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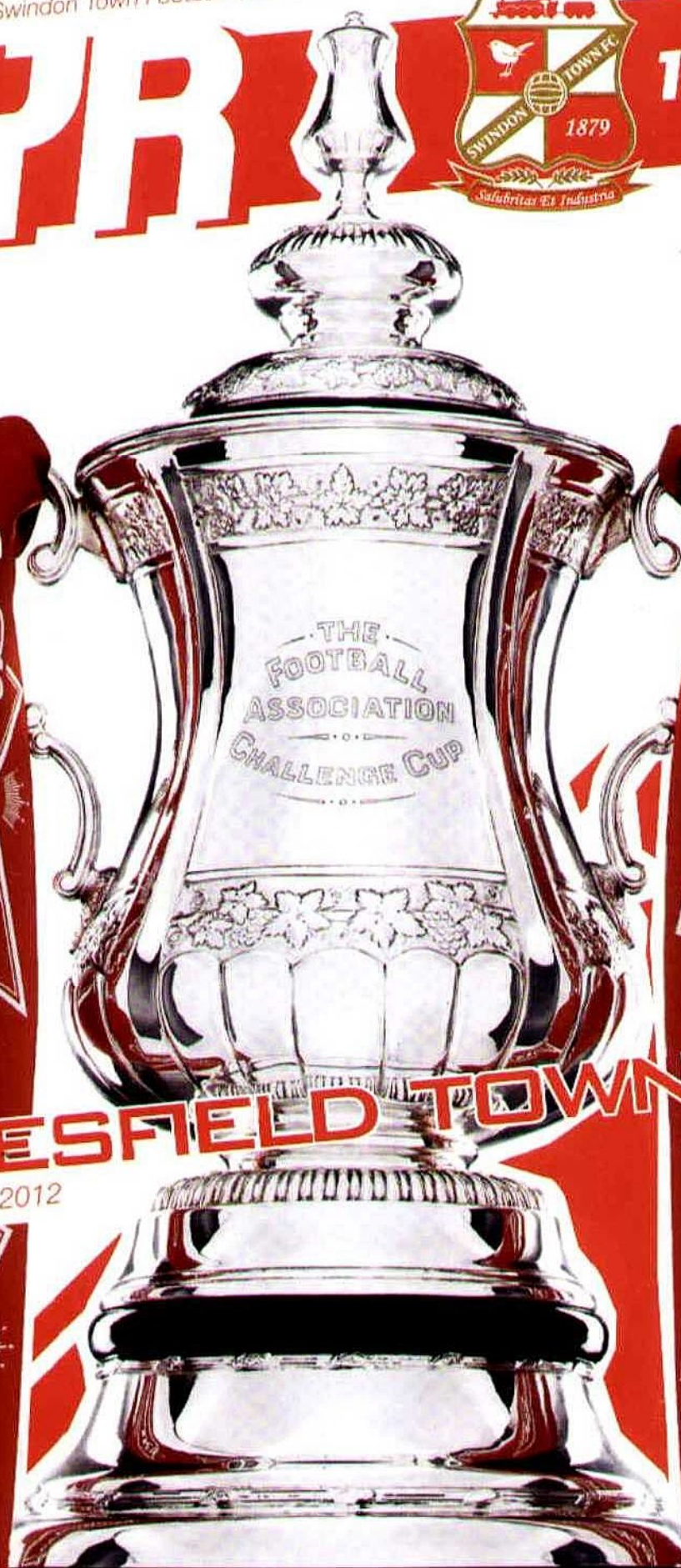
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Paolo Di Canio...

The Town boss was proud of the efforts of his players in midweek and is calling for another big performance today in the FA Cup first round...

On the Capital One Cup...

I was very proud of the players on Tuesday night against Aston Villa. We nearly completed what would have been an amazing comeback but I thought we dominated the game. At times we didn't read the situation properly but the players put in a tremendous effort. We created chances to win the game but the finish at the end from Benteke was the picture of the game. It wasn't a typical cup game with just energy and physical presence; we played football in the right way. We were on top all game and in the second half we played some fantastic football. Aston Villa made the most of their opportunities. We had ten or 12 chances and scored only twice but we have to accept the result. For the first time after a game I was more positive than negative.

On the atmosphere...

