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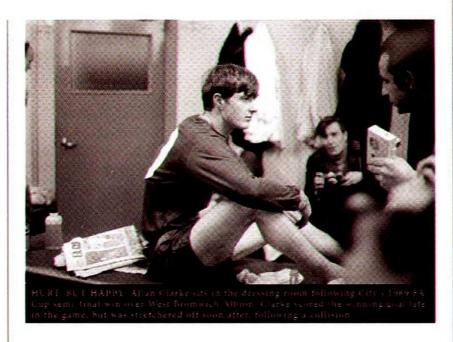
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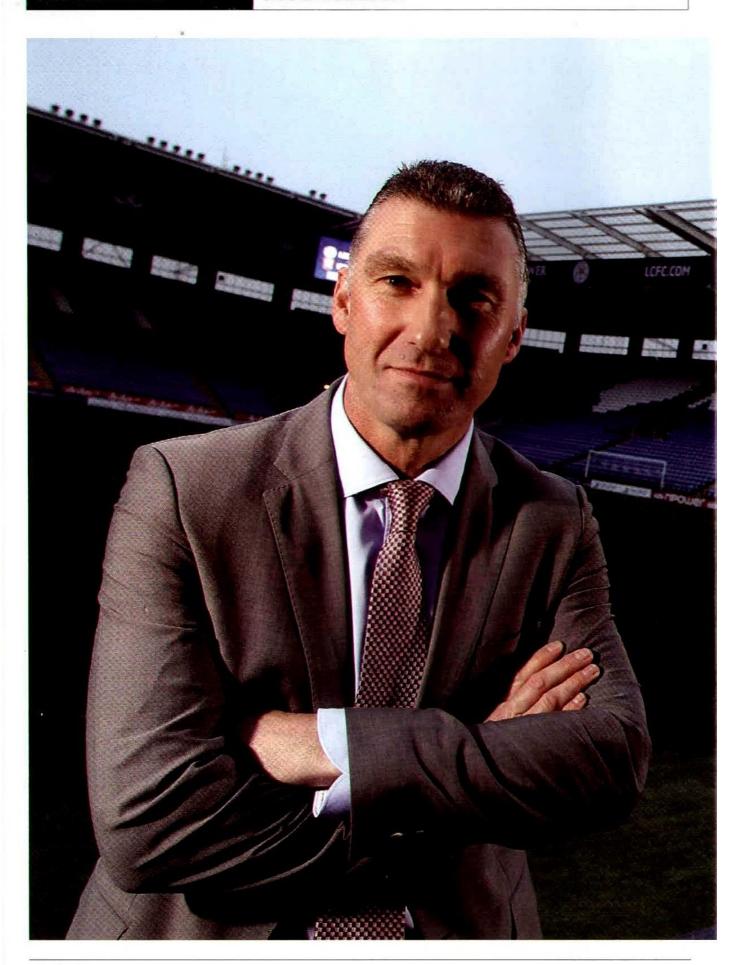






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# onday night's victory over Southampton was the result of hard work and a good team ethic, which I am sure will have pleased everyone associated with the Club.

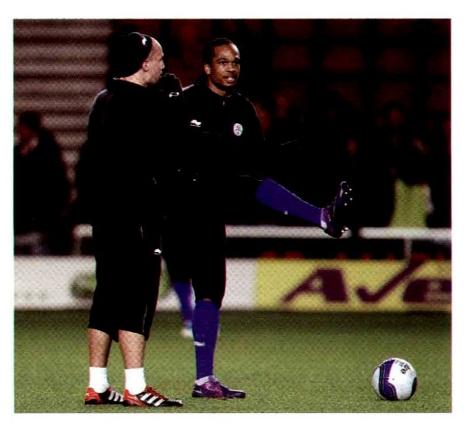
I have spoken recently of the need to change things and create a winning mentality here and hopefully our last two wins will set us on the way to doing just that. We must guard against any complacency though, as there is a lot of work left to be done.

For any team to be successful they must have the desire to beat their opposition. Talent alone will not always be enough to prevail, especially in such a competitive division, but the desire to succeed and the application shown at the St. Mary's Stadium is what we are looking for from the players.

As supporters, you played your part too. 592 of you made the long trip down to the south coast and you were rewarded with the great performance and result, but also by the owners' and Chief Executive's kind gesture of a free scarf, drink and food.

I would like to welcome Paolo Di Canio and the directors, staff, players and supporters of Swindon Town Football Club to King Power Stadium. Their form in the cup and the league, means we will need to be ready for the challenge they present.

We are pleased to have been able to add Danny Drinkwater and Nathan Delfouneso to the squad. Although both players will be unavailable to play today, I am sure

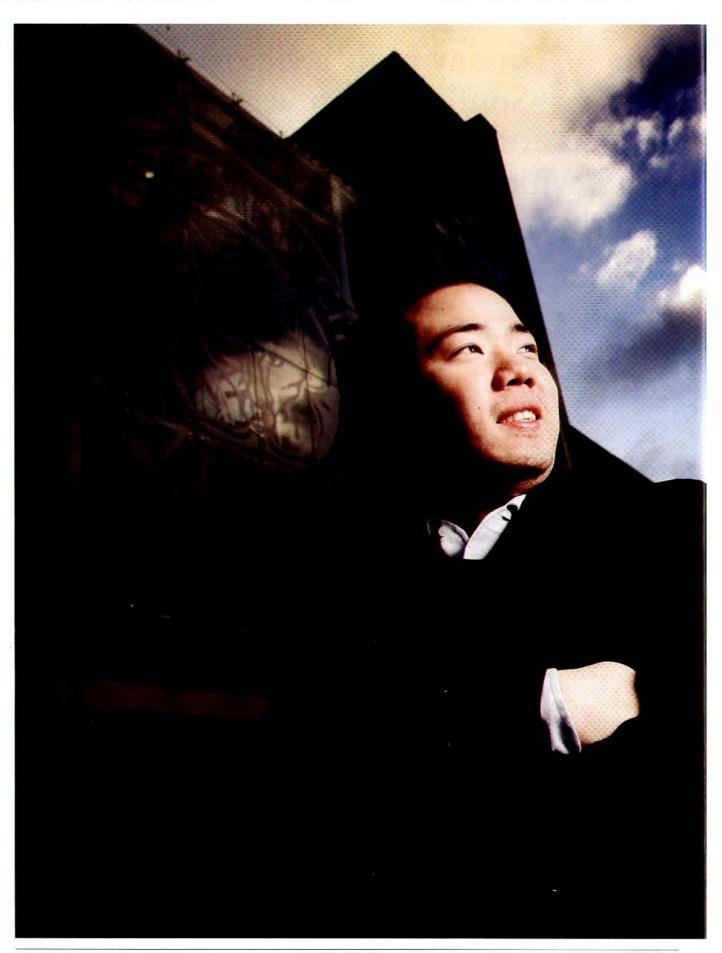


they will have a positive impact on the Club. Both are hungry young players, with the desire and energy we need. Danny is with us permanently now and Nathan joins us for a month on loan. Hopefully we will be able to strengthen further before the January window closes.

Today, we will be looking to continue our recent good form and progress to the next round. For us, the FA Cup will not be a distraction; it will be an opportunity to create the winning mentality we are all striving for.

Enjoy the game and thank you for your great support,

Nigel





**OUR RECENT TWO VICTORIES AND** YOUR GREAT SUPPORT IN THE TWO NOTTINGHAM FOREST GAMES AND THE TRIP TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAS GIVEN EVERYONE GREAT REASON FOR OPTIMISM.

hope we are able to continue that today, against Swindon Town, as a good run in the cup can definitely help with league form and general confidence.

It is pleasing to see that Nigel and his management team have been able to attract promising young players to the Club, such as Danny Drinkwater and Nathan Delfouneso. Their ambition matches that of the Club and I look forward to seeing them both in action in the coming games, although not today unfortunately.

In my last Matchday Magazine notes, I wrote about the history and drama of the FA Cup and what this competition means to people, not just in this country, but across the world. I stand by those comments and our victory over Nottingham Forest shows the value that we place on doing well in the FA Cup. I hope

we can continue our run today and give everyone another reason for

Please keep looking out for 'One In A Million' events and opportunities for you to get involved, including Birch's 40th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 25 February, which should be a great occasion. Ten worthy causes will benefit from the money raised throughout this season, and hopefully we will all be able to help push 'Birch' past the £1million mark. Please get in touch with the Club if you want to help, or be a part of this unique year in our history.

Thank you for reading, enjoy the game.

Aiyawatt Raksriaksorn

## THE WIN OVER NOTTINGHAM FOREST AND A VERY GOOD PERFORMANCE AND RESULT AT SOUTHAMPTON ON MONDAY HAS DONE THE DRESSING ROOM THE WORLD OF GOOD.

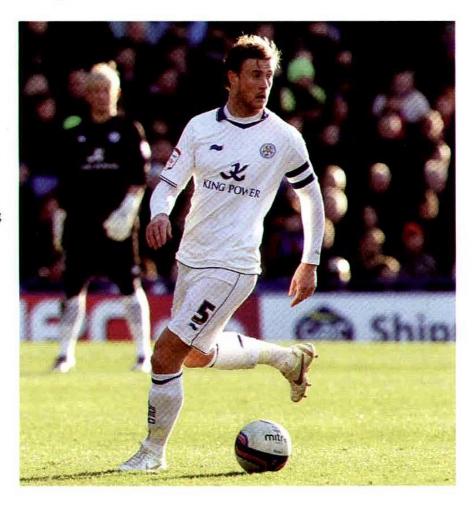
It's only two results, but two wins, six goals scored and none conceded has got the lads bubbling and it's important we carry that feeling on as much as possible.

was asked after the game on Monday what has brought about the change and I think it's down to the lads coming together to show that we want to do well for this Club. Our pride has been questioned at times this season, but we're all committed to taking this Club forward and I think that's been evident.

On Monday we played as a unit and our pressing from the front was absolutely fantastic. That's something we've taken out of the Nottingham Forest game and is something we need to continue to do, because it makes life that much harder for the opposition and defending that little bit easier. Well done to Nuge on a fantastic opening goal and to Ledge, who sold his marker a kipper to give me a fairly easy header for the second.

That win came on the back of another very good performance against Nottingham Forest, which set up today's tie against Swindon Town. Everybody contributed to an all-round team display, but plenty of credit should go to Becks for the way he took his three goals. He was clinical that night and hopefully he can continue to find the net between now and the end of the season.

While I was born in Leicester, many people will know that I was raised in Swindon after my parents moved there when I was two, so today's game is one against my hometown club. They've been going really well under Paolo Di Canio, who I'm sure will have them up for today's game as much as they were



against Wigan Athletic in the last round. We all saw what happened there. Not only will they come here with plenty of passion and belief, they're also a very good footballing side, so we'll have to approach this in the same way we approached Southampton on Monday and Nottingham Forest last Tuesday with total professionalism and 100 per-cent commitment.

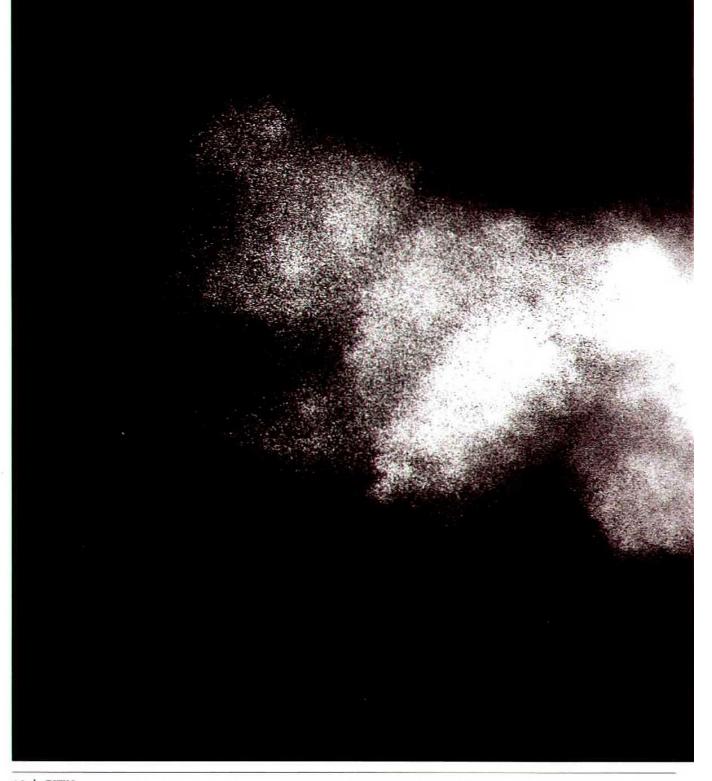
The FA Cup is all about days like today, where teams from different levels get to put league form to one side and battle it out for a place in the next round. We're determined to turn our two recent wins into a run of results, so another win today is vital.

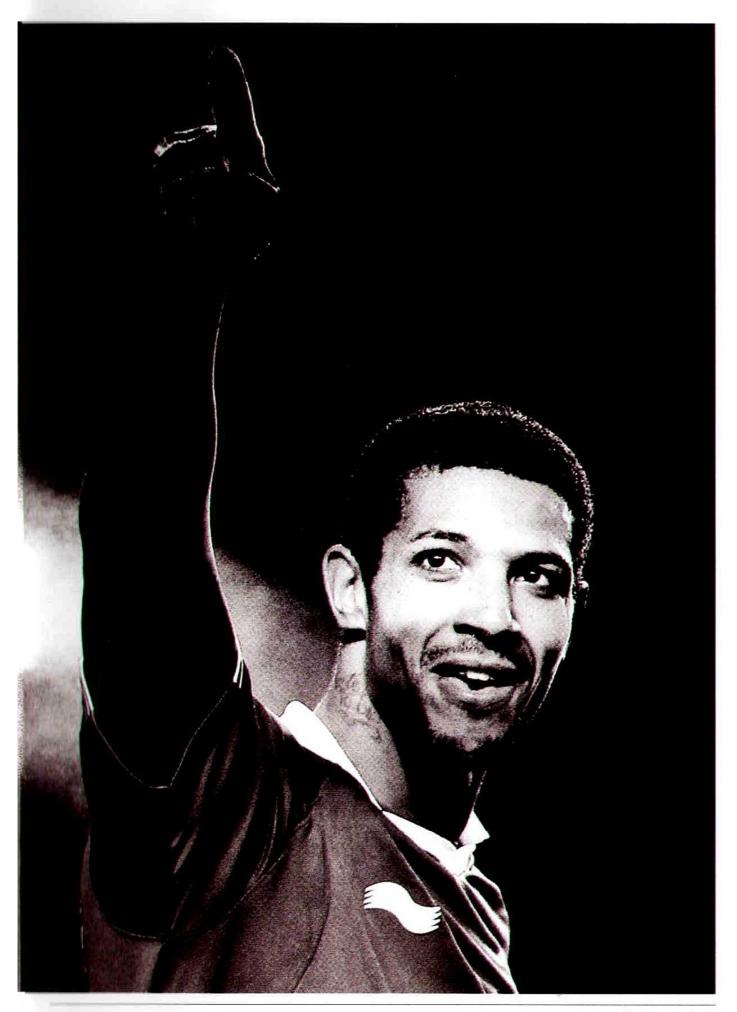
Thanks for your support.

Matt

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In the sub-zero temperatures for City's 4-0 thrashing of Nottingham Forest, lermaine Beckford is literally smoking after sealing his historic hat-trick.





