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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to SN1 for today's visit of Bristol City.



"OH Derby Day, thou art like health; how much you must be valued, will only discover the one who has lost you." A slightly altered quotation from a famous epic by Polish poet Adam Mickiewicz may be a particularly flowery and exaggerated description of the return of this good, old-fashioned West Country derby but, my word, it's good to have it back.

The one memory that always springs to mind when thinking of clashes between Town and City, is of Rory Fallon and THAT overhead kick. For execution and context, it is comfortably the best goal I've ever seen here at The County Ground. No contest. Growing up watching football, games against the red half of Bristol were a regular occurrence but it's been nearly

eight years since the last league meeting.

Last weekend's trip to Wolves was arguably one of the most entertaining games I can remember for a long time. To have put in such a dominant display and come away with nothing was obviously a massive disappointment but to play like that at Molineux with nearly 20,000 present was a huge plus point for me. It was strange talking to the players post-match with a smile on my face.

Today's encounter promises to be another massive test for the lads ahead of the big one on Tuesday.

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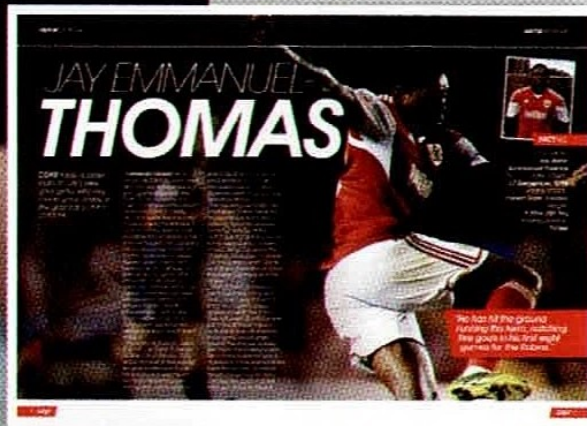
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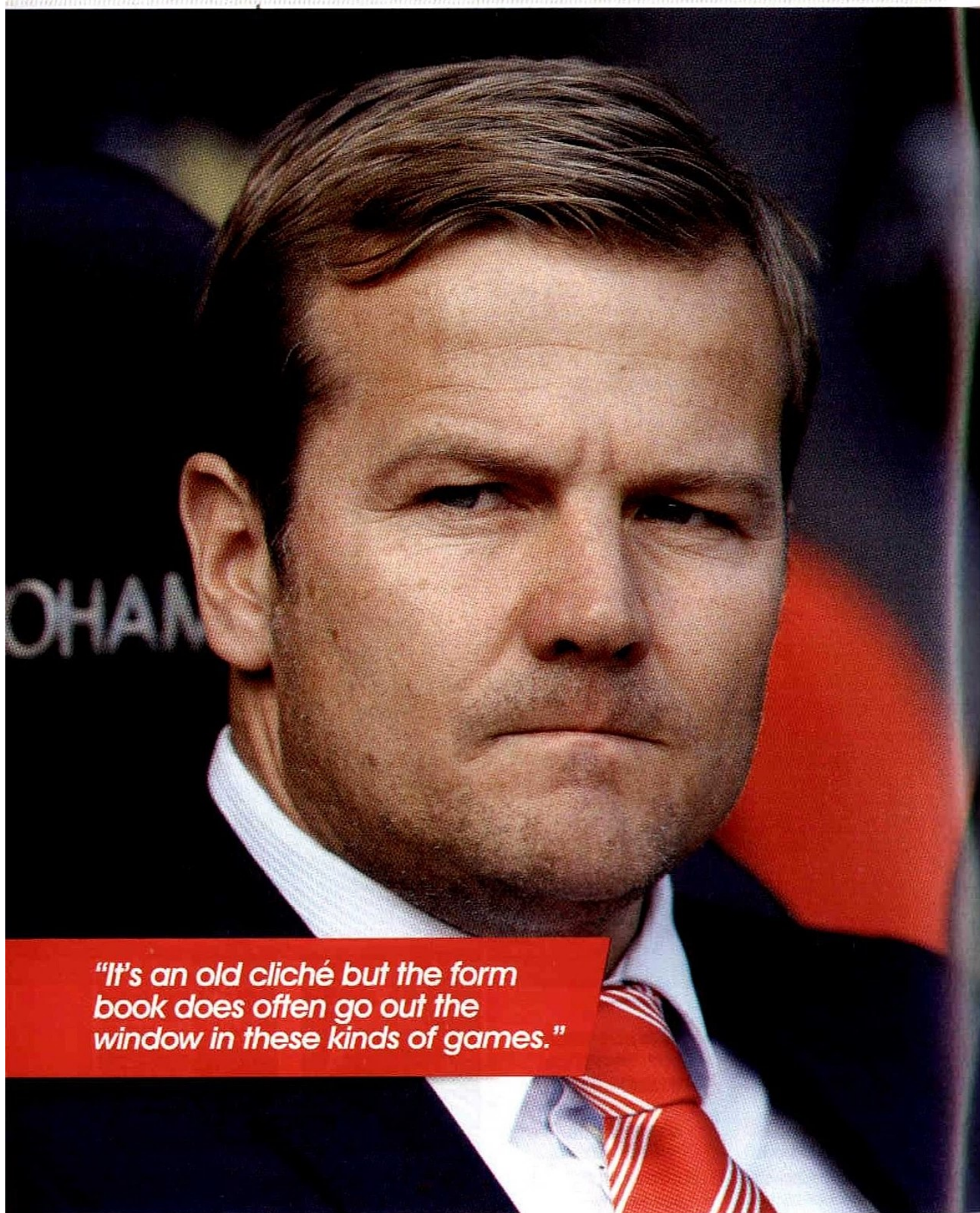
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"It's an old cliché but the form book does often go out the window in these kinds of games."

