 members of staff, now in 2011 it currently employs 720 across the group, which includes 210 chefs and 20 management; many of whom have been with the company since the very beginning. The chain has seven restaurants having recently opened a venue in Cardiff in October 2011.

We would like to send our warmest congratulations to Red Hot World Buffet and Bar.



Welcome to all of our corporate guests in the Executive Restaurant and Players' Lounge, for what is obviously the last game of 2011.

All of our matchday sponsors today, are heavily influenced and/or run by big Cobblers' fans. The Match Sponsor tasked with choosing the Man of the Match this afternoon is Clarity Print Finishers Ltd, who also sponsor our Goalkeeping Coach Tim Flowers' as part of a player sponsor package. Clarity are a locally based print finishers, who provide a comprehensive print finishing service to the UK and Europe. Darren Coote, Managing Director at Clarity, can often be found in the Players' Lounge on a matchday. Presenting the matchball to the referee this afternoon will be Nathan Richardson from our Matchball Sponsor ECL Civil Engineering. Esendee Construction Ltd, now E.C.L Civil Engineering Ltd, was formed in 1993, with an aim to provide the best possible service to developers, main contractors and local authorities. Nathan also enjoys matchday hospitality at all Cobblers' home games, thanks to his Executive Restaurant seasonal memberships. Finally, our Programme Sponsor for the game today, is Blue Chip Park Homes. Ashley Fitzhugh will be receiving a framed programme cover on behalf of Blue Chip Park Homes, as their sponsors gift. Blue Chip's knowledge of all makes and models of park home, means that they are the people to speak to if you are considering spending your life's savings on a park home for your retirement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and advertisers, as well as our Executive Restaurant and Players' Lounge guests for all of their support over the past twelve months. I think that the increased commercial activity over these difficult months is a credit to all of the hard work that the staff put in and also to the loyalty of our valued club partners. If you would like to find out how your business can benefit from working with the club in 2012, please get in touch.

There are many varied ways in which your business can work with us and support your club at the same time.

And, don't forget to keep an eye on our exciting corporate events taking place next year. This starts with our Sportsman's Dinner with England's record appearance holder Peter Shilton and snooker personality Willie Thorne on Friday 2nd March here at Sixfields. Thank you to Foam Techniques and Aspers Casino Northampton for their sponsorship of this dinner. We're in the early planning stages of our annual golf day, which is likely to take place towards the end of March/early April. Once the date is set, we will be looking for an event sponsor. Then we have the second annual Carlsberg Corporate Cup five-a-side football tournament, taking place on the hallowed Sixfields turf on Friday 18th May. There will no doubt be further events entering the diary later in the year.

I hope you have an enjoyable afternoon, followed by a great evening. Happy New Year.

Andy Wooldridge, Commercial Manager

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Shrewsbury Town - 19th November 2011 - 48, 85

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John Astbury receives a signed, framed shirt from Tadhg Purcell and Marin Pozgain



The captains, players and official line up prior to kick off



Ken Tingley of Tingley Transport presents the man of the match award to Saido Berahino

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3. Sixfields Tavern £25 voucher - **20240**
4. Frankie and Benny's £20 voucher - **20540**
5. McDonalds voucher for four extra value meals - **20159**
6. Prize bundle - **20421**

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, these results are meant as a guide only and you are strongly advised to check with the club for official confirmation.

Tickets will be on sale in and around the ground today, and we would like to say a big thank you to our army of volunteers for their help and support.



Thank you from Mr Wood!

We were delighted to receive the below email from Mr Dean Wood, after his son was mascot at the Shrewsbury Town game.

'I just thought I'd write and say a personal thank you to you for arranging a really great day for Morgan, as mascot. Although the score probably wasn't ideal for all, the whole day was really special for Morgan. He had a fantastic time. Please can you pass on my thanks to all involved, especially to Michael Jacobs and all of the other players who made Morgan feel really important on the day.'

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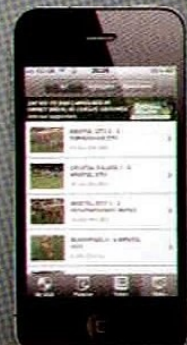
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DIARY OF THE DECADE –

50 years on...

Football historian Leigh Edwards recalls Northampton Town's 1961-62 season.



Match 23

9th December 1961

Attendance 10,059

NORTHAMPTON TOWN
BRENTFORD

5
0

Cobblers: Chic Brodie, Theo Foley, Roly Mills, Mike Everitt, Terry Branston, Derek Leck, Ron Spelman, Cliff Holton, Pat Terry, John Reid, Barry Lines.

Northampton Town stormed to an emphatic victory at home to Brentford. Roly Mills replaced the injured Tony Claypole at left-back. Northampton raced into the lead on four minutes when Pat Terry centred and Cliff Holton scored from close range. Terry headed just wide from Ron Spelman's cross, then former England star Johnny Brooks missed a good chance to equalise. Gerry Cakebread saved well from John Reid on 35 minutes and Peter Gelson denied Barry Lines. Northampton swarmed all over the Bees in the second half with Terry scoring again on the hour, then Lines netted after 70 minutes. Holton and Lines scored further goals in the last ten minutes.

Match 24

16th December 1961

Attendance 12,509

NORTHAMPTON TOWN
WATFORD

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0

Cobblers: Chic Brodie, Theo Foley, Roly Mills, Mike Everitt, Terry Branston, Derek Leck, Ron Spelman, Cliff Holton, Pat Terry, John Reid, Barry Lines.

Pat Terry stung the Hornets with two goals at the County Ground. Cliff Holton skippered Northampton against his former club and had an early shot blocked on the line, then Ron Spelman had an effort disallowed shortly afterwards. Holton headed a Barry Lines centre just wide before Dave Bowen's side broke the deadlock on 23 minutes. Spelman shot from just inside the penalty area and Terry put out a foot to deflect the ball into the net. Holton headed against the post a minute later but Northampton doubled their advantage after 36 minutes when Spelman crossed and Terry dived to head past Dave Underwood. There were few chances in the second-half.

Player Profile

Ron Spelman

Winger Ron Spelman helped Northampton Town to clinch promotion in 1960-61.

He turned professional with Norwich City in November 1960 but had few first-team opportunities and joined Northampton in November 1960. Making his debut in the following month's 1-1 draw at Rochdale, he netted three goals in 33 League games for the Cobblers before moving to Bournemouth in exchange for Arnold Woollard in March 1962 and featured in their promotion near-miss.

He followed Bill McGarry to Watford in September 1963, then played for Oxford United and Wisbech Town.

