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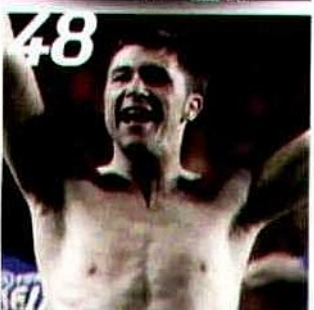
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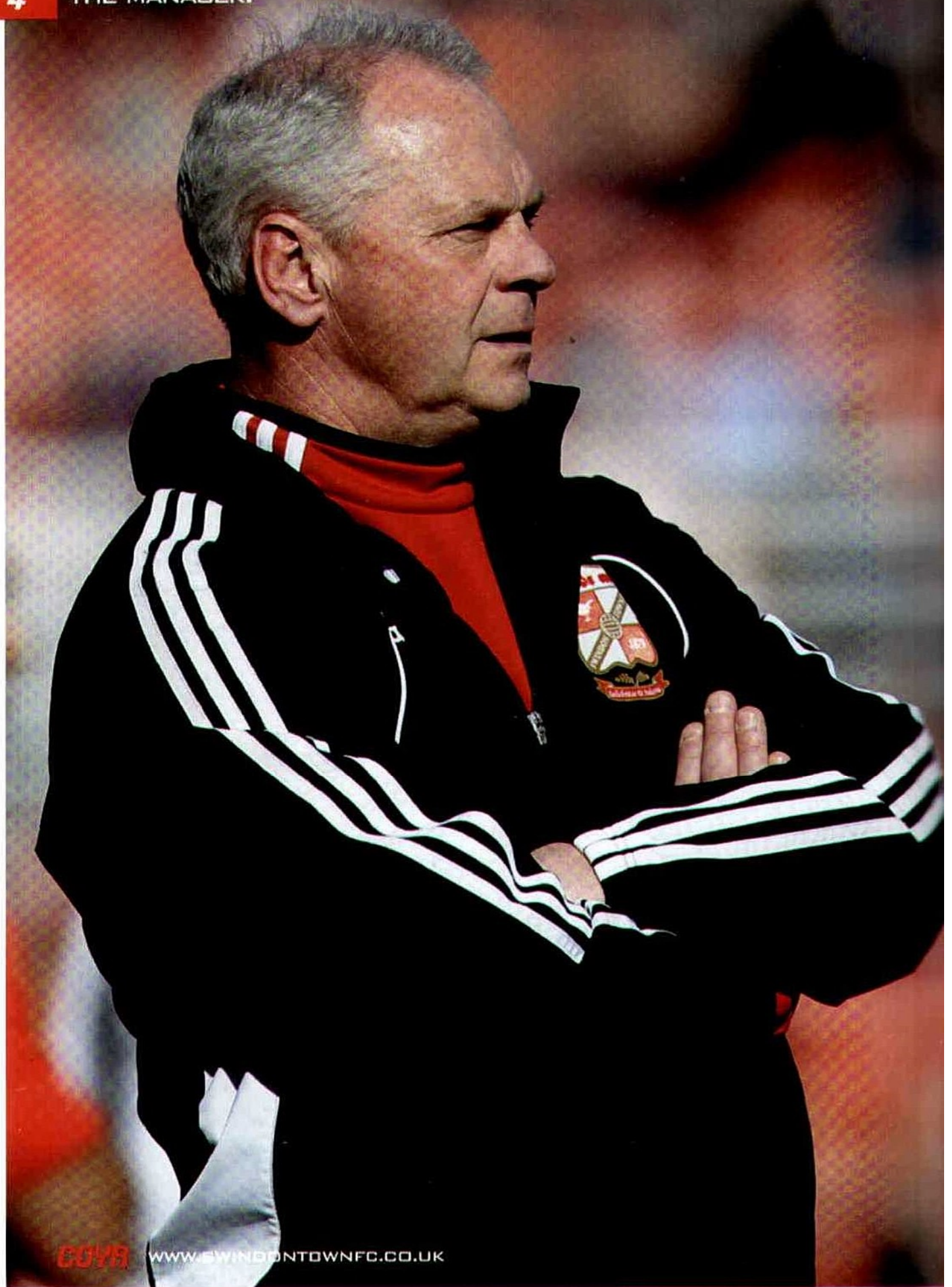
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# Kevin MacDonald

**Good** afternoon and welcome to this Play-Off semi-final first leg encounter against Brentford. I would like to welcome Uwe Rösler, his backroom team and the directors and fans of Brentford who have made the journey along the M4 to be at The County Ground...

**TODAY** is a great opportunity for both sides but I am sure being at home for this first leg, our supporters will be vocal right the way through the game. The support has been outstanding since I have been at the club and I'm confident that there will be a great atmosphere around the ground today for what is a very special fixture.

These are exciting times and there has been a real buzz around the place in the build-up to today's game. The players here are excited about the game and I am sure the same goes for all the players, fans and staff involved with all Play-Off teams up and down the country.

The away game at Brentford was my third as Swindon manager so they're a side that we know plenty about. It was a very good game and we played very well for the first hour. We took the lead but Brentford came back into it in the final stages. I am sure today's game will also prove to be very close. Play-Off games will be all about who can grasp the nettle or make the fewest mistakes; we think we can match anybody but it may take a flash of brilliance from someone or a decision to go in our favour to win through to Wembley.

We come into today's game on the back of consecutive home wins at The County Ground. Although we lost at Scunthorpe last weekend, we have played very well in each of our last three fixtures. The players have trained at the stadium for most of this week as the surface at the training ground has been a bit hard, so I must thank Marcus Cassidy, Head Groundsman, for his understanding this week. Hopefully the players will have benefitted from training on such

a good playing surface and they can continue from where they left off against Stevenage a few weeks ago with a winning performance.

In terms of injuries we welcomed Tommy Miller back into the first team last weekend at Scunthorpe and he should be available again this afternoon. Alan Navarro and Simon Ferry have also taken part in training this week so hopefully they will be there or thereabouts for selection too. Even though we are missing a few experienced players through injury, the likes of Jay McEveley have a part to play over these Play-Offs. Jay has been through a lot and I am sure he will be supporting the players and passing his experience onto some of the younger lads.

This year has been another turbulent one for Swindon Town Football Club but the Play-Offs are there to be enjoyed. Our supporters have been fantastic to the football club and to the first team so please get right behind the players again this afternoon and let's hope we can take the right result back to Griffin Park on Monday for the second leg.



**Kevin MacDonald:** 'A real buzz'

**Get right behind the players again this afternoon and let's hope we can take the right result back to Griffin Park...**

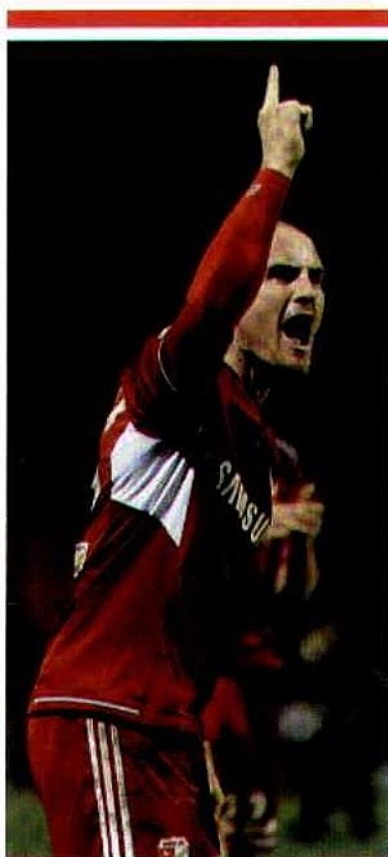
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# Alan McCormack...

**These** are very exciting times to be involved at Swindon Town Football Club and we are all looking forward to these Play-Off games. We have had a good week of training behind us and we're ready to get started.



**McCormack:** Fighting for promotion

**WHEN** you look at the season as a whole there is a little bit of disappointment that we didn't go straight up, but I am sure Brentford will be feeling the same after last weekend. We have had enough time to get our heads down and to concentrate on the Play-Offs and I am sure there will be an unbelievable atmosphere at both games. There is a lot of excitement around the place but I am sure there will be a few nerves around the grounds too.

This is my fourth season involved in the Play-Offs. I was involved twice with Preston North End, although didn't play, but played in the semi-finals for Southend United against Doncaster Rovers. At one stage last week I thought we would be lining up against Doncaster again this weekend but it wasn't to be. We now face Brentford and they're a side who we know all about having played against them quite recently at Griffin Park, where I thought we deserved to get

have to be at our best to get past them to reach the final.

Today we start our Play-Off journey at The County Ground and have home advantage first. We have to treat these matches as two individual games. Over the years you have seen sides take a 3-0 lead into the second leg but be turned over, so you cannot take anything for granted. We know we have to take every moment as it comes and make sure that our concentration levels are as high as they have ever been all season. We have to try and get as many goals as we can and it's good going into today's home game with back to back home wins behind us.

I am sure The County Ground will be rocking again today and there have been some memorable games here this season. On behalf of all the players I must thank you for your outstanding support throughout this season. I remember looking through the matchday programme recently and reading the number of our fans that have travelled far and wide to away games has been incredible. They spend a lot of money to come and support the side which is greatly appreciated.

A win today followed by a winning Wembley appearance would be a great way to reward you all for such brilliant backing. Rest assured we will be giving it our all to achieve success.

**On behalf of all the players  
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throughout this season.**



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something from the game. They probably had the better of it against us back in November but today will be a fresh start. Brentford have been playing very well all season and certainly won't have turned into a bad side overnight. We will







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# In The News...

**It** has been a good news week for STFC. Samsung renewed their sponsorship whilst Wes Foderingham received recognition from the PFA...

## Samsung renew sponsorship...

**SAMSUNG** Electronics UK this week renewed its Win A Pro Contract partnership with Swindon Town Football Club for the 2013/14 season.

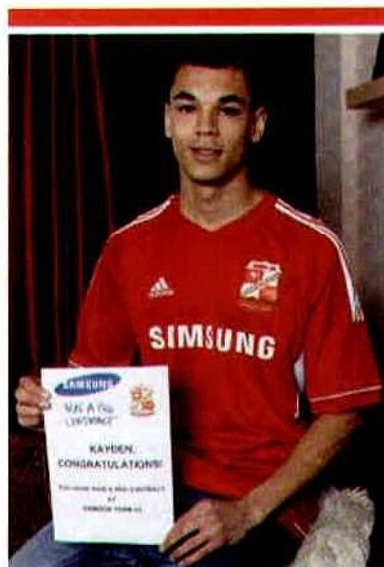
Win A Pro Contract is a nationwide competition that gives amateur footballers at the grassroots of the game the opportunity to win a one-year professional playing contract.

League One Swindon Town FC is one of three clubs signed up to a Samsung Win A Pro Contract partnership.

The two other clubs are League One Leyton Orient FC and League Two Wycombe Wanderers FC.

J Y Kim, Deputy Managing Director, Samsung UK and Ireland, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with Swindon Town FC for a fourth season.

"We are looking forward to the team performing well on the pitch, and to watching the progress of Samsung Win A Pro Contract winner 2012/2013 Kayden Jackson.



"We are very happy that Swindon Town will be working with Samsung once again on Win A Pro Contract, and providing another hard working young person with a life-changing opportunity as a professional footballer."

Jed McCrory, Chairman of Swindon Town FC, said: "I am sure all Swindon Town supporters will be delighted to hear the news that we have renewed our

partnership with Samsung.

"Samsung's support remains very important to the club, and we look forward to building on what is already a solid relationship.

"Over the past three seasons the Samsung Win A Pro Contract initiative has helped raise the profile of the club, while also proving a ground-breaking and engaging project for both parties. Kayden Jackson will join the club for pre-season training, and we wish him every success."

Samsung's Win A Pro Contract competition with Swindon Town is the subject of a three-part documentary on Sky Sports, with the final episode on this evening at 7.55pm on Sky Sports 2 HD.

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## PFA Team of the Year

**TOWN** goalkeeper Wes Foderingham has been named in the PFA League One Team of the Year.

The Town stopper has been in superb form for the Robins this term and was rewarded with a place in the League One Team of the Year. Former Town midfielder Matt Ritchie was also named in the side alongside Yeovil top scorer Paddy Madden and former Swindon man Leon Clarke.

League One Team of the Year: Wes Foderingham (Swindon); Simon Francis (Bournemouth), Robert Jones (Doncaster), Harry Maguire (Sheffield United), Charlie Daniels (Bournemouth); Matt Ritchie (Bournemouth), Luke Murphy (Crewe), Alan Judge (Notts County), David Cotterill (Doncaster); Paddy Madden (Yeovil), Leon Clarke (Coventry).





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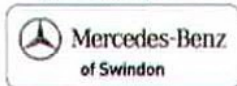
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# The game will be shown live at **The CG** on a giant screen on the pitch.



Swindon Town fan. Kevin sadly passed away last year. Vena has since been in touch, emailing the commercial

department to say:

"We want to say a huge 'Thank You' for our lovely day spent in Hospitality on Saturday 20th April. It was a truly amazing, memorable and emotional day and of course the sunshine and the great win added to it. The personal piece about Kevin that you added to the programme was wonderful and I have had great fun boasting that I had a hug from Aden Flint! The whole team that work in hospitality were fab and you all do such a fantastic job. Many thanks."

## Six-a-side tournament...

TEAM places are still available for the Corporate six-a-side

competition at The County Ground on Sunday 12th May.

This is your chance to play at the stadium so whether you want to score in front of the Town End or make a crucial save on the hallowed turf, then get a team together and book up for this event.

Squads of ten are invited to enter at a cost of £350 inc VAT. For more information please call Jo Sear on 0844 3754 345.

## Giant Screen in for Monday at The CG...

IF you are not heading to Brentford to watch Monday's second leg at Griffin Park, then the game will be shown live at The County Ground on a giant screen on the pitch.

Doors will open at 1pm with kick-off at 1.30pm for the Yeovil Town v Sheffield United game which will be shown before Town kick-off at 4.30pm. Entry will be via the Legends Lounge doors and FREE for Season Ticket holders and £1 for non Season Ticket holders.

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# vs Stevenage

**Aden** Flint scored twice (yes, twice!) in the last home game before being named MOTM...



## Man of the Match vs Stevenage



### Aden Flint

**THE** big defender played a blinder against Stevenage and struck a goal in each half to help the Robins towards three points. His first goal was a smart finish from inside the box to open the scoring before a low drive in the second half in front of the Town End rounded off the scoring. His only previous goal of the campaign came in the cup win at Stoke City.



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for a great season.***

***Best of luck in the Play-Off's!***

***From Sally & The Boys***



# Board Report...

**Today** we welcome Brentford to The County Ground for this npower League One Play-Off semi-final first leg.



**WITH** cracking weather predicted for the weekend it really seems like a great time to get behind the team and go for that big push that we need to get over the line. Today's game today is expected to attract a great crowd of around 13,000 so may I thank everyone for their continued support and creating that 12th man feeling that the team so appreciate.

We are also opening the ground on Monday so that fans not travelling to Brentford can come and experience both the Monday games. This will utilise a giant screen we are getting in for a what should be a great atmosphere on Bank Holiday Monday. There are events all over the weekend to really engage with our supporters. More details can be found in this programme and on the club website. Please come down and show your support again.

Along with the extended football season come additional financial benefits for the club including tickets sales, Sky TV coverage, additional shop sales and hospitality. These additional funds all contribute

**May I thank everyone for their continued support and creating that 12th man feeling that the team so appreciate.**

towards the goal of becoming a balanced business and are a welcome boost to the club.

Over the summer we have numerous plans, some of which have been publicised already but needless to say we are looking at significant investment in the infrastructure, both at the ground and in regards to the training facilities. Again, more details will be published as and when we have plans signed off by the relevant parties.

As we do not have a crystal ball to predict the results of the next two (hopefully three!) games, earlier this week we extended the Season Ticket Phase Two deadline until Tuesday 7th May. This means the chance for Championship football at League One prices is still there

for the taking. The uptake so far has been fantastic, please keep it going!

It's going to be a great weekend of entertainment at The County Ground so please make sure you come back to the stadium on Monday. Enjoy the atmosphere today and most of all the football; this is a great chance to secure a return to the Championship for 2013/14.

The players know they can do it so let's believe in them, show our support and make a difference.