FANS were amazing for us and it was a special evening. We had a very good atmosphere and we now have to move forward and take the best from the game. We know today will be tough because we will not have the same level of support that we had the other night, but I hope that those who come to watch us in the FA Cup today will be right behind us all the game.

On team selection...

I will choose my players thinking about the next game. The situation we have has forced me to be careful. Andy Williams

On today's visitors...

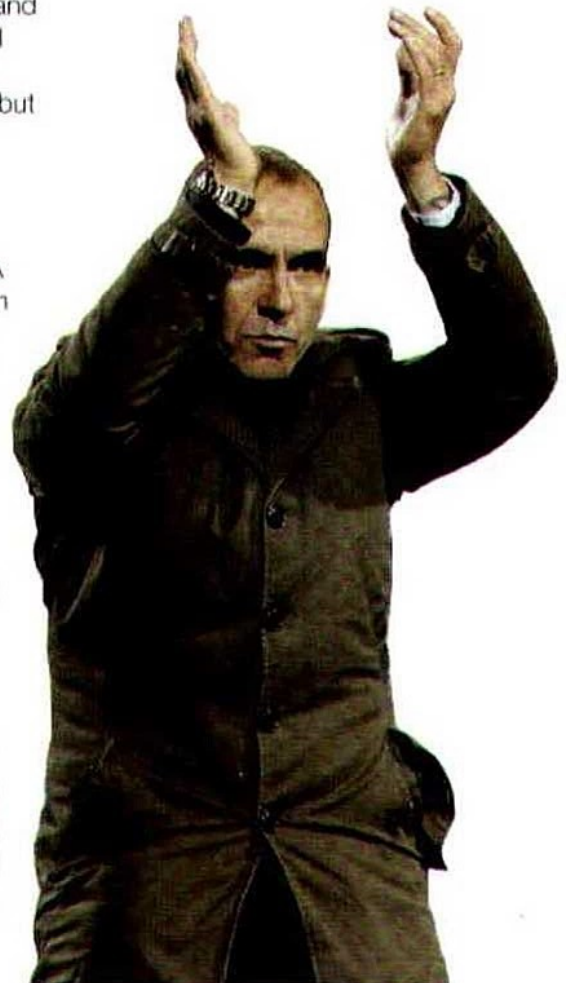


WE must not underestimate Macclesfield. We have more details on them than we did Aston Villa because we have everything to lose with this game. It is a 50:50 contest and anything is possible. The gap is close because Macclesfield were a League Two side last season and they beat us away from home. It will not be an easy game. We don't have fantastic memories of playing against Macclesfield - we won at home and lost away.

couldn't train on Wednesday and Tommy Miller has a dead leg. I will play a team to give us the best chance to win the game but we cannot risk injuries to key players.

On the FA Cup...

I still feel the magic of the FA Cup. It is a special competition and since I was young it was my dream to go forward and play in the competition. Today we have a chance to win the game and get through to the second round. Last season we had a very good run in the FA Cup and we have many good memories from those times. I hope we can make more memories.