Later a publican in Norwich, then a driver for Fyffes, he died in June 2006.



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Ian Benjamin scores against Colchester

We take a look back
at the 1986/87
Season



David Gilbert in action at Exeter



David Gilbert's penalty finds the net

Match Twenty Three

1st January 1987
Division 4
County Ground
Attendance: 8,215

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 3
(Benjamin 49, Morley 57, Gilbert 85 pen)

COLCHESTER UNITED (0) 2
(Adcock 52, 61)

Cobblers: Peter Gleasure, Phil Chard, Irvin Gernon, Warren Donald, Russell Wilcox, Keith McPherson, Eddie McGoldrick, Ian Benjamin, David Gilbert, Trevor Morley, Richard Hill.
Sub not used: Aidy Mann

Colchester: Alec Chamberlain, Rudi Hedman, Ian Phillips, Paul Hinshelwood, Keith Day, Terry Baker, Andy Farrell, Simon Lowe, Tony Adcock, Richard Wilkins (Tom English), Sean Norman

REFEREE: Mr D. Vickers

Having lost three of their last four league games Colchester were in danger of dropping out of the promotion race. They paraded former Cobbler Ian Phillips and the man the Cobblers would later sign to replace Trevor Morley, Tony Adcock, in their side.

Both sides had their chances early in the game but the first half of the game remained scoreless.

However four minutes after the restart

Northampton Town went one goal up. David Gilbert found Ian Benjamin in the box who twisted and turned his way around Alec Chamberlain to score, three minutes later the scores were level as Tony Adcock received the ball from substitute Tom English and powered a shot into the top corner of Peter Gleasure's net.

Warren Donald sent in a telling cross that Trevor Morley read well and headed home at the far post but the cheering had hardly stopped before that man Adcock brought the scores level with a near post header again from a Tom English pass.

A draw looked on the cards until Terry Baker palmed a Benjamin shot on the line and despite Eddie McGoldrick putting away the rebound the referee had blown for the penalty.

Alec Chamberlain got his hand to David Gilbert's spot kick but failed to hold it as it bounced up and over the line to give the Cobblers yet another win.

Notes

Ian Benjamin had now scored in the last seven games.

	Cobblers	Colchester
Shots on	10	4
Shots off	6	6
Corners	9	5

League Record

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	13	12	1	0	37	15	37
Away	10	7	2	1	30	13	23

On this day

- Kevin Moran of Manchester United had his life saved by physio Jim McGregor after the Irish defender swallowed his tongue after a clash of heads. McGregor cleared Moran's air passage using the handle from a pair of scissors.
- Paul Hart broke his leg on his Birmingham debut in a game against Plymouth Argyle.
- Portsmouth won their 14th consecutive league game.

Match Twenty Four

3rd January 1987

Division 4

St. James Park

Attendance: 4,331

EXETER CITY (1) 1
(Biggins 38)

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (0) 1
(Hill 59)

Exeter: John Shaw, Steven Harrower, Keith Viney, Nick Marker, Aidan McCaffrey, Shaun Taylor, Paul Batty, Mark Robson (Tony Kellow), Steve Biggins, Danny Keogh, Brendan O'Connell

Cobblers: Peter Gleasure, Phil Chard, Irvin Gernon, Warren Donald, Russell Wilcox, Keith McPherson, Eddie McGoldrick, Ian Benjamin, David Gilbert, Trevor Morley, Richard Hill. Sub not used; Aidy Mann.

REFEREE: Mr A. Seville

Exeter had won just two of their last ten games and had dropped down the league table having been top at one stage.

They threw everything they had at the Cobblers in this game although it was the visitors who had the early chances,

Phil Chard had a header saved and Ian Benjamin missed a sitter.

The Cobblers fell behind when Russell Wilcox tried to clear but the ball spooned up in the air and Steve Biggins was on hand to jump above keeper Peter Gleasure and nod home. It was his second and last goal for Exeter that season.

Just before the hour the score was level. Richard Hill found himself in space and had a shot on goal. Shaun Taylor, who was making his home debut after his move from Bideford Town tried to make a tackle but slipped over, the ball hit him and deflected past the Exeter keeper John Shaw.

Notes

These were the first points the Cobblers had dropped for ten games. The last time the Cobblers didn't win was on November 1st at Hartlepool.

	Cobblers	Exeter
Shots on	8	3
Shots off	7	5
Corners	8	5

League Record

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Home	13	12	1	0	37	15	37
Away	11	7	3	1	31	14	24

Profile

Mark Schiavi

Winger

Born: London, 1st May 1964

Height: 5ft 7in **Weight:** 10st 6lb

Signed: July 1985

1986/87 Season	App.	Gls.
League	1	0

Mark was on the books of West Ham United where he won England youth international caps but never made the first team.

After a loan spell at Bournemouth he joined them on full terms but despite being a regular first team player in their Third Division side he was released at the end of the season and Graham Carr brought him to Northampton.

The experiment of playing two wingers in Mark and Phil Cavener did not work but despite this Mark played in 39 league and cup games and scored six goals during the 1985-86 season.

The signing of Eddie McGoldrick heralded the end of Mark's Northampton Town career and after playing in the opening game of the 1986-87 season he was dropped and in the September he joined Cambridge United.

He then spent several seasons in the non-League circuit turning out for Kettering Town, Enfield, Barnet, Irlthingborough Diamonds, Bourne Town, Warboys Town and Brixworth.

Mark moved into computer programming and now runs his own business setting up websites and web browsers for national companies. Among his clients are British Gas, Royal Mail, Sainsbury's, Hotpoint and Barclaycard.



Exeter keeper John Shaw tips the ball over the bar

On this day

- Liam O'Brien of Manchester United was dismissed after just 85 seconds of a match v Southampton.
- Referee David Axcell was rushed to hospital with concussion after he was pushed to the ground when a group of players surrounded him in the Norwich v Charlton game. He later explained that it was an accident.
- Celtic set a new Scottish Premier League record by scoring eight goals in an 8-3 victory v Hamilton.



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LEAGUE TWO VIEW

A look around the news from other League Two clubs



Oxford United have signed Australian striker Matthew Fletcher on a short-term contract. Fletcher, 19, was formerly with Premier League outfit Sunderland before being released in the summer.



Gillingham are keen to tie up a permanent deal for Bristol Rovers striker Jo Kuffour when the transfer window reopens in January. Kuffour, 30, is currently on a three-month loan deal at Priestfield. Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler also wants to bring West Ham United striker Frank Nouble back to the club on loan after the 20-year old striker impressed in his previous loan spell, scoring 5 goals in 13 appearances.