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# **GRAB A SIX-PACK**

City fans can make great savings on the business end of the season at King Power Stadium with our special Six-Pack promotion.

Priced from £100 for adults, the Bix Pack includes tickets for any six of the Foxes' nine remaining home league games in the 2011/12 season and could save you up to £30 on standard match tickets\*.

With East Midlands rivals Nottingham Forest and Coventry City still to visit King Power Stadium, along with promotion hopefuls Hirmingham City, Cardiff City, Hull City and West Ham United, the 2011/12 run-in looks set to be a rollercoaster ride in the npower Championship and the Six-Pack is your opportunity to make sure you're there for all of the Foxes' key games.

As well as being your passport to some of the season's biggest fixtures, your Six-Pack will give you priority over the general public on the purchase of away tickets, 10% discount in the City Fanstore and discounts on the Fox Travel away service.

It's the perfect way to be part of an exciting climax to City's promotion pursuit.

Prices start from £100 for adults, £85 for seniors, £80 for under-22s,

£70 for under-18s and £30 for under-12s, while under-8s go FREE with a paying adult.

Go to www.lcfcdirect.com to purchase your Six-Pack now, visit the City Fanstore or call the City Sales Centre on 0844 815 5000.

\*Saving based on Adult prices compared to standard match tickets in the Just The Ticket area.



## WIN TICKETS TO THE CUP FINAL

Tickets to this season's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium are up for grabs as The Football Association look to recognise some of the competition's most passionate fans.

As City prepare to take on Swindon Town in today's Fourth Round tie, supporters can put themselves in the frame for tickets to The FA Cup with Budweiser final on 5 May 2012 by uploading a photo supporting their club to fanphotos.thefa.com. Your photo might be at an FA Cup match, down the pub with some friends or

even in the armchair at home. The choice is yours. Fans can also enter their photo in the competition by Tweeting it with the #myfacup and #lcfc hash-tags.

The photo voted the best of each round from now until the semifinals will win two tickets to the FA Cup final, where the winning photos will also be shown off on the big screens at Wembley. And anyone can win two tickets to one of the semifinals in April by voting for their favourite photo on the Fan Photos tab at www.TheFA.com/TheFACup.

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# ABE RE-JOINS FORMER CLUB

Yuki Abe has re-joined former club Urawa Red Diamonds, after agreeing a mutual cancellation to his Leicester City contract.

After a 17-month spell with the Foxes, where he made 59 appearances, Yuki expressed a desire to be reunited with his family in Japan, where his wife is expecting their second child.

City boss Nigel Pearson said: "The event was driven by Yuki and, in the circumstances, it would have been wrong to stand in his way. He is a lovely lad and he has served the Club well in the time he has been here."

Upon his departure, Yuki told lcfc.

com: "My time in England has been a great experience for me and I am very grateful for the support I have received from my team-mates, the staff at the Club and the Leicester City fans.

"Leicester City is a great Club with great supporters and I hope the team, under the manager's guidance, are able to achieve the success that the fans deserve."

Defender Michael Ball has also reached a mutual agreement to cancel his Foxes contract, having made just three appearances since joining the Club last summer.

# SAVE UP TO 50%

Replica kit and training-wear will be subject to further reductions in the City Fanstore from this weekend, giving City supporters the chance to make huge savings while flying the flag for the Foxes.

From 9:00am on Saturday
28 January, ahead of the home
tie against Swindon Town in
the Fourth Round of the FA
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That means you could pick up an adult home, away or third shirt for just £24 and make sure you're sporting City colours for the clash with the Robins on Saturday afternoon (kick-off 3:00pm).

The City Fanstore Sale also includes a host of other reductions, where fans will be able to make some great savings while ensuring they are showing their support for the Foxes throughout the second-half of the season.

The City Fanstore at King Power Stadium will be open from 9:00am until kick-off on Saturday and will then reopen for 45 minutes after the final whistle. Opening hours on Sunday are from 10:00am-2:00pm.

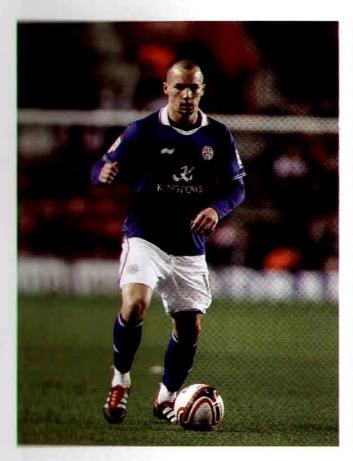
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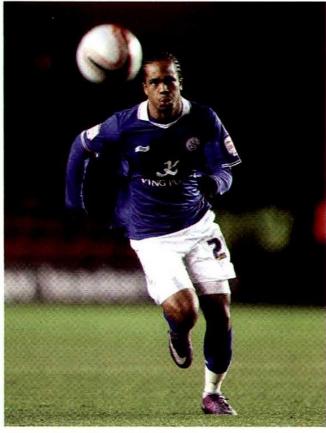
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# **COMINGS AND GOINGS AT CITY**

City boss Nigel Pearson was active in the January transfer window ahead of Monday night's win at Southampton, with two new arrivals to bolster the Foxes ranks.

Danny Drinkwater completed a move from Manchester United for an undisclosed fee, agreeing a deal until hune 2015 on Friday, before Aston Villa striker Nathan Delfouneso joined the Club on a one-month loan on Monday morning.

Noth players came off the bench to make their respective debuts in the win over the Saints, though meither will be available for today's game against Swindon Town - Danny being cup-tied and Nathan without permission to play from his parent club.

21-year-old Drinkwater will be familiar to Foxes fans following his match-winning display for Barnsley at King Power Stadium a fortnight ago - his final game on loan with the Tykes before Pearson moved to bring him to Filbert Way.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Chris Weale has joined League 2 Northampton Town on a month-long loan deal. The former Yeovil Town keeper made his debut in last Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Barnet.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT **FOOTBALL**

A reminder to supporters that the forthcoming home league game against Middlesbrough will take place on Wednesday 1 February (kick-off 7:45pm).

The game was originally due to take place 24 hours earlier on Tuesday 31 January, but has been put back due to Middlesbrough's FA Cup Fourth Round tie against Sunderland, which takes place tomorrow (Sunday).

Tickets for the game remain on sale 24-hours-a-day from www.lcfcdirect.com, during normal opening hours at the City Fanstore at King Power Stadium and from the City Sales Centre on **0844 815 5000**.

Academy Director Jon Rudkin reviews recent Leicester City Youth Team performances, which include tough tests against Charlton Athletic in the FA Youth Cup and Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier Academy League.



# FOXES BOW OUT OF FA YOUTH CUP

The night after the first-team's excellent win over Nottingham Forest, the Youth Team travelled down to play Charlton Athletic in the Fourth Round of the FA Youth Cup. We expected a tough tie against a very good academy and, having seen Charlton play, we knew how much of a challenge it would be.

The tie was played at Welling United, a non-league ground, but the surface was reasonable and didn't greatly affect the game. We came under some pressure early on, as we might have expected, but appeared to have weathered the storm and went close on several occasions ourselves before Charlton Athletic eventually took the lead midway through the first-half. Going into the half-time break, there wasn't much between the two sides, though the stats showed we had enjoyed the better of the opportunities.

Our second-half performance saw the boys take control of the game and really dominate the half, creating numerous chances and deservedly equalising through a well-taken goal from Michael Cain, which followed some great work from Joe Dodoo.

Tom Hopper and Harry Panayiotou were a constant threat to Charlton Athletic's defence, so much so that Charlton made changes to cope with our front pairing. Unfortunately, despite the amount of pressure we

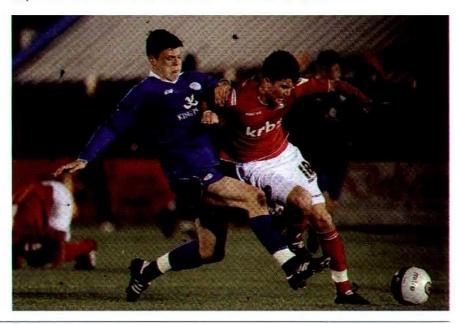
built and chances we created, we still couldn't find a winning goal. With ten minutes remaining, we were awarded a penalty, but a fine save from the Charlton goalkeeper again kept us out.

Extra-time was upon us and we still managed to control the first period, despite playing up the slope, again having chances blocked and hitting the woodwork. But, as sometimes happens in games, Charlton Athletic were then awarded a penalty – a very difficult decision for the referee – which saw them retake the lead just before half-time. This didn't greatly affect us, as the boys still went on to create a number

of chances to get back into the tie, but it wasn't to be our night and we eventually succumbed to a 2-1 defeat.

The boys can take so many plus points out of the game, including the performance and the style of play they tried to maintain. Although they were disappointed not to have scored more from the chances created, it was pleasing that they continually tried to seek out opportunities and be positive in their play.

Charlton Athletic's staff and supporters were very complimentary of our boys and, though that will possibly have been of little consolation, it was something we can take heart from.





# TEN-GOAL THRILLER

We were interested to see how the boys responded, especially after extra-time in the FA Youth Cup, on Saturday when we hosted Tottenham Hotspur - a side we feel are possibly one of the best in our Premier Academy League group and one of the best sides we have played this season. It certainly turned out to be a rollercoaster

futtenham dominated possession early-on and, despite us having some joy on the counter-attack, went ahead with two goals by midway through the first-half. We responded with a goal from Harry Panayiotou and should have levelled on the stroke of half-time, but were frustrated by the woodwork.

After a talk from our Under-18s coach Trevor Peake at half time, we initially saw a different team in the second half and two very well-taken goals from Tom Hopper transformed the momentum of the game as we went into a 3:2 lead.

We created numerous opportunities to go further ahead but unfortunately, due to lapses in concentration defensively, and possibly a little tiredness, we conceded three quick goals as Spurs took the initiative back.

Pierre Larrauri came on as a second-half substitute and managed to pull us back to 5-4 but, as we continued to push for an equaliser late in the game, we again conceded prior to the full-time whistle to leave the final name at 6.4.

In many ways, there was a lot to learn for both teams, certainly in terms of defending, but we have had a good apportunity this week to prepare for the game against Million Keynes Dons today (Saturday), where we will be looking to replicate the type of performances we have seen against Birmingham City, Cardiff City and in the EA Youth Cup.

# UNDER 18s FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
AUGUST		
Sat 20	Bolton Wanderers	3-2
Sat 27	Nottingham Forest	4-1
SEPTEME		
Sat 3	Norwich City	3-2
Sat 10	Crystal Palace	2-2
Sat 17	Ipswich Town	0-3
Sat 24	Watford	1-1
OCTOBE	R	
Sat 1	Aston Villa	1-1
Sat 8	Coventry City	1-2
Sat 15	Reading	0-3
Sat 29	Bristol City	5-0
NOVEMB	ER	
Sat 5	Birmingham City	3-3
Sat 12	Cardiff City	3-1
Sat 19	Tottenham Hotspur	3-3
DECEMB	ER	
Sat 3	Milton Keynes Dons	1-0
Sat 10	Reading	P-P
Wed 14	Aldershot (FA Youth Cup, 3rd Round)	5-0
Sat 17	Bristol City	2-1
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Sat 7	Birmingham City	3-2
Sat 14	Cardiff City	3-2
Wed 18	Charlton Athletic (FA Youth Cup, 4th Round)	1-2
Sat 21	Tottenham Hotspur	4-6
Sat 28	Milton Keynes Dons	(11:00)
FEBRUAR	RY	
Sat 11	Watford	(10:30)
Sat 18	Aston Villa	(11:00)
Sat 25	Coventry City	(11:00)
MARCH		
Sat 3	Arsenal	(11:00)
Sat 10	Portsmouth	(12:00)
Sat 17	Fulham	(12:00)
Sat 31	West Ham United	(11:30)
APRIL		
Sat 21	Charlton Athletic	(12:00)
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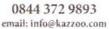
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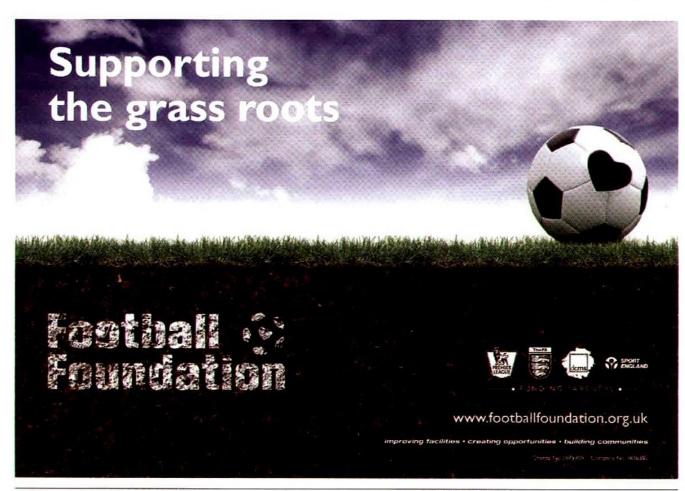


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# GET TO KNOW... KATIE LOWDER

City Matchday Magazine gets to know the first-team players of Leicester City Women Football Club – starting with winger Katie Lowder.



NAME: Katie Louise Lowder.
BORN: 23 May 1992, Leicester.
POSITION: Winger/Forward.
NICKNAME: Bean.
SUPPORTS: Leicester City.
FAVOURITE PLAYER(s):

David Beckham and Marta.

PRE-MATCH

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THINGHIS Through balls, long-range passing and strength holding up the ball.

BIGGENT INFLUENCE: My dad.

Scoring, confidence and picking the right pass out under pressure.

Tournament in the Canadian Cup.

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DEMORBING YOURSELF IN FIVE WORDS: Enthusiastic,

willing, passionate, eager, determined.

AVOUGHTE FOOD: Nando's.

AVOURITE TV SHOW: All of the soaps.

AWOURTE FILM 'The Hangover'.

DIM IN Spiders.

TELL UN SOMETHING THAT NOT A LOT OF

**WOPLE KNOW.** I have been shot in the eye by an airgun and have a pellet behind my eye.

# LEICESTER CITY WOMENS FC - FIXTURES / RESULTS

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score
21 Aug 2011	Rotherham United LFC	(H)	2-0
28 Aug 2011	Leeds City Vixens LFC	(H)	6-0
04 Sep 2011	Manchester City LFC	(A)	2-1
11 Sep 2011	Blackburn Rovers LFC	(H)	2-4
18 Sep 2011	Rochdale AFC Ladies	(A)	P-P
25 Sep 2011	Sporting Club Albion LFC	(H)	0-3
02 Oct 2011	Derby County LFC	(H)	4-1
09 Oct 2011	Preston North End WFC	(A)	1-1
16 Oct 2011	Sheffield FC Ladies	(H)	6-0
23 Oct 2011	Rotherham United LFC	(A)	7-2
30 Oct 2011	Leeds City Vixens LFC	(A)	3-0
06 Nov 2011	Manchester City LFC	(H)	0-3
13 Nov 2011	Blackburn Rovers LFC	(A)	1-1
27 Nov 2011	Sporting Club Albion LFC	(A)	2-0
04 Dec 2011	Derby County LFC	(A)	0-2
11 Dec 2011	Preston North End WFC	(H)	2-1
29 Jan 2012	Nottingham Forest LFC	(H)	14:00
05 Feb 20 12	Rochdale AFC Ladies	(H)	14:00
12 Feb 2012	Derby County LFC	(A)	14:00
11 Mar 2012	Rotherham United LFC	(H)	14:00
18 Mar 2012	Sheffield FC Ladies	(A)	14:00

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There are some moments in life you'll never forget; a marker in your brain which will never go away. Sometimes for the good, sometimes for the bad, or at least so I was told when I was a child.