Jed McCrory  
Chairman





# Brentford

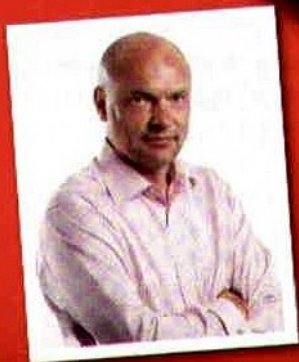
The Bees come to Town this afternoon aiming for a repeat of their League One success at The County Ground earlier in the season. Here is a look at their side...

## Last five...



## Formation...

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## The gaffer...

UWE Rosler's second full season in charge of the Bees has been a successful one. The former Manchester City striker took over the managerial hotseat in June 2011 and arrived with previous spells in charge of Lillestrom, Viking and Molde in Norway. After a ninth place finish in League One last term, he guided the side to a third place finish this time around.

## Harry Forrester

19



THE 22-year old joined Brentford days before the start of the 2011/12 season after being released by Aston Villa. He has been a regular amongst the goals this term, with 11 to his name so far.

## Tom Adey

12



## Jake Bidwell

24



BIDWELL signed from Everton on a one-month youth loan in August 2012. The 20-year-old spent six months at Griffin Park during the 2011/12 season on loan from Goodison and returned early in 2012/13.

## Kevin O'Connor

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THE 34-year old has made over 400 appearances for the Bees after joining the club in August 1999. He made 15 appearances last term and returned to the side in April for the draw at Sheffield United.

## Harlee Dean

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## Simon Moore

21



THE goalkeeper joined the club in the summer of 2009 after a trial. He had been in the youth system at Southampton and played in non-league for Brading Town, on the Isle of Wight, and Farnborough before joining The Bees.

## Form guide...

THE Bees were narrowly beaten by Doncaster Rovers on the final day of the regular league season in circumstances that grabbed national headlines. Before their home date with the Champions elect a week ago, they registered back to back away draws against Sheffield United and Hartlepool United. They ended the league campaign with 24 victories, 20 draws and 12 defeats.



## Last match stats...

● Brentford 0 ● Doncaster Rovers 1



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## Bradley Wright-Phillips

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THE striker came close to signing for the Robins in January, before moving across London to join the Bees from Charlton on loan. He has scored five times since joining Brentford and will aim to make his mark today.

## Clayton Donaldson

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BRENTFORD'S top scorer with 22 goals, the 29-year old joined the club in July 2011 from Crewe Alexandra. He scored the winner in the last League One meeting with the Robins in March at Griffin Park.

ON loan from Premier league side Norwich City, the 21-year old midfielder has been a regular for the Bees this term. He scored three goals in 36 appearances during the regular league campaign.

## Jonathan Douglas

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THE 31-year old former Town captain signed for the Bees in June 2011. He has scored four goals in 51 appearances this term although has collected ten bookings along the way.

THE central defender initially joined on loan from Southampton in November 2011 and became a regular at the heart of Brentford's back line, before agreeing a permanent deal in the summer of 2012.

## Toumani Diagouraga

20



THE rangy midfielder, a former Swindon loanee during his Watford days, completed a permanent move to Griffin Park in the summer of 2010 after a successful loan spell from Peterborough United.

## Shaleum Logan

14



THE right-back joined Brentford after leaving Manchester City in the summer of 2011. The 24-year-old has made 50 appearances this term and was Uwe Rösler's first signing as Brentford boss.

## head 2 head...

	BRENTFORD	DRAWS	SWINDON
League	27	18	31
Cup	0	1	1
League Cup	0	1	0
FA Cup	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>

## Off the bench...

ROSLE used all three substitutes in last weekend's meeting with Doncaster with Adam Forshaw, Marcello Trotta and Sam Saunders all stepping off the bench. Former Everton midfielder Forshaw has impressed of late and has 50 appearances to his name this term. 20-year old Italian Trotta, on loan from Fulham, missed the decisive penalty last weekend whilst Saunders adds experience to the ranks.

## On the match...

TODAY'S game, the first ever Play-Off meeting between the two teams, could provide either side with a big boost ahead of Monday's semi-final second leg encounter in West London. The Bees completed the double over the Robins in the regular league season with a 1-0 victory in Wiltshire in late November, before coming from behind to secure a 2-1 win at Griffin Park in March.





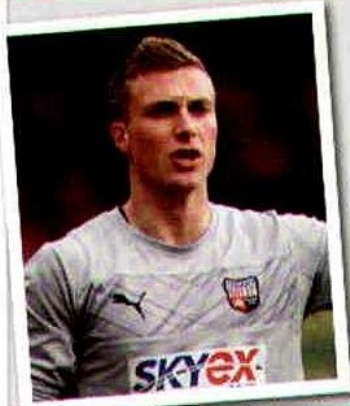
## In The Spotlight...

**Brentford** will hope these three players have a big part to play over their next two fixtures as they go in search of another big day out at Wembley...

### Goalkeeper - Simon Moore

21

2012/13 Apps: 49



**THE** goalkeeper has had a stand-out season for the Bees and was named joint Player of the Year at the club's Big Red Ball six days ago. He kept 12 clean sheets in 49 appearances during the League One season and will hope to make his mark during this Play-Off campaign. Moore arrived in the summer of 2009 after a successful trial spell. The 22-year-old was in the youth system

at Southampton and played for Brading Town, on the Isle of Wight, and Farnborough before joining the Bees. He made his debut on the final day of the 2009/10 season and his full bow on the first day of the 2010/11 campaign. He reached double figures for appearances in the 2011/12 season before establishing himself as first choice at the start of the 2012/13 season.

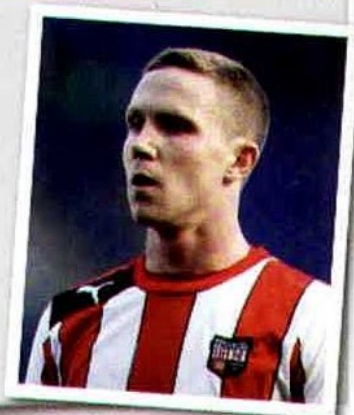
### Midfielder - Adam Forshaw

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2012/13 Apps: 50

**THE** midfielder joined Brentford from Everton in the summer of 2012. He completed a permanent move to Griffin Park at the end of a successful youth loan. The 21-year-old initially signed for for one month but that was subsequently extended until the end of the 2011/12 season and the move was made permanent in the summer. He made his

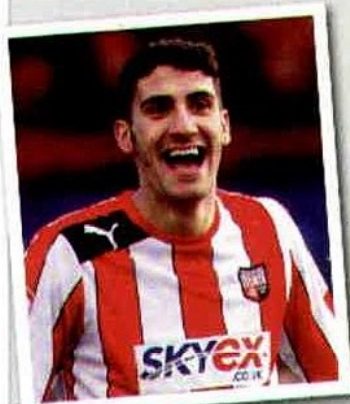
Brentford debut in a 0-0 draw against Scunthorpe United and his first start a week later against Yeovil Town. He joined Everton at the age of eight, played his first professional game for the Toffees in a Europa League tie against BATE Borisov in December 2009 and made his Premier League debut in April 2011. He could play a big part in the Play-Offs.



### Forward - Marcello Trotta

11

2012/13 Apps: 28



**TROTTA** joined Brentford on loan from Fulham in November 2012, signing a deal to keep him at Griffin Park initially until January 13 2013. The Italian joined Fulham as a 16-year-old in 2009 having been on the books of Napoli and Manchester City as a youngster. The 20-year-old turned professional in the summer of 2011 and joined Wycombe Wanderers on loan in November

2011. He scored eight goals in eight games for the Chairboys and earned a Fulham debut after returning to Craven Cottage. Trotta, who has also been on loan at Watford, has made three substitute appearances for Fulham and has been involved in the Cottagers' Premier League squad this season. The striker missed a decisive penalty at Griffin Park a week ago against Doncaster Rovers.



# Club Connections...

**Tom** Otrebski looks back at players who have represented both clubs as former Robin Jonathan Douglas returns to The County Ground this afternoon...

## Matt Heywood...

**THE** central defender played for Town during the 2003/04 play-off campaign. Heywood made 45 appearances that season and played in both legs of the Play-Off semi-final against Brighton. Despite scoring his penalty in the second-leg shoot-out, Town would bow at the first hurdle. Having made nearly 200 appearances in five years at The County Ground, Heywood departed for Bristol City before making 60 appearances in two years at Brentford. He is currently training to become a sports masseur.

## Paul Evans...

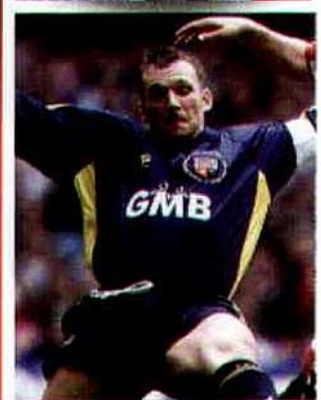
**DURING** his four year stay at Griffin Park, Evans was part of the Bees side that made the Division Two Play-Off Final at the millennium stadium in 2002. The midfielder played 90 minutes as Brentford were beaten 2-0 by Stoke City. After a spell with Nottingham Forest, Evans made 15 appearances for Town during the 2006/07 campaign. He scored three goals in his single-season stay including a stunning 40-yard free-kick against Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground. Evans is now a masseur at Championship side Leicester City.

## John Moncur...

**A** man who needs little introduction to Town fans of a certain age: 20 years ago this month, Moncur was busy setting up two of Swindon's four goals against Leicester at Wembley that helped them into the Premier League. He had made a timely return to action against Tranmere in the semi-final scoring the goal that took Town to the Twin Towers. Before his spell at SN1, the midfielder had a stint at Griffin Park on loan from Tottenham Hotspur during the 1989/90 campaign. He made five appearances scoring once.

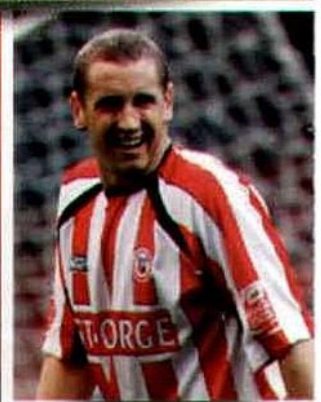
## Andy Frampton...

**FRAMPTON** played in two consecutive play-off campaigns for Brentford. In 2004/05, the Bees were knocked out in the semi-final by Sheffield Wednesday before suffering the same fate at the hands of Swansea City the following season. The defender made over 130 appearances in five years at Griffin Park before departing for Millwall. Frampton spent a loan stint with Town during the 2010/11 season as Swindon were relegated from League One. He recently won promotion from League Two with Gillingham.



**Pictured top to bottom:**  
Matt Heywood, Paul Evans,  
John Moncur, Andy Frampton.

**"Moncur** was busy setting up two of Swindon's four goals against Leicester at Wembley."

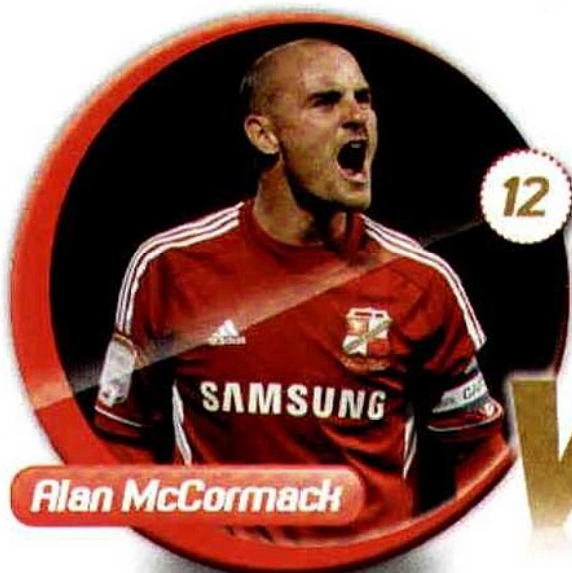


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# Matching Up...

**Alan** McCormack and Kevin O'Connor will be looking to lead from the front this afternoon with a place at Wembley at stake for the semi-final winners...



**Alan McCormack**



**Kevin O'Connor**

**VS**

## Career so far...

**THE** Irishman began his career at Preston North End. A series of loan moves at clubs like Leyton Orient and Motherwell preceded a permanent move to Southend where he made over 120 appearances. He spent a year at Charlton before swapping The Valley for The County Ground last summer.



## 2011/12 Season...

**McCORMACK** was an integral part of the Town side that romped to the League Two title last term. He had the honour of captaining Swindon at Wembley as Paolo Di Canio's side were beaten in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.



## Did you know...

**BEFORE** moving to England, McCormack played Gaelic Football in his native Ireland. Playing at Wing Back then Wing Forward, he represented the County of Dublin at all levels.



## 2012/13 Season...

**AFTER** being handed the captaincy at the start of the campaign, McCormack has made 45 appearances for Town this season. The Irishman has shown his versatility too, playing all across the back four as well as in midfield.



## Career so far...

**A** one-man club his entire career, the 31-year old progressed through the youth ranks at Griffin Park, signing professional forms in 1999. In February 2000, he made his senior debut against Wycombe Wanderers. He has played in nearly every position during his 14 seasons at the club.

## 2011/12 Season...

**O'CONNOR** made just 18 appearances for the Bees last term. The defender netted twice, including the winner against Wycombe, before having his season cut short by an injury sustained in an FA Cup win against Basingstoke Town in November.

## Did you know...

**CLOSING** in on nearly 500 appearances for the club, O'Connor sits fourth on the all-time appearance list for the Bees.

## 2012/13 Season...

**O'CONNOR** has made just 15 appearances this season. After being stretchered from the field at Portsmouth in November, the Bees skipper underwent surgery and a six-month period of rehabilitation before returning to action in April.





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# Goal of the Season...

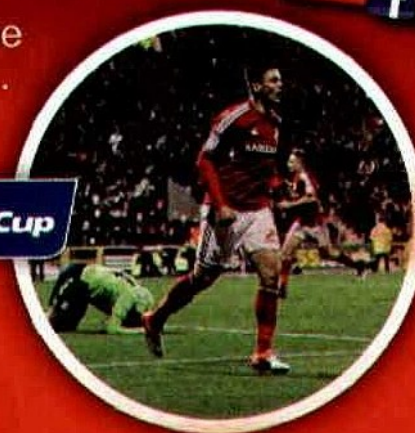


**Here** are the final results of the 2012/13 Goal of the Season as voted for on the official facebook page...

## No.1 Miles Storey

vs Aston Villa (H) **Facebook votes:** 187

**THE** youngster made a big impact off the bench against the Premier League side. His elegant flick past Shay Given was voted as the best goal of the 2012/13 campaign by Town fans. Well done Miles!



## No.2 Adam Rooney

vs Oldham Athletic (H) **Facebook votes:** 87

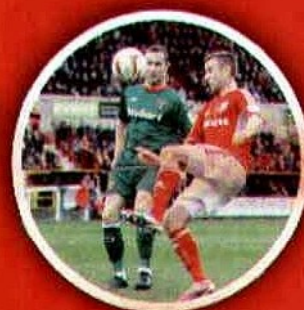
**IRISH** striker Adam Rooney will hope to add to his goal tally with a goal against Brentford today, but he'll do well to better his goal against Oldham. He scored a spectacular overhead effort to level the scores against the Latics.



## No.3 Andy Williams

vs Carlisle United (H) **Facebook votes:** 45

**FORMER** Yeovil Town striker Andy Williams has 12 goals to his name so far this term, but this impressive effort made number three. Lifting the ball over the defender - he smashed the ball home as Town registered a big 4-0 home victory.



## No.4 Gary Roberts

vs Tranmere Rovers (A) **Facebook votes:** 42

**DAVID** Beckham will have been impressed with this one. Many have tried to copy his goal against Wimbledon, but Roberts found the back of the net with this audacious effort from inside his own half - one of two superb finishes in the game as Town ran out 3-1 winners on the road.



## No.5 Gary Roberts

vs Tranmere Rovers (A) **Facebook votes:** 10

**FANS** voted the winger's final goal of the night at number four, but Roberts' first against Tranmere was special. A wonder strike from the edge of the box, the winger was soon celebrating in front of the travelling Town fans.







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**And** so we find ourselves here again. The Play-Offs. A stage where the weak crumble and the strong, well, they can crumble too.

**IN** all my time watching Swindon Town (18 years for those wondering) I haven't been fortunate enough to witness a successful play-off campaign.

Yet still, in the two seasons I've watched the Robins prolong their season into mid-May, I've picked up enough memories to serve a lifetime.

I'll never forget Rory Fallon bundling home at a rain-soaked Withdean Stadium and the feeling of utter elation. Thoughts turned of train times to south Wales. What would it be like to watch Town play at the Millenium Stadium?