Bolton Wanderers boss Owen Coyle is reportedly eyeing a move for **Crawley Town** defender Kyle McFadzean in January. The highly-rated McFadzean, 24, joined the Red Devils in August 2010 and played a major role in their promotion last season.



Rotherham's Lewis Grabban has meanwhile been linked with a move to Sheffield, with both Wednesday and United believed to have shown an interest in the striker. Grabban, 23, has to date notched 13 times for the Millers this season.



In more paper talk, West Ham United boss Sam Allardyce is reportedly set to offer **Southend United** £500,000 for Kane Ferdinand. The young midfielder is the cousin of Rio and Anton, who both came through the Hammers academy. Southend chairman Ron Martin has meanwhile confirmed that the club are in the 'advanced stages' of starting building work on their Fossetts Farm stadium. The Blues were given permission to construct a new ground on the site over 3 years ago and the new stadium is being funded in part by supermarket chain Sainsbury's, who in return will build a store at the club's current Roots Hall home.



Gloucester City are in talks with **Cheltenham Town** about renewing their groundshare deal for next season. Gloucester have been without a permanent home since losing their Meadow Park ground to flooding in 2007 and have played at Whaddon Road since 2010 having previously shared with Cirencester and Forest Green Rovers.



Plymouth have re-signed much-travelled striker Nick Chadwick on a short-term deal. Chadwick, 29, was a free agent after leaving Stockport County. He initially joined Plymouth in a £250,000 move from Everton in February 2005 and spent over three seasons at Home Park, scoring 11 goals in 83 games.



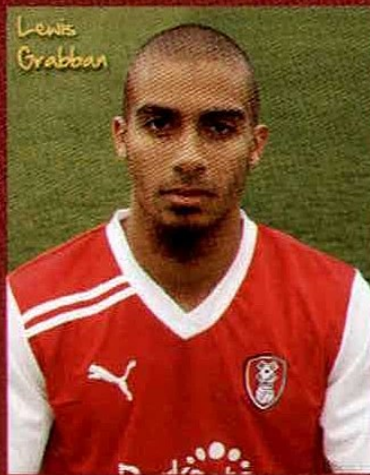
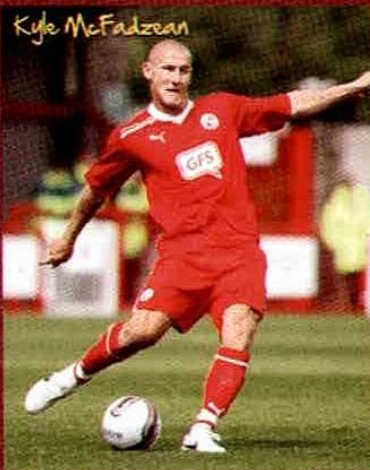
Macclesfield winger Colin Daniel has signed a one-year contract extension until the end of the 2012-13 season. The 23-year-old initially joined the Silkmen on loan in March 2009 and signed permanently at the Moss Rose following his release by Crewe.



Shrewsbury have extended the loan of Everton midfielder James Wallace by another month. Wallace, 19, who played for England in the Under-20 World Cup last summer, made 14 appearances out on loan at Stockport last season.



Fulham striker Richard Peniket will remain on loan at **Hereford** for a further month while teenage Reading defender Michael Hector has extended his loan spell with Barnet until 2 January.



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This course will be held at Sixfields Stadium, Northampton Town Football Club starting on Monday 9th January and running every Monday (for a 12 week programme) from 10.30am - 12.30pm. The cost is just £1 per session which includes refreshments.

For more information and to book a place contact Trudie Kirby on 01604 683765 or email trudie.kirby@ntfc.tv.



Coaches successfully pass their Level One qualification



Northampton Town's Football in the Community scheme, in partnership with Kevin Rootes of Voices in Action and Northampton Town's Multi Disabled Football Club successfully ran a course for eight players from the Multi Disabled Club.

The commitment from the players over almost ten months was terrific. Kevin's input into the course was enormous with the easy read templates all the disabled coaches used to deliver their sessions proving a massive help.

The sessions were delivered at Greenfields Sports College and at the Racecourse where most of the practical work took place. Part of the course involved attending an emergency aid and safeguarding course.

The coaches who took their Level One were Ben De Boo, Chris McDonald, Jack White, Martin Nelson, Danielle Dunne, Michelle Bains and Suzie Keenan. Hopefully these newly qualified coaches will help Voices in Action and the Football in the Community scheme with some of their projects.

The photograph shows the coaches receiving their certificates from Andy Holt and Arron Davies.

Downs Syndrome Coaching

The Sunday morning coaching for the players with Downs Syndrome has been a big success.

The coaching has been taking place at the Goals Centre and there have been an average of ten players taking part each week. The success has been built on the enthusiasm and effort of Kevin Rootes, Stuart Poole, Phil Kirby and Adam



Moreton. All have built a strong bond between themselves and the players. A special mention to all the parents and carers who have supported the players along the way.

In February we are taking a group to Swindon to play in a Festival against teams from Swindon, Cardiff and Brighton. To make sure the Northampton Town players are ready for the festival, coaching at the Goals Centre will resume on January 8th from 10.30am to noon.

What do FITC do?

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After everyone has had a great time we will make our way to our seats and watch the Cobblers players warm up before kick-off.

Please contact FITC for available dates and further information on prices. Call 01604 683765 or email trudie.kirby@ntfc.tv

Kings Meadow School Visit

Here are some more images from the first team squad's annual Christmas visit to Kings Meadow School in Moulton.

The school is attended by primary school age children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, and after spending some time in the classrooms, the players gave out gifts to the pupils.

Our thanks to Mr B's sweet shop in Castle Ashby, Northampton Audi, Bookers in Northampton and Sainsburys at Sixfields for their support of this trip.



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An important time of the season

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to Sixfields for the final time in 2011.

As I explained in the notes for the Boxing Day programme, there is currently a mid-season break in the fixtures for the Christmas and New Year period, and the under 18 team get back in action next Saturday with a game against Stevenage at Moulton College.

The recent inclusion of Lewis Hornby in the matchday squad gave a clear signal to the youth team of the importance of playing to your potential not just in matches, but in training as well.