This afternoon's game evokes some real memories for me and the 360° of emotions experienced during 90 minutes of football.

City were 3-0 down in the playoff final at Wembley against Swindon
fown, still carrying the baggage of
a controversial defeat the previous
year by Blackburn Rovers. It was
the first time my dad had been able
to take me to the most famous
realism in the world. A family row
had robbed him of the opportunity
12 months previous; hurt we
marked with a rendition of 'When
fourie Smiling' down Wembley Way
in 1993. The prize of promotion
seemed more valuable to a 12-yearold bey than any cup.

It was me and my best mate, my dad going to Wembley to watch our that a lowly Leicester City.

I wanted us to win to plaster over the wounds left last year. My idol was hurting and so was I, we needed a miracle to make up a three-goal deficit and, for a few minutes, we had it

Although no tears, the look of dejection on my face was hurting him for both our sakes, we believed with the blind faith that Foxes fans terretimes have.

joachim scored in the secondhalf and made it 3-1. We jumped up and down in each other's arms.



We scored! If nothing else, we saw a goal together at Wembley. Walsh struck the second with a header and it was 3-2, we embrace with hope and belief filling our hearts. Surely not?

Steve Thompson equalised and that marker in my Dad's memory is created; a post-it note he can never forget. I climbed on my seat and jumped at him as the ball hit the net. Only a couple of yards in mid-air, but I put my faith in him to celebrate with me (a thick head awaited if not). He caught me with a mixture of bewilderment, joy and

ecstasy slapped across our faces. We were everything the game of football should be in that moment. I can see his face right now.

Swindon Town went on to win but this dog has, and will continue, to have it's day.

The game has changed but we've not. Those moments are precious, as are the relationships they reflect.

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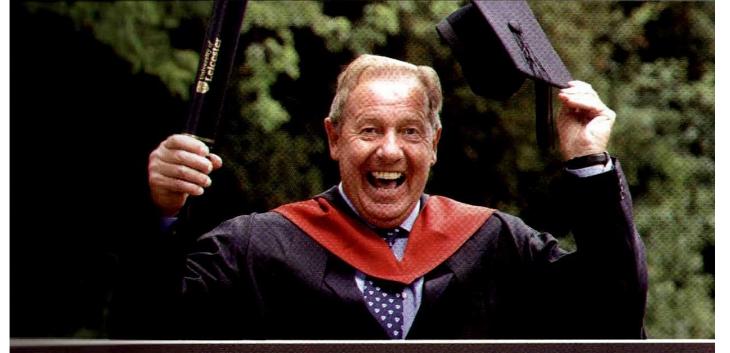




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Performance analysts Andy Blake and Rob MacKenzie reflect on the Foxes' recent 2-0 win over Southampton at St. Mary's – giving us a better insight into what many fans have described as City's best performance of the season thus far.

### SAINTLY PERFORMANCE

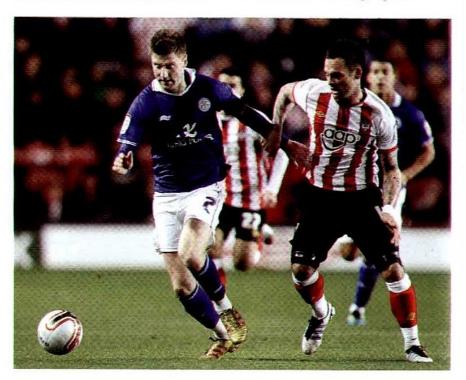
Today we are going to have a detailed look at the statistics that arose from our our last league match - the 2-0 win away at Southampton.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the match was the clean sheet being recorded against the highest-scoring team in the Championship, who also have a very strong home record. A key feature of our performance was how we defended as a unit, starting from the front, and prevented Southampton from being able to play out from the back as they would have liked. Our pressing resulted in Southampton playing 50 passes fewer than their average number for the season, and their pass completion percentage being 5% lower than usual. Perhaps the statistic that best highlights the impact of our pressing from the front is that we regained possession of the ball inside the Southampton half 60 times - almost twice as many times as Southampton - over the course of the game.

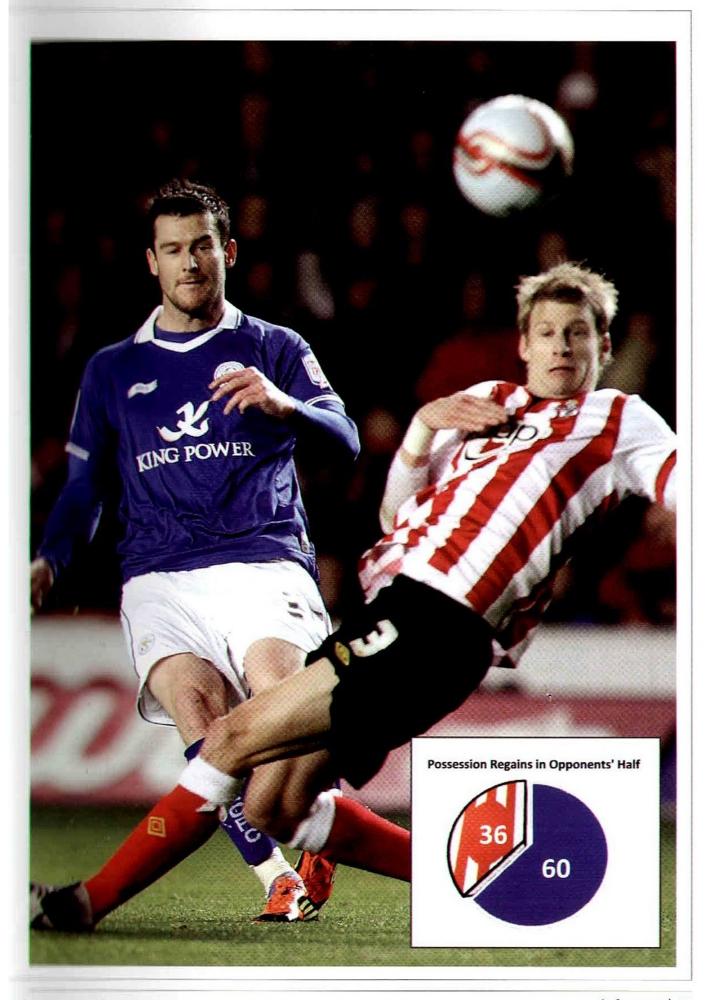
Another way of looking at the defensive performance of the team is to see the 'Top 10' table for tackles in the match - where 7 out of the 10 players making the most tackles were Leicester City players. Indeed, the number of tackles (38) and blocks (21) by the team, were both some way above the average number that we make in away games (30 and 14, respectively).

However, the performance was not all about defending and this game in fact saw us record one of our highest total number of shots in any game this season, with 17 in all. This is certainly well above the average number we tend to have in an away game, and led to us scoring twice in the first-half of an away game for the third time this season. We also went beyond our seasons' average for number of crosses and number of times we dribbled the ball

Hopefully these statistics will help outline some of the factors that contributed to the important win we achieved in our last league game.



Player	Team	Tackles
Morgan Schneiderlin	Southampton	8
Richie Wellens	Leicester City	6
Lloyd Dyer	Leicester City	6
Neil Danns	Leicester City	5
Lee Peltier	Leicester City	5
Sean St Ledger	Leicester City	4
Paul Gallagher	Leicester City	3
Matt Mills	Leicester City	3
Jos Hooiveld	Southampton	3
Daniel Fox	Southampton	3



## TOM KENNEDY

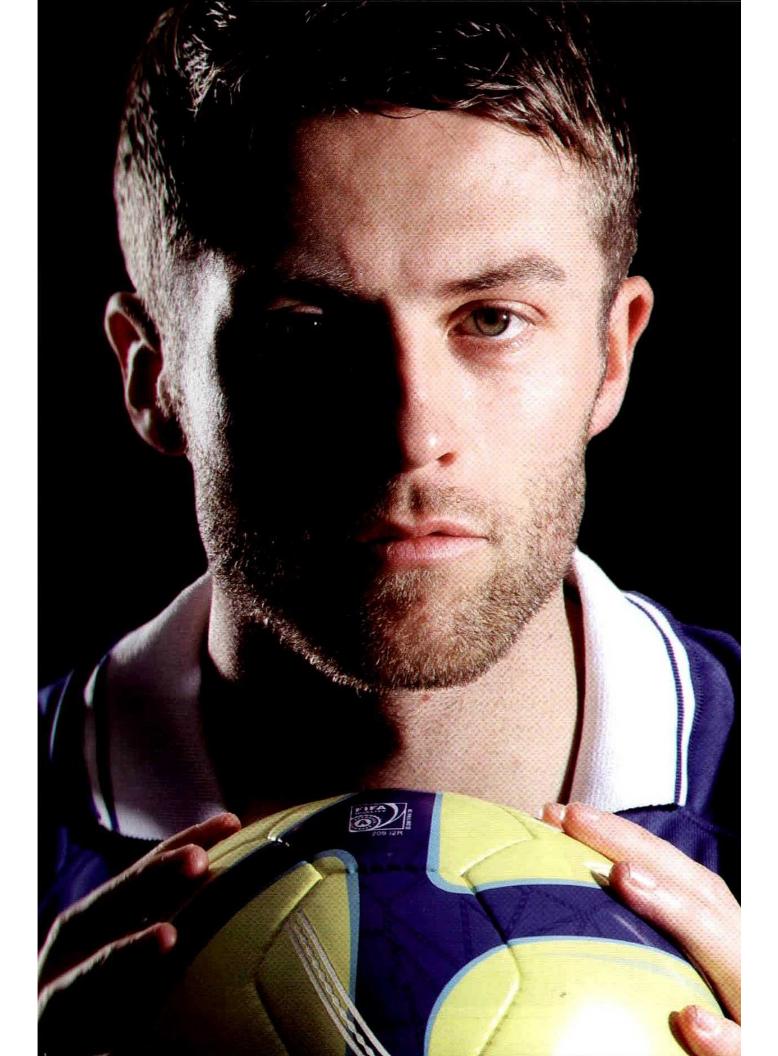
Eighteen months later than planned, Tom Kennedy feels like his Leicester City career is finally getting started.

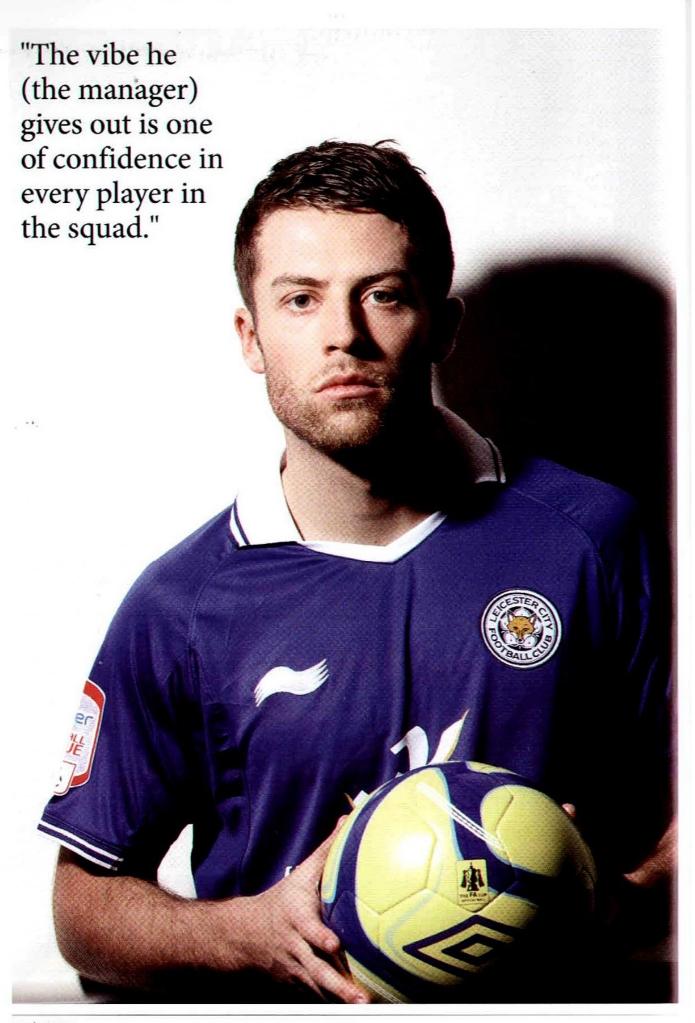
Nigel Pearson's final signing before he departed to join Hull City in June 2010, the Bury-born left-back appeared to have missed out on the chance of playing for the manager that spotted his enormous potential during a three-year spell with Rochdale.

Under Paulo Sousa and Sven-Göran Eriksson, opportunities were limited for Kennedy, who was loaned back to Spotland and then twice to Peterborough United before Pearson's sensational return to King Power Stadium prompted a comeback.

As if he'd never been away, he returned from his latest loan stint and, 24 hours later, slotted into the side for the New Year win at Crystal Palace. Kennedy, 26, has been involved in every game since.

Raised in a footballing family which included dad Keith, who played for Bury, and uncle Alan, a European Cupwinner with Liverpool, football was in Kennedy's blood from birth. As City supporters begin to discover why, City Matchday Magazine got to know a player we should all know a little better by now . . .





### Have have you enjoyed being back in the first team fold?

has been fantastic, the gaffer has rouse back and brought me into the inputal at soon as my loan at Friedmungh United finished. I really enjoyed playing at Crystal Palare and I've been involved in pretty much every game since, so we may got to keep working hard. the had the best part of a year-anda half without being involved, but to has back in the frame now is fantastic.

### I feel like your Leicester City pareer starts here?

this hundred per-cent, yes. I was and of involved under Paulo Sousa, hildn't get a chance at all under from and I'm sure there were a few people that doubted I could play at this level I've always been confident that given the chance, I can play well in the Championship and hopefully I'll mow have the chance to prove is those doubters wrong.

timi were still out on loan at Peterborough United when Nigel Fearunn came back to the Club. As he was the manager that signed run, did you expect your chance would then come?

If I'm honest, I knew that the Club had evolved during the time he had been away, so I wasn't entirely sure what to expect, but I was hopeful. I'd played for Peterborough United at Middlesbrough on New Year's Eve and was preparing for their game on the Monday when the call came to say I was needed for Crystal Palace. It was a shock to the system, but a nice surprise.

### You didn't show any signs of rustiness, how much did the spell at Peterborough United help with

I'd played the previous 10 or 12 games for Peterborough United and had been preparing for a game that day anyway, so I was confident I'd be ready to play. It might have been different if I had been totally out in the cold, but my confidence was high, I was fully focused on playing and it was just a case of adapting to playing for a different team with different tactics. It felt great to be back, so adrenaline always helps push you through anyway.

### The two spells at Posh, this season and last season, appeared to serve you well...

Darren Ferguson was fantastic with me and I'm extremely grateful for that. Peterborough United played some really good football while I was there, I got my first sustained spell of Championship football and it helped to rebuild my confidence after a frustrating time at Leicester City. I think they'll do well this season.