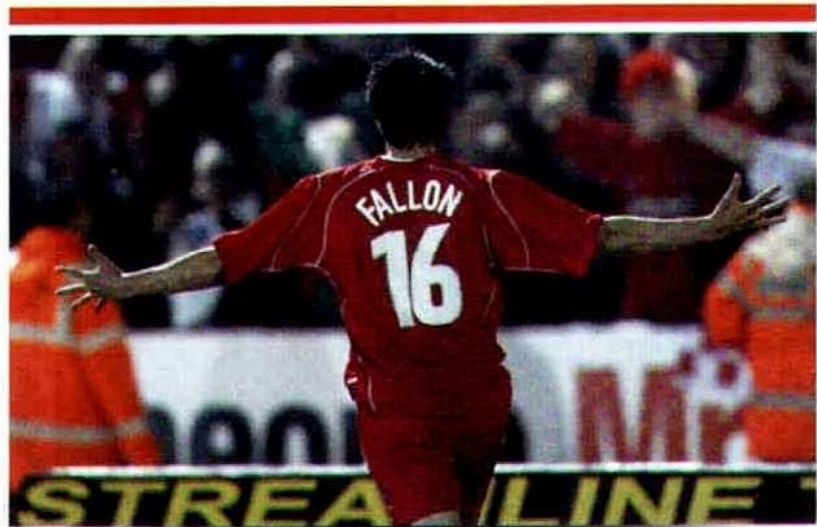
And then, out of nowhere, up popped Adam Virgo. Heartbreak. Tears merging with the heavy showers.

As an aside, I was sitting in the press box at Brighton a few years ago alongside then Advertiser chief sports writer Anthony Marshall when Virgo appeared, again out of nowhere, and picked up a microphone in the seat beside me.

At the end of the game, Tone asked me why I had been turning at a funny angle away from Virgo throughout the game. Seemingly subconsciously, I'd taken an almost allergic view to his very existence. And that's what happens in play-offs.

Three years ago we felt the elation and despair this cruellest and most alluring of football concepts throws at you.

That night at Charlton was extraordinary. We saw it all - anxiety, resolve, euphoria. Hiding all emotion for the sake of professionalism in The Valley's press area was no mean feat. I'm still not sure I got away with an



***I'll never forget Rory Fallon bundling home at a rain-soaked Withdean and the feeling of utter elation.***

under-the-table fist-pump when Nicky Bailey spanked his effort over the bar.

And so to Wembley, the new Wembley - Swindon's arch-nemesis. Two appearances, one bobble, one own goal, that tells its own tale.

Perhaps thinking of the possibility of going back to the spiritual home of football is getting a little too far ahead of ourselves right now. It would be a quite remarkable end to a quite remarkable year, but to get there Town need to get past a Brentford side who, in my view, are the best League One has had to offer in 2012/13.

Whatever happens this afternoon and at Griffin Park in two days' time, I think we all

deserve a pat on the back.

From players to fans to the backroom staff at the club, the Robins' media team and dare I say it even the local media, we've been through more than could ever have been predicted over the course of the past nine months.

That we're still standing is one thing, that a shot at promotion is still within reach is really something else.

Enjoy the game, let's hope the next time we meet it's in Championship surroundings.

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**Almost** two years ago to the day Nathan Byrne was lining up for Brentford in a 4-4 draw against Huddersfield Town. A few seasons on and the defender is preparing to go into battle against his old club with promotion to the Championship at stake.



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Rob Noyes  
PA Photos

# A foot in both

**THE** Tottenham Hotspur loanee joined Brentford during the second half of the 2010/11 season for what was his first loan spell away from White Hart Lane. He made his debut for the League One side in a home win over Bristol Rovers at Griffin Park and went on to make a total of 11 appearances in Brentford colours. He spent a loan spell with AFC Bournemouth last season before joining Crawley in September 2012.

His Swindon debut came off the bench against Oldham Athletic and he has started every game since for the Robins, deputising for Nathan Thompson in the backline. COYR sat down with the 20-year old to gauge his mood ahead of a

busy weekend of football.

***This will be your first involvement in the end of season Play-Offs. How much are you looking forward to?***

The challenge when I arrived was to make sure we secured our place in the Play-Offs and go from there. The win over Stevenage made sure of a top six finish and now our focus is on reaching the final. We are all excited to be playing for a place at Wembley with the possibility of promotion at the end of it.

***What do you remember of your loan spell with Brentford earlier in your career?***

It was my first loan spell away

from Tottenham. I was 18-years old at the time and it went really well for me. I got plenty of game time and it was a good place to go for my first loan move. I know what Griffin Park is all about and I am sure it will be a loud atmosphere because it's the second leg and I know what their fans are like. Our supporters follow us in really big numbers away from home and I am sure they will make themselves heard at Griffin Park too.

***You were still at Spurs when Swindon played at Brentford in March, but you have already played twice at Griffin Park this season haven't you?***

Yeah, twice! I was on loan at





# camps

Crawley earlier this season and I remember playing at Brentford on the Saturday in the league and on the Tuesday after in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. They will have a strong team and Brentford play good football, so we know what to expect from them. I remember them having pace and strength in the right areas too.

***Having not been involved in the Play-Offs before, how are you approaching these games as it will be a new experience for you?***

I think the games will be good footballing games to watch and hopefully we can come out on top. We love playing at home because the fans are great and

get right behind the team all the time. As a group of players we have to go out there and try and express ourselves. There will be a lot of nerves around but it will be which team copes best. I don't think we will differ from our normal game; we want to get the ball down and pass it as we have done over recent weeks. Previous results and league position won't come into it.

***You started your loan spell at Swindon at right-back, but have now moved to left-back and seem comfortable playing either side...***

The manager actually saw me play left-back the first time he saw

me. I feel settled there now and I am enjoying my time there. Playing either side doesn't bother me and I am really enjoying the way we have been playing at home recently. Hopefully that form can continue into today's game.

***With the second leg taking place at Brentford, have you been inundated with ticket requests from family and friends?!***

I don't think I have that many people coming to the home leg but there will be plenty of family at the second leg. Most of my family live in London and they're all looking forward to coming to the game.



**Gary** Roberts is hoping to play his part in helping the Robins reach the npower Championship after experiencing the highs and lows of the Play-Off football in recent seasons.



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**THE** experienced winger has been a regular for Town this term after signing a two-year deal from Huddersfield Town just under a year ago following his release from The John Smith's Stadium. He made almost 200 appearances during a four-year stay with the Terriers, and was regularly involved in the end of season promotion shake-up.

He said: "This will be the fourth year on the spin that I have been involved in the Play-Offs. It's fair to say over the last few years I have been quite careful when trying to book my summer holiday! I have been involved in the Play-Offs a few times but there's no magic formula I can

pass on to the other players for this year. Each game is different and it's about which team wants it more on the day."

Roberts' final game for Huddersfield turned out to be one to remember for all the right reasons. After crushing disappointment at the end of the 2009/10 and 2010/11 seasons – he played a big part in Huddersfield's success twelve months ago.

"All the Play-Offs I have been involved in have been different in their own right and there's a story to tell from every one of them. Last year obviously sticks out because of the outcome and it was a great day out for everyone

connected with the club.

"I think every player took a penalty on the day, even the goalkeepers, and that's how the game was decided in the end. Picking the trophy up at Wembley in front of my family and friends was very special. Not many players get to play at Wembley, but to win the Play-Offs at the national stadium is the best way to go up."

Whilst those memories from Wembley a year ago remain fresh in the memory, the 29-year old also recounts the darker side of Play-Off football. He says: "I remember the final at Old Trafford against Peterborough in 2011. We went into the game perhaps





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a little over confident but we got turned over on the day. George Boyd and Craig Mackail-Smith were in the Peterborough side and they really hurt us. We lost the game 3-0 and with it the chance of promotion.

"The semi-final the year before that was against Millwall and Darren Ward was in their side. We drew at home and the return leg was fairly intimidating at The New Den. We were a very young side at the time; the Millwall fans made things very difficult for us as the away side and won them the game in a way. The average age of the Huddersfield side that year was 22 or 23-years old and that was a tough place to go and play."

Roberts is now hoping to use his experience from all three Play-Off campaigns to try and guide Town to success this time around. He continues: "It's difficult to compare last season to this. Lee Clark got sacked before the end of the season and Simon Grayson took over. Huddersfield stumbled into the Play-Offs with a few results towards the end of the season and Jordan Rhodes played a massive part with a lot of goals. This season we have been pretty solid all year and have been there or thereabouts all the way through.

"Last season Sheffield United had a fantastic side but we turned them over, whereas the year before we had a much better side

but lost. You can't put your finger on what it takes to win the Play-Offs but all I know is that we have a very determined side and we will go all we can for success."

Having made 42 appearances for the Robins this term, the winger scored two goal of the season contenders in the away win at Tranmere Rovers in February. Whilst another spectacular goal would certainly go down well with Town fans in this Play-Off campaign, the midfielder is hoping to have added three more appearances to his name by the time he does come around to booking a well-deserved end of season holiday – hopefully as a Championship player once more.



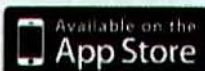


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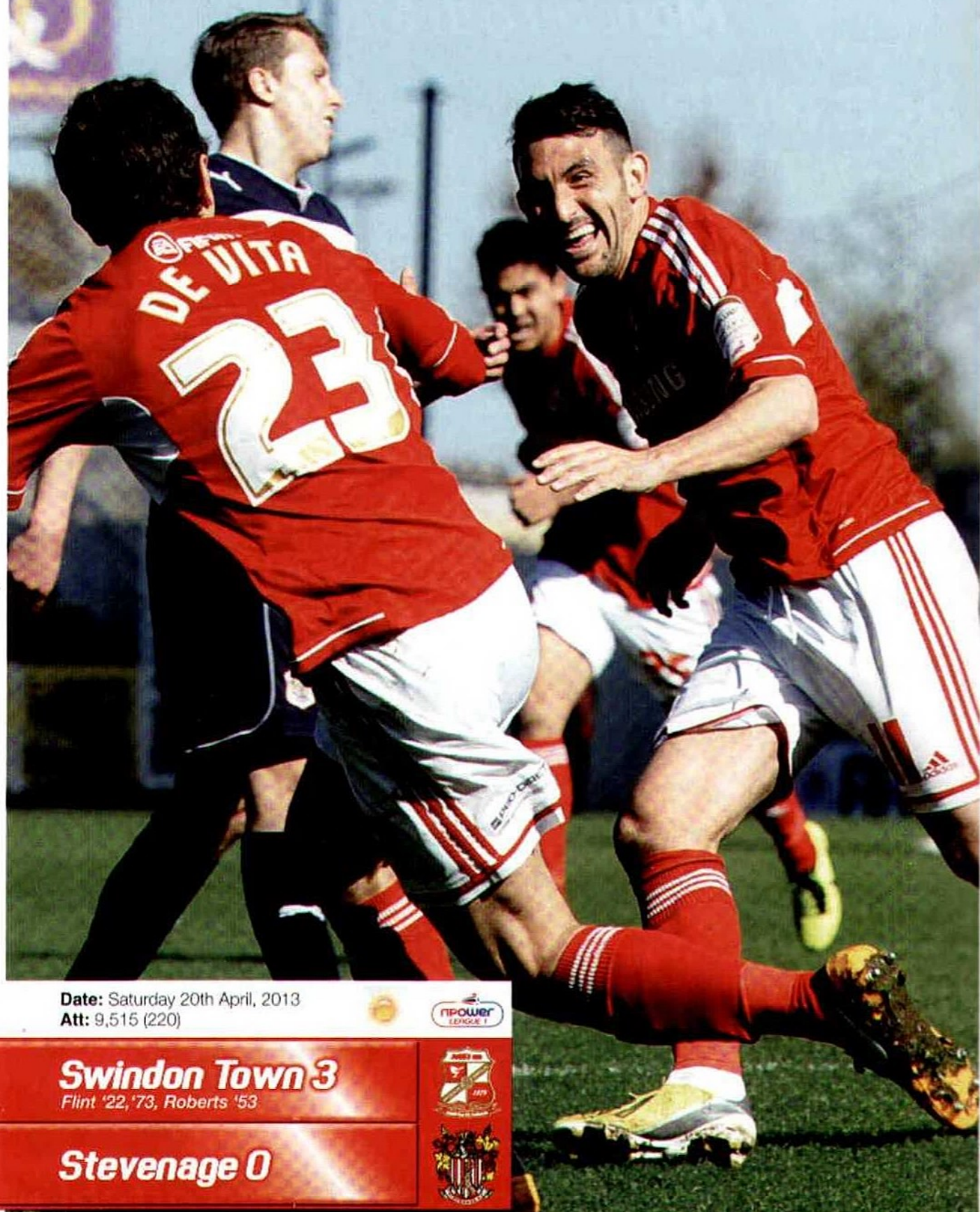


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West Ham	46	16	5	2	50	17	10	5	8	31	24	88
Portsmouth	46	19	2	2	48	9	7	8	8	32	37	88
Tranmere R.	46	15	4	4	48	24	8	6	9	24	32	79
Swindon T.	46	15	5	3	41	23	6	8	9	33	36	76
Leicester C.	46	14	5	4	43	24	8	5	10	28	40	75
Millwall	46	14	6	3	48	21	4	10	9	19	32	70
Derby C.	46	11	2	10	40	33	8	7	8	28	24	66
Grimsby T.	46	12	6	5	33	25	7	1	15	25	32	64
Peterboro'	46	7	11	5	30	26	9	3	11	25	37	62
Wolves'	46	11	6	6	37	26	5	7	11	20	30	61
Charlton Ath.	46	10	8	5	28	19	6	5	12	21	27	61
Barnsley	46	12	4	7	29	19	5	5	13	27	41	60
Oxford Utd	46	8	7	8	29	21	6	7	10	24	35	56
Bristol City	46	10	7	6	29	25	4	7	12	20	42	56
Watford	46	8	7	8	27	30	6	6	11	30	41	56
Notts C.	46	10	7	6	33	21	6	9	11	22	48	52
Southend U.	46	9	8	6	33	22	4	5	14	21	42	52
Birmingham City	46	10	4	9	30	32	3	8	12	20	40	51
Luton T.	46	6	13	4	26	26	4	8	11	22	36	51
Sunderland	46	9	6	8	34	28	4	5	14	16	38	50
Brentford	46	7	8	10	28	30	6	4	13	24	41	49
Cambridge Utd	46	8	6	9	28	32	3	10	10	19	37	49
Bristol R.	46	6	6	11	30	42	4	5	14	25	45	41

## FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 92/93

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	G	Apps	G	Apps	G
Austin Berkey	0 (1)	0	1	1	1 (1)	1
Paul Bodin	34 (1)	11	4	0	38 (1)	11
Colin Calderwood	46	2	5	0	51	2
Shaun Close	1 (19)	0	1 (1)	0	2 (20)	0
Fraser Digby	33	0	3	0	36	0
Andy Gray	3	0	0	0	3	0
Nicky Hammond	13	0	3	0	16	0
Chris Hamon	1 (1)	0	0	0	1 (1)	0
Micky Hazard	30 (2)	3	5	0	35 (2)	3
Glenn Hoddle	41 (1)	1	4	1	45 (1)	2
Kevin Horlock	13 (4)	1	3	0	16 (4)	1
Paul Hunt	3 (6)	0	1	0	4 (6)	0
David Kenlake	30 (1)	0	5	0	35 (1)	0
Martin Ling	43 (1)	2	6	1	49 (1)	3
Marcus Phillips	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (2)	0
Ross MacLaren	22 (1)	0	0	0	22 (1)	0
Craig Maskell	32 (1)	19	5	2	37 (1)	21
Brian Marwood	6 (8)	1	0	0	6 (8)	1
David Mitchell	37 (5)	12	5	4	42 (5)	16
Eddie Murray	0 (3)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (5)	0
John Moncur	11 (4)	1	2	0	13 (4)	1
Wayne O'Sullivan	0	0	1	0	1	0
Nicky Summerbee	38 (8)	2	4 (2)	1	40 (10)	3
Shaun Taylor	46	10	5	1	51	11
Adrian Veeash	5 (5)	0	1 (2)	0	6 (7)	0
Steve White	20 (19)	7	2 (4)	2	22 (23)	9