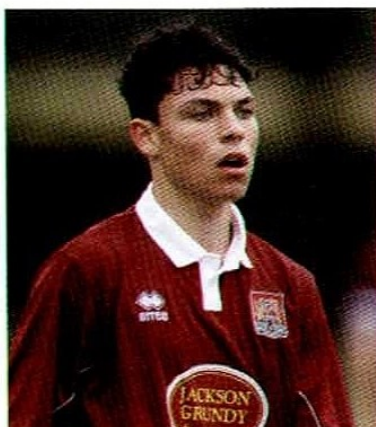
Lewis was first named on the bench for the game against Crewe three weeks ago, the first matchday squad selected by Aidy Boothroyd. The only way Lewis earned that place was through his play in training, his attitude, the way he conducted himself off the field and his willingness to work. The Gaffer admitted that he had not watched any DVDs of the games played before his arrival and that he was keen to give everyone a clean slate and look with a fresh pair of eyes, and Lewis took his opportunity to impress.

The turn of the year is a crucial time for all young players. While we are continually assessing our young players, our planning for the following season goes up a notch once we get beyond the turn of the year. Decisions are made about which players we will look to retain, which players we will release, and at the top end of our age groups, who we will be offering a scholarship to.

The end of the season may seem a long way away, but trust me, it's not. Decision time for a lot of the young players is actually a lot closer than that, as it is common practice to give some trialists a chance to play in the last few matches of a season, looking ahead to the following campaign.

As a group the under 18 squad have been a little inconsistent this season. We have played well in periods, but we have often struggled to put in a complete 90 minute performance, and that is something the players will need to work on, both as individuals and as a group as we move into the second half of the season.

Sean Parrish Head of Youth



Youth Alliance U18 South East

Sat Aug 6	Brentford	A 3-1
Sat Aug 13	Peterborough United	H 0-2
Sat Aug 27	Barnet	H 1-1
Sat Sep 3	Luton Town	A 0-2
Sat Sep 10	Colchester United	A 4-1
Sat Sep 17	Wycombe Wanderers	H 1-2
Sat Sep 24	Stevenage	A 2-1
Sat Oct 1	Queens Park Rangers	H 0-1
Sat Oct 7	Peterborough (CUP)	A 3-2
Sat Oct 15	Barnet (CUP)	H 0-3
Sat Oct 29	Stevenage (CUP)	A 1-4
Tue Nov 1	Cambridge United (CUP)	H 1-2
Sat Nov 5	Wycombe (CUP)	A 2-4
Tue Nov 8	Luton Town (CUP)	A 1-2
Sat Nov 12	Barnet	A 0-2
Sat Nov 19	Luton Town	H 0-1
Sat Nov 26	IN SERVICE	
Sat Dec 3	CUP 2	
Sat Dec 10	Colchester United	H 3-5
Sat Dec 17	Wycombe Wanderers	A P-P
Sat Jan 7	Stevenage	H
Sat Jan 14	Queens Park Rangers	A
Sat Jan 21	CUP 3	
Sat Jan 28	Brentford	H
Sat Feb 4	Peterborough United	A
Sat Feb 18	Southend United (CUP 4)	H
Sat Feb 25	A.F.C Wimbledon	A
Sat Mar 3	Crawley Town	H
Sat Mar 10	Brighton and Hove Albion	A
Sat Mar 17	Aldershot Town	H
Sat Mar 24	Gillingham	A
Sat Mar 31	Dagenham and Redbridge	H
Sat Apr 14	Millwall	A
Sat Apr 21	Leyton Orient	H

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MEET THE YOUTH TEAM

Eyasin Hussain

Name: Eyasin Hussain

Position: Striker

When did you join Northampton Town?

As an under 13 in 2007

How did you join Northampton Town?

I came through a trial

What's the best thing about playing for Northampton Town?

It is enjoyable and the coaches are helping me to improve

What are your footballing ambitions?

To be a professional and to play at the highest level I can

Tell us one thing we don't know about life in the Northampton Town youth team:

It is hard work but it is enjoyable.

Tell us about yourself.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far?

Wayne Rooney, Lionel Messi and Carlos Tevez.

Whenever I watch them I try to pick up tips from them.

Who is your dream date? Megan Fox

What is your favourite food? Curry

Spill the beans on your team-mates

Who is the best dressed player?

Me!

Who is the worst dressed player?

Daniel Banister

Who is the funniest?

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Midfielder
Born: 12 November 1992, New Zealand



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Swindon Town



When Paolo di Canio was appointed Swindon Town manager last summer, you knew the Robins would bring excitement, glamour and drama to League 2 this season, and they have not disappointed.

While the first few weeks of the season did not go to plan – the Robins beat Crewe on the first day of the season but then lost four league games in a row – three successive wins at the start of September got the ball rolling.

That was a sign of things to come, and a long unbeaten run stretching back to the end of September that only ended with a narrow 1-0 loss at Torquay United on Boxing Day, shows just how tough this afternoon's game will be. In that long run they recorded some impressive results, including a 3-0 win at Crawley Town, a 2-0 success over Gillingham and a 4-1 FA Cup triumph over Huddersfield Town, who at the time had not lost a league game for 43 matches.

Top scorers for the Robins so far this season are Mehdi Kerrouche who has 8 goals, Matt Ritchie has 7 while Raffaele De Vita has scored 6 times.

Club Records

Attendance: 32,000: vs Arsenal 15/01/1972 FA Cup R3

Gate receipts: £149,371: vs Bolton Wanderers 12/02/1995 League Cup SF

Best league win: 9-1: vs Luton Town 28/08/1920 Division 3S

Worst league loss: 1-10: vs Manchester City 25/01/1930 FA Cup R4

Best cup win: 10-1: vs Farnham Utd Breweries 28/11/1925 FA Cup R1

Most capped player: Rod Thomas: 30 Wales

League appearances: John Trollope: 770 1960/80

League goals: Harry Morris: 216 1926/33

Goals in a season: Harris Morris: 47 1926/27 Division 3S

Transfer fee received: £1,500,000: Kevin Horlock Manchester City January 1997

Transfer fee paid: £800,000: Joey Beauchamp West Ham United August 1994

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MEET THE MANAGER

Paolo Di Canio

Di Canio was born in Rome, in the district of Quarticciolo. He signed for Lazio, in 1985; here 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 (scoring 15 goals in 37 appearances) saw him make a move to the English Premier League as he joined Sheffield Wednesday for a sum of around £4.2m. Whilst in Sheffield, Di Canio was the club's leading goal scorer for the 1997-98 season with 14 goals and he became a favourite of the fans.

In January 1999, Di Canio signed for West Ham United for £1.7m and helped them to qualify for the UEFA Cup through the Intertoto Cup. He was also the OPTA player of the season 1998-99. 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 Premier League history and was named as the Premier League's goal of the decade in a December 2009 Sky Sports News viewers' poll.