### Now you're back in contention here, how do you go about breaking into the side?

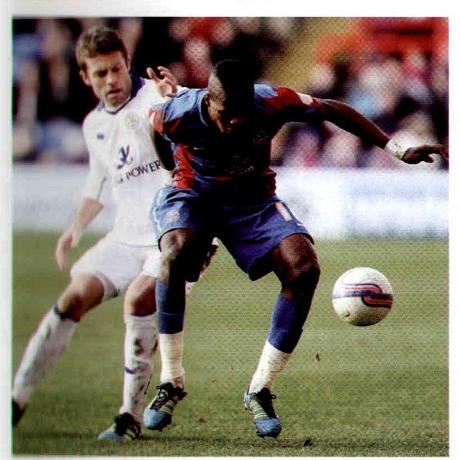
I know how hard it's going to be -Paul Konchesky has been fantastic this season and is an established Premier League defender, but I've got to keep working hard and take my chance when it comes along. I was happy with how I played at Crystal Palace and I've got to be ready to do that the next time I'm called upon. There's going to be a lot of patience required, but we'll see what happens over the course of the season. As long as you're involved, life becomes a lot easier. It's when you're out of the picture that it becomes a bit of a problem.

### Does it help to have a manager known for picking teams on merit rather than reputation?

The gaffer said from day one that it wasn't about where anyone had played before; it's about people in good form earning a place in the team. The vibe he gives out is one of confidence in every player in the squad. Everyone gets a handshake and a hug before the game, whether you're in the starting eleven or on the bench, he gees everybody up and it keeps you going, you never feel left out. Even if you're not playing, you feel part of it; everyone feels part of it.

### You're from something of a footballing family too. Tell us a little about it.

Yeah my uncle, Alan Kennedy, had a fantastic career, starting with Newcastle United and then winning two European Cups with Liverpool, and my dad played for ten years at Bury where I grew up, so it has always been in the family.





## So was football always likely to be the path for you?

Without a doubt! My nan would always tell me to do well in school and I always tried hard, but I knew I wanted to be a footballer. I never expected to be the best in the world or to play in the Premier League, but I wanted to make a living in the game and be the best I could be. As a job, it's unbelievable and I'm sure in the Premier League the money can be life-changing, but for me the career is about the love of the game and having fun while I'm doing it.

## So were you a Bury fan growing up?

I was, because my dad was a bit of a legend there, but he was born in Newcastle so I used to go to watch them quite a lot too. They were great days to be a Newcastle United fan, with Alan Shearer, Les Ferdinand and David Ginola in the side – they played some unbelievable attacking football. I went on to play for Bury and did my YTS with David Nugent, so I always keep an eye out for them too.

### The focus switches from the league to the FA Cup today, what can we expect from Swindon Town?

You can never underestimate anyone in a one-off cup game and they knocked Wigan Athletic out in the last round so they've got to be taken seriously. They will be underdogs in the eyes of most people, but if we're not 100 per-cent professional and right up for it, I'm sure Paolo Di Canio will have them ready to come at us with full force.

I was at Rochdale when we played Stoke City in the League Cup a few years back and we went into the game in a similar situation. Stoke
City were in the Championship and
nobody fancied us, but we won on
penalties because we were more up
for it than them. It just shows you
how unpredictable cup games can
be. We will be confident we can win
the game, but we have to be 100
per-cent professional and ready to go
about the job in the right way.

## Do you believe in the magic of the FA Cup?

Definitely, every year you see something new. On any given day the underdog can come out on top and that's what this competition is all about. Both sides will want to get through today because once you get into the last 16 you're in a great position.

His City career may have taken some time to get going, but Kennedy's reliability on the pitch and level-headed approach off it look set to secure his place in Nigel Pearson's plans for some time to come.



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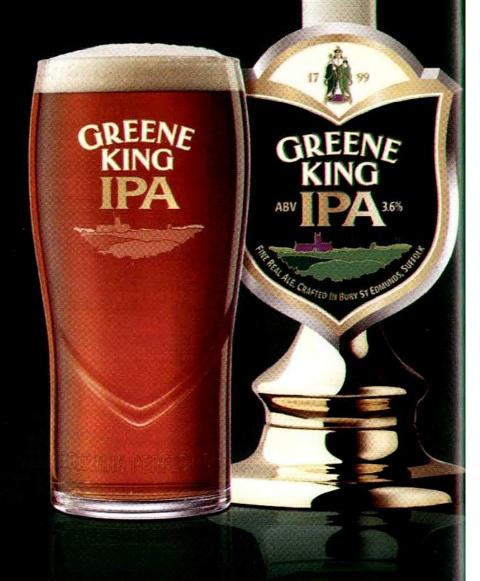








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# 1953/54

## Norman Bullock's Division Two Title-Winning Side - 1954

This photograph was provided by Norman's son, Robin. For some reason, reserve goalkeeper Adam Dickson is in the picture instead of first-choice keeper John Anderson.

Hack Row: Baldwin, Jackson, Milburn, Jones (Trainer), Dickson, Russell, Hines, Froggatt.

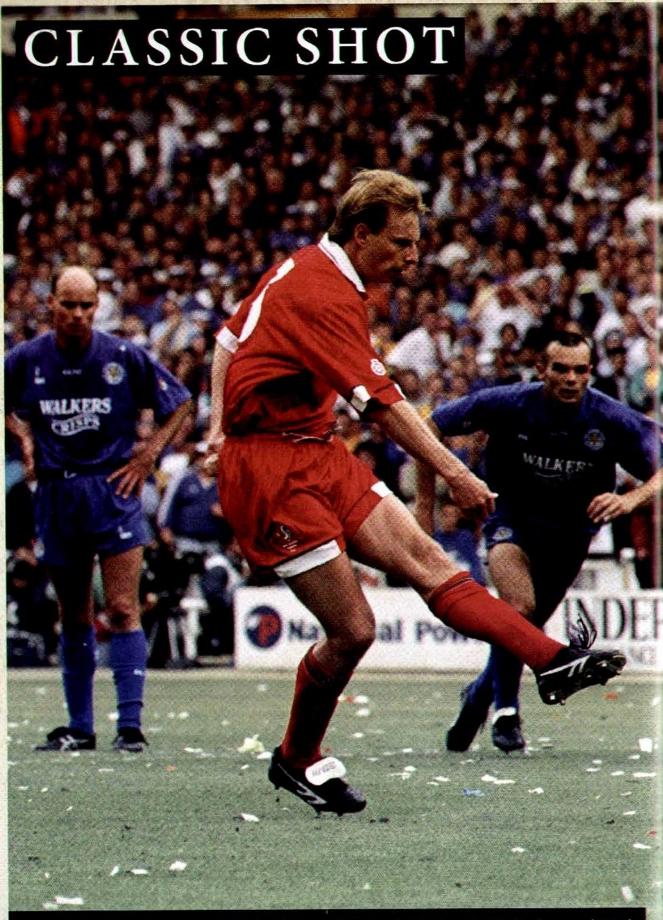
Middle Row: Maley (Secretary), Griffiths, Morris, Gillies (Captain), Rowley, Small, Bullock (Manager).

(or heard) that create just some of the rich tales contained Learning City Football Club's heritage and history.

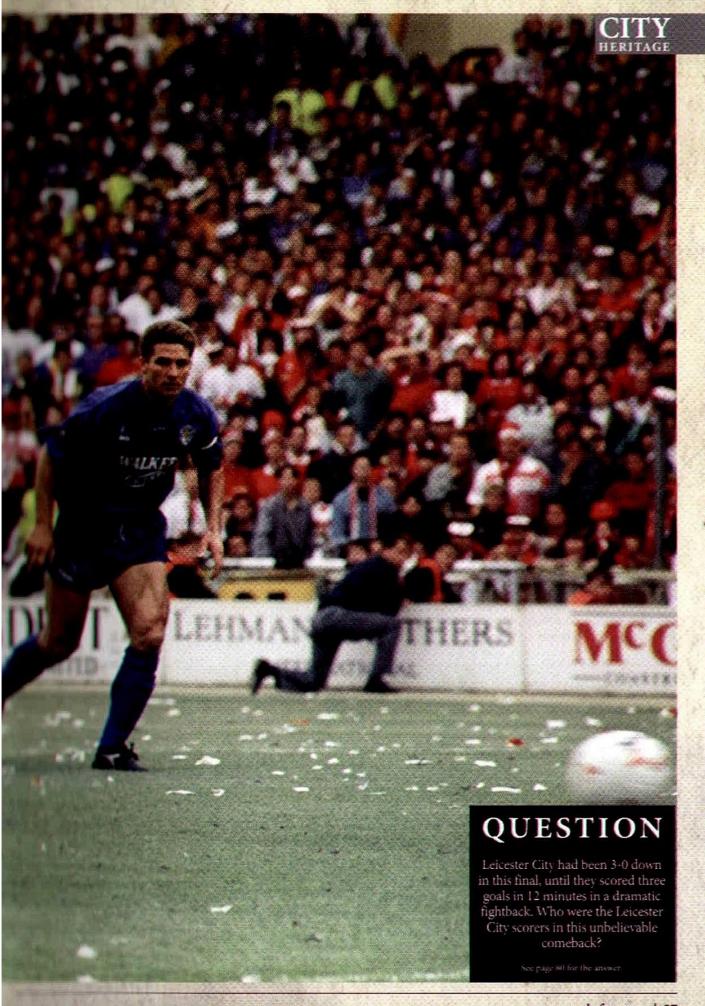
hands today's issue, we relive the most famous past meeting History the Foxes and Swindon Town - the 1993 Play-Off Wembley, a game in which City came so close to has my the impossible. The man who led the line for and a City that afternoon needs no introduction to

Foxes fans - Steve Walsh. Walsh recalls that unforgettable day in May, where Leicester City came from 3-0 down to level the scores at 3-3; before City lost out to the Robins following a disputed penalty decision.

Sep Smith is a man ingrained in Leicester City folklore. Also inside today's heritage section, Sep's granddaughter Lynda Symcox speaks of her memories of grandfather in Family Memories.



Leicester City's Steve Agnew, Richard Smith and Gary Mills look on helplessly as Paul Bodin slots away his 84th minute winning penalty in the 1993 First Division Play-Off Final at Wembley, breaking City hearts following the Foxes' dramatic comeback from 3-0 down.



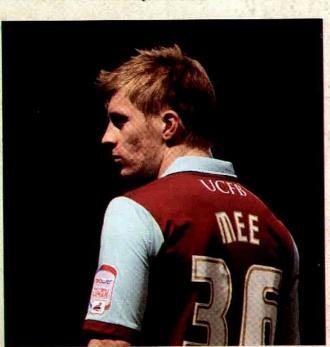
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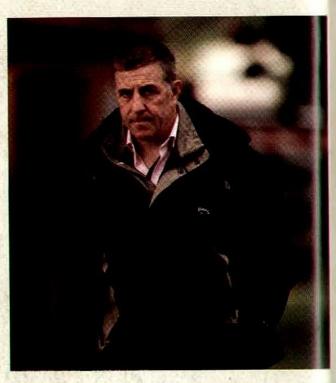
MATTERS OF MOMENT AND MOVEMENT in the former-Foxes community, Paul Taylor continues to log the triumphs and travails of the still-active City Old Boys...

They might drop off the radar for a while. But they DO come back. Life-after-Leicester City could never be described as a wilderness.

So, even if he never quite fulfilled that classic bit of
City PR bumf - The Future's All Marked Out - we have
former-boss MARK McGHEF (right) returning to the
game after slightly more than a year's hiatus following
his back-to-Pittodrie misadventure, taking over the
managerial reins at Bristol Rovers. We have one-time
record buy MARK DRAPER revenant after slightly longer,
dipping a foot back into the Notts non-league game with
a coaching role at East Midlands Counties League side
Radford. And we have former loanee winger
ETUHU, late of Her Majesty's Pleasure, and previously
Manchester City, signing for impecunious Portsmouth
after a few quiet sessions of post-release training with
them.

Despite an open 'window', there haven't been many 'contemporary' movers to keep that trio company in relocation. Indeed, BEN MEE's (below) swapping of loan-player status (from Manchester City to Burnley) to that of permanent contractee at Turf Moor is the only real transfer of the recent period under review. While his





fixing-up is sadly counterpointed by TOMMY WRIGHT release by Luton Town, after a short-term deal dating back to October.

The former City striker did manage one goal in each of the Conference and the FA Cup in limited playing-time for the Hatters; and is now allegedly training with MICN ADAMS Port Vale in the hope of a further redemptive opportunity.

Since last knockings, most of the rest is action. While our own knock-out hopes rise on the back of Fourth Round qualification today in FA Cup fare, we've had a bit of advanced Old Boy representation in other suddendeath-isms. Taking seniority first, there was a bit of a disaster for PADDY McCARTHY, removed from the fray via a red card during Crystal Palace's League Cup semi-final exit last Tuesday, when Cardiff City secured a Wembley spot on penalties (where have we heard that before?) to face, as it turns out, Liverpool.

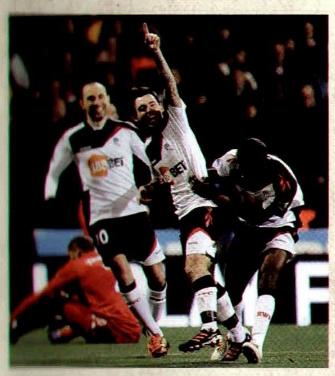
But the fates of ALEX CISAK and JAMES
WESOLOWSKI, and their managerial/coaching backup pair of PAUL DICKOV and GERRY TAGGARI, are

much in the balance as they're at the proverbial half time of Oldham Athletic's Johnstone's Paints community with Chesterfield, which may yet see them mediating a minor-key showcase at the North London leadenack if they can overcome a 1-2 first-leg reverse in www.gualificatory Northern Final.

the of the other 'knock-out' scorers of this column small also fit the 'returnee' theme of the opening; the many ravaged MATT PIPER (pictured right, with here strike partner, JON STEVENSON) netting turned out to be the decisive goal in Oadby Town's I I'A Vase eclipse of Ampthill Town last Saturday. A muse regular senior participant - and scorer - made mark on the Scottish Cup a few days previously; equaliser pointed Inverness Caledonian bush towards a 3-1 extra-time win in the replay against I strike Athletic that his equivalent first-tie strike had set up.

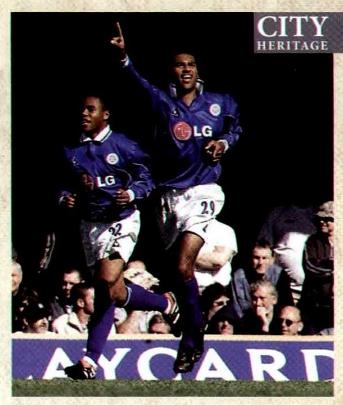
In Fremier League fare, MARK DAVIES (below) takes the plantlits for his opening goal in the Reebok encounter Manderers and Liverpool, surprisingly with ease (3-1) by the homesters. While, at hampionship level, near-namesake

The DAVIES continued his current cavalier streak by walding home both of Birmingham City's openers in a 3-0



lifelong home-andaway City supporter, Littlethorpe-bred on grandfather's tales of the in but London-located me the mid-70s. Paul coallowed all three editions I I I family & Foxes, plus

The lawer Alphabet', and scripted the club's 2003 Hills and History DVD. Between matches and footballdelinical musings, he works within film culture.



walloping of Watford.