MARK COOPER



GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground as we welcome Bristol City...

I'M fed up now of people saying to me "great performance", "never seen football like it" or that it was the most dominant performance they'd ever seen and we get beaten by the odd goal in five at Molineux. I'm fed up with that now and hopefully we can turn all that dominance into getting three points today.

Training has been very good this week, the players are very professional and I've only got positive things to say about them. The majority are young and they want to learn and they want to listen. They've been outstanding as a group, they've been very positive and I think they're all looking forward to playing today and showing that they deserve a start against Chelsea next week.

We welcome the management, staff, players and officials of Bristol City to The County Ground this afternoon. If you look at their squad they've got some very good players and they're trying to play in a similar fashion to ourselves. I've seen them play live a couple of times this season and they've got one or two matchwinners in their team so we'll have to be very careful of that but also not to try and get too far away from what we want to try and do and that's to dominate the football as much as we can.

I grew up watching these



derbies being at Bristol City with Swindon coming to town and with City coming here. It's an old cliché but the form book does often go out the window in these kinds of games. City had a good win against Bristol Rovers the game before last and they'll still be buoyant from that. They had a poor result at the weekend against a good Peterborough team so I'm sure they'll be desperate to put that right in the local derby and try and get some of the bragging rights back.

It was fantastic to see you and the Wolves fans give the players a standing ovation at the final whistle last Saturday. You have

been brilliant at the CG this year getting behind the players and sticking with us and I think we've responded with the results we've got here. All the players want to play in these games with the big atmospheres and crowds so we're all certainly looking forward to it.

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MANAGER



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DARREN WARD



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GOOD afternoon and welcome back to The County Ground for today's local derby with Bristol City...

It was an incredible match at Wolves last Saturday. I don't think I've ever played in a game like that where we've had so much of the possession and the chances and yet still come out as losers. The first goal was just a freak goal, the second one was disappointing from a defensive point of view and the third one was in the 90th minute. I think if you look at the timings of the goals it tells the story really. On a personal note, I really enjoyed going back to Molineux. I was very privileged to play for a club like Wolves. You can see by the size of the ground and the support that it's a massive club. I've got some nice memories from my time there but I would have been happier if we'd got a win under our belts. Even though Chelsea is on the horizon, this week it's been all about City. We're focusing on the league because it is where we want to be successful. I've had a few people approaching me and telling me how big a game it is for us to get a win. We can see the importance of this game and we want three points at home today and we are going to focus on our game and do everything to get a good result. Sean O'Driscoll is a very efficient manager and he always sets out good football teams. After the way we've progressed as a team, we've got to concentrate on ourselves. Everyone saw our



"You very rarely lose a game and then see the fans cheering for you and showing appreciation for how we played."

performance at Wolves and we now have nothing to be scared of, especially at home.