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 from 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 2003, he was released on a free transfer and after turning down Leeds United he signed a contract with Charlton Athletic for the start of 2003-04. Whilst at The Valley he helped the club secure its highest league finish since the 1950s. However, he only scored four goals for the Addicks, all of them from the penalty spot.



Even though he had already signed an extension to his Charlton contract, in August 2004 he returned to his home team of Lazio. 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. In the summer of 2006 he joined Cisco Roma, but they failed to win promotion via the play offs, despite securing a runners-up position in the regular season. He subsequently agreed to stay with Cisco for another season, in a second attempt to win promotion to Serie C1 with the Roman side.

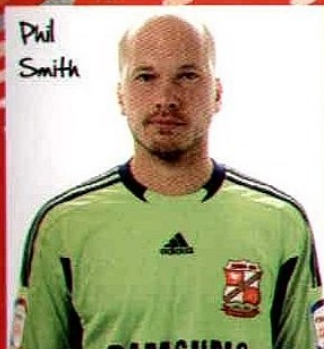
On March 10, 2008, Di Canio announced his retirement from football, ending his 23-year playing career before the end of the season due to injury. In an interview he revealed that his dream would be to manage former club West Ham, and he applied for the position after the resignation of Alan Curbishley in September 2008.

Di Canio has a UEFA Pro Licence and on 20 May 2011 he 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.

In The News

MURRAY IN ON LOAN

Swindon Town have completed the loan signing of Ipswich Town striker Ronan Murray until 14 January. The 20-year-old has scored once in 13 games for the Championship side and also had a loan spell at Torquay last season, netting once in seven games.



Phil Smith



Aden Flint



Alan Connell



Meet the Squad

Mattia Lanzano

Italian goalkeeper Mattia 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.

Callum Kennedy

Former Reading youngster Callum 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. He was awarded a new one-year contract in the summer of 2009 and competed with Leccinel Jean-Francois for the left-back slot before a pelvic injury sustained mid-way through the season kept him on the sidelines for the remainder of the campaign. 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 this season.

Aden Flint

Aden Flint joined Town from Blue Square North side Alfreton Town in January 2011, after having been pursued by Danny Wilson for a

considerable time. Flint, 21, had attracted interest from the likes of Colchester United, Derby County and Luton Town with his performances for Alfreton, but chose to move to the County Ground on a two-and-a-half year contract mid-way through the January transfer window. 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.

Joe Devera

Joe 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 has added much-needed depth to the Town defensive line.

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.

Paul Caddis

Paul Caddis signed alongside fellow

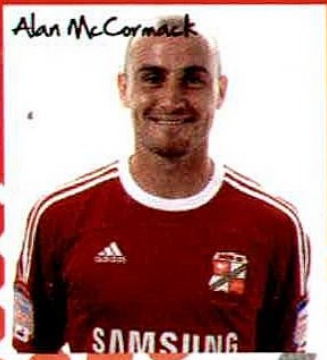
Celtic youth team graduate Simon Ferry in August 2010 for a combined undisclosed fee. The 23-year-old penned a three-year deal, and his capture concluded a lengthy pursuit from then Town boss Danny Wilson. Caddis can play in many different positions, but is predominantly a right-sided defender. Along with Ferry and former Robin Scott Cuthbert, Caddis came through the ranks at Celtic and enjoyed much success at youth team level, before making 25 appearances for the Bhoys in 2009/2010, including starts in the Champions League. Caddis made 42 appearances in the ill-fated 2010/11 season, and was voted Fans' Away Player of the Year.

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 through 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. Ferry made 25 appearances during the 2010/11 season and was often a frustrated figure on the substitutes bench, especially during the second half of the campaign.

Matt Ritchie

After two separate loan spells, Matt Ritchie signed a two-and-a-half year contract at with Town in January 2011. Ritchie made his full debut for the club in the 2-0 Johnstone's Paint Trophy



Alan McCormack



Jonathan Smith



Mehdi Kerrache

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.

Etienne Esajas

Etienne Esajas signed for Town after impressing during a three-week trial at the club last 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.

Alan McCormack

Alan 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. McCormack started his career at Preston North End, before a series of loan moves preceded a switch to Southend United. He went on to make 130 appearances for the Shrimpers, scoring 15 times during three seasons at the club between 2007 and 2010. 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.

Oliver Risser

Oliver 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.

Jordan Pavett

Jordan 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. Striker 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, who has spent time at Ipswich Town and Colchester United, joined Swindon after working as a plumber with his dad's firm. The striker 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.

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 Bournemouth 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.

Mark Scott

A 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 6ft 3in 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.

Lander Gabilondo

Spanish winger Lander Gabilondo signed for Town in August 2011. After arriving on trial soon after the start of the campaign, he impressed the Town management before being awarded a one-year deal. Born in San Sebastian, he came through the youth system at Real Sociedad where he turned professional at the age of 18. He then moved to La Liga rivals Osasuna where he played 159 games in the Spanish B2 division. Described as a mobile, tricky, orthodox winger who likes to take on full-backs - Gabilondo made his first Swindon appearance from the bench against Oxford United.

Jonathan Smith

Swindon Town secured the signing of York City midfielder Jonathan 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.

Phil Smith

Goalkeeper Phil 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

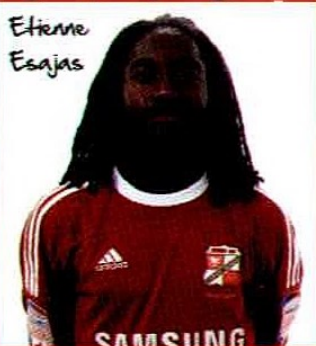
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Etienne Esajas



which came following an unfortunate injury to Peter Brezovan in the 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. His heroics between the sticks in the '06-'07 season didn't go unnoticed by the fans, who named him their Player of the Season in May 2007. Smith had made over 50 appearances for The Robins before the start of the 2008/2009 season. He enjoyed regular spells in the side in September, November and December but after losing his place to Peter Brezovan in the New Year, returned to the starting line-up. 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. He made 33 starts in season 2010/11.

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.