Last Saturday's other relevant scorers were at lowlier levels; former trialist RICHARD PACQUETTE hit a brace in Lincoln City's 3-3 Conference draw at Gateshead (and followed up with another Imps incision on Tuesday in a 2-0 Sincil Bank stuffing of Southport); while BRETT DARBY hit both of Kirby Muxloe's counters in a 2-1 triumph in the Midland Alliance at Tipton Town.

Last Tuesday night also saw CHRIS O'GRADY (below) on target twice in the opening 18 minutes of Sheffield Wednesday's 3-1 seeing-off of Scunthorpe United; SCOTT GARNER gracing Grimsby Town's scoresheet in a 2-2 Conference points-share at Barrow; and AMAN VERMA varnishing a surprise win at that level for crisis-torn Kettering Town, 2-1 victors over Gateshead.

In other universes; far, far away; MAX GRADEL was a late sub reinforcement for Sol Bamba's Ivory Coast side in their opening African Cup of Nations victory over Sudan; and ORRIN JOHN has closed the first part of his contracted 18 months in Thailand with a three-goal tally for loan-club Suphanburi - 10th in the second-tier at end of term - before joining top-flight side Muangthong United for next season.



### FROM GARDEN SHED TO KING POWER STADIUM

Part 17: THE SUCCESSFUL END TO A FIVE-YEAR PLAN - 1953-54

We continue our review of Leicester City's history based on the Club's extensive memorabilia and archive collection. For this chapter we have also included material from the families of Johnny Duncan, Norman Bullock and Syd Needham, and from supporters Richard Preston and Roy Hathaway. If you have any family connections to Leicester City's history, or any memorabilia, please contact john.hutchinson80@ntlworld.com

### AUG 1953

The 1953/54 season was the fifth year of manager Norman Bullock's fiveyear plan to get Leicester City back into the top division. The holder of this season ticket was to witness a nail biting season!



These results, handwritten into a season ticket fixture list, indicate that Leicester City, top of the table in the New Year, then suffered three league defeats (including 1-7 at Leeds United) before recovering.



To boost their final push for promotion. Leicester City signed Portsmouth's Jack Froggatt who had played for England both at centre-half and left wing.

### APR 1954



With one game to go, Leicester City, in a must-win game for both sides, beat promotion rivals Blackburn Rovers 4-0. An Easter Monday home crowd of over 40,000 saw Arthur Rowley and Johnny Morris each score twice.



Leicester City clinched promotion by winning their last game of the season at Brentford. Players Johnny Morris, Matt Gillies (captain) and Mal Griffiths celebrate with manager Norman Bullock (in glasses) and Chairman Len Shipman.



This eightpage 'Leicester Evening Mail souvenir celebrated Leicester City beating Everton to the Second Division title on goal average (which was used instead of goal difference). The difference was 0.3 of a goal.

### APR 1954



The supplement highlighted Norman Bullock's philosophy of "Attack! Attack!" by pointing out that the team, spearheaded by Aruthur Rowley and Derek Hines, scored a record 97 league goals (109 in all competitions).

#### MAY 1954



The form of goalkeeper Johnny Anderson, an everpresent in this title winning season, resulted in him being capped for Scotland against Finland at the end of the season. It was his only cap.



A celebration dinner was held in honour of the team's Second Division title. Chicken soup, Scotch salmon, fillet of beef, strawberr melba, sweetmeats, cheese, biscuits and coffee were served.

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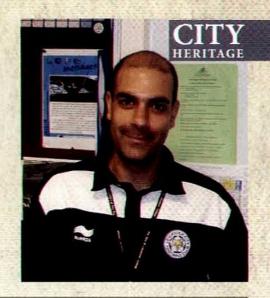


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### NEAL RUPARELIA



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Amazing, the Leicester City fans sitting around me, who were total strangers, protected me, gave me big and took me to the office after the game to complain. Leicester City allowed it up and I got a letter of and only from the (offending club's) halrman. It was a big moment for 1 was determined to not let this initialite me or to deter me from allowing my team, and I've been grang ever since."

That is an understatement. has Neal been a regular and away, since then, lis slim stewarded at home matches In 14 years. The demands of his job as a FE teacher and School Sports Comeant he stopped doing this three years ago, but for the last six years he has also been a steward on the supporters' buses for away He finds this very rewarding, entirying the responsibility of "making that Leicester City supporters at away games are okay."

For the last two years, Neal has also time of the King Power Stadium mus guides. He loves to get his groups talking together and sharing their transledge as part of his tours. in addition, Neal raised £500



for, and took part in, 'The Birch's' 2011 run. He got a great thrill out of running with 'Birch' and with Coronation Street's David Neilson (aka Roy Cropper).

Neal's experience as a Foxes fan epitomises Leicester City's history over the last twenty years. He has been an ever-present witness of Leicester City's roller-coaster ride since the 1990s. Although he really enjoyed the Premier League years, he enjoyed the League One season more. Trips to Old Trafford and Anfield have been balanced by fond memories of visiting some of

football's more obscure outposts like Cheltenham Town ("beautiful weather and everyone was so friendly") and Hereford United ("lovely supporters and a great café with a jazz band and saxophone player"). He particularly enjoyed the snowball fight between the Walsall stewards and the Leicester City fans at the Bescot Stadium in 2009!

Throughout it all, as a fan, as a steward and as a tour guide, Neal's commitment to encouraging an inclusive environment for all fans, in keeping with the Club's aims, has never wavered.

If you would like to appear in this feature, contact john.hutchinson80@ntlworld.com

### PROGRAMME VAULT:

### FA CUP FOURTH ROUND SPECIAL

Dipping into the programme vault today, we look back on some interesting issues produced for Round Four...

### PAST EDITION

The FA Cup was reorganised again into its present format in 1925/26, with clubs from the top two divisions entering in Round Three. City's first experience of Round Four was a trip to Reading in 1928 which was featured in the issue covering the league encounter earlier this season. The Club's first home tie in this round came a year later with Swansea Town providing the opposition': the matchday programme was a special large-size edition, based on the 1928 semi-final programme, as played at Filbert Street a few months earlier.

The early post-war era saw a number of ties extended to second replays and beyond, as there were no penalty shoot-outs in those days, and City's clash with Brentford in 1947 needed three attempts283 to settle matters. The initial tie at Griffin Park was accompanied by the Bees' pocketsize issue; the replay at Filbert Street by City's usual four-page production from a time when paper was still in short supply, while the second replay, staged at neutral Villa Park as was the normal procedure in those days, took place on a freezing cold afternoon in front of just 7,500 fans with another single folded-sheet on sale; not surprisingly, this issue is particularly rare these days.





Paper shortages and the requirement to stage replays in quick succession to drawn ties also led to other anomalies in those post-war seasons. As far as we know, there are three replays for which no programme was ever produced: a rearranged Fifth Round clash with Newcastle United at Filbert Street in 1947; a Third Round replay at Coventry City in 1952; and a Fourth

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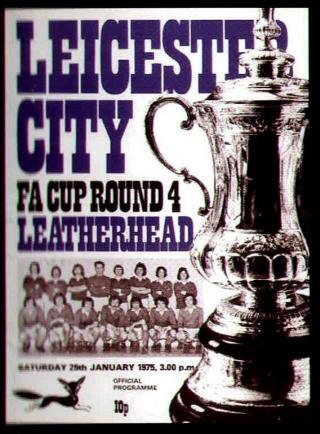
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Round clash with Stoke City in 1954. The original tie at the Victoria Ground was accompanied by Stoke City's regular publication<sup>4</sup> but with the replay taking place just three days later, no programme was produced by Leicester City, leaving the market free for the pirate sellers, who thrived in those days, and who were quicker off the

mark than the Club itself.

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# FEATURED VAULT EDITION



'home' ties that season (a Fifth Round second replay against Arsenal was staged at Filbert Street after the toss of a coin, rather than picking a neutral venue), as well as for second replays staged neutrally by Leicester featuring Fulham v Hull City and Ipswich Town v Leeds United. Incidentally, it was resurrected again in 1979 for three further replays in the marathon tie between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday.

However, one oddity in the content for the tie against the Tanners was the advert proclaiming that any replay would also be staged at Filbert Street on the following Monday", to help reduce Leatherhead's travelling costs. That decision also led to an interesting revelation in the commercial column, where the Club's programme team talked of making special arrangements to burn the midnight oil in order to publish a special edition to cover any replay if needed - including the 'hardship' of a Saturday night overnight stay at the Holiday Inn!

In the end, of course, City narrowly avoided both a replay and even greater embarrassment at the hands of the 'Leatherhead Lip' Chris Kelly and company, recovering from 0-2 down to eventually run out 3-2 winners: exactly the sort of revival we normally associate with games against Swindon Town of course!

Lin Inday & featured Fourth Round relition, we turn to a tie still fondly remembered both here in Leicester and also down in Surrey. When City urre drawn away to Isthmian League Fratherhead in 1975, it was still permissible to switch the tie to the ground of the 'away' club and, at the raggestion of the local police for safety transmithis course of action was taken.

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## BACKTO SQUARE ONE

THE PHRASE 'back to square one' refers to the first of the squares on a numbered grid issued by the BBC in 1927 to help listeners follow radio commentaries on football matches. Each square represented an area of the pitch. Quite often the ball would go 'back to square one.' This became a catchphrase. Leicester City's history often follows this pattern, with historical links leading us 'back to square one.'



Jimmy Quinn was an expensive buy who played for less than one season at Leicester City before eventually becoming Swindon Town's manager.



Jimmy played in the same Northern Ireland and Leicester City side as Paul Ramsey who made over 300 appearances for the Foxes before transferring to Cardiff City in 1991.



Eighteen years earlier, another Leicester City player who transferred to Cardiff City was John Farrington, who had signed for Leicester City from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1969.



Another Chelsea player who signed for the Foxes (in 2001) was **Dennis Wise**. He was an expensive buy who played for less than one season at Leicester City before eventually becoming Swindon Town's manager...just like Jimmy Quinn.



At Bristol City, a team-mate of Hugh's was Chris Garland, who made a big-money transfer to Chelsea in 1971, before signing for Leicester City in 1975.



A team-mate of John's at
Wolverhampton Wanderers was
Hugh McIlmoyle who had played
for Leicester City in the 1961 FA
Cup Final. Hugh then went to Bristol
City in 1967 before transferring to
Carlisle United.

### FAMILY MEMORIES

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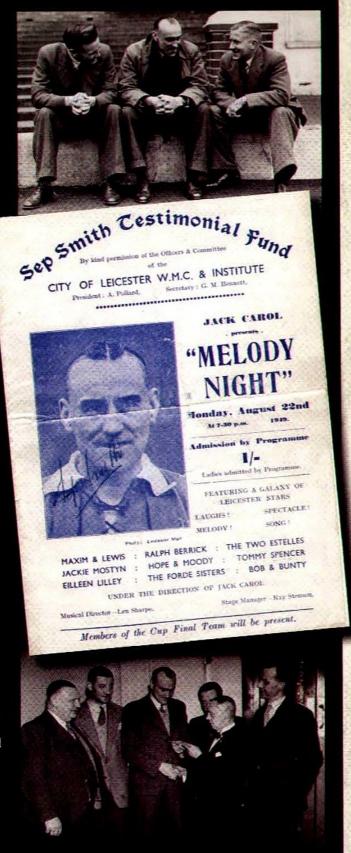
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If hep had been playing today he would have been a followaire, but when he hung up his boots, even though to had a Jestimonial Year which generated £2,100, he had be work for a living.

Lynda continued: "He had worked at Cascelloids amuned by Leicester City director Alf Pallett) making plants parts for 'Tiny Tear' dolls. He then worked at Thorn Lighting on Melton Road. He cycled everyday home his home in Collingham Road, off the Narborough Head This had been a club house but eventually he brought it and ended up living there for nearly 70 years. When he cycled to work he wore a shirt and tie, put on his selections and off hed go, It was an old bike and he went and showly. He could have had a new bike but he preferred has old tashioned one. He didn't drive because the Club dated allow him to. He was never allowed to learn. They mildred insure players who drove."

Less seeing him on his daily cycle ride across Leicester this would have realized they were looking at a man who had played for England in front of a 100,000 crowd at Hampden Park in 1935.

In the next Matchday Magazine, Lynda will give more monthly into Sep's life, emphasing how much times have banged for top international footballers!



FROM TOP, Don Revie, star of Leicester's 1939 FA Cup run, (before missing the final through injury), with his mentor Sep Teentre/ and trainer Willie McLean right: In 1949/50, the club awarded Sep a Testimonial Year This programme is

### FORMER PLAYER INTERVIEW

### STEVE WALSH

REMEMBERS...

The 1993 Play-Off Final, for a place in the Premier League, was between Leicester City and Glenn Hoddle's Swindon Town. It was one of the most dramatic games in Wembley's history. Steve Walsh recently shared his memories of this unforgettable match with Club Historian John Hutchinson.

"After the heartache of the Blackburn Rovers final the previous year, we felt we were going to win this one, and there's no doubt that we should have done.

"It was a great final. I'll never forget it. I played up front. I scored 16 goals that season. It was a great occasion. The fans were in good form. The crowd was all red and blue. It was fantastic and emotional to walk out at Wembley and see it!

"The whole build-up felt right. The dressing room was buzzing. The stage was set.

"At half time, going in at 1-0 down, I had no doubt that we could get it back. But we were soon 3-0 down! I thought 'I'm not going to let this happen!' I just forced everybody, shouted at everybody,

trying to get a response. I was working overtime myself just to try and salvage something."

Then Leicester hit back with three goals in 12 minutes.

"I got up well to a deep cross for our first goal. When I headed it I thought it was in, but the ball whacked against the post and it came out. I was down and I didn't see Joachim put it in.

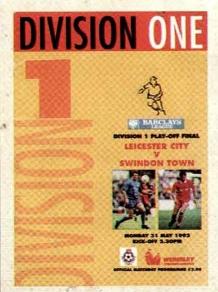
"Then I felt the buzz. Something was going to happen. Philpott lofted a high ball into the box and I scored with a standing header. Then Thompson scored. What a cracking goal that was! The whole ground erupted. It was the best feeling I ever had, apart from my goals in later years against Arsenal (Premier League 1997) and Fulham (League Cup 2000) and I'd never felt that rush of elation as I did when



Thompson scored the equaliser.

"Soon after, Oldfield should have scored to make it 4-3. He overran the ball into the keeper. Swindon were on the ropes. Then there was Swindon's disputed penalty. It was a poor decision. The ref was too quick to give it. I swore at him when the ball came back to the middle. I should have been booked or sent off. I think he knew he had made the wrong decision. It was hard to take. We'd been beaten in two successive Play-Offs by questionable penalties.