## SWINDON TOWN FC FIXTURES 1992/93

Date	Opponents		F A	Att.
Sat Aug 15	Sunderland	H	1-0	11,375
Wed Aug 19	Bristol Rovers	A	4-3	6,150
Sat Aug 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-2	15,493
Sat Aug 29	Cambridge United	H	4-1	8,292
Tue Sep 01	Oxford United (A.I.C.)	A	3-1	4,066
Sat Sep 05	Millwall	A	1-2	8,091
Sat Sep 12	Bristol Rovers	H	2-2	10,006
Wed Sep 16	Brentford (A.I.C.)	H	1-2	3,189
Sun Sep 20	Oxford United	H	2-2	8,110
Wed Sep 23	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-1)	A	6-0	3,560
Sat Sep 26	Charlton Athletic	A	0-2	6,742
Tue Sep 29	Grimsby Town	H	1-0	5,759
Sat Oct 03	Watford	H	3-1	7,723
Tue Oct 06	Torquay Utd (C.C.C. 2-2)	H	3-2	3,278
Sat Oct 10	Portsmouth	A	1-3	12,442
Sat Oct 17	Notts County	H	5-1	7,912
Sat Oct 24	West Ham United	A	1-0	17,842
Tue Oct 27	Oldham Athletic (C.C.C.3)	H	0-1	8,811
Sat Oct 31	Barnsley	H	1-0	7,784
Tue Nov 03	Brentford	H	0-2	7,988
Sun Nov 08	Newcastle United	A	0-0	28,091
Sat Nov 14	Southend United	H	3-2	7,777
Sat Nov 21	Bristol City	A	2-2	14,066
Sun Nov 29	Peterborough United	A	3-3	5,976
Sun Dec 06	Derby County	H	2-4	8,923
Sun Dec 20	Leicester City	A	2-4	15,088
Mon Jan 04	Q.P.R (FAC 3)	A	0-3	12,106
Sat Jan 09	Oxford United	A	1-0	9,146
Tue Jan 12	Birmingham City	H	0-0	14,398
Sat Jan 16	Charlton Athletic	H	2-2	8,980
Tue Jan 26	Grimsby Town	A	1-2	5,207
Sat Jan 30	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	1-0	11,155
Sat Feb 06	Sunderland	A	1-0	17,243
Sat Feb 13	Millwall	H	3-0	10,601
Sat Feb 20	Cambridge United	A	0-1	5,437
Tue Feb 23	Tranmere Rovers	H	2-0	10,055
Sat Feb 27	Portsmouth	H	1-0	14,449
Sat Mar 06	Watford	A	4-0	8,791
Wed Mar 10	Southend United	A	1-1	4,371
Sat Mar 13	Newcastle United	H	2-1	17,936
Wed Mar 17	Luton Town	A	0-0	8,902
Sun Mar 21	Derby County	A	1-2	12,166
Wed Mar 24	Bristol City	H	2-1	13,353
Sat Mar 27	Brentford	A	0-0	10,197
Sat Apr 03	Peterborough United	H	1-0	10,249
Tue Apr 06	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-3	8,335
Sat Apr 10	Luton Town	H	1-0	10,934
Mon Apr 12	Birmingham City	A	6-4	17,903
Sat Apr 17	Leicester City	H	1-1	15,432
Sat Apr 24	Notts County	A	1-1	8,382
Sun May 02	West Ham United	H	1-3	17,004
Sat May 08	Barnsley	A	0-1	6,031
Sun May 16	Tranmere Rovers (P-O s/f 1)H			
Wed May 19	Tranmere Rovers (P-O s/f 2) A			

FAC=F.A.Cup C.C.C.=Coca Cola Cup A.I.C.=Anglo Italian Competition  
Figure in bold=Goalscorer Figure in brackets=Number of player substituted.



# and Statistics



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DIGBY	O'SULLIVAN	BODIN	HUNT	CALDERWOOD	VIVEASH	SUMMERBEE 1	CLOSE	MASKELL 1	LING	BERKLEY 1	WHITE (9)	MURRAY
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# From the Boardroom

This afternoon sees the final home game of this season at The County Ground. A season which started so well back in August and has continued throughout with the attractive style of play put before you by Glenn, John and all the players.

While we are of course disappointed at not getting an automatic promotion place we must be pleased with the magnificent achievement of obtaining a play-off spot.

We have, no different from anybody else had our fair share of trials and tribulations throughout the season both on and off the pitch.

Injuries have presented Glenn with selection problems on occasions but even with his limited squad he has produced the goods.

The supporters have been absolutely magnificent both at home and away. Despite the recession our average attendances have been up.

Glenn and the players are always saying how grateful they are with the vocal support from the fans and nowhere is this more evident at times than on the away trips. Such support will of course be just as vital on Wednesday evening in the second leg at Prenton Park.

We have had a marvellous season so far, wouldn't it be brilliant to cap it with a Wembley victory.

A lot of hard work has been put in by so many people during the season. Of course thanks must go to Glenn, John and the coaching staff and players. But also I must thank the Board of Directors for the

countless hours they have put in not to mention the countless hours sleep lost!

The team we have off the field is second to none, the administration, commercial and ground staff although rarely seen must be commended for their efforts. Thanks also to the many organisations who help on matchdays at The County Ground. To Superintendent Glen Symes and his staff at Swindon Police, the Ambulance Service and Fire Brigade, Events People and MedicEvent and everybody from Compass Catering plus the part-time staff too numerous to mention but without whose help we would not be able to function.

As I said it's been hard but the job isn't over yet.

*Enjoy the games and have a good summer.*



**Ray Hardman**  
Chairman

## UP WHERE WE BELONG

*By Swindon Town F.C. Squad with Danny Newman.*

So here we are  
Once again so near and yet so far  
We have tried so hard to make it  
Now the chance is here we'll take it  
And we'll be up where we belong.



Oh how we tried  
In red and white we battled on with pride  
Now no one can confine us  
And next year you will find us  
Up where we belong.



Up where we belong, we have waited for so long  
To be up where we belong  
Up where we belong, together we are strong  
And we'll be up where we belong.

Written by: Danny Newman (Masquerade), Lead Vocal: Danny Newman, Other Vocals: Swindon Town F.C. Squad,  
Lead Guitar: Mitch Keen, Other Instruments: Mark Mansfield, Arrangement: Mark Mansfield, Engineer: Martin Kilford,  
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20 YEARS ON:

*Up stepped Paul Bodin  
to blast home from 12  
yards to put Town into  
the Premiership.*

**ABOVE:** Craig Maskell reels away to celebrate after scoring Town's second goal.

**RIGHT:** Paul Bodin scores the winning goal from the spot to send Town into the Premier League.

**BELOW:** The goalscorers celebrate from left to right Paul Bodin, Craig Maskell, Glenn Hoddle and Shaun Taylor.





*Glenn Hoddle*



A big welcome to Tranmere Rovers and their supporters. Our involvement this afternoon in the play-offs for a place in the Premier League is ample proof of how well the two teams have done this season.

Tranmere Rovers are very much like ourselves. We are not big clubs with ample financial resources but we are both very ambitious. Both sets of players have done marvellously well in getting this far.

As the League season draws to a close you look for as many advantages as you can to help you achieve your target. One can argue that it is an advantage to play the second-leg at home and in some ways this is true. But there are positive aspects also in playing the first game at home. If we can hit form and secure a really convincing win today it could set us up nicely for the return leg.

One thing is certain and that is this is an afternoon for being totally positive in our approach. It is an afternoon for

the crowd to respond as well. You can be worth a goal to us at least if you give us enough vocal backing.

Whether we finish this afternoon 5-0 up or 1-0 down we must remember it is only half-time. I have impressed on the lads that we don't need to do silly things. We don't have to chase the game at this juncture ... This is the way we approached two-legged ties in Europe when I was with Tottenham Hotspur and it worked well.

Whatever happens I think all our players deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts this season. I refer to the whole squad. They have been magnificent and our appearance today is credit to their efforts.

You can say that our season hinges on the next couple of games. To some extent this is true. We have had a fantastic season and have

achieved a lot in some respects. We have certainly entertained a lot of people. Yet you could argue that if we don't make Wembley and don't win the final we will have little to show for our efforts.

We haven't been given £12 million of course and like Tranmere have had to forge our path without being able to strengthen our squad for the final push.

But we are in the last four so to speak, battling for that remaining ticket to the Premier League. Some argue that it is not right when the club finishing lower in the final League table can win promotion over those above them. To them I say that's how it was before a ball was kicked at the beginning of the season. It is a fact of life. We all knew the rules before we entered the competition.

Luck will come into it no doubt and we have to hope that it favours us in as much as we manage to find our true form. If you give off your best that's all that can be expected from you.

As these are my last notes of the season let me finish by thanking all our supporters for their involvement this season. You have been just great. Have a good summer.



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20 YEARS ON:

# Premier Bound...



**Following** on from the successful semi-final victory over Tranmere Rovers, Town were just one game from top flight football as they travelled to Wembley face Leicester City...

**Words:** David Wells

## Swindon Town 4 Leicester City 3

**Date:** Monday 31st May 1993

**Attendance:** 73,802



LEICESTER City had finished one place lower than Town courtesy of our superior goal difference and had failed at the same stage the previous season.

Town had the best of the early possession but Leicester produced the most danger, with Julian Joachim and David Oldfield both denied by Fraser Digby.

But four minutes from the break it was Craig Maskell's back-heel into the path of Glenn Hoddle that opened the scoring; Town's player/manager placing his shot carefully around Kevin Poole in the City goal.

We enjoyed the break and

better was to follow.

Less than three minutes after the restart John Moncur's wide pass found Maskell on the left, who clattered a shot off the far post from the corner of the penalty box.

Another seven minutes passed before Nicky Summerbee swung over a corner which was half cleared. When Moncur knocked the ball back into the Leicester penalty area, central defender Shaun Taylor stretched his neck to put it beyond Poole to increase our lead to three.

There was little over half an hour to go and we looked home and dry. That feeling was to last just five minutes.

That was when Joachim tucked away a rebound off a post then, ten minutes later, Steve Walsh touched home a lob that had evaded Digby. We had 21 minutes to hang on to a one-goal lead.

We lasted the one.

Steve Thompson fired home to level the scores at 3-3 and turn the tables on our emotions.

Town somehow regained some composure and the tide swung again. Poole saved well from Martin Ling, a Taylor header was cleared off the line and Dave Mitchell came off second best with a one-on-one

with Poole.

But when substitute Steve White was grounded in the box under a challenge from Colin Hill five minutes from the end, referee David Elleray pointed to the spot.

Up stepped Paul Bodin to blast home from 12 yards to put Town into the Premiership.

We had gone through a wide variety of emotions that ultimately culminated in relief, and began a 12-month journey in the top flight, something that every Town supporter must have dreamed about.

### Swindon Town:

Fraser Digby, Nicky Summerbee, Paul Bodin, Glenn Hoddle, Colin Calderwood, Shaun Taylor, John Moncur (Micky Hazard), Ross MacLaren, David Mitchell, Martin Ling, Craig Maskell (Steve White).

### Leicester City:

Kevin Poole, Gary Mills, Mike Whitlow, Richard Smith, Steve Walsh, Colin Hill, David Oldfield, Steve Thompson, Julian Joachim, Steve Agnew, Lee Philpott.





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## SWINDON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 FRASER DIGBY
- 2 NICKY SUMMERBEE
- 3 PAUL BODIN
- 4 GLENN HODDLE
- 5 COLIN CALDERWOOD
- 6 SHAUN TAYLOR
- 7 MICKY HAZARD
- 8 ROSS MacLAREN
- 9 DAVID MITCHELL
- 10 MARTIN LING
- 11 CRAIG MASKELL

SUB: 12 STEVE WHITE 14 JOHN MONCUR

Referee: A. Gunn (South Chailey, Sussex)  
Linesman (red/yellow flag): W.M. Jordan (Pinner, Middlesex)  
Linesman (yellow flag): J. Hilditch (Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire)  
Reserve Official: S. Habgood (Swindon, Wiltshire)

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TEAM CHANGES

- 1 ERIC NIXON
- 2 DAVE HIGGINS
- 3 GED BRANNAN
- 4 KENNY IRONS
- 5 MARK PROCTOR
- 6 STEVE VICKERS
- 7 DAVE MARTINDALE
- 8 JOHN ALDRIDGE
- 9 CHRIS MALKIN
- 10 PAT NEVIN
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SUB: 12 STEVE MUNGALL 14 TOMMY COYNE

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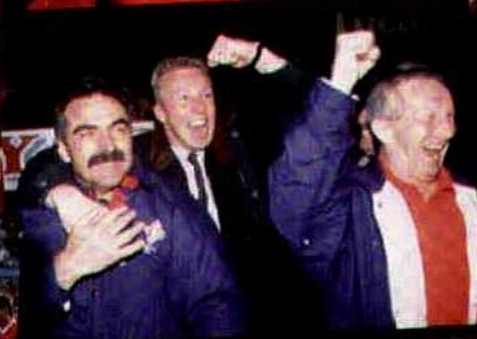
**1992/93...**

GLENN Hoddle, John Moncur and Martin Ling played a big part in the 1992/93 campaign as the Robins went on to the Play-Off final against Leicester City.



**2003/04...**

TOWN lost out in the semi-finals against Brighton & Hove Albion - playing at home first before the return leg at The Withdean Stadium.



**1989/90...**

STEVE White, Jon Gittens and Ossie Ardiles enjoy the (short-lived) celebrations outside The County Ground after the win over Sunderland.





**2009/10...**

**SCOTT** Cuthbert, Simon Ferry and Michael Timlin take a dive after the semi-final second leg victory against Charlton Athletic.

**1988/89...**

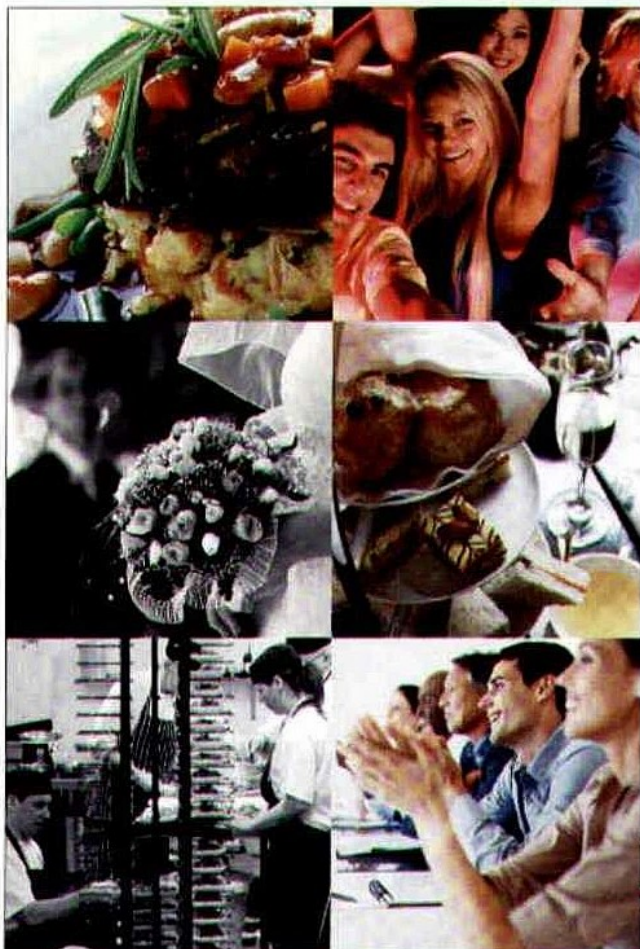
**TOWN'S** Tom Jones and Alan McLoughlin, pictured below, celebrate reaching the Play-Offs with a win over Stoke City in May 1989 at The County Ground.

**1986/87...**

**LEIGH** Barnard and Peter Coyne lead the celebrations after victory is eventually secured at the third attempt against Gillingham in the Play-Off final at Crystal Palace.