Liam Ridehalgh

Huddersfield Town left-back Liam Ridehalgh signed for the Robins on a one-month emergency loan on Tuesday 27th September 2011. The defender broke into the Huddersfield Town first team during the 2010/11 season, making

his first team debut against Charlton Athletic on 28 August and going on to make 26 appearances for Lee Clark's side. Unfortunately his season was cut short when he sustained a broken foot during a game at Tranmere Rovers in early April, but he signed a new two year contract later that month. 20-year old Ridehalgh first joined the Huddersfield Town Academy at Under 12 level and manager Lee Clark believes the time is right for the player to gain further experience. Ridehalgh made his Swindon debut from the bench in the League 2 clash at Macclesfield Town at the end of September.

Ronan Murray

Swindon Town signed Ipswich Town striker Ronan Murray on loan last month. Murray came through the Academy at Portman Road and has progressed through to the first team squad but is yet to feature for Paul Jewell's side this term. He gained some valuable league experience last season in a loan spell with Torquay United and has been capped up to U19 level with the Republic of Ireland. The frontman came off the bench for the Tractor boys in the Carling Cup defeat at Chelsea in January last year and made a total of 20 appearances during the 2010/11 season.


2011/12 Squad Statistics

PLAYER	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LEAGUE CUP		OTHER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Ahmed Abdullah (M)	1 (5)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
Leigh Bedwell (G)	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Billy Bodin (F)	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Paul Caddis (D)	22 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	1
Alessandro Cibocchi (D)	2 (5)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
Leon Clarke (F)	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Alberto Comazzi (D)	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Alan Connell (F)	5 (11)	4	1 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
Raffaele De Vita (F)	21 (0)	4	2 (0)	1	0 (1)	1	1 (0)	0
Joe Devera (D)	10 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
Etienne Esajas (M)	2 (4)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
Simon Ferry (M)	18 (3)	1	1 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	1 (1)	0
Aden Flint (D)	16 (1)	1	2 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
Wesley Foderingham (G)	10 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
Lander Gabilondo (M)	4 (4)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (1)	0
Jake Jervis (F)	10 (2)	3	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	2
Callum Kennedy (D)	11 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Mehdi Kerrouche (F)	9 (4)	6	1 (1)	1	0 (1)	1	1 (1)	0
Mattia Lanzano (G)	5 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
Lukas Magera (M)	6 (5)	1	1 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Alan McCormack (M)	18 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	2 (0)	0
Cristian Montano (F)	3 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Ronan Murray (M)	0 (3)	1	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	1
Liam Ridehalgh (D)	9 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
Oliver Risser (M)	5 (6)	1	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	1
Matt Ritchie (M)	21 (0)	6	2 (0)	1	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
Phil Smith (G)	7 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
Jonathan Smith (M)	16 (2)	2	1 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
Miles Storey (F)	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
Nathan Thompson (D)	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
Michael Timlin (M)	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0





Tickets and Travel

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Tickets are now on sale for the forthcoming fixtures

Next Home Matches



NORTHAMPTON TOWN v SOUTHEND UNITED

Saturday January 14th 2012
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NORTHAMPTON TOWN v BARNET

Saturday January 21st 2012
Kick off 3.00pm
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NORTHAMPTON TOWN v MACCLESFIELD TOWN

Saturday February 4th 2012
Kick off 3.00pm
npower League 2



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SHREWSBURY TOWN v NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Monday January 2nd 2012
Kick off 3.00pm
npower League 2
Tickets on sale on arrival



MORECAMBE v NORTHAMPTON TOWN

Saturday January 7th 2012
Kick off 3.00pm
npower League 2
Tickets on sale on arrival



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Saturday January 28th 2012
Kick off 3.00pm
npower League 2
Tickets on sale on arrival



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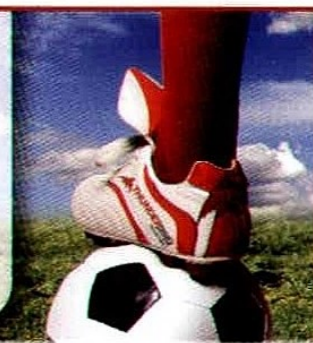
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EDITOR'S BLOG WITH HEAD OF MEDIA GARETH WILLISHER

Highlights of 2011?



Happy New Year everyone, but let's be honest, not many people at Sixfields will shed a tear to see the back of 2011.

On the face of it, there were not too many highlights. The 6-2 win over Crewe on February 1st was the highlight for many, as was the success over Stevenage at the end of April, the result that secured our league status after a nervy few weeks.

This season started with promise, and despite a flurry of wins at the end of September/start of October the form dipped again as autumn took hold and we find ourselves where we are.

But 2011 has gone (almost) and we need to look forward, and I wonder if the events of the last month or so have paved the way for a much brighter future.

The appointment of Aidy Boothroyd and Andy King mean that while on the face of it 2011 may not have been a vintage year, it could just be the year we look back on in years to come where the passage of time proves things did start to turn.

Let's hope that 2012 is a brighter and better year for the club.

Happy New Year everyone!

No New Year Break

Tomorrow might be New Year's Day, but log on to www.ntfc.co.uk for all the build up to Monday's trip to Shrewsbury Town. From late afternoon onwards we will have team news and previews, and all the information you will need ahead of Monday's trip to Shropshire. We haven't got a great recent record against the Shrews, so let's hope we can put that right on Monday afternoon!



Morecambe game to go ahead

Some of next weekend's scheduled League 2 fixtures have been postponed because of FA Cup commitments. However, as both ourselves and Morecambe are out of the cup, our league game at the Globe Arena will go ahead next Saturday as originally scheduled.



£199 Season Ticket Deadline

A reminder that if you are looking to secure a £199 Dave Bowen Stand season ticket on instalments, please make sure you have registered your application by the close of business today.

Those supporters who are paying for the £199 season ticket in one lump sum have another couple of weeks.



A good year for Cobblers Player

2011 has been a fantastic year for Cobblers Player, with subscriptions levels up 15% on this time last year.

By the time we have finished our work today, we will have broadcast 310 video interviews, many of them exclusives, from the Chairman to the manager to the players. We have brought you 56 live match commentaries, ranging from league and cup games to pre-season friendlies. No other outlet in the world will have provided so much live audio and video coverage of Northampton Town in 2011, and we are aiming to do even more in 2012.

Our coverage for the new year will start from Shrewsbury Town on Monday, so if you have not already signed up, please do check out the benefits of being a Cobblers Player subscriber by following the links from www.ntfc.co.uk

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WELCOME TO TODAY'S MATCH



Matchday Mascot

NATHAN ROBERTS

Today's Swindon Town mascot is Nathan Roberts who is 11 years old. His favourite player is Matt Ritchie and Nathan's hobbies are playing football for Lydiard Youth, using his computer, and playing on his PS3.

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Today's letter is N

N stands for....