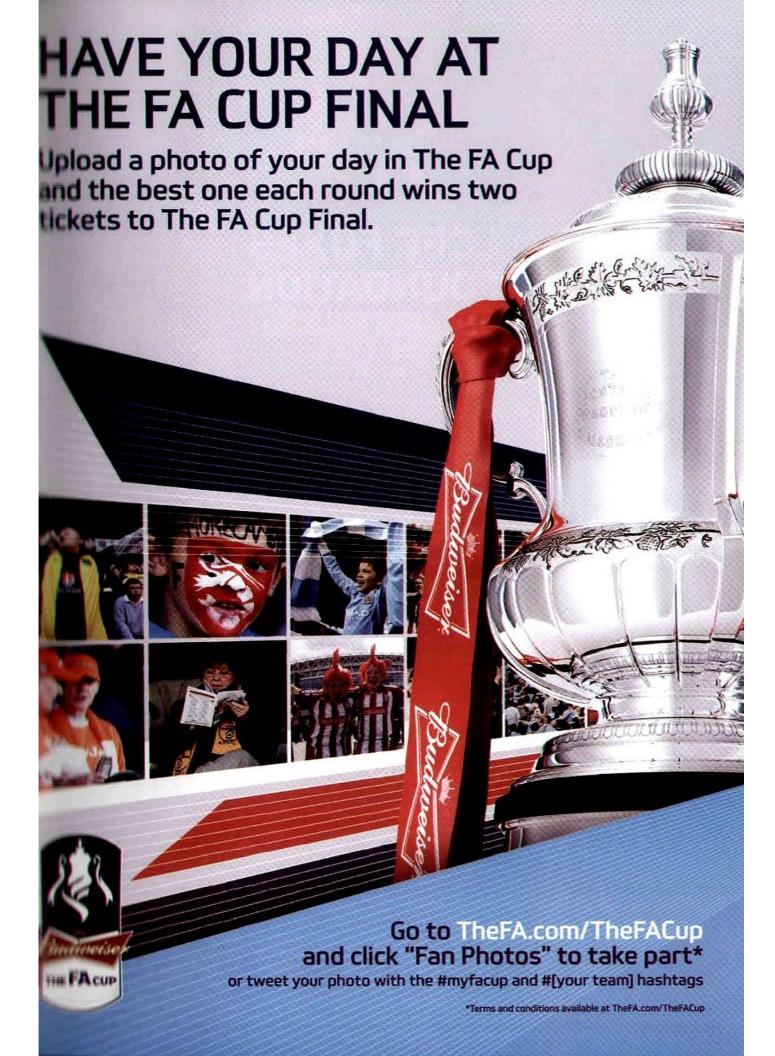
"It was still in our minds at the start of the following season. It took a long time to let it go. We should have won. We were very unlucky!"

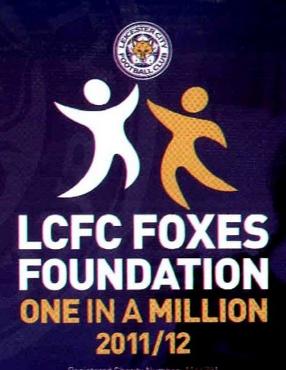






FROM TOP: Steve Walsh, scorer of Leicester's second goal against Swindon at Wembley in 1993. Steve played in 6 of Leicester's 7 Wembley appearances between 1992 and 2000; The programme for the 1993 Play-Off Final for a place in the Premiership; Julian Joachim, scorer of Leicester's first goal in the dramatic 3-goal comeback against Swindon at Wembley in 1993; Swindon's Glenn Hoddle and Leicester's Gary Mills contest the ball in the 1993 Play-Off Final.





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One In A Million' charity partner LOROS will be holding its annual Twilight Walk at the end of March, where women of all ages are invited to help raise money for the Leicester hospice.

Starting at King Power Stadium and passing through famous Leicester landmarks such as Curve Theatre, the Clock Tower and the Guild Hall, the sixwalk on Saturday 31 March is open to women of all fitness levels.

The Walk, which this year has a Hawaiian theme, lugins at 7:30pm, meaning those travelling to



Peterborough United to watch the Foxes in npower Championship action that day should have time to get back for the start.

Advance entry fee is priced at £10 per person, rising to £30 on the night, so register your interest early at thetwilightwalk.co.uk.



### CELEBRATE THE CAREER OF A LEGEND

tables are already selling rapidly for Birch's 40th Anniversary Dinner at King Power Stadium next sumth, as the LCFC Foxes Foundation prepares to intelligate the career of a Leicester City legend.

Marking four decades since he first joined the Foxes, the event on Saturday 25 February will celebrate the illustrious career of Alan Birchenall, both as a player and Club Ambassador - roles that have ingrained one man into the very fabric of Leicester City Football Club.

the inspiration for the LCFC Foxes Foundation's One In A Million' campaign, 'the Birch' has been a standard bearer like no other, both for Leicester City and the city of Leicester, since his arrival in 1971. From talented attacking midfielder and fans favourite to tharity fundraiser and Freeman of the City, nobody

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As he reaches another landmark in his time on Filbert Way, supporters are invited to join Alan and a host of special guests for a unique evening of stories, recollections and entertainment.

All profits from the event will go to the LCFC Foxes Foundation's 'One In A Million' campaign, which sees the Foxes trying to take the £850,000 raised by the Birch during his time with the Club through the £1 million barrier by raising £150,000 for ten Leicester charities during the 2011-12 season.

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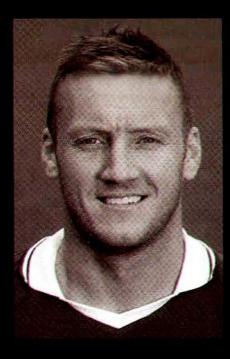
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### Steve Howard

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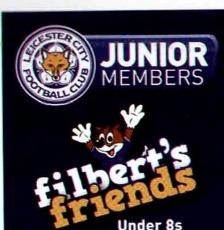
#### FAVOURITES

(laughs) The same as what I would answer for 'favourite drink'.

Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.

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Under 18s

### TODAY'S Mascots



Name: Callum

Favourite Foxes player: Lloyd Dyer Score prediction: 4-0



Name: Finley

Favourite Foxes player: Sol Bamba Score prediction: 2-0

Leicester City Football Club would like to welcome the following grassroots team to this afternoon's game against Swindon Town, where they will be involved in the following activities. Many thanks for your support.

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All you need to do is write a 350-word match report for Leicester City's home clash against Cardiff City on Saturday 11 February – and send through to the Club before 4:00pm on Monday 13 February. Submit your report via email, placing 'Junior Reporter Competition' in the subject bar and include your report, name, address and contact details.

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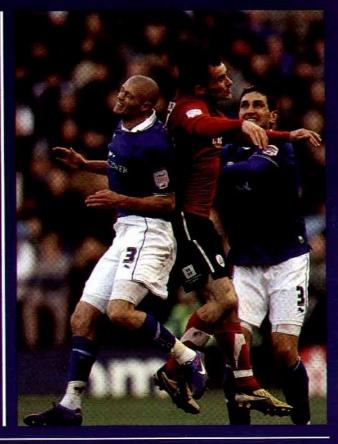
bee if you can answer the questions all about Leicester City Football Club. Here's a hint - all the answers can be lound in the heritage section of this Issue of the Matchday Magazine!

- What was the total number of goals scored by Leicester City in 1953/54?
- 2. Name a Leicester City player who went on to become a manager of Swindon Town.
- How many times did Steve Walsh play for Leicester City at Wembley?

### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

CAN YOU SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES IN THESE PHOTOS?







### WHO AM I ?

Can you work out from these clues who I am?

- 1. I was born on 5 March 1990
- I signed for the Foxes from Manchester United
- 3. My Foxes squad number is 16

### LAST MATCH MASCOTS

Sam and David were the City mascots for the clash against Nottingham Forest.



### LAST MATCH GUARD OF HONOUR

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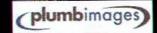












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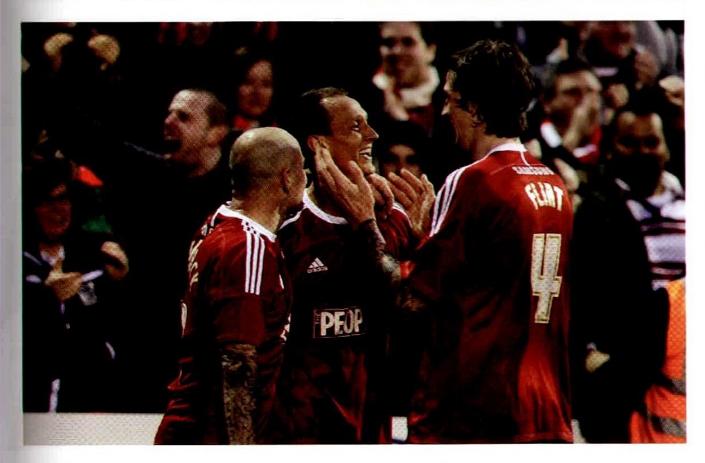
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### SWINDON TOWN: THE VISITORS





### Following last season's relegation from League One, Swindon Town returned to the lowest level of English football for the second time in five years.

any Foxes fans will remember Swindon Town for their thrilling 4-3 victory over City in the 1993 First Division Play-Off Final. The Foxes were 3-0 down but clawed the game back to 3-3, only to be beaten by a hotly-disputed late penalty, which was converted by Swindon Town's current youth team coach, Paul Bodin.

The Robins first and, to date, only appearance in the Premier League was ultimately a disappointing one. During pre-season, John Gorman took over as manager after Glenn Hoddle left for Chelsea and despite some spirited performances the Wiltshire club only recorded five wins throughout the 1993/94 campaign, conceding over 100 goals on their way to relegation.

A disappointing start the following season saw Gorman replaced by Steve McMahon, but the Robins suffered back-to-back relegations and dropped into Division Two. McMahon led Swindon back to Division One in 1996 and he remained at the County Ground for another two seasons.

A high turnover of managers followed, with the likes of Colin Todd, Roy Evans and Iffy Onoura all trying

their luck, but the club suffered relegation to Division Two and later Division Three. Dennis Wise, assisted by Gus Poyet, took over in 2006 and the Robins' form soon picked up, but Poyet and Wise left the club for Leeds United in October 2006. Paul Sturrock succeeded Wise and guided the team to automatic promotion in his first season.

In 2008 a new consortium took over the club and Sturrock was replaced by Maurice Malpas, who only lasted a few months in charge before being succeeded by Danny Wilson. Wilson kept the Robins in League One and inspired the team to the 2010 Play-Off Final, where they narrowly lost to Millwall. In the following season the team endured a slump down the league and Wilson resigned. His replacement, Paul Hart, failed to keep the Robins afloat and they dropped into League Two.

Paolo Di Canio was the club's big-name appointment as manager in the summer. Following a slow start, the charismatic Italian has inspired Swindon Town to a promotion challenge, as well as the notable scalp of Premier League Wigan Athletic in the last round of the FA Cup with Budweiser.

### SWINDON TOWN: THE ONES TO WATCH





### PAUL CADDIS

Signed alongside fellow Glasgow Celtic youth team graduate, Simon Ferry, in August 2010 for a combined fee, Paul Caddis is a versatile performer who can also play in midfield. He made the breakthrough as a youngster with the Glasgow giants, making his home debut for the Bhoys against Barcelona in the Champions League. He also played in the Europa League during his time at Celtic Park.

Club captain and composed central defender, Paul Caddis is a calming influence on the Swindon Town team, leading by example and providing solidity and consistency at right-back. Paul was voted the Fans' Away Player of the Year last term and has been in equally impressive form both home and away this season.

#### ADEN FLINT

A towering centre-back who signed from non-league Alfreton Town last January, Aden Flint has been a regular starter under Paolo Di Canio this season and looks more than capable of excelling in league football. Before he signed for the Robins, other Football League clubs, including Derby County and Colchester United were linked with the defender.

The 22-year-old uses his 6' 6" frame to dominate opponents in the air, both defensively and in the opponent's box at set pieces, and relishes getting stuck in to challenges on the ground. The promising defender has been capped at England C level and has played a major part in the Robin's impressive recent form.

### RAFFAELE DE VITA

Italian striker, Raffaele De Vita, joined Swindon Town last June from Scottish side Livingston and has made plenty of starts this season. A sharp striker, who shows excellent movement in the box as well as an instinct for goal, De Vita's work ethic has been crucial to the Robins this season, even though his League One goalscoring record hasn't been prolific.

The Rome-born centre forward began his professional career as a youngster with Blackburn Rovers but left the club in 2008 to join Livingston without making a first team appearance for Rovers. During his three years in Scotland, De Vita scored 22 goals in 67 league appearances for Livi. The 24-year-old signed a two-year contract with Swindon Town in the summer and will be keen to learn from countryman and former forward, Paolo Di Canio at the County Ground.

### MATT RITCHIE

Born: September 10, 1989 in Gosport, England Previous Clubs: Portsmouth, Dagenham & Redbridge (loan), Notts County (loan)

A hardworking and skilful midfielder, Matt Ritchie is the man that makes Swindon Town tick. As well as an impressive goal record, the talented 22-year-old controls games for the Robins, dictating the tempo of play and setting attacks in motion. Able to operate on either flank, or through the middle, Ritchie has attracted plenty of attention from other clubs.

Despite his relatively small stature, Ritchie is strong in the air, boasting an excellent leap and good timing to beat taller opponents to the ball. As well as silky passing and an eye for goal, Matt shows determination and desire off the ball to close markers down and win possession back for his team.

Gosport-born Ritchie began his career with his local team, Portsmouth, and after loan spells with Dagenham Redbridge and Notts County he made his Premier League debut for Pompey against Wigan Athletic in April 2010. He went on to make a handful of starts for the south coast club and was handed the number five shirt for the start of the 2010/11 campaign, before enjoying two successful loan spells with Swindon Town. A permanent move came in lanuary 2011, when Matt joined the Robins on a two-year deal for an undisclosed fee.

In his first full campaign at the County Ground, Ritchie impressed in a struggling Swindon Town side that suffered relegation from League One, as he scored seven goals in 35 league starts and was named the Fans' Player of the Year for his efforts, He has carried on in similar vein this term and looks likely to reach double figures in the goalscoring charts before the campaign is out. Di Canjo will be determined to retain the midfielder's services by the time the lanuary transfer window has closed.

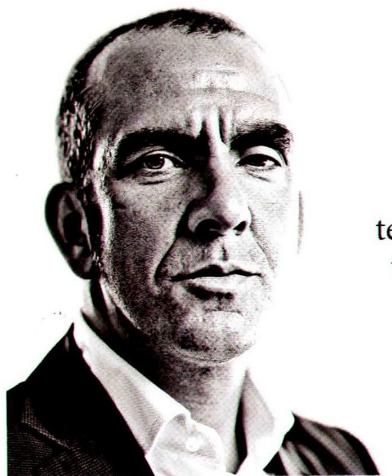
#### DID YOU KNOW?

Ritchie has been linked with moves to clubs in higher divisions, including AFC Bournemouth who had a couple of bids knocked back earlier this season, as Paolo Di Canio claimed that Ritchie was worth at least £2 million.



### SWINDON TOWN: THE GAFFER





Flamboyant and fiery, complicated and controversial, and exceptionally gifted... all of these terms have been used to describe Swindon Town manager, Paolo Di Canio, and that just covers his playing days.

ust as likely to be a hero or a villain, the enigmatic Italian possessed as much natural ability as anybody to have played in the Premier League. During his time at West Ham United, the Italian showed flashes of match-winning brilliance and scored some truly memorable goals.

Paolo began his career with his boyhood idols Lazio, spending five years with the Rome giants before moving on to play for the likes of Iuventus and AC Milan in Serie A. After falling out of favour at the San Siro, Di Canio signed for Scottish giants Glasgow Celtic in 1996. He spent just one season with the Bhoys but became a firm fans' favourite, bagging 15 goals in 37 games.