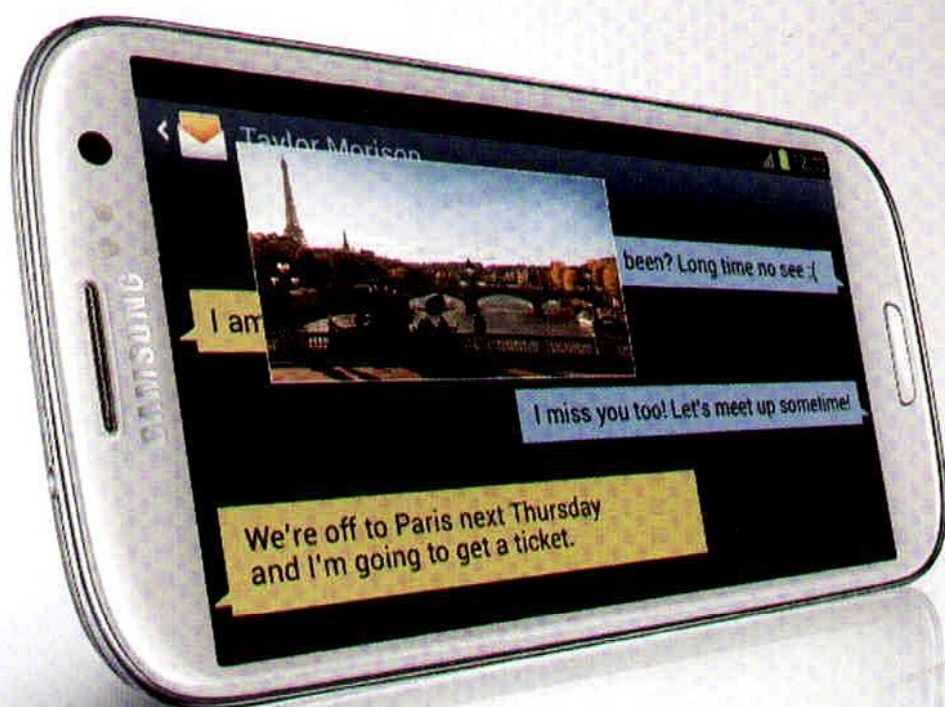
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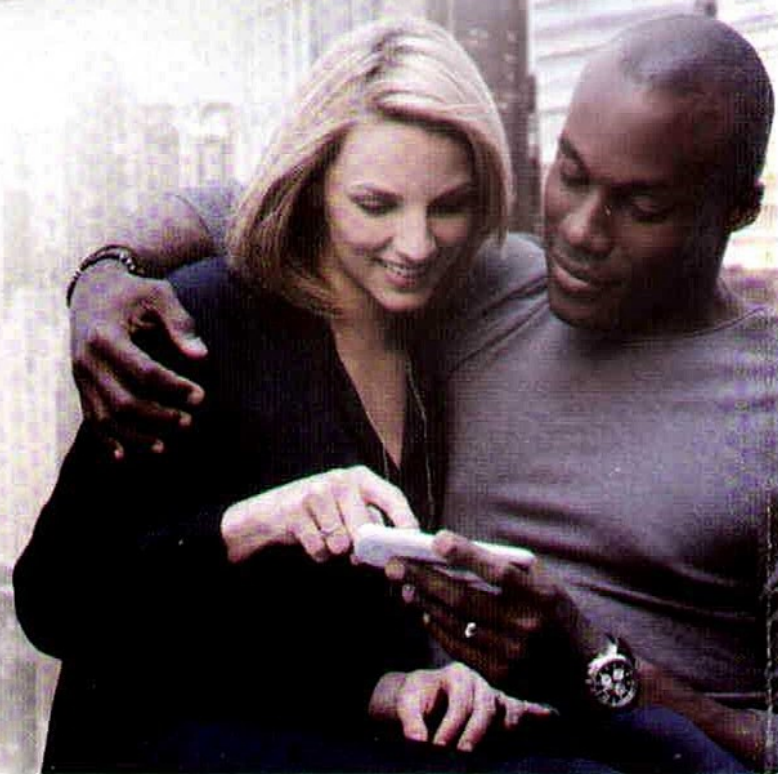


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Alan McCormack...

Today the attention turns to the FA Cup and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the start of what hopefully will be another successful run in the competition...

SADLY our involvement in the Capital One Cup came to an end at the fourth round stage on Tuesday night against Aston Villa. It was a game of two halves really but despite going 2-0 down, we created plenty of chances. Villa kept the ball very well and showed their quality and they made us work hard. In the second half we were superb and dominated, which has been the story of the season. This time we scored twice and got back into the game with two fantastic goals. The goal we conceded at the end was hard to take, but overall it was a fantastic performance. Villa probably only had four of five chances compared to our eight, nine or even ten chances. They showed their quality and composure in front of goal whereas we didn't take a shot early enough, we missed the target at certain times, we didn't attack the space but I've got to give credit to the lads. We showed how good we are and that once again we can mix it with teams at a higher level.

I must mention and congratulate Miles Storey for a superb effort on Tuesday night. He has worked very hard to get his chance in the team and the manager can see the potential in him. He has kept listening and kept his head down, taking advice from the rest of the lads and if he keeps improving I am sure he will be involved a lot more.