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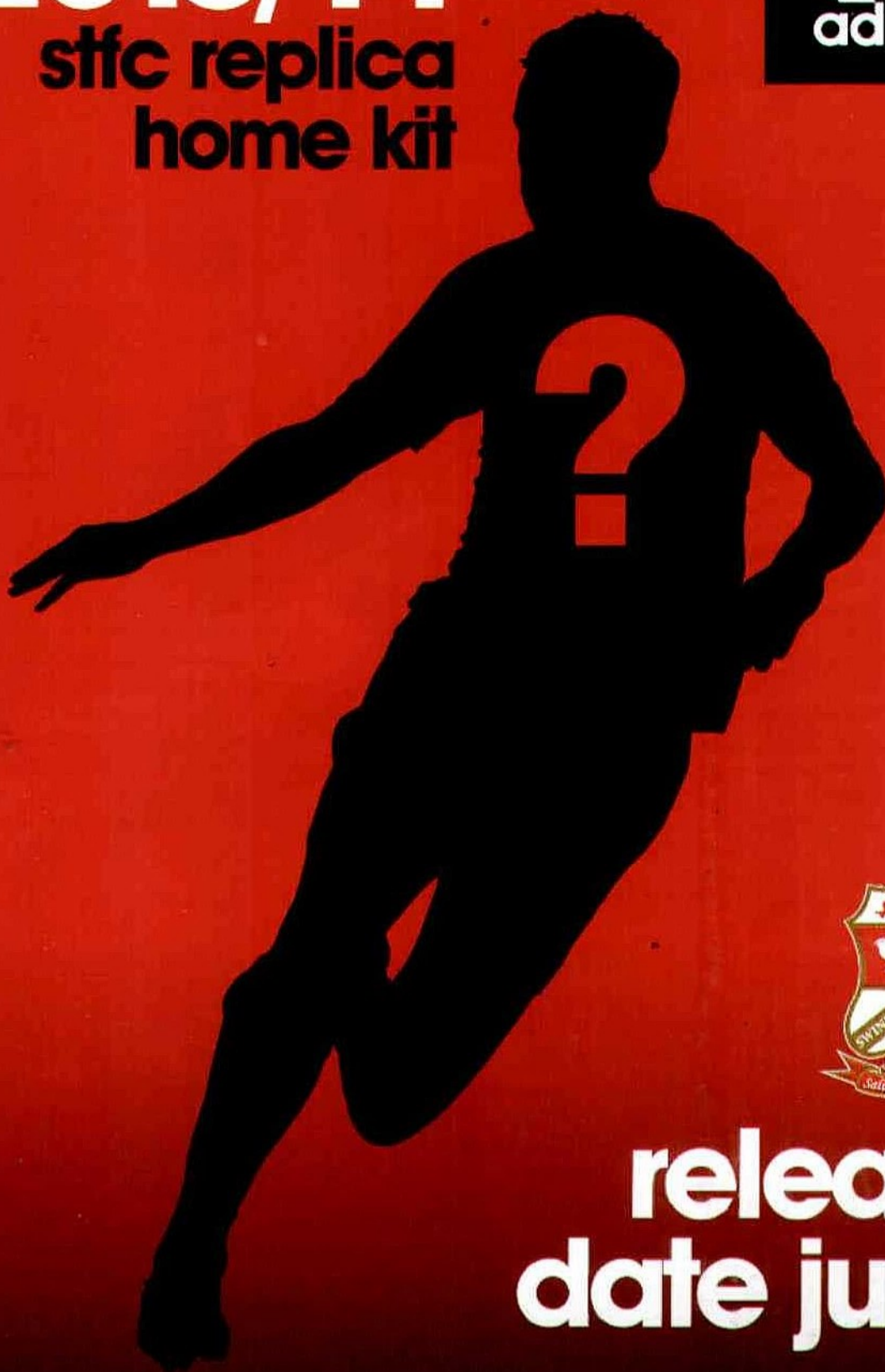


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# David Hockaday...

**An** integral member of Town's 1986/87 promotion-winning side, Dave Hockaday is well placed to reflect on what was a gruelling promotion campaign having clocked up 450 minutes of the five-game Play-Off showdown.

**HOCKADAY**, now manager of Forest Green Rovers, made over 300 appearances for the Robins before departing for Hull City in 1990. Having been a part of the promotion squad in 1985/86, he played a big part in Town's Play-Off success a few years later.

The class of 1986/87 had to go through some of the most physically demanding circumstances ever seen in Play-Off football. After a two-legged semi-final victory over Wigan Athletic, the Robins went head to head with Gillingham on three occasions before promotion was eventually secured.

*The Play-Off final was over two legs in those days. What do you recall of the home and away leg against Gillingham?*

In the first game Gillingham scored with a free-kick at their place that went through the wall. It was a narrow defeat and we were all feeling hard done by. We then brought them back to The County Ground and they got another goal early on and we suddenly found ourselves two goals down. Fortunately away goals didn't count double in those days! Peter Coyne scored to make it 1-1 on the night and then I think it was Charlie Henry who scored the winner for 2-1, which drew us level on aggregate which forced the third game.

*There was then a third game which took place at Crystal Palace as a neutral venue...*

I don't know if that format had happened before or if it has been done since, but we went to Crystal

Palace for a deciding match. 'Chalkie' White scored both goals and we won the game 2-0. It was a tight, tense affair and football to an extent went out of the window. We had players in the side who knew how to win games and they managed the moments well. We didn't give Gillingham many chances across the three games and deservedly won the game at Palace. We were ruthless, efficient and did the job. We were a very tight group of people and knew what was required.

**We were ruthless, efficient and did the job. We were a very tight group...**

*That successful 1986/87 side had to play five games to win the Play-Offs, which must have been quite an ask!*

Age does play a little bit of a part but it's about experience too. You have to rest when you have to and perform when you have to. You have to nail the moments and we did that. We were fit athletically and mentally strong. Most of that side went on to have very good careers and everyone knew what it took to

win promotion. To go over the five games and come through it was a massive credit to everyone right from players and fans to the staff. We played five games right at the end of the season and despite not being pretty football, it was effective.

*How do you view Swindon's chances in these Play-Off games against Brentford?*

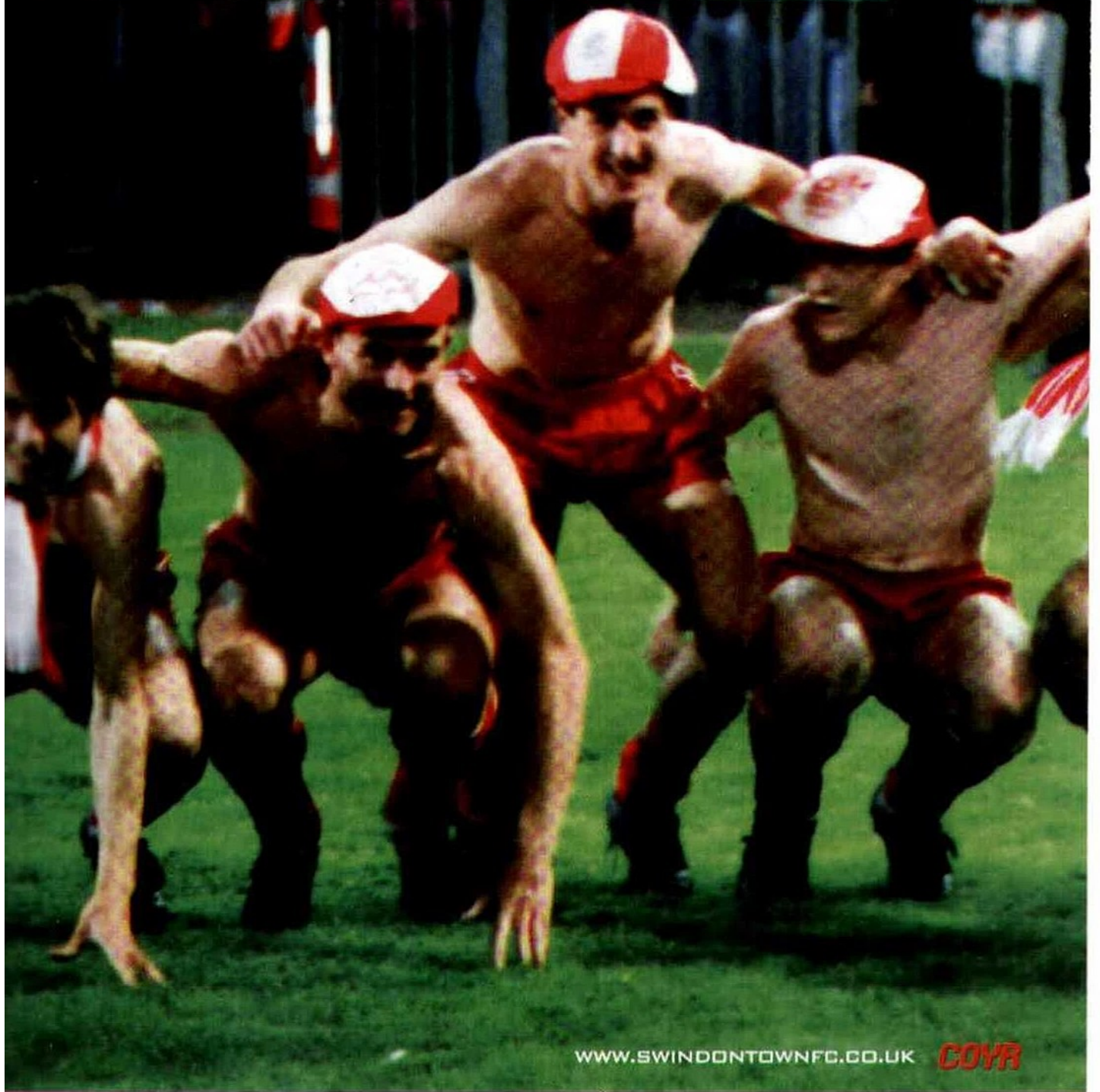
My heart is here at Swindon and I will certainly be rooting for a Swindon success in these Play-Offs. There are lots of good people at the club who want to do well and I know Kevin and Mark. There is no set recipe for promotion; form goes out the window but it is two games against Brentford and a quick turnaround for the players. You need the decisions to go your way and to take the chances when they come. The players will have to be mean and horrible whilst also steering clear of injuries and suspensions. Winners do what they have to do. Hopefully Swindon can reach Wembley and take on whoever. I hope they stay tough, hang in there and believe.

*Will Brentford's defeat to Doncaster Rovers a week ago play any part?*

People will argue that Brentford will come here on a low after literally letting it slip through their fingers but it's not like that. Footballers are very resilient people and the team that reaches Wembley will be the one that handles the moments better. It's going to be about making the blocks, putting the tackles in and being strong mentally.



1986/87









# Tom Jones...

**Former** Town midfielder Tom Jones knows all about the highs and lows of the end of season Play-Offs as he tells COYR...

**JONES** joined the Robins soon after the start of the 1988/89 season and was an ever-present after making the long move south from Aberdeen. Town reached the Play-Offs at the end of his first season with the club and faced Crystal Palace over two legs in May 1989. However Town missed out on success as a 2-1 aggregate defeat followed but the Robins returned more determined the following season and Play-Off semi-final success did arrive a year later.

After a solid 1989/90 season, a Play-Off place was secured and the line-up saw the Robins paired with Blackburn Rovers in the end of season Play-Offs. The first leg took place on Sunday 13th May with 15,636 at Ewood Park to see the game.

Jones was back at The County Ground on Sunday 28th April, donning his boots once more for a charity match to raise money for the Alan MacDonald Trust. COYR sat down with the former midfielder after the game to talk about what it takes to win promotion and his personal memories of playing in the Play-Offs in Swindon Town colours

**What do you recall of the build-up to the first game against Blackburn Rovers?**

I remember going to the ground and passing a pub on the way in and looking out the window of the team bus and seeing thousands of Swindon fans. We played ever so well on the day and took a 2-1 advantage back to The County Ground.

**How did you approach the first leg?**

The mentality of the team that season was that we could always win games. We knew we didn't want to go up there and get a three or four goal defeat, which would have been a tall order. We just played our normal game and didn't try and hang onto our lead. We went there full of confidence and were soon two goals up. It was disappointing to concede the goal at the end because it gave Blackburn a bit of hope.

**We just played our normal game and didn't just try and hang onto our lead...**

**There must have been a tremendous atmosphere back at The County Ground for the home leg too...**

Yes, the ground was full and I think we scored two early goals but held on. Blackburn got a goal back but it was too little too late for them. The feeling after the game was absolutely fantastic; not just for the players and fans but for the club. It was another chance for promotion and it was magic.

**Town went on to win the final with a 1-0 victory against Sunderland. How do you recall the day?**

I have always said that despite the politics of what was happening to the club, if we had won by four or five then there may have been a different outlook from the football authorities. It wasn't to be and we were demoted soon after winning at Wembley – which was a fantastic achievement in itself.

**And what of Town's chances of Play-Off success this time around?**

I fancy them. I have seen the team play over the last few home games and the tempo and the spirit has looked good. The result at Scunthorpe wasn't ideal but they have made the Play-Offs and it's down to business now. I don't think it matters too much whether you are home or away first; it's about getting the job done. A two or three goal cushion from the first leg could really open up the return leg at Griffin Park, because they will have to come out and score leaving them open to the counter. The main thing will be to come away with a winning margin of two or three goals.

**The Town fans will have to play a big part play today too. You must have fond memories of big games at The County Ground?**

The supporters here have always been very good and I am sure the atmosphere will be cranked up knowing that there is the chance of going to Wembley for a Play-Off final. I am sure the fans will be very vocal and give their all to support the team. Let's hope everybody concerned can raise their game and get the lead to take back to Brentford on Monday.



# Fraser Digby...

**Wes** Foderingham will take his place in between the sticks for the Robins today and his goalkeeping coach knows all about winning the Play-Offs...

A Wembley winner in 1990, Fraser Digby was also a member of Town's 1993 vintage. Now back at the club as goalkeeping coach, he guides COYR through the Play-Off campaign that saw Swindon clinch their place in the Premier League.

**What do remember about the atmosphere going into the first leg against Tranmere Rovers?**

The atmosphere was great. We'd been on a good run prior to getting in and we've got into the Play-Offs on a bit of a roll. There was a lot of expectation after three years prior when we got promoted then relegated for financial irregularities. I think for the lads that were here there was a lot riding on it and we were all up for the game.

**Town got off to the perfect start in that game didn't they?**

We scored early but do you know what - I remember that we won 3-1 but I couldn't tell you who scored! We'd gone a goal up early on and we were all over them. I think they were lucky to get a late goal or a jammy goal but I can't remember that one. I thought we won 2-0 but that shows you how much I can remember - it was a long time ago we're talking 20-odd years ago! It was a good game and we went to Tranmere with a good lead.

**What about the second leg? There must have been quite a hostile atmosphere at Prenton Park that night?**

It was a bit hostile, but to tell you the truth I can hardly remember the game now. All I do remember is making a save from a header and John Aldridge then swearing it was over the line. I just laughed

at him and said: 'You know full well it wasn't over the line'. I think it was one of the best saves I ever made. I always remember that but other than that I remember when their fans came up to our fans and gave them scarves and things like that. For a situation that you were expecting to be quite hostile it turned into something good-natured.

**I remember that we won 3-1 but I couldn't tell you who scored!**

**What was the atmosphere like in the dressing room afterwards?**

After the disappointment of Wembley three years earlier it was just fantastic because it was the old Wembley, the home of football and a great place to play. There were plenty of alcoholic beverages on the way back and there was a party on the coach all the way.

**And what about the final itself at Wembley, what are your memories from the Leicester City game?**

To go 3-0 up in the time we did then to go from thinking 'this is in the bag already' to all of a sudden

they get back into it and score three goals and we've got our backs against the wall. Fortunately Chalky then got fouled - he swore he got touched. I couldn't tell because I was too far away - and then Paul stepped up and put the penalty away and that was it then.