A £4.5m move to Sheffield Wednesday followed and although Di Canio's time at Hillsborough is more likely to be remembered for his push on referee Paul Alcock, and a subsequent 11-match ban, he actually ended the 1997/98 season as the Owls' top scorer. Paolo's move to West Ham United in 1999 was the perfect match of football philosophies as the passionate and skilful forward was immediately taken to heart by the Irons' faithful.

When West Ham United were relegated in 2003, Di Canio left Upton Park amidst emotional scenes and signed for Charlton Athletic. He only lasted a year at the Valley before returning to Rome to end his career with Lazio and Cisco Roma.

Di Canio was offered his first managerial post at Swindon Town last May. After a controversial start to his Robins career, which included a high-profile bust-up with striker Leon Clarke, and a spell of three straight defeats, Paolo has turned things around, guiding his team to promotion contention and through to this afternoon's FA Cup tie, having disposed of Premier League Wigan Athletic in the last round.

#### PAOLO DI CANIO

#### Born:

July 9, 1968 in Rome, Italy Playing Career:

Lazio, Ternana (loan), Juventus, Napoli, AC Milan, Celtic, Sheffield Wednesday, West Ham United, Charlton Athletic, Lazio, Cisco Roma

UEFA Cup (1993), Italian Serie A (1996), UEFA Super Cup (1994)

#### International:

9 caps and 2 goals (Italy Under-21s) Managerial Career:

Swindon Town

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Paolo won FIFA's 2001 Fair Play Award for stopping play by catching the ball, despite having an empty ne to aim at, after Everton goalkeeper Paul Gerrard went down injured in a Premier League game between the Toffees and West Ham United in December 2000.

### SWINDON TOWN: THE INSIDER



What has been your favourite memory of following the club?

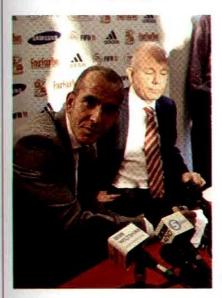
There have been plenty of memorable moments involving Mr. Di Canio. Seeing him sprint down the touchline to celebrate after a late winner at Northampton Town earlier in the season was very special. There is nowhere near enough passion in football these days, and to see someone so excited and emotional about a team he has only been associated with for a few months is good for the game.

Do you have any funny stories involving Paolo Di Canio?

Any Di Canio press conference provides amusement as he is so expressive, but recently he compared his players to Rottweilers and Chihuahuas. Also, my colleague, Gary Rose, followed the squad on their pre-season tour of Italy and was invited to join in with some five-a-sides. After being set up by a Di Canio pass he managed to miss with the goal at his mercy. Gary maintains that Paolo was not that bothered, but I bet he was seething inside.

How would you assess the team's form so far this season? Town play football well above

League Two level and could give most Championship sides a game. They look well-placed to





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Andy Warren studied at De Montfort University in Leicester and has been covering Swindon Town for the Swindon Advertiser for three months.

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get promotion and could push for the title. Di Canio keeps his players very fit, which means they are strong in the closing stages of games. They like to get the ball down and play which isn't surprising given the reputation of the manager.

What kind of job has Paolo done and what is he like as a character? Paolo has completely rejuvenated a team that was in a very low place after relegation. He has got the town talking about the Robins again and has raised the profile of the club immeasurably. As a man, he is passionate and focused, but also charming. He has a real passion for the club, which is infectious, and you can still see the Paolo Di Canio who divided so many opinions as a player.

Finally, which Swindon players should City fans look out for? Matt Ritchie, Paul Caddis and Simon Ferry have all attracted a bit of interest in the transfer window, and rightly so. The three of them work really well together and have a real understanding down the right flank. Most good things Swindon do go through these three, with Ferry bursting out of midfield, Ritchie coming in off the right flank and Caddis supporting the two well.



PAOLO DI CANIO

SIMON FERRY

### SWINDON TOWN: THE LAST TIME





#### RECENT LEAGUE FORM - THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Date	Venue	Result	Scorers	Attendance
15.11.2008	A	2-2	Oakley, Fryatt/Cox, Corr	9,499
14.02.2009	H	1-1	A.King/Cox	19,926

Whilst there have been no previous cup clashes between City and Swindon Town, there were a pair of league encounters in League 1 just three seasons ago. The Foxes had relinquished top spot the previous Friday night, as Scunthorpe United won their early weekend fixture and, on a busy day all round in mid-November, Swindon Town were also in the news with manager Maurice Malpas departing and David Byrne taking temporary charge of the Robins. A similar pattern emerged to recent games, with the encounter producing a fairly cagey first period before the Foxes upped the tempo after the break and took control.

But just as it looked as if Leicester were headed back to the summit, two goals were conceded in the final six minutes, for the second away league fixture in succession, to miss out on a vital two points away from home. It may have been a return to the script of late comebacks that had often been seen in Leicester City-Swindon Town clashes of the past, but it was certainly not appreciated by the 2,000 travelling fans as everyone would now need to regroup before a tabletopping six-pointer in Scunthorpe the following week.

There was no Valentine's Day massacre but plenty of similarities to the previous week against Oldham Athletic, as City again looked slightly below their best at the Walkers Stadium in the return fixture; yet they still created plenty of chances before having to settle for a point. This time the Foxes actually rattled the woodwork on three occasions, twice from Andy King and once from a Michael Morrison header, but City were eventually grateful for a late equaliser on an afternoon when Swindon Town appeared to have played the smash 'n' grab card to perfection.

The afternoon also marked a debut for Carl Pentney as a substitute goalkeeper after David Martin picked up a second-half rib injury, and the youngster distinguished himself with a couple of good saves as the Robins threatened on the break late in the game.

#### COMPLETE LEAGUE AND CUP HISTORY

Season	Division	Home	Away
1969-70	2	0-2	1-1
1970-71	2	3-1	1-0
1987-88	2	3-2	2-3
1988-89	2	3-3	1-2
1989-90	2	2-1	1-1
1990-91	2	2-2	2-5
1991-92	2	3-1	0-0
1992-93	1	4-2	I-I
1992-93	POF		3-4
2008-09	1**	1-1	2-2

Even though there have been no previous cup ties and relatively few league encounters, there is a distinct theme of dramatic comebacks that emerges from these past fixtures. In November 1987, City scored three goals in the final eight minutes to win the Filbert Street clash; in October 1988, three Foxes' strikes in 11 second-half minutes rescued a point in the home encounter; and, of course, three more goals in 12 minutes at Wembley again saw City come back from the dead, though without the fairytale finish on that occasion.

### FA CUP SPECIAL: THE FOURTH ROUND





#### LAST LEICESTER HAT TRICK:

25.01.1936, R4, v Watford, Filbert Street, Danny Liddle

#### LAST OPPOSITION HAT TRICK:

24.01.1998, R4, v Crystal Palace, Selhurst Park, Bruce Dyer

Watford's Frank McPherson also hit a treble in that 1936 clash as, subsequently, did Luton Town's Allan Brown, Oldham Athletic's Alan Young and Exeter City's Tony Kellow at this stage.

#### LAST LEICESTER PENALTY SCORED:

25.01.2003, R4, v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Molineux, Paul Dickov (top)
LAST OPPOSITION PENALTY SCORED:

26.01.2002, R4, v West Bromwich Albion, The Hawthorns, Neil Clement

Jack Lee scored from the spot against Preston North End en route to Wembley in 1949, while Arthur Rowley and David Nish were also successful from 12 yards in this round. An eventful tie with Norwich City in 1997 saw both City's Garry Parker and the Canaries' Neil Adams on target, while the 2000 tie with Arsenal was actually settled by a shoot out, of course.

### LAST LEICESTER OWN GOAL CONCEDED:

31.01.1961, R4, v Bristol City, Filbert Street, Ritchie Norman

LAST OPPOSITION OWN GOAL CONCEDED:

None

City's Bill Cunningham had suffered a similar misfortune the season before against Fulham.

#### LAST LEICESTER DEBUTANT:

05.02.1972, R4, v Orient, Filbert Street, Carl Jayes

#### LAST OPPOSITION DEBUTANT:

28.01.2006, R4, v Southampton, St Mary's Stadium, Darren Potter, Jim Brennan, Simon Gillett

Wartime signing Arthur E. Smith made his first class City debut also in Round Four against Brentford in 1947.

#### LAST LEICESTER PLAYER SENT OFF:

27.01.2001, R4, v Aston Villa, Villa Park, Callum Davidson (middle)
LAST OPPOSITION PLAYER SENT OFF:

29.01.2005, R4, Reading, Madejski Stadium, Ricky Newman

Darren Eadie, at Arsenal in 2000, and Neil Lennon v Norwich City in 1997 have also been red carded at this stage, as have Aston Villa's Darius Vassell in 2001, Coventry City's George Boateng in 1999, Norwich City's Matt Jackson in 1997 and Portsmouth's Jon Gittens and Tony Knight in 1995 – quite a volatile round in all.

#### LAST LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE:

19.01.2000, R4 replay, v Arsenal, Filbert Street, Sky Sports 2 (bottom)

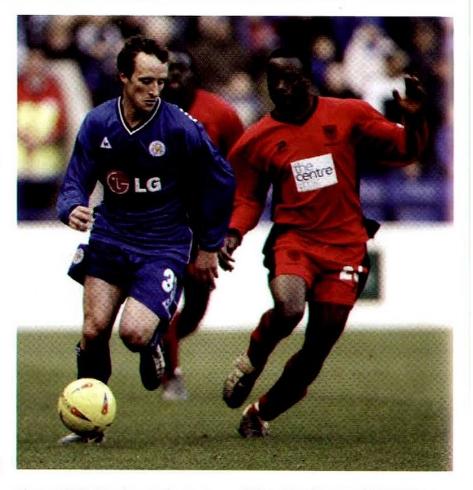
ITV had previously covered the original tie at Highbury.

### SWINDON TOWN: THE MUTUAL FRIEND



One of a handful of players to have donned the jerseys of both Swindon Town and Leicester City, the versatile Nicky Summerbee may have enjoyed more success in Wiltshire than he did in Leicester, however his arrival on Filbert Way came at a crucial time for the Foxes - and there can be little doubt that he steadied something of a 'rocking ship'.

on of former Manchester City star Mike, Nicky began his professional career with Swindon Town, progressing through the County Ground's youth ranks after being unsuccessful on trial with a host of clubs including City. Like his father before him, Nicky signed his first professional contract with the Robins in 1989 and became part of one of Swindon Town's most successful sides. During his spell as a youth team



player at Swindon, Summerbee was utilised as a centre-forward. However, upon his graduation into the firstteam, he dropped further back onto the right-hand side of midfield and - on occasion - even further back as a defender.

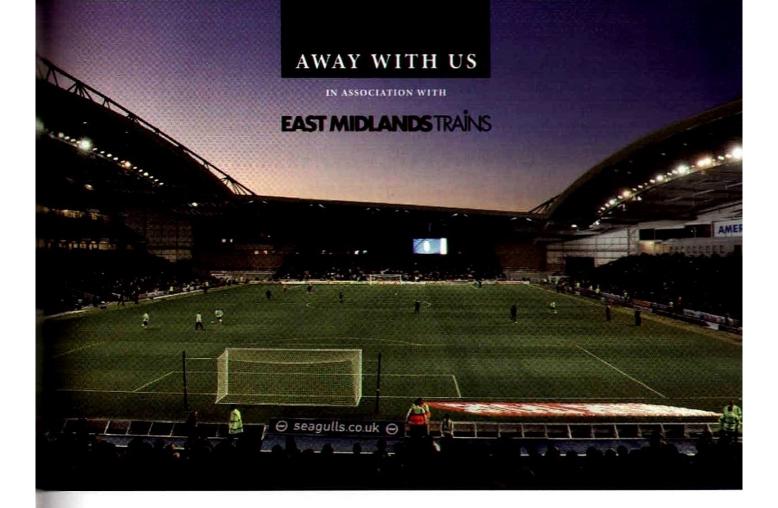
With Swindon Town, Nicky was part of the side that achieved promotion to the Premier League via the First Division play-off final victory over Leicester City in 1993 and was one of Swindon's bright sparks in the top flight. After five successful seasons with the Wiltshire outfit, Summerbee made the same switch his father made years earlier, signing for Manchester City in 1994. Nicky made over 100 appearances for Manchester City, who were relegated from the Premier League in 1997 before being transferred to Sunderland.

A further four years with the Black Cats came to an end in 2001, with Summerbee becoming something of a footballing nomad thereafter. Short spells and free transfers were regular occurrences for Nicky, who joined

Bolton Wanderers and Nottingham Forest before arriving at Leicester City in 2002.

At the time of Summerbee's arrival in Leicester, the Club had just suffered relegation from the Premier League and were in need of players to stabilise the drop and the financial consequences of relegation. It would emerge that Nicky would assist in that objective, playing for Leicester City on a non-contract, expensesonly basis and not commanding a wage from the Foxes. Incidentally, it was Nicky Summerbee's cross which found the head of Brian Deane for the first league goal at the Club's new Walkers Stadium. Summerbee made 29 appearances for the Foxes, before departing the Club at the end of the 2002/03 season.

Spells at Bradford City and the briefest of returns to Swindon Town followed; however, Summerbee called time on his playing career in 2006, following six appearances with nonleague Tamworth.



Where & When: The American Express Community Stadium, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9BL; Saturday 4 February; 3:00pm KO

What to Expect: Arguably, Leicester City's visit to the new home of Brighton & Hove Albion is one of the most eagerly-anticipated away trips of the season. The Seagulls moved into their new multi-million pound stadium in the summer, following a 14-year spell without a place they could truly call home. It's been a long time coming, but the new ground doesn't disappoint. From the outside, the ground is refreshingly original compared to some of the generic new grounds in the league. Showing exterior similarities to that of Huddersfield Town's Galpharm Stadium, the ground itself is more similar to Hull City's KC Stadium by comparison. The West Stand is the grandest of the stadium, encompassing three tiers, whilst the North, East and South Stands are all single-tiered. Away supporters are housed in the South Stand, where both the view and leg room is impressive; however, the one factor that stands out is that every seat is padded for extra comfort.

Ticket Prices: Adults £24.00; Seniors (65+) £17.00; Under-18s £12.00; Under-10s £6.00 Did You Know? The first competitive league fixture at the Amex was against Doncaster Rovers, who were ironically the last competitive league opposition at Brighton and Hove Albion's old Goldstone Ground home.

Travel Tips: From Leicester, take the M1 southbound before leaving at junction 6a, joining the M25 heading towards Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Leave the M25 at junction 7 and join the M23 continuing forward onto the A23. At the Mill Round Roundabout, take the first exit, taking the second exit at the next roundabout. At the following roundabout, take the second exit onto the A27. Branch left and at the roundabout, take the third exit onto the B2123 and follow signposts for the University of Brighton (Falmer). Parking is very limited at the ground, so catching a train to Falmer is suggested. The ground is situated right next to Falmer station – with the ground including superb access for rail users.

Fox Travel: Fox Travel is available for this fixture and will depart King Power Stadium at 9:00am. Prices start from £20.00 for adults and £18 for under-18s. For more information, visit lcfc.com or call 0844 815 5000 to book.

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he FA Cup is upon us once again; a time where the romance of a classic competition takes a hold on the entire nation. Whilst some people argue that the FA Cup has lost some of its magic – I disagree. I think that the FA Cup is a fantastic competition and I'd go so far as to say that even non-football fans can understand the brilliance and drama that it provides.