Newcastle United – the Cobblers' opponents in the 1909 Charity Shield

Not out – in the 1945/6 season the Cobblers lost in the FA Cup to Notts County. But as Cup ties were played over 2 legs that season the Cobblers avoided being knocked out.

Neal – Phil Neal played in every position during his time at the Cobblers. He then went to Liverpool and became the second most successful footballer in English history. Only Ryan Giggs has won more medals.



Northampton FC – the Cobblers had to add the word Town to their name because of a complaint from the Saints.



Meet Rockin Robin

Swindon's mascot is called Rockin Robin. He lists his hobbies as dancing at home games, greeting the Swindon fans and falling over when he takes penalties. He even has a Facebook fan page. Mind you, no-one has posted anything on it since 2007. Anyway, if he rocks his way in our direction please make him welcome.



Thank you Mr B's

A big thank you to Mr B's sweet shop in Castle Ashby for donating the sweets that I hand out to supporters in the Alwyn Hargrave Stand at each game.

My Best of 2011

Every year I try to pick my highlights of the past 12 months. This year it's been a challenge. But I've found a few and here they are:

1. Beating Ipswich in the Carling Cup at Portman Road
2. Beating Crewe 6-2. Who would have thought it would be the end of April before we won again?
3. Securing our Football League status with a win over Stevenage
4. The return of Bayo. Brilliant to see the big guy back. Too big to play football? Yeah right!
5. Our 3-0 away win against AFC Wimbledon. Down to 10 men we pulled out a great performance

An honourable mention should also go to the arrival of Aidy Boothroyd, which has given us all some hope that good times are around the corner.

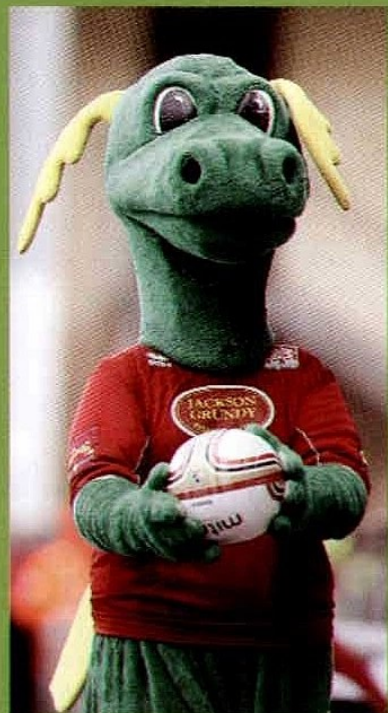


Hello!

Welcome to the last game of 2011. To be honest I think it's a year most Cobblers fans will be glad to see the back of. There wasn't much to smile about was there? But 2012 is just around the corner. We've got Euro 2012, the Olympics and of course the Cobblers rising back up the table to look forward to. So let's end 2011 with a win and then quickly move back into happier territory next year.

Enjoy the match and all the best for 2012!

Clarence



Fixtures and Statistics



League Two Table 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	+	PTS
1 Crawley Town	22	9	1	2	28	11	5	3	2	17	17	17	46
2 Cheltenham	22	7	2	2	16	6	6	2	3	18	14	14	43
3 Southend	21	6	3	2	17	8	7	0	3	20	14	15	42
4 Shrewsbury	22	6	2	0	17	5	4	3	5	16	15	13	41
5 Burton Albion	22	6	4	1	16	11	5	2	4	20	21	4	39
6 Gillingham	22	6	3	1	18	8	5	2	5	21	19	12	38
7 Swindon	22	7	2	1	23	7	4	2	6	11	11	16	37
8 Oxford Utd	22	5	4	1	20	10	5	2	5	12	13	9	36
9 Port Vale	22	5	2	4	22	17	5	3	3	18	13	10	35
10 Torquay	22	6	4	2	25	17	3	3	4	9	12	5	34
11 Rotherham	22	5	2	3	14	11	4	5	3	24	24	3	34
12 Accrington Stanley	22	6	1	4	16	13	2	7	2	11	12	2	32
13 Morecambe	22	3	3	5	19	15	4	2	17	11	10	31	
14 Macclesfield	22	4	6	2	13	7	3	0	7	8	14	0	27
15 Crewe	22	3	2	5	12	15	5	1	6	12	17	-8	27
16 Aldershot	21	4	1	5	10	9	4	1	6	14	19	-4	26
17 AFC Wimbledon	22	3	3	6	18	25	4	2	4	11	15	-11	26
18 Bristol Rovers	22	4	2	6	15	18	2	3	5	13	22	-12	23
19 Bradford	22	4	2	5	17	15	1	5	5	8	14	-4	22
20 Barnet	22	3	3	5	15	22	2	2	7	11	22	-18	20
21 Hereford	22	3	1	8	11	25	1	5	4	9	13	-18	18
22 Dag & Red	22	3	1	8	15	22	2	1	7	7	17	-17	17
23 Northampton	22	1	4	6	11	22	3	1	7	15	23	-19	17
24 Plymouth	22	2	3	5	11	15	2	2	8	12	27	-19	17

Player Stats 2011/12

	2011/12		NTFC		CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
SHANE HIGGS	1	0	1	0	316+2	0
LEWIS YOUNG	17+6	0	17+6	0	35+21	0
ASHLEY CORKER	10+6	0	10+6	0	10+6	0
JASON CROWE	6	0	195+4	17	389+42	28
BEN TOZER	26	3	57+3	6	64+5	6
BYRON WEBSTER	10	0	18	0	23+11	0
ARRON DAVIES	17+1	4	17+1	4	147+76	33
JAKE ROBINSON	13+9	0	13+9	0	180+103	50
SAIDO BERAHINO	9	4	9	4	9	4
ADEBAYO AKINFENWA	19+2	8	101+15	47	231+71	100
ANDY HOLT	5+3	0	183+35	17	452+89	40
NATHANIEL WEDDERBURN	0+1	0	27+12	0	35+18	0
PAUL WALKER	0	0	0+1	0	0+1	0
JOHN JOHNSON	22+2	0	101+2	12	106+3	12
PAUL TURNBULL	12+6	1	12+6	1	128+42	10
SETH NANA OFORI-TWUMASI	5+1	0	16+1	0	35+6	2
MICHAEL JACOBS	24+2	5	62+14	13	62+14	13
TADHG PURCELL	0+1	0	2+5	0	24+5	9
GREG KAZIBONI	0+2	0	0+4	0	0+4	0
RYAN GILLIGAN	0	0	148+56	23	148+61	23
MICHAEL BUILT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICK MCKOY	6+5	0	6+5	0	47+32	3
MARIN POZGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
LUMBARDH SALIHU	0+2	0	0+2	0	0+2	0
FREDDY HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
KELVIN LANGMEAD	20+2	1	20+2	1	302+43	26

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NEXT MATCH:

Northampton Town v Southend United

Saturday January 14th 2012. Kick off 3.00pm. nPower League 2.