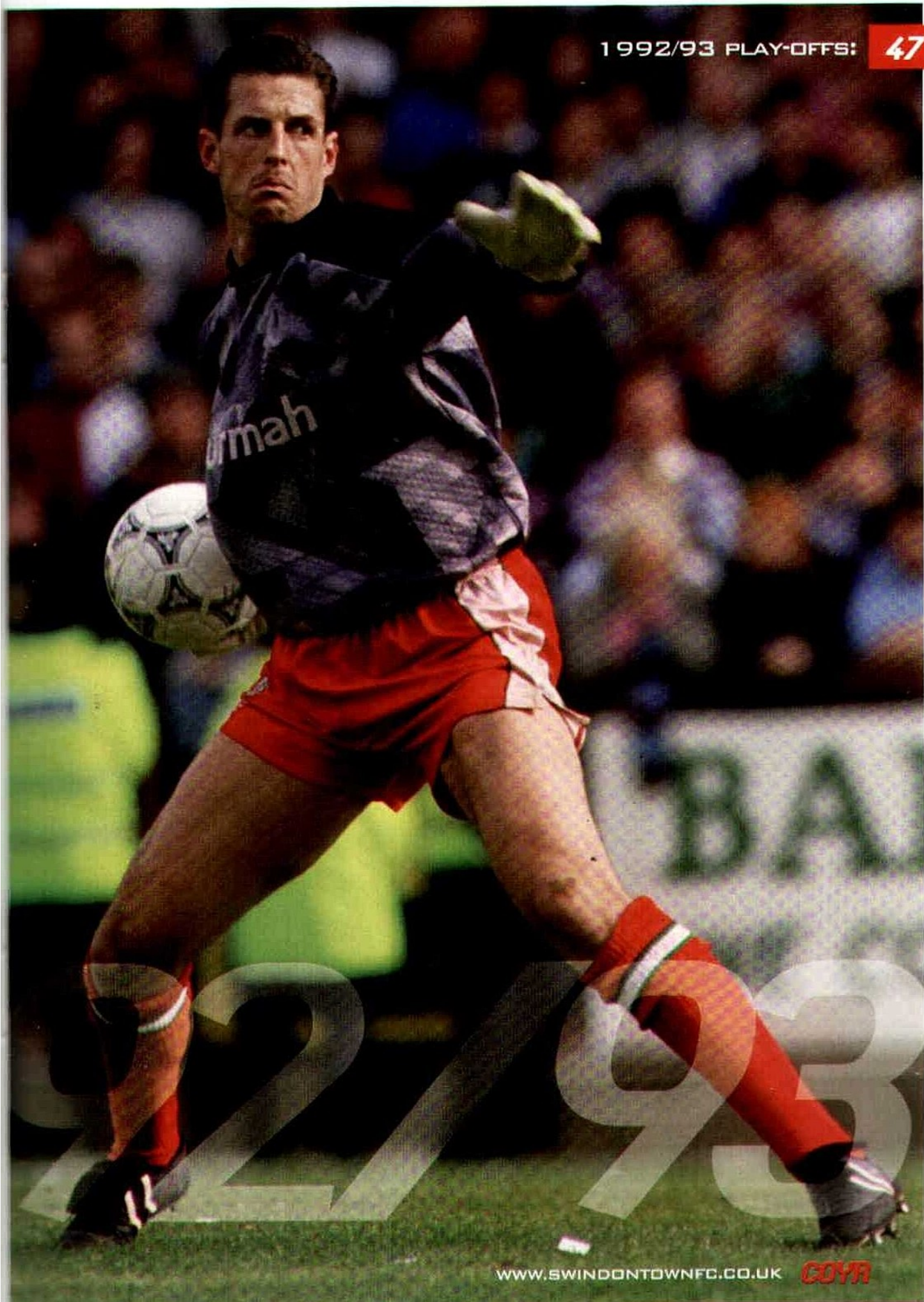
**You're involved behind the scenes now of course - can you draw any similarities between the side back then and the current crop?**

It's difficult but I just look at fate sometimes; we'd been on a bit of a run as we were in 1993. I believe we lost the last game before we went into the semi-final game like we did at Scunthorpe on Saturday. We were in sixth, Tranmere had the disappointment of not going up despite finishing a number of points clear of the fourth-placed team so they were on a bit of a downer and we capitalised on it. We went and got a good home advantage to take to Tranmere and if we can do the same today then that would be fantastic.

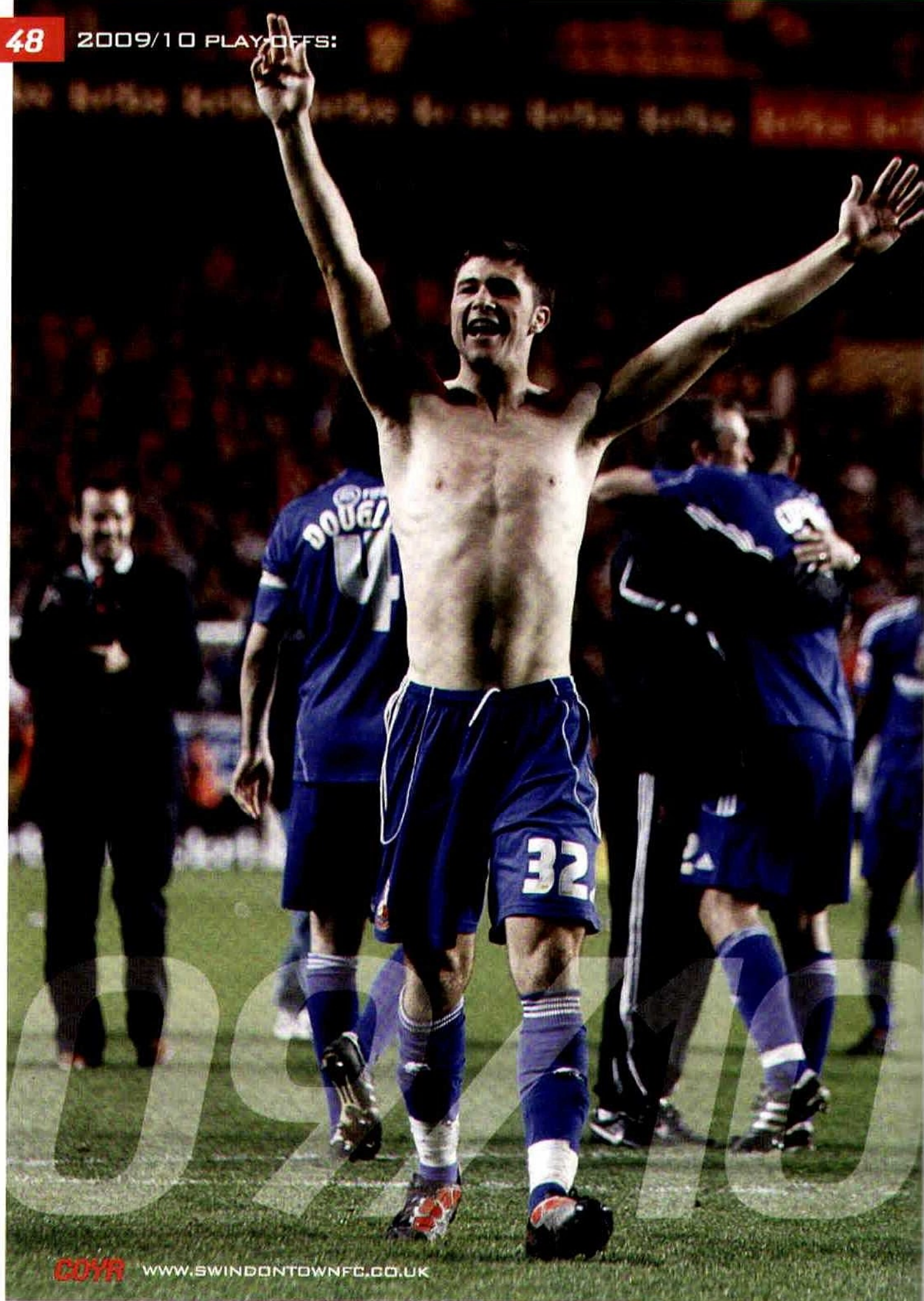
**A few of the lads in the current squad - the likes of Tommy Miller, Gary Roberts and Darren Ward - have been involved in the Play-Offs before. Is their experience going to be invaluable?**

I think it will. You always get nervous but I know what the Play-Offs are like. If we can keep the lads grounded, keep them bubbling over then it will be a good experience. The young lads have just got to milk it in, enjoy it, don't get uptight and don't get nervous. They have to just go out there, enjoy it and do the best you can.











# Charlie Austin...

**Having** made his name during Town's 2009/10 Play-Off campaign, Burnley hotshot Charlie Austin has backed the Robins for success this time around.

**AFTER** making the step up from non-league Poole Town to sign for Swindon in September 2009, the frontman was handed his full debut in the away encounter at Carlisle United two months later and hasn't looked back since. He helped the club reach the end of season Play-Offs with 20 goals from 38 games and scored in the first leg victory over Charlton Athletic at The County Ground.

Currently recovering from an appendix operation ahead of a well-deserved end of season break, COYR caught up with the Hungerford-born 23-year old to discuss goals, the Play-Offs and his time as a Robin.

**You've scored 28 goals in 40 games this season for Burnley, not a bad return again for you...**

It was a good season overall but I missed a few games with injuries. I was out for a month in January and missed the final few matches of the season having had my appendix out. I was the leading scorer in Europe for a time which was nice. My teammates at Burnley have helped me out a lot though because they are the ones who have created a lot of those opportunities for me to finish off.

**This season included a return to The County Ground in the Capital One Cup, what do you remember of that night?**

For me personally it was good to come and play at The County Ground but it didn't turn out to be the best of nights for Burnley Football Club. I didn't get the best of receptions but the fans did chant my name at the end of the game which was nice. A lot has

happened since I left Swindon but it was strange walking into the away dressing room that night.

**What did you think of the Town performance that night?**

Swindon put in a very good shift and we didn't really have an answer to it. It was a strong display and they have gone on to make the end of season Play-Offs and I hope that success continues for them.

**We won the first game at home and went to Charlton with the advantage.**

**Your first season with Swindon saw you score 20 goals in 38 games. That launched your Football League career didn't it?**

It was madness what happened in that season really. I scored my first goal at Carlisle on my full debut and that was a dream come true. Danny Wilson showed great faith in me to give me a start and it went from there. In the second half of the season we turned in some great results and Billy Paynter and I formed a really good partnership.

**What are your memories from your Play-Off involvement with Swindon?**

There are good memories from that night. We beat Charlton 2-1 in front of a full house and The County Ground is always a hard place to go, but there's an extra buzz around with a big crowd and for a Play-Off game. The return leg at Charlton was a fantastic occasion. The fans were great and it turned out to be a great evening for the club.

**Do you believe the order of the games plays a big part?**

I don't think it matters too much. I have only been involved in one set of Play-Off games but psychologically it can play a part and for the fans too. When I was with Swindon we won the first game at home and went to Charlton with the advantage. Unfortunately we conceded two quick goals but we went on to win through to Wembley. There are two games and you need to put in a big performance in both to reach the final, irrespective of whether the home game comes first or second.

**How much did you learn from playing in the Play-Off final?**

Personally if I could go back again I would have knocked the ball two yards right about 18-yards out! You have to go there with no fear and make the most of the big occasion. You can't worry about things too much, just go out and play your own game.

**So if Swindon do achieve the dream and win promotion, you could be playing at The County Ground again next season!**

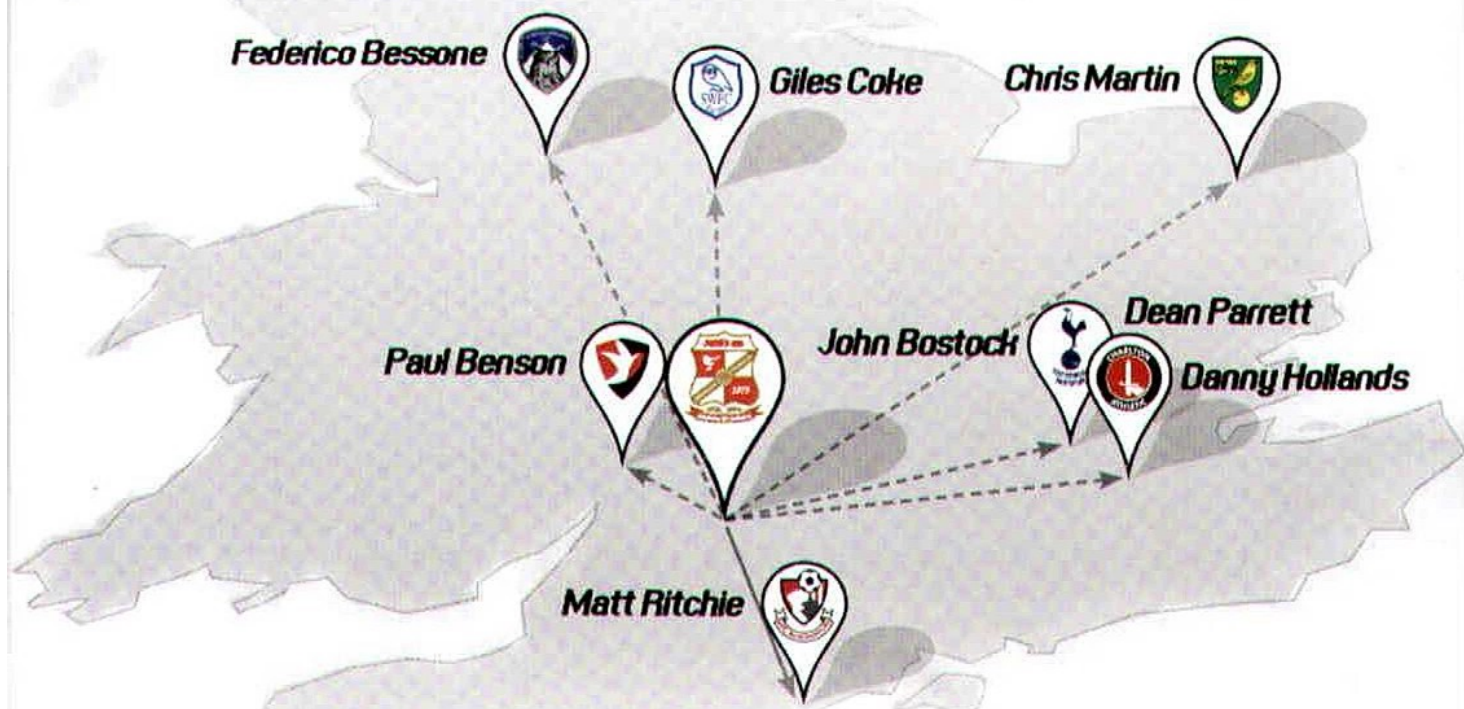
Who knows, but it would be nice to see Swindon win promotion and to reach the Championship.



# *Gone but not forgotten...*



**Swindon** Town used 35 players on their way to securing a place in the end of season Play-Offs. Here's a look at some of Town's loan rangers...





# Benson opened his **goalscoring** account for the season with the opener in the televised Capital One Cup tie...



## **Matt Ritchie**

**Apps/goals:** 32/9

**Sold to:** AFC Bournemouth

Ritchie began the campaign as an integral member of the Town side and his early season form had scouts returning to The County Ground in numbers to monitor the winger's progress. He scored the opener in the first home league game of the season against Crawley Town before further important strikes against MK Dons and at former club Portsmouth. His goal in the 5-0 demolition of Tranmere Rovers before Christmas proved to be his last in a Town shirt before securing a move to AFC Bournemouth on transfer deadline day in January. In total he made 122 appearances for Swindon.

## **Where is he now?**

The midfielder was able to celebrate last weekend as the Cherries wrapped up the season by securing promotion to the Championship, finishing second behind Doncaster Rovers.

chasers Cheltenham Town in late January until the end of the campaign. He has scored four goals for the Gloucestershire side and could be involved in their own Play-Off plans.



## **Paul Benson**

**Apps/goals:** 13/3

**On loan to:** Cheltenham Town

Benson opened his goalscoring account for the season with the opener in the televised Capital One Cup first round win over Brighton & Hove Albion in August. The frontman was regularly involved in Paolo Di Canio's plans until a loan move to Portsmouth in November. He scored twice in seven games for the Fratton Park side before joining League Two promotion

## **Where is he now?**

The striker sustained an ankle injury in Cheltenham's defeat at Plymouth Argyle at the start of April but is available for the Play-Offs against Northampton Town. He was recently co-commentator for BBC Wiltshire's Town coverage at MK Dons.



## **Danny Hollands**

**Apps/goals:** 10/2

**Returned to:** Charlton Athletic

A regular in the Charlton side at the beginning of the season, Hollands' move to SN1 offered the chance of first team football





after losing his starting place at The Valley. The 27-year old became more assured with each game in a Swindon shirt and his composed displays in the engine room saw Town lose just twice during his ten-game spell in Wiltshire. He returned to Charlton after suffering a stress fracture of the fifth metatarsal of his left foot in the home win over Shrewsbury in January.

#### Where is he now?

The midfielder is still recovering from the injury sustained at Swindon and has not played a first team game since returning to The Valley.



#### Chris Martin

**Apps/goals:** 12/1  
**Returned to:**  
Norwich City

The striker joined the Robins on Thursday 15th November on the same day that Danny Hollands signed on loan. Martin, who lacked match fitness according to Paolo Di Canio, played two minutes of Premier League football in Norwich colours before making his Town bow from the bench in the home win over Yeovil Town. His loan deal was extended

## Bostock joined **Toronto** and made his debut in the 2-1 home victory over Sporting Kansas City...

in early January and Martin's first Town goal came from the penalty spot in the win over Shrewsbury Town. The frontman returned to Carrow Road in early February following the draw at Crawley Town.

#### Where is he now?

The frontman joined Derby County in late February and scored for the Rams in home wins over Leicester City and Peterborough United.



#### John Bostock

**Apps/goals:** 9/0  
**Returned to:**  
Tottenham Hotspur

The creative midfielder returned to Wiltshire for a second loan spell at the end of August, having played four times during the League Two campaign last term. His first appearance for Town

in 2012/13 was as a half-time replacement in the away defeat at Preston North End. He was named in the starting line-up for the home draw with Coventry City and kept his place until the home defeat by Brentford. He made nine appearances before returning to White Hart Lane.