This afternoon we entertain Swindon Town in the Fourth Round of the competition and in Paolo Di Canio, they certainly have a character at the helm of the club! He was a larger than life character when he was a player – a talented player at that – and he has gone on to show that charisma in what is his first managerial post. Needless to say, he's gone on to create as many headlines as a manager as he did when he was out on the pitch! A warm welcome to Paolo and his team to King Power Stadium this afternoon.

The magic of the FA Cup is still very much alive in my opinion and on their day, any team can beat anyone. Today's opponents Swindon Town are proof of exactly that; a League Two team confidently beating a Premier League team in the Third Round. One thing is for certain – we don't want to be on the receiving end of a result such as that.

Everybody needs to be giving 100% from kick-off to the final whistle. During my time at Leicester City, I have witnessed upsets on more than one occasion.

I'm sure that City supporters will remember one close call during my era of pulling on the famous City blue. It was under the great Jimmy Bloomfield, where we were drawn against a team by the name of Leatherhead. Even now, saying that name sends a shiver down my spine! Ahead of the game at Filbert Street, Leatherhead had a player by the name of Chris 'The Lip' Kelly, who had been saying all week in the newspapers what he would be looking to do to the Leicester City players.

At half-time, Leatherhead were 2-0 up. As we sat in the dressing room, we could all envisage the headlines in the Sunday newspapers. At the time, we



were regarded by many as one of the most attractive footballing sides in the country – and we were losing to a non-league side. It wasn't often that Jimmy Bloomfield gave us a rocket – but on this occasion, he didn't hold back and he sent us out for the second half early, which we didn't need in front of our home fans.

Early in the second half, 'The Lip' rounded our keeper, Mark Wallington, and Malcolm Munro did well to clear the ball. That would have made it 3-0 and the game would have been over! But Jon Sammels, Steve Earle and Keith Weller scored the three goals needed to spare our blushes. I'd probably still be in hiding to this day had we not got the win that day!

It is a perfect example of how you need to remain switched on in FA Cup ties – anything can happen!

Away from football, details have now all been confirmed for our 'One In A Million' Dinner in aid of our ten partner charities. I know that things are tight at present, but it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at the event on Saturday 25 February. Every penny raised will be donated to the charities and I'm sure many of you will be touched by the work of these charities in the future.

It promises to be a great night, with

some of the Club's great players – past and present – in attendance and a real chance to rub shoulders with some of the people that have shaped Leicester City's history over the years. You can find more details on page 25 of this very magazine.

Once again, I will be coming around with our new 'One In A Million' wristbands, which are available for just £1. If you can donate more, that would be brilliant – but I'll be trying to twist your arm into buying one – after all, it will be going on your arm anyway!

Finally – I just want to mention the fantastic gesture which was shown by the Club's owners and Chief Executive Susan Whelan on Monday evening. With the game being broadcast on SKY, the Club gave away free scarves for the hundreds of Leicester City supporters who made the trip down to the south coast, in addition to a voucher entitling the holder to a free pie and pint to keep everybody going. It was a wonderful atmosphere created by the supporters and an incredibly generous token from Vichai, Top and Susan.

Fingers crossed for today – let's never forget what almost happened against Leatherhead!

Dr. Birch





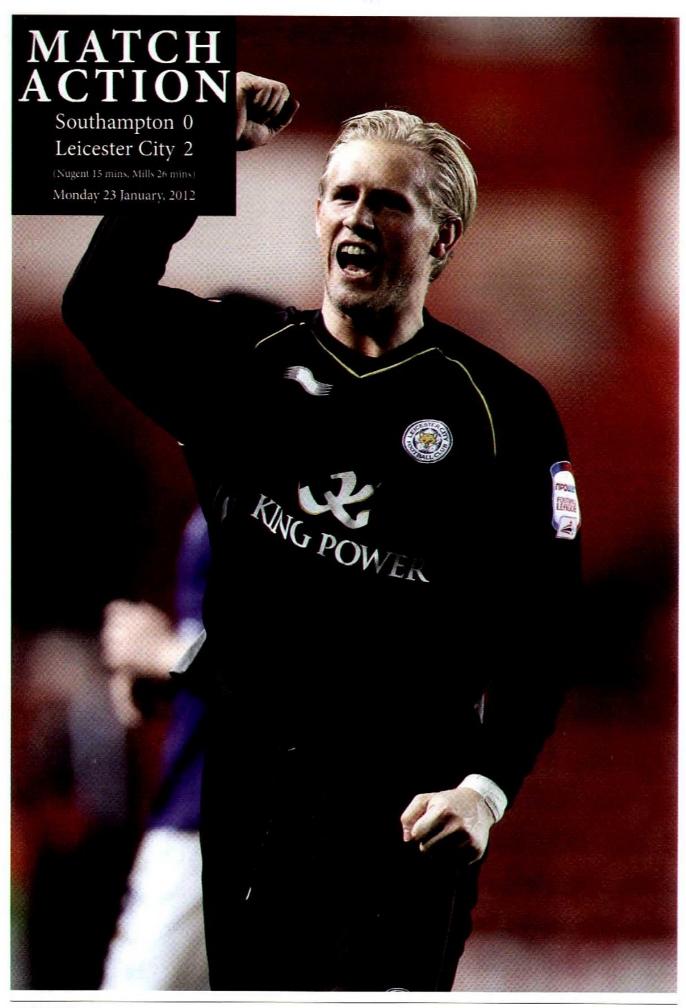


























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Today's encounter with Swindon Town is Leicester City's 20th meeting with the Robins in all competitions. The first came in September 1969, where Lenny Glover salvaged a point in a 1-1 draw at the County Ground, whilst arguably

the most memorable game in the 1993 First

Division Play-Off Final (pictured).





# Leicester City Season 2011-12



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Pos	Name	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	West Ham Utd	27	16	5	6	43	24	19	53
2	Southampton	27	15	5	7	50	30	20	50
3	Cardiff City	27	13	10	4	44	29	15	49
4	Middlesbrough	27	12	9	6	31	28	3	45
5	Hull City	27	14	3	10	28	25	3	45
6	Birmingham City	26	12	7	7	42	26	16	43
7	Blackpool	27	11	9	7	43	34	9	42
8.	Reading	27	12	6	9	34	27	7	42
9	Leeds Utd	27	12	6	9	43	38	5	42
10	Brighton & HA	27	12	5	10	30	29	1	41
11	Derby County	27	12	5	10	31	33	-2	41
12	Burnley	27	12	4	11	39	33	6	40
13	Leicester City	27	10	8	9	36	30	6	38
14	Crystal Palace	27	10	7	10	26	27	-1	37
15	Barnsley	27	10	6	11	38	42	-4	36
16	Peterborough Utd	27	9	6	12	45	44	1	33
17	Portsmouth	26	8	7	-11	29	29	0	31
18	Watford	27	7	9	11	28	39	-11	30
19	Bristol City	27	8	6	13	25	37	-12	30
20	Millwall	27	7	8	12	27	35	-8	29
21	Ipswich Town	27	8	4	15	38	54	-16	28
22	Nottingham Forest	27	7	3	17	22	44	-22	24
23	Doncaster Rovers	27	6	5	16	23	45	-22	23
24	Coventry City	27	5	7	15	23	36	-13	22

Statistics correct as of January 27 2012

#### THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Saturday, 28 January 2012		
FA Cup with Budweiser, Fourth Round		
Liverpool v Manchester Utd	12:45	
Blackpool v Sheffield Wednesday	15:00	
Bolton Wanderers v Swansea City	15:00	
Derby County v Stoke City	15:00	
Hull City v Crawley Town	15:00	
Leicester City v Swindon Town	15:00	
Millwall v Southampton	15:00	
QPR v Chelsea	12:00	
Sheffield Utd v Birmingham City	15:00	
Stevenage v Notts County	15:00	
West Bromwich Albion v Norwich City	15:00	
Brighton & HA v Newcastle Utd	17:15	
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Peterborough Utd v Portsmouth	15:00	
Reading v Bristol City	15:00	
Sunday, 29 January 2012		
FA Cup with Budweiser, Fourth Round		
Sunderland v Middlesbrough	13:30	
Arsenal v Aston Villa	16:00	

	Sat	13	H	Reading	0-2	23,399	851
	Wed	17	H	Bristol City	1-2	20,794	436
	Sat	20	A	Nottingham Forest	2-2	24,426	4,080
192	Tue	23	A	Bury (LGCP)	4-2	3,779	1,023
SER	Sat	27	H	Southampton +	3-2	23,808	2,682
Sep	Sat	10	A	Barnsley	1-1	10,862	2,163
	Sat	17	H	Brighton & HA	1-0	24,128	2,030
	Wed	21	A	Cardiff City (LGCP) ++	2-2	8,697	485
	Sun	25	A	Cardiff City	0-0	21,154	579
	Wed	28	A	Middlesbrough	0-0	16,883	615
Oct	Sat	01	H	Derby County	4-0	22,496	1,324
	Sun	16	A	Birmingham City	0-2	17,102	1,249
	Wed	19	H	Watford	2-0	20,304	374
	Sat	22	H	Millwall	0-3	21,991	501
	Sat	29	A	West Ham Utd	2-3	30,410	2,968
Nov	Tue	01	A	Burnley	3-1	13,286	744
	Sun	06	H	Leeds Utd	0-1	27,720	3,319
	Sun	20	Н	Crystal Palace	3-0	22,449	1,143
	Sat	26	A	Portsmouth	1-1	14,391	1,403
	Tue	29	H	Blackpool	2-0	21,578	661
Dec	Sat	03	A	Hull City	1-2	21,148	2,307
700	Sat	10	Н	Peterborough Utd	1-1	25,948	
	Sat	17	A	Doncaster Rovers	1-2	9,461	2,218
	Mon	26	H	Ipswich Town	1-1	27,091	1,004
	Sat	31	Н	Portsmouth	1-1	25,356	ILIC-YUVUT
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	Sat	07	A	Nottingham Forest (84C3)	0-0	18,477	7,848
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	Sat	24	H	Hull City	15:00		
	Sat	31	A	Peterborough Utd	15:00		
Apr	Sat	07	H	Doncaster Rovers	15:00		
	Mon	09	A	Ipswich Town	19:45		
	Sat	14	A	Millwall	15:00		52
	Tue	17	H	Burnley	19:45		72/0
	Sat	21	Н	West Ham Utd	15:00	Yaka	
	Sat	28	A	Leeds Utd	12:30		

Opponents

Tue 09 A Rotherham (LGCP)

Aug Sat 06 A Coventry City

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<sup>†</sup> Denotes an own goal in this fixture † † Denotes a 7-6 loss on penalties



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## NEXT UP at King Power Stadium

## **MIDDLESBROUGH**

Wednesday 1 February | 7.45pm



Pollowing this afternoon's FA Cup encounter with Swindon Town, Leicester City welcome Middlesbrough to King Power Stadium for the opening game of February.

Boro's fortunes have been changed dramatically this season, despite a tough start to 2012, thanks to the management of Tony Mowbray, who has lifted the club from mid-table mediocrity to genuine promotion candidates.

Utilising young players from the club's academy, Middlesbrough possess a young, hungry side that are passionate for the Boro cause, an ethos sure to have been passed down from former player Mowbray. A native of Cleveland, it was with his beloved Middlesbrough that Mowbray began his playing career back in 1982 – with the defender going on to make 348 appearances for Boro

before his departure to Celtic in 1991.

With players in all positions chipping in with goals for the Riverside outfit this term, Middlesbrough's strength can be seen all over the pitch, with Dutch striker Marvin Emnes leading the goalscoring trail this term, ably assisted by the duo of Barry Robson and Scott McDonald, who are close to achieving double-figures themselves this season.

The side have been dealt a blow, with midfielder Nicky Bailey missing for the foreseeable future, following a medial knee ligament injury. The former Southend United man has been a virtual ever-present in Boro's starting eleven this term, adding tenacity in the middle of the pitch that have often ended in goals through his creative performances.

City will be hoping to go one better than the 0-0 draw that was played out at the Riverside Stadium earlier this season, a result that, at the time, was the Foxes' second consecutive goalless draw. Jermaine Beckford came close, missing the target with a looping header, whilst recently departed Yuki Abe shot wide in the second-half with neither team able to break the deadlock.

In past meetings on home soil, Leicester City have enjoyed significant dominance over Middlesbrough, winning 17 of the 39 encounters played between the two sides over the years. Middlesbrough have only departed Leicester with three points on nine occasions, whilst 13 games have ended as a draw. The last meeting between the two sides on Filbert Way took place last season and was one of those 13 drawn fixtures, with neither side able to gain a foothold in the game despite DJ Campbell going close with a long-range free-kick.

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### Leicester City

Manager: Nigel Pearson

1	Kasper Schmeichel					
2	Lee Peltier					
3	Paul Konchesky					
4	John Pantsil					
5	Matt Mills					
6	Sol Bamba					
7	Paul Gallagher					
8	Matt Oakley					
9	Steve Howard					
10	Andy King					
11	Lloyd Dyer					
12	Sean St. Ledger					
13	Darius Vassell					
14	Martyn Waghorn					
15	Bruno Berner					
16	Danny Drinkwater					
17	Michael Johnson					
18	Franck Moussa					
19	Richie Wellens					
20	Jermaine Beckford					
23	Neil Danns					
24	Nathan Delfouneso					
27	Jeff Schlupp					
30	Tom Kennedy					
33	Aleksandar Tunchev					
34	Liam Moore					
35	David Nugent					
36	George Taft					

#### Swindon Town

Manager: Paolo Di Canio





1	Mattia Lanzano	Italian goalkeeper who joined the club last summer
3	Callum Kennedy	Determined left-back; previously loaned to Rotherham United
4	Aden Flint	Promising defender signed from Alfreton Town last year
5	Joe Devera	Skilful defender who was Paolo Di Canio's first signing
7	Paul Caddis	Club captain; played Champions League football with Glasgow Celtic
8	Simon Ferry	Talented midfielder who, like Caddis, was signed from Celtic
9	Paul Benson	Prolific goalscorer with Dagenham & Redbridge; signed in January
10	Matt Ritchie	Highly-rated goalscoring winger and Swindon Town's creative spark
11	Etiënne Esajas	Dutch midfielder; formerly of Sheffield Wednesday
12	Alan McCormack	Irish midfielder released from Charlton Athletic last summer
13	Oliver Risser	Much-travelled Namibian international midfielder
14	Jordan Pavett	Won Samsung's 'Win A Pro Contract' to sign for the club
15	Nathan Thompson	Youth team graduate and promising right-back
17	Alan Connell	Predatory striker; bagged 25 goals for Grimsby Town last term
19	Luke Rooney	Exciting winger recently signed from Gillingham
21	Lander Gabilondo	Spanish winger who previously played for Osasuna
23	Raffaele De Vita	Italian striker signed from Livingston last summer
24	Jonathan Smith	Promising midfielder signed from non-league York City
26	Phil Smith	Experienced goalkeeper in his sixth season with the Robins
27	Alessandro Cibocchi	Italian left-back signed in July 2011 following a successful trial
28	Miles Story	Teenage striker with three substitute appearances this season
29	Lukáš Magera	6' 4" Czech Republic international striker
31	Billy Bodin	Attacking midfielder and son of Swindon legend, Paul
34	Ronan Murray	Irish striker on-loan from Ipswich Town
35	Wesley Foderingham	Former England youth international goalkeeper
38	Mehdi Kerrouche	Algerian striker signed from UAE side Al-Oruba

<sup>\*</sup>Squad lists correct at time of print.

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

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