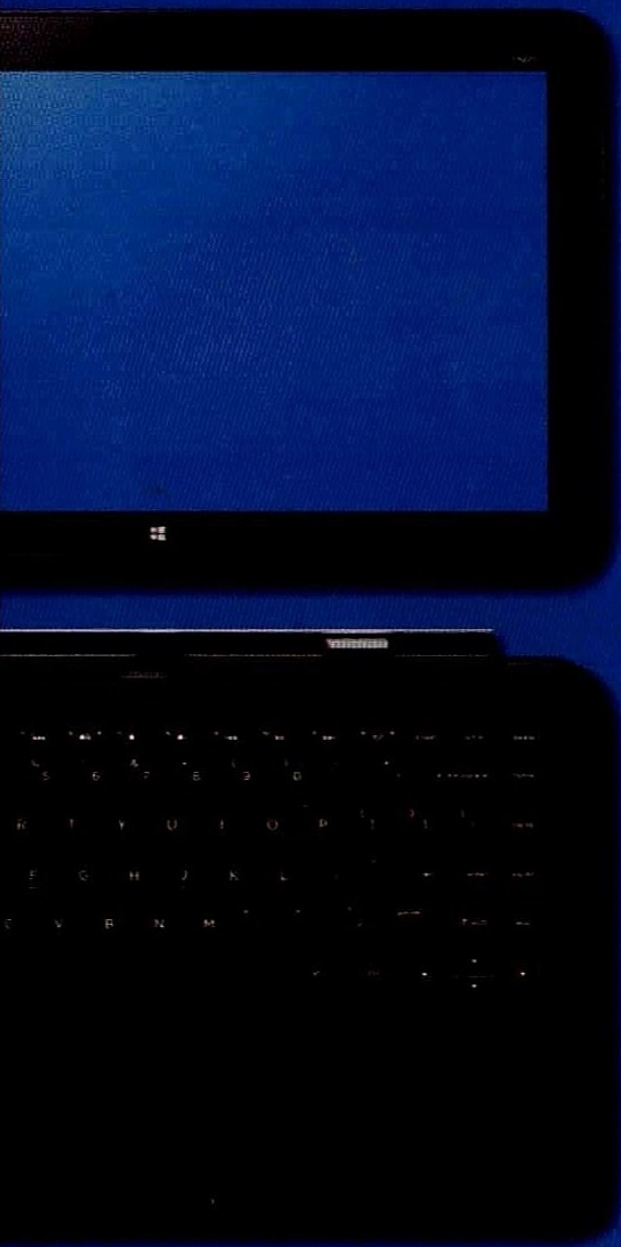
Your support at Wolves was amazing. You very rarely lose a game and then see the fans cheering for you and showing appreciation for how we played. To support and back us like you did was impressive and it was noted in the changing rooms how everyone was happy with the way we were received. The

same support will be vital again this afternoon.

DARREN WARD
TEAM CAPTAIN



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BOARDROOM UPDATE



GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome back to all Swindon Town fans after two tough away assignments.

I'M sure that you were all as delighted as the Board was with the team's performance against Crewe the last time we played here at The County Ground. It was nice to see Ryan Mason score a hat-trick as he works his way back to full fitness. We hope you are all starting to realise the potential that Mark Cooper has as a manager with his assistant Luke Williams. The confidence and belief that the players are showing the coaching staff on a daily basis in training is now starting to show in matches with the style of play we've adopted. Long may it continue and let's see where we are after 12-15 games.

Although everyone was delighted with the way we played at Wolves we had one of those surreal moments in football where we lost after totally dominating the game with total football which was pleasing on the eye for everybody with the players showing again an improved confidence in the style of playing. They continued to play passing football right up to the final whistle, keeping Wolves penned in for the whole second half with a shot at Wolves' goal every four minutes. Their goal appeared to have - as our Captain Darren Ward said - an invisible force-field around it as it lived a charmed life. Whilst we're playing football like this it was so pleasing to see and hear our



away fans applauding, singing and enjoying the style of play. I thought you were magnificent in defeat again giving the team a standing ovation at the end of the game. Our football club is now reverberating around the Football League for the style of football we are being branded with which has given all of us at the club, the fans and sponsors an immense amount of pride and enjoyment in following the club home and away.

It is pleasing to see STFC MyWorld developing with more fans now understanding the MyWorld concept where you're being rewarded for buying home and away tickets in advance. More than 60% of the fan base now use the online service which reduces queues

for tickets and ensures that loyal supporters will always get tickets for games by joining MyWorld and becoming part of the STFC MyWorld revolution.

Bristol City are in town today. The last league meeting at SN1 ended in a 2-1 win for Swindon. Hopefully we'll get a repeat result today. We're all looking forward to the game so raise the roof and make the CG a fortress. Hopefully you'll continue to improve your vocal support.

JED McCORRY
CHAIRMAN

COMMERCIAL COMMENT



Steven Burge

STEVEN Burge reflects on a busy last two weeks for the commercial team at The County Ground....

WHAT a long week it's been at SN1. Firstly, I had to deal with P.M.D. (Post Match Depression), after our visit to Molineux and not getting a deserved result. Secondly I find that what was my desk is no longer my desk and the commercial team have been relocated to above the Club Shop. Then, finally, did someone say Che.....!

Players' Lounge

THE reason for the commercial team's relocation is our old office space is being refurbished into the Club's new Champagne and Guinness bar. This VIP hospitality room will be a sociable and entertaining area with diner-style booths where you can relax pre-match and then mix with the players afterwards. Packages for forthcoming matches will be announced shortly, if 'Geordie' ever gets the room finished....

Comedy on the Road

It was a big thumbs-up from all that attended our first night with Jongleurs compère John Ryan commenting that it was a great venue for comedy. Tickets are now on sale through STFCMyWorld for our next collaboration on Saturday 5th October. The event is being held in the Legends Lounge after the Tranmere