#### Where is he now?

The 21-year old joined Toronto on Friday 8th March 2013 and made his debut the following day in a 2-1 home victory over Sporting Kansas City. His contract with Spurs is up this summer.

#### Federico Bessone

**Apps/goals:** 6/0  
**Released:** Joined Oldham

The Argentinian-born left-back had his contract cancelled at Swansea City allowing him to sign for Swindon on a free





transfer. With Swansea in the Premier League, the 28-year old was frozen out of the first team picture and was forced to look elsewhere for regular football. He made his Town debut at left-back in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy first round in early September and followed that up with another 90-minute display in the home defeat by Leyton

Orient on Saturday 8th September. Bessone would make just four further appearances in a Swindon shirt due to injury

before departing in early January following the expiry of his short-term deal.



#### Where is he now?

**Bessone** signed for League One rivals Oldham Athletic in late March and travelled to The County Ground with the Latics' squad on Friday 29th March. He was injured in his third training session and left the club shortly after. "Federico made a big effort to join us but, sadly, it didn't work out for either party," explained Oldham boss Lee Johnson.



#### Dean Parrett

**Apps/goals: 3/0**  
**Returned to:**  
Tottenham Hotspur

The youngster arrived at The

County Ground as part of a treble deadline day loan capture from Tottenham Hotspur. Parrett came to Swindon having already had loan spells at Aldershot Town, Plymouth Argyle, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town in previous seasons, but failed to make the desired impact as a Robin. He made his Swindon debut 24 hours after signing against Oldham Athletic and played 90 minutes in a 1-1 draw. He was replaced after 82 minutes at Doncaster Rovers and lasted just 69 minutes in the defeat at MK Dons before returning to White Hart Lane.

#### Where is he now?

After seeing his loan spell at Swindon cut short, Parrett returned to Spurs to link up with the Under-21 squad gunning for the Barclays U21 Premier League title under the stewardship of Senior Professional Phase Coach, Chris Ramsey – himself a former Swindon player.



#### Giles Coke

**Apps/goals: 5/0**  
**Returned to:** Sheffield  
Wednesday

**Signed** on deadline day in

August, Coke agreed a half-season loan deal to remain with the Robins until January. He featured twice for the Owls before his switch to Wiltshire and made his debut for Town in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Oxford United in early September. All but one of his five appearances in a Swindon shirt came away from home, as he played just five-minutes of football at The County Ground – which came as a late substitute in the 4-0 home win over AFC Bournemouth in September. He returned to Sheffield Wednesday in early October following the recurrence of an injury sustained in pre-season, much to the disappointment of the Town management.

#### Where is he now?

**Coke** returned to full fitness at the turn of the year and returned to Championship action for the trip to Hull City in mid-January. He is now a regular in the Sheffield Wednesday side and has made 15 appearances in the second half of the campaign.



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Just sitting waiting for promotion.



**Kristoffer James Hill**  
It was a mad rush for the final chair in music chairs...



**Darren Romain**  
Great picture... Great to see the spirit is back at the right time.



**Karl Bart Hall**  
Flint should have had his first hat-trick with two other good chances! Never mind.



**Kian Enderby**  
Having a rest n that haha!



**Jack Lenaghan**  
He does what he waaaaaants....flinty ...he does what he wants...



**Ebony Arnold**  
LEGEND flinttttyyy!



**Jack Clarke**  
Flint taking up new job as a steward.



**Mark Starry Starr**  
In preparation for life after football, Aden Flint tried his hand as a matchday Steward.



**Neil Dixon**  
Sit down if your going up!



**Joe Atkin**  
I'm just too cool for celebrations!



**Wayne Acathan**  
Thought I'd start a funny goal celebration, now they've made me look like a pleb!



**Josh Rolfe**  
Gary Roberts: Come celebrate with us?!  
Aden Flint: No I'm just busy catching the sun!

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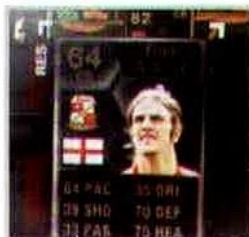


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### Missing Winner...

**WE** have had no claim yet for ticket number 307 which was sold outside the STFC Club Shop at the Stevenage game. The £1,000 prize for the last draw of the league season awaits and we are keen to pass on this to a deserving winner. So please check your pockets or wherever you kept your ticket and get your claim in as soon as possible either by visiting reception after today's game or ringing Roger Bunce on 01865 820499. Hopefully we will have another two cracking prizes on offer today.

Finally back to Stevenage, the second prize, a Season Ticket, went to J Moffitt of Cheltenham with ticket number 1345. The third prize, a first team shirt for

next season, went to John Young of Carterton with ticket number 918.

### Pounds for Points...

**THE** season total reached a fantastic £4193.50 which will all go towards youth development. Thank you to Mavis for all her hard work and thank you to all that pledge in support of youth development.

The STFC Supporters Club will once again be financing the Academy's trip to the International Northern Ireland Milk Cup Competition this summer. With the ever increasing cost of participation, the Supporters Club has confirmed that this season they will be contributing the increased sum of £12000, to ensure participation.

**Fans Gallery...** Send your pics to us by emailing them to [programme@swindontownfc.co.uk](mailto:programme@swindontownfc.co.uk) or tweet



### Final farewell...

A big well done to ball boys Bradley, Josh, Ben, Jay and Ashley for all their hard work ahead of their last game today!



### United we stand...

**HARRY** Skinner (13) and Declan Harris (14), both ST holders in the DRS, pictured along with a guest at Bramall Lane.



### Happy Birthday...

**HAPPY** 40th Birthday to Town supporter Dave Kearley with lots of love from Harry, Anita & all your family and friends x.



# Thank you to every fan that has **supported** our activities this season...

Fans can keep up to date with progress of the tournament on the Milk Cup website over the summer, that also carries video footage, as well as the official club website.

## Player of the Year Dinner...

**THANK** you to everyone that attended the increasingly popular dinner and contributed into making it a great success. 150 members and fans joined players and club officials to enjoy a three-course meal and a chance to engage with the players on whom our season success rests.

The awards all went to Wes Foderingham who picked up trophies from the Supporters Club, SAS Away travel and STFC Disabled Group. Congratulations also to Wes for making the PFA

League One Team of the Year a few days later.

## Membership...

**WE** will be writing to existing Members during July enclosing renewal forms, but welcome applications from now on in readiness for season 2013/14.

New Members can download an application form from our website. Joining fees remain unchanged at £5 per Adult, £3 per Concession, £2 for Under 18s and family Membership is £10 (up to five people can be included, maximum 2 Adults).

Thank you to every fan that has supported our activities this season we have had another very successful season including selling a record number of half time draw tickets and paying ever increasing prizes.

our pics to **Official STFC** the club's official Twitter feed.



## Come on You Reds...

**TOWN** fans Luke Hodgson and Andy Powell will be at The CG cheering the Reds on this afternoon!



## Star gazing...

**PAUL** Reeves with his friend Teryl Rothery (Dr Frazier of Stargate SG1) - wearing her Swindon shirt which even has Teryl on the back!

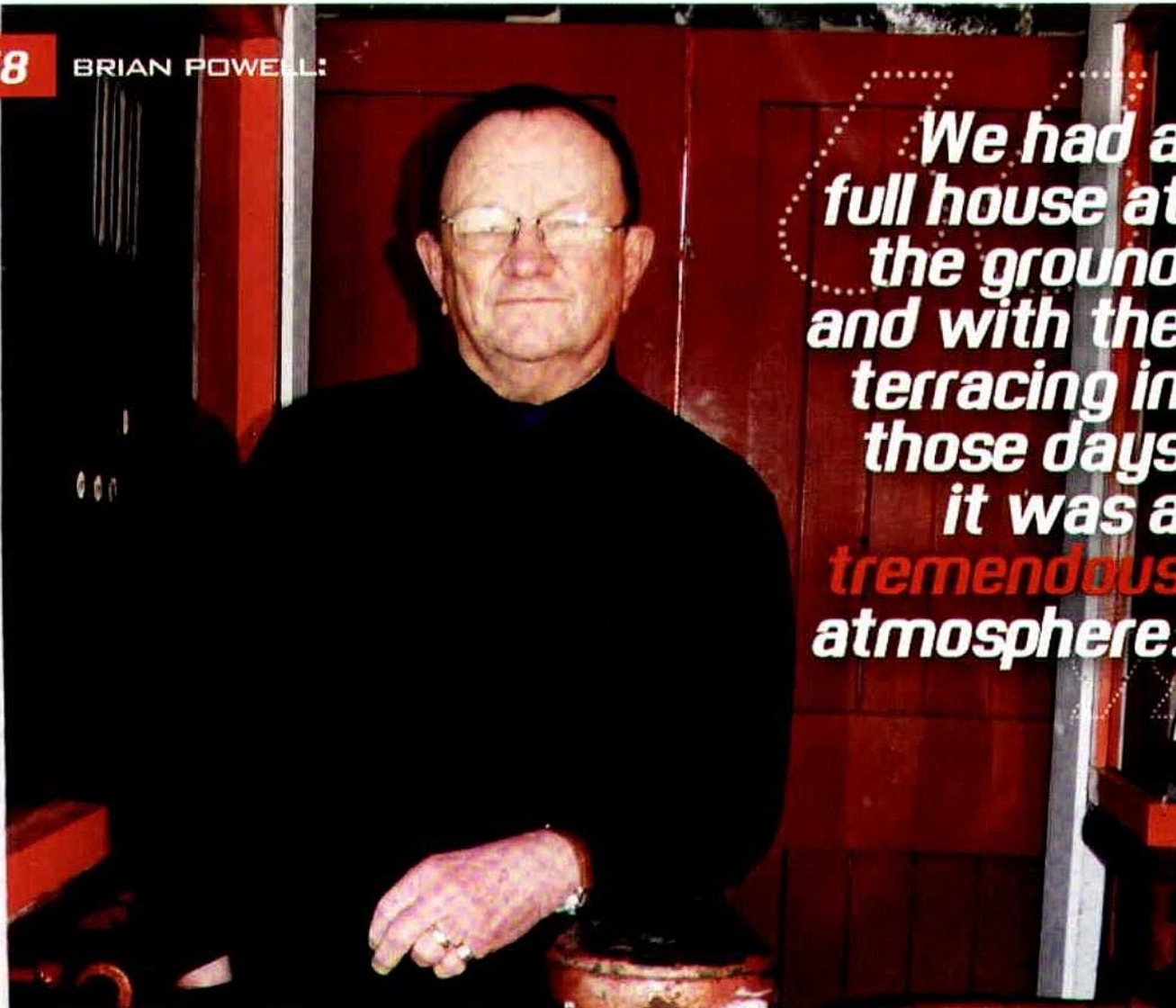
## Pounds For Points



Mike McQueen	£3.00
Andy Whitaker	£3.00
David Johnson	£2.50
David Barry	£2.00
Peter Scull	£2.00
Jeremy Wray	£2.00
Simon Bayliss	£1.50
Maurice Heritage	£1.50
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David Toddington	£1.00
Toni Cox	£1.00
Mathew Vernon	£1.00
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Mike Dew	£1.00
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Fred Nash	£0.50
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Chris & Maureen Kirkland	£0.50
Anna Tomkins	£0.50
Geoff Cherrill	£0.50
Colin Cherrill	£0.50
Adrian, Doug & Graham Smith	£0.50
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Maintenance	£0.50
Karen Bedwell	£0.50
George & William Woodley	£0.50
John Brownlee	£0.50
Jean Nicholls	£0.50
Mark & Sarah Edmonds	£0.50
Brian Smith & Doreen Lunn	£0.50
Frank Bunce	£0.50
Shirley Hollister	£0.50
Ann Alder	£0.50
LJ & CA Cannings	£0.50
Others	£2.00

**TOTAL £4,193.50**





*We had a full house at the ground and with the terracing in those days it was a tremendous atmosphere.*

# ***Tickets Please...***

**Today's** match against Brentford will be the final home game for the STFC Box Office Manager, Brian Powell. A familiar face for many Town fans over the years, Brian will retire at the end of the season after forty-two years of faithful service at The County Ground...

**Words:** Tom O'Driscoll

**HE** started work at the start of the 1971/72 season and has seen the highs and the lows at SN1: from crowds of around 2,000 in the old Fourth Division right through to the lofty heights of the Premiership in the early 1990s and back down to the basement again.

He has seen no fewer than 23 different managers hold office at SN1 as well as countless players and members of staff. He told

COYR what life was like in the Ticket Office when he started and how it all began for him.

"A group of us all worked on the railways," he said. "The railways manager then took early redundancy and took over the ticket office. There were six of us who worked in there besides him.

"The matchday ticket office used to be located by the County Ground Hotel which is the brick

building now used by Football in the Community. There were six or seven windows which were all manned.

"A lot of the ground was terracing in those days so a lot of people would pay at the turnstiles. We only really had the Arkell's Stand. The old south stand which is now the Don Rogers Stand used to have terracing underneath and the seating on top but they



closed that for safety reasons. You paid cash on the turnstiles and the main seating was sold from the main reception."

For over 30 years, Brian juggled his work in the Ticket Office with a full-time job and believes it takes a special kind of person to work in the pressure cooker environment that is the STFC Box Office.

"For my main job I worked on the railways for 40-odd years and took early retirement in 1997," he explained. "I worked part-time here at the ticket office between 1971 and 1997 on matchdays. I even came out during the week when it was busy. I'd use up my annual leave believe it or not to come and help them out!"

"I carried on working part-time from 1997 onwards but then people left and I ended up working more than full-time hours in charge of the ticket office from about 2001. I've worked with loads of people over the years. They don't seem to stick it because it's a pressured environment. It's something you've got to be adapted to."

Technology has advanced at an unprecedented rate since the early 1970s but Brian says that, surprisingly, the art of selling tickets has hardly changed.

"You wouldn't believe it but we had a computerised system back in 1971! On that system you could also book tickets for any shows in London. We had plans of all the London theatres but for some reason or another it didn't seem to work that well."

The ticket office is arguably the busiest area of the ground on matchdays with Brian at its epicentre. He talked COYR through his matchday routine and remembered how one manager even told him how to do his job.

"Paul Sturrock used to come in and have a cup of tea with us quite a lot," he chuckled. "Lou Macari was quite interesting. I remember for all-ticket games he used to come in and say 'go out and sell

all the tickets that are left!' when we weren't allowed to sell on the day on police instructions!"

"On matchdays at the moment I manage the matchday ticket office because that's where all the activity is. I prepare all the windows for the operators and we sell until about 3.10pm. We then close up and I have to book up all the sales then I go back to the main ticket office. Then I have to do my match return and get all that squared off so I don't see a lot of the match itself I just listen to it on the radio."



Despite being hard at work while the rest of us are being entertained by the boys in Red and White, Brian has witnessed a huge chunk of Swindon Town's recent history first-hand and admits that he's enjoyed every second of his time at the club.

"I've had some wonderful times but bad times as well," he remembered. "I've been through administration a couple of times and not getting paid. Those were the really bad times. Obviously promotion years are good because everything is on a high round here. I've seen many ups and downs."

"When we were in the Fourth Division we had tremendously low gates of around 2,000 and they actually closed the matchday ticket office and put us all on the

turnstiles. I worked turnstiles for a couple of years before things improved. That was when John Trollope was manager and they had to cut costs everywhere. They actually asked the matchday operators if they'd work for nothing just to make more money for the club. A lot of us did work for nothing to keep the club afloat."

He continued: "My standout memory actually comes from before I started here: the League Cup final in 1969 when we beat Arsenal. I was actually at Wembley then. The other match that stands out is when we beat Arsenal in the League Cup in 1980 when Andy Rowland scored in extra-time. We had a full house at the ground and with the terracing in those days it was a tremendous atmosphere."

"Another one of my favourite memories on the pitch is when Steve McMahon was here and we went up to Division One or what is now the Championship. We had a sell-out last game here against Stockport which wasn't a very good game - a 0-0 draw - but that season stands out vividly. That was when Shaun Taylor got several goals from centre-half. What a tremendous inspiration to the club he was."

As the curtain falls on his time at Swindon Town, Brian says he will continue to back the boys including during this season's (hopefully extended) encore.

"We have a horrendous amount of injuries at the moment," he said. "Brentford beat us twice but you never know in football: funny things happen."