The atmosphere on Tuesday night was fantastic. When we got the game back to 2-2 we really believed we could go on and win the game and were still creating chances. Villa found it very hard to defend some of Matt Ritchie's deliveries which were superb. Now we have to keep going and despite

the disappointment of being out of the Capital One Cup, we certainly gave Premier League opposition a real scare.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the lads in midweek. The noise levels were incredible and every attack that went in you could feel the ground shaking at times and that has an effect no matter what team you play against. When it's a packed house and the home fans are cheering, it gives you that lift no matter what. Hopefully a fair few of those fans will be back at The County Ground to back us once again and please keep the noise levels up.

As one door closes, another opens with the FA Cup trail beginning this afternoon against Macclesfield Town. We played against them twice last season and know that they will be a dangerous side to face. We've got to show our quality and why we're playing at a higher level than Macclesfield. This is going to be one of our toughest games so far.



Alan McCormack: Leading the way

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afternoon.**



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THE VISITORS:



Macclesfield Town

Today's visitors come to SN1 on the back of a 1-0 away victory against Grimsby Town last weekend and will arrive at The County Ground with nothing to lose...

Last five...



Formation...

4-4-2

Craig Braham-Barrett



THE left-back joined the Silkmen in the summer after impressing new boss Steve King in a pre-season trial at the Moss Rose. The former Charlton Athletic trainee played under King during a spell at Farnborough Town.

John Paul Kissock



THE midfielder joined Macclesfield Town on an initial six-month loan deal from Luton Town. He made 25 first team appearances for the Hatters in the 2011/12 season, including the play-off final.

Keiran Murtagh



Carl Martin



STARTED his career in non-league with Wealdstone before signing for League Two side Crewe Alexandra in October 2009. He featured in Alex's successful play-off campaign, but was released and joined the Silkmen in August.

Ryan Jackson



Lance Cronin



THE Brighton-born stopper was one of Steve King's first signings of the summer. He has played in the Football League with Wycombe Wanderers and Gillingham. He is also a former Swindon Town trialist.



The gaffer...

STEVE King is the man charged with the restoring the Silkmen's fortunes. King's reputation as a manager with a track record of success was built at Lewes. After a brief spell with near neighbours Northwich Victoria, King was to enjoy more success at Farnborough. He left the club at the end of the season, enjoyed a second spell at Lewes before signing his deal with the Silkmen this summer.

Form guide...

THE Silkmen have made a solid start to life in the Blue Square Premier currently sitting in 7th place. After losing their opening game, they won six of their next seven. A win over Braintree in early September preceded three draws and three defeats before they registered three points at Grimsby last weekend. A 3-1 win over Marine in the qualifying round set up this afternoon's tie at The County Ground.

Last match stats...

○ Grimsby Town 0 ○ Macclesfield Town 1



goals



possession



corners



fouls



cards

Chris Holroyd

32



THE Macclesfield-born forward joined the Silkmen on loan until January and opened his account on his debut at Lincoln as a substitute. This was followed up with a hat-trick against local rivals Stockport County.

Matthew Barnes-Homer

9



THE frontman began his career at Wolves before moving across the Atlantic to spend two years in America with Rochester Raging Rhinos, Syracuse Salt Dogs and Virginia Beach Mariners.

Sam Wedgbury

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THE 23-year old former Worcester City midfielder is in his third season at the Moss Rose having joined the Silkmen ahead of the 2010/11 campaign following his release from Sheffield United.

Peter Winn

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WINN joined the Silkmen from Stevenage in the summer, offering both pace and width to Steve King's attacking options. The 23-year old is two games away from his 100th senior league appearance.

Pablo Mills

34



THE Silkmen added to their options with the capture of former Derby, Rotherham and Crawley man Mills at the end of August. Comfortable in midfield or defence, he has notched up close to 350 senior appearances.

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	M'FIELD	DRAWS	SWINDON
League	2	0	2
Total	2	0	2

Off the bench...

FORMER Swindon Town winger Anthony McNamee joined the Silkmen at the end of August and has made four appearances for the club so far this term, although was an unused substitute in the 1-0 win at Grimsby Town last weekend. 23-year old frontman Waide Fairhurst scored twice in the first three games of the campaign and is another option for Steve King off the bench, alongside youngster Jack Mackreth.

On the match...