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Date	Kick Off	Opposition	Comp	F-A	Att.	Pts/Pos
Sat Aug 6	3.00pm	Accrington Stanley	H	FL2	0-0	4,621 (122) 1/16
Tue Aug 9	7.45pm	Ipswich Town	A	CC1	2-1	9,401 (399) --
Sat Aug 13	3.00pm	Aldershot Town	A	FL2	1-0	2,790 (457) 4/7
Tue Aug 16	7.45pm	Bristol Rovers	A	FL2	1-2	5,812 (324) 4/13
Sat Aug 20	3.00pm	Cheltenham Town	H	FL2	2-3	4,114 (224) 4/17
Tue Aug 23	7.45pm	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	CC2	0-4	5,512 (1,278) --
Sat Aug 27	3.00pm	Morecambe	H	FL2	0-2	4,016 (163) 4/19
Tue Aug 30	7.45pm	Huddersfield Town	H	JP1	1-2	1,776 (267) --
Sat Sep 3	3.00pm	Southend United	A	FL2	2-2	4,805 (361) 5/22
Sat Sep 10	3.00pm	Torquay United	H	FL2	0-0	4,036 (291) 6/21
Tue Sep 13	7.45pm	A.F.C. Wimbledon	A	FL2	3-0	4,271 (563) 9/18
Sat Sep 17	3.00pm	Macclesfield Town	A	FL2	1-3	2,034 (388) 9/20
Sat Sep 24	3.00pm	Dagenham & Redbridge	H	FL2	2-1	4,274 (231) 12/17
Sat Oct 1	3.00pm	Barnet	A	FL2	2-1	2,304 (631) 15/14
Sat Oct 8	12.45pm	Crawley Town	H	FL2	0-1	4,803 (249) 15/15
Fri Oct 14	7.45pm	Port Vale	A	FL2	0-3	5,082 (262) 15/17
Sat Oct 22	3.00pm	Bradford City	A	FL2	1-2	9,925 (198) 15/17
Tue Oct 25	7.45pm	Hereford United	H	FL2	1-3	3,643 (267) 15/19
Sat Oct 29	3.00pm	Rotherham United	H	FL2	1-1*	4,182 (416) 16/19
Sat Nov 5	3.00pm	Gillingham	A	FL2	3-4	4,704 (219) 16/20
Sat Nov 12	3.00pm	Luton Town	A	FACF	0-1	4,799 (913) --
Sat Nov 19	3.00pm	Shrewsbury Town	H	FL2	2-7	5,039 (619) 16/20
Sat Nov 26	3.00pm	Plymouth Argyle	A	FL2	1-4	5,762 (268) 16/21
Sat Dec 10	3.00pm	Crewe Alexandra	H	FL2	1-1	4,579 (336) 17/20
Sat Dec 17	3.00pm	Oxford United	A	FL2	0-2	7,517 (748) 17/22
Mon Dec 26	3.00pm	Burton Albion	H	FL2	2-3	5,044 (590) 17/23
Sat Dec 31	3.00pm	Swindon Town	H	FL2		
Mon Jan 2	3.00pm	Shrewsbury Town	A	FL2		
Sat Jan 7	3.00pm	Morecambe	A	FL2	F.A. Cup 3	
Sat Jan 14	3.00pm	Southend United	H	FL2		
Sat Jan 21	3.00pm	Barnet	H	FL2		
Sat Jan 28	3.00pm	Torquay United	A	FL2	F.A. Cup 4	
Sat Feb 4	3.00pm	Macclesfield Town	H	FL2		
Sat Feb 11	3.00pm	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	FL2		
Tue Feb 14	7.45pm	A.F.C. Wimbledon	H	FL2		
Sat Feb 18	3.00pm	Crawley Town	A	FL2	F.A. Cup 5	
Sat Feb 25	3.00pm	Port Vale	H	FL2		
Sat Mar 3	3.00pm	Cheltenham Town	A	FL2		
Tue Mar 6	7.45pm	Bristol Rovers	H	FL2		
Sat Mar 10	3.00pm	Aldershot Town	H	FL2		
Sat Mar 17	3.00pm	Accrington Stanley	A	FL2	F.A. Cup 6	
Tue Mar 20	7.45pm	Burton Albion	A	FL2		
Sat Mar 24	3.00pm	Plymouth Argyle	H	FL2		
Sat Mar 31	3.00pm	Crewe Alexandra	A	FL2		
Fri Apr 6	7.45pm	Oxford United	H	FL2		
Mon Apr 9	3.00pm	Swindon Town	A	FL2		
Sat Apr 14	3.00pm	Bradford City	H	FL2	F.A. Cup Semi-Final	
Sat Apr 21	3.00pm	Hereford United	A	FL2		
Sat Apr 28	3.00pm	Gillingham	H	FL2		
Sat May 5	3.00pm	Rotherham United	A	FL2	F.A. Cup Final	

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- AFC Wimbledon v Southend
- Aldershot v Plymouth
- Bradford v Shrewsbury
- Bristol Rovers v Crewe
- Hereford v Accrington Stanley
- Macclesfield v Port Vale
- Torquay v Oxford Utd

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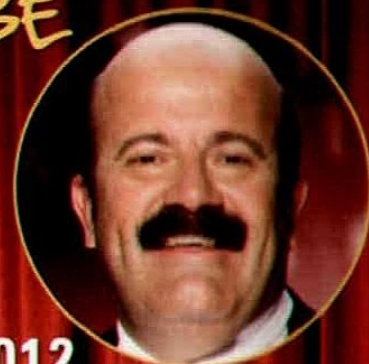
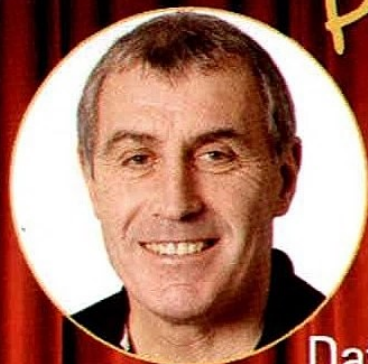


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The evening will include entertainment from host Willie Thorne, with an after dinner speech and Q&A session from Peter Shilton.

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