As an integral part of the fabric at SN1 for so many years, Brian will be sorely missed by everyone. He was presented with a gift by Supporters' Club Chairman Roger Bunce at the recent end of season dinner, to mark his years of service at the club.

All of us here at Swindon Town Football Club wish Brian a happy and healthy retirement!





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## Phase 2 Season Ticket Sales...

THE 2013/14 Phase Two Season Ticket deadline has been extended until 5pm, Tuesday 7th May 2013.

With Town in the Play-Offs looking for a place in the Championship, Phase Two prices still offer fantastic value with an Adult able to purchase a Season Ticket in the Fastplant Town End for just £360.

Contact the STFC Box Office for further details.

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Young Adult (16-18)	£15.00
Junior (15 and under)	£12.00
Under 10's	FREE*
Disabled	£15.00

To qualify for a Junior price you must be 15 or under on the day of the fixture. Unaccompanied 12-14 year olds will be issued tickets in the family enclosure. Under 12's must be accompanied by an Adult in all areas. \*To qualify for a FREE under 10 ticket, children need to join the Junior Reds for a ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £25, proof of age will be required at time of purchase. Under 10's must be accompanied by a full paying Adult. To avoid long queues on matchdays it is advantageous to register and purchase family/FREE under 10 tickets in advance. \*\* Please note Juniors must be accompanied by an Adult in the Fastplant Town End.

# Trip Advisor...

Town fans lucky enough to have a ticket will head to Griffin Park on Monday. Here's a handy guide...



## The Journey...



**By Train:** Remember this fixture takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, so please check with operators before travelling. If you want to avoid the journey in, then stop at Ealing Broadway and take a 65 bus that stops right outside Griffin Park. Brentford railway station is a five-minute walk away from the ground and is on the London Waterloo to Reading line. To get from the station to the ground, exit onto Station Road. Take the first right into Orchard Road, right again into Windmill Road and then first left into Hamilton Road which leads into New Road and the ground.



located around a ten-minute walk from the stadium. The Weir is an independent gastro pub, trading for nearly a decade and serving both local and corporate customers. It is located on the river tucked away from Brentford High Street on the corner of the delightful Georgian square, The Butts.

## Enjoy a Drink...



**The Griffin:** Located on the away corner of the ground is a well-kept award-winning pub. It gets very busy so supporters are advised to arrive as early as possible. There is parking nearby and WiFi is also available on site, as well as a range of food options and outside seating. The Griffin is also featured in the Good Beer Guide and is an ideal option for those looking for a pre-match pint. Fans of real ale could try the Magpie and Crown on Brentford High Street, who have guest ales every week.

**By Car:** It's an easy journey along the M4 this one. Leave the M4 at Junction 2 and take the A4, going around the Chiswick Roundabout so that you end up coming back on yourself. Continue along the A4 and at the first roundabout take a left onto the B455 (Ealing Road). The ground is located about half a mile down the road on your right. Town fans are advised to park north of the A4 where there are a number of free spaces with no parking restrictions.



## The Stadium...



### Griffin Park:

(Postcode: TW8 0NT)

Town fans have again been given the Brook Road Stand at one end.

This two tiered stand has 600 seats in its upper tier and room for around 1,200 fans below in the terrace. Tickets for this game sold-out within a day so if you are reading this, then you are probably going to the game! If not get down to The CG from 1pm and watch on the giant screen!

## Grab a Bite...



**The Weir:** Those with a finer palette may want to sample The Weir pub and restaurant which is



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**Capital One**



Date	Fixture	Res	Att	Starting XI
<b>August</b>				
Tue 14	Brighton & H.A. CAP R1	H 3-0 W	5,737 (716)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Sat 18	Hartlepool United	A 0-0 D	4,132 (461)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Tue 21	Crawley Town	H 3-0 W	7,658 (154)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Sat 25	MK Dons	H 1-0 W	8,299 (497)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Tue 28	Stoke City CAP R2	A 4-3 W	9,147 (1,200)	Foderingham McEveley Flint 1 McCormack Devera
<b>September</b>				
Sun 2	Preston North End	A 1-4 L	10,372 (867)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
Wed 5	Oxford United JPT R1	A 0-1 L	7,746 (1,311)	Foderingham Bessone Ward McCormack Devera
Sat 8	Leyton Orient	H 0-1 L	8,072 (276)	Foderingham Bessone Flint McCormack Devera
Sat 15	Carlisle United	A 2-2 D	4,987 (315)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Devera
Tue 18	Portsmouth	A 2-1 W	12,121 (1,455)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Thompson
Sat 22	AFC Bournemouth	H 4-0 W	8,533 (752)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Thompson
Tue 25	Burnley CAP R3	H 3-1 W	7,353 (455)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville 1 McCormack Thompson
Sat 29	Shrewsbury Town	A 1-0 W	6,303 (875)	Foderingham McEveley Ward McCormack Bessone
<b>October</b>				
Tue 2	Colchester United	H 0-1 L	7,443 (121)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Bessone
Sat 6	Bury	A 1-0 W	2,683 (408)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 13	Coventry City	H 2-2 D	9,808 (1,095)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 20	Scunthorpe United	H 1-1 D	7,388 (185)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 23	Crewe Alexandra	A 1-2 L	4,010 (273)	Foderingham McEveley A-Henville McCormack Devera
Sat 27	Stevenage	A 4-0 W	4,518 (926)	Foderingham Devera Flint Ward McCormack
Tue 30	Aston Villa CAP R4	H 2-3 L	14,434 (3,185)	Foderingham McEveley Flint McCormack Devera
<b>November</b>				
Sat 3	Macclesfield Town FAC R1	H 0-2 L	6,408 (139)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 6	Sheffield United	H 0-0 D	8,354 (814)	Foderingham McEveley Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 10	Walsall	A 2-0 W	4,139 (962)	Foderingham McEveley Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 17	Yeovil Town	H 4-1 W	8,112 (433)	Foderingham McEveley Devera Ward 1 McCormack
Tue 20	Brentford	H 0-1 L	7,431 (548)	Foderingham McEveley Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 24	Notts County	A 0-1 L	6,383 (815)	Foderingham McEveley Devera Ward McCormack
<b>December</b>				
Sat 8	Doncaster Rovers	H 1-1 D	7,700 (430)	Foderingham Devera Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 15	Oldham Athletic	A 2-0 W	3,345 (297)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
Fri 21	Tranmere Rovers	H 5-0 W	8,885 (297)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
<b>January</b>				
Tue 1	Portsmouth	H 5-0 W	11,381 (1,504)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 5	Carlisle United	H 4-0 W	9,162 (246)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 12	AFC Bournemouth	A 1-1 D	8,777 (1,374)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
Sat 19	Shrewsbury Town	H 2-0 W	7,754 (250)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 29	Leyton Orient	A 0-0 D	3,536 (794)	Foderingham McCormack Devera Ward Thompson
<b>February</b>				
Sat 2	Crawley Town	A 1-1 D	3,558 (699)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward McCormack
Tue 5	Colchester United	A 1-0 W	3,214 (337)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 9	Hartlepool United	H 1-1 D	9,973 (154)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 19	Tranmere Rovers	W 3-1 W	5,223 (447)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward McCormack
Sat 23	Preston North End	H 1-1 D	9,145 (925)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward McCormack
Tue 26	Bury	H 0-1 L	7,508 (95)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward McCormack
<b>March</b>				
Sat 2	Coventry City	A 2-1 W	14,280 (3,000)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward 1 Thompson
Sat 9	Walsall	H 2-2 D	8,407 (481)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 12	Brentford	A 1-2 L	5,867 (1,553)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Tue 19	Yeovil Town	A 2-0 W	5,207 (546)	Foderingham McEveley Flint Ward Thompson
Sat 23	Notts County	H 0-0 D	8,415 (217)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Thompson
Fri 29	Oldham Athletic	H 1-1 D	10,040 (335)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Thompson
<b>April</b>				
Mon 1	Doncaster Rovers	A 0-1 L	8,106 (677)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Byrne
Tue 9	MK Dons	A 0-2 L	8,608 (1,196)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Byrne
Sat 13	Sheffield United	A 0-2 L	19,298 (1,248)	Foderingham McCormack Flint Ward Byrne
Tue 16	Crewe Alexandra	H 4-1 W	7,169 (77)	Foderingham Byrne Flint Ward Devera
Sat 20	Stevenage	H 3-0 W	9,515 (220)	Foderingham Byrne Flint 2 Ward Devera
Sat 27	Scunthorpe United	A 1-3 L	6,020 (633)	Foderingham Byrne Flint Ward Devera
<b>May</b>				
Sat 4	Brentford POSF1	H 5.20pm	-	-
Mon 6	Brentford POSF2	A 4.30pm	-	-



KEY: 1 = Number of goals scored, First substitution, Second substitution, Third substitution

**substitutes used**

De Vita	Navarro 2	Miller	Ritchie	Benson 1	Williams	Ferry	Rooney	Storey
De Vita	Navarro	Miller	Ritchie	Benson	Williams	Rooney	Ferry	Collins
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De Vita	Navarro	Miller	Ritchie	Collins 3	Williams	Ferry	N Thompson	(Sub Not Used)
De Vita 1	Navarro	Miller	L Rooney	Collins	Williams	Bedwell	Bostock	Ferry
De Vita	Ferry	Coke	A Rooney	Benson	Williams	Bostock	Miller	Flint
De Vita	Navarro	Miller	Ritchie	Collins	Williams	Ferry	A Rooney	Benson
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De Vita	Ferry 1	Coke	Ritchie	Collins	Williams	Miller	Roberts	A Rooney
De Vita	Navarro	Miller	Ritchie	Benson	Williams	Collins	Ferry	A Rooney
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Roberts	Navarro	Luongo	Ferry	A Rooney	Collins	De Vita	Roberts	(Sub Not Used)
Roberts	Navarro	Luongo	Ferry	Roberts	Williams	De Vita	Collins	A Rooney
Roberts	Ferry	Luongo	Roberts	Collins	Williams	A Rooney	L Rooney	Francis
Roberts	McCormack	Luongo 1	Ferry	A Rooney 2	Williams	Collins 1	Francis	L Rooney
Roberts 1	McCormack	Luongo	De Vita	A Rooney	Williams	Collins	L Rooney	Waldon
Roberts	McCormack	Luongo	De Vita	A Rooney	Collins 1	Williams	Miller	L Rooney



## League Table 2012/13

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Pos	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Doncaster (C)	46	10	5	8	26	23	15	4	4	36	21	+18	84
2	Bournemouth (P)	46	13	6	4	43	21	11	5	7	33	32	+23	83
3	Brentford	46	14	6	3	37	22	7	10	6	25	25	+15	79
4	Yeovil	46	13	4	6	36	22	10	4	9	35	34	+15	77
5	Sheff Utd	46	8	11	4	31	21	11	7	5	25	21	+14	75
6	<b>Swindon</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>74</b>
7	Leyton Orient	46	13	3	7	31	20	8	5	10	24	28	+7	71
8	MK Dons	46	12	5	6	35	21	7	8	8	27	24	+17	70
9	Walsall	46	10	8	5	38	29	7	9	7	27	29	+7	68
10	Crawley	46	9	9	5	34	27	9	5	9	25	31	+1	68
11	Tranmere	46	10	6	7	31	21	9	4	10	27	27	+10	67
12	Notts Co	46	9	6	8	32	26	7	11	5	29	23	+12	65
13	Crewe	46	12	3	8	26	22	6	7	10	28	40	-8	64
14	Preston	46	8	9	6	31	22	6	8	9	23	27	+5	59
15	Coventry	46	7	7	9	29	27	11	4	8	37	32	+7	55
16	Shrewsbury	46	9	7	7	29	27	4	9	10	25	33	-6	55
17	Carlisle	46	7	7	9	32	43	7	6	10	24	34	-21	55
18	Stevenage	46	7	5	11	26	34	8	4	11	21	30	-17	54
19	Oldham	46	8	4	11	25	26	6	5	12	21	33	-13	51
20	Colchester	46	8	4	11	25	31	6	5	12	22	37	-21	51
21	Scunthorpe (R)	46	7	6	10	31	38	6	3	14	18	35	-24	48
22	Bury (R)	46	6	6	11	24	33	3	8	12	21	40	-28	41
23	Hartlepool (R)	46	5	8	10	19	27	4	6	13	20	40	-28	41
24	Portsmouth (R)	46	7	5	11	27	27	3	7	13	24	42	-18	32

## Player Statistics 2012/13

No.	Player	Age	NL1	FAC	CAP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Foderingham	21	45	1	4	1	52	-	4	-	93
2	Archibald-Henville	24	3(2)	1	2	-	6(2)	1	2	-	6(2)
3	McEveley	28	27(1)	1	4	-	32(1)	-	6	-	41(1)
4	Flint	23	28(1)	1	2(1)	(1)	31(3)	3	6	2	69(8)
5	Devera	26	23(2)	-	3	1	27(2)	-	2	-	61(3)
6	Navarro	31	12(5)	-	3	-	15(5)	2	2	-	15(5)
7	L Rooney	22	1(10)	-	(1)	-	1(11)	-	1	-	12(13)
8	Ferry	25	32(11)	1	1(3)	1	35(13)	5	3	-	146(27)
9	Collins	22	28(17)	(1)	2(1)	-	30(19)	18	5	-	30(19)
11	Roberts	28	23(10)	1	2	-	32(10)	4	6	-	32(10)
12	McCormack	29	38(2)	-	4	1	43(2)	-	9	-	90(6)
15	N Thompson	22	24(3)	1	1(1)	-	26(4)	-	8	-	30(10)
16	Williams	26	38(2)	1	3(1)	1	43(3)	12	3	-	43(3)
18	Miller	34	28(6)	-	4	(1)	32(7)	1	3	-	32(7)
19	L Thompson	18	1(2)	(1)	-	-	1(3)	-	-	-	1(4)
20	Storey	19	2(6)	-	(2)	-	2(8)	3	-	-	2(14)
22	Ward	34	39	1	-	1	41	2	5	-	41
23	De Vita	25	24(12)	1	2(1)	1	28(13)	6	-	-	64(23)
24	Byrne	20	6(1)	-	-	-	6(1)	-	1	-	6(1)
25	Luongo	20	7	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	7
28	A Rooney	24	11(18)	1	-	1	13(18)	9	-	-	14(18)
30	Bedwell	18	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
32	Smith	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
34	Waldon	17	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
37	Francis	17	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	(2)
10	Ritchie	23	26(1)	(1)	4	-	30(2)	9	4	-	122(7)
14	Benson	33	6(3)	-	3	1	10(3)	3	1	-	37(6)
26	Hollands	27	8(2)	-	-	-	8(2)	2	2	-	8(2)

## Today's Mascot



## Thomas Starr:

Age: 8

Plays for: Wroughton Youth U7's &amp; STFC Youth Academy U8's squad.

Favourite players: All of them, in particular, Wes Foderingham, Aden Flint and Simon Ferry.

## Happy Retirement!



## Dave Ward:

ANOTHER familiar face in the ticket office will also be retiring at the end of the season. Dave Ward joined the staff at SN1 in the mid-1970s and says he has lots of good memories.

"I worked on the railways issuing tickets and then got asked to come in on matchdays," he said. "I went on to take over the running of the away ticket office.

"I'm going to miss it like hell. Waking up in the morning and not coming in here is going to seem very strange but I think it's right that I spend more time with my family.

"The most amazing game was at Wembley when we beat Leicester 4-3. The drama was amazing. I've never seen a player like Don Rogers but arguably the greatest I've seen out here is Glenn Hoddle. I've been really lucky."

All of us here at Swindon Town wish you a happy and healthy retirement Dave!





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4th Official: Andy WOOLMER



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	4	Aden FLINT
	5	Joe DEVERA
	6	Alan NAVARRO
	7	Luke ROONEY
	8	Simon FERRY
	9	James COLLINS
	11	Gary ROBERTS
	12	Alan McCORMACK (CAPT)
	15	Nathan THOMPSON
	16	Andy WILLIAMS
	18	Tommy MILLER
	19	Louis THOMPSON
	20	Miles STOREY
	22	Darren WARD
	23	Raffaele DE VITA
	24	Nathan BYRNE
	25	Massimo LUONGO
	28	Adam ROONEY
	30	Leigh BEDWELL (GK)
	31	Aaron OAKLEY
	32	Chris SMITH
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	34	Connor WALDON
	37	Mark FRANCIS
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	10	Farid EL ALAGUI
	11	Marcello TROTTA
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	14	Shaleum LOGAN
	15	Stuart DALLAS
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	22	Jake REEVES
	23	Paul HAYES
	24	Jake BIDWELL
	26	Leon REDWOOD
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