SWINDON Town's home record against Macclesfield Town reads two wins from two, whilst their opponents have won both of the reverse fixtures. The most recent meeting between the two clubs came at The County Ground in January with Paul Benson's 76th minute goal enough to seal the points in League Two. Today's game is the first ever meeting between the clubs in the FA Cup.

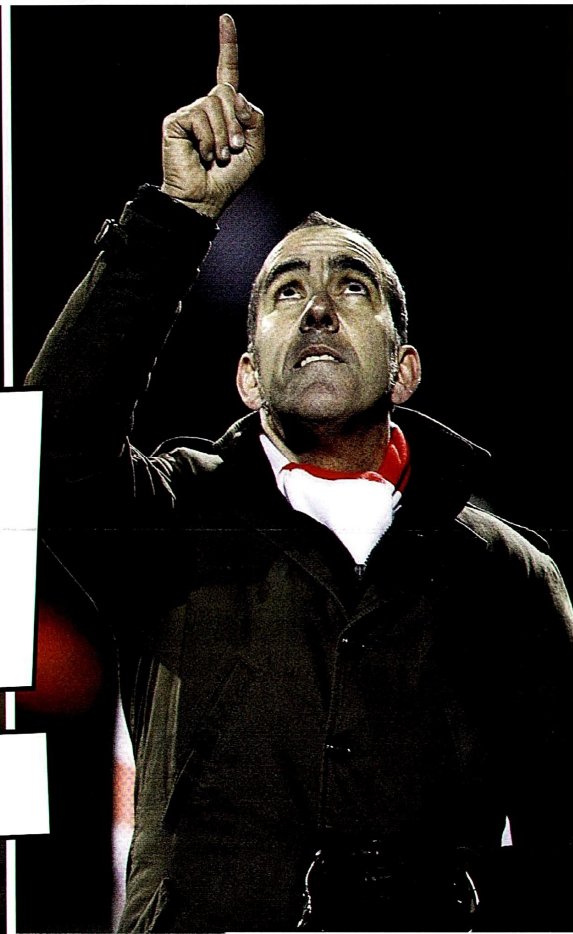
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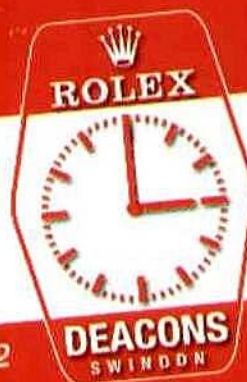
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| | 2 | Troy ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE |
| | 3 | Jay McEVELEY |
| | 4 | Aden FLINT |
| | 5 | Joe DEVERA |
| | 6 | Alan NAVARRO |
| | 7 | Luke ROONEY |
| | 8 | Simon FERRY |
| | 9 | James COLLINS |
| | 10 | Matt RITCHIE |
| | 11 | Gary ROBERTS |
| | 12 | Alan McCORMACK (CAPT) |
| | 14 | Paul BENSON |
| | 15 | Nathan THOMPSON |
| | 16 | Andy WILLIAMS |
| | 18 | Tommy MILLER |
| | 19 | Louis THOMPSON |
| | 20 | Miles STOREY |
| | 21 | Federico BESSONE |
| | 22 | Darren WARD |
| | 23 | Raffaele DE VITA |
| | 28 | Adam ROONEY |
| | 30 | Leigh BEDWELL (GK) |
| | 32 | Chris SMITH |
| | 33 | John BOSTOCK |

Macclesfield Town

Manager: Steve KING

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| | 1 | Lance CRONIN (GK) |
| | 2 | Ryan JACKSON |
| | 5 | Nathaniel BROWN (CAPT) |
| | 6 | Kieran CHARNOCK |
| | 7 | Jack MACKRETH |
| | 8 | Keiran MURTAGH |
| | 9 | Matthew BARNES-HOMER |
| | 10 | Amari MORGAN-SMITH |
| | 11 | Peter WINN |
| | 14 | Tony DIAGNE |
| | 16 | Junior YIADOM |
| | 17 | Sam WEDGBURY |
| | 18 | Charlie HENRY |
| | 19 | John Paul KISSOCK |
| | 20 | Waide FAIRHURST |
| | 22 | Craig BRAHAM-BARRETT |
| | 23 | Anthony McNAMEE |
| | 29 | Ben MILLS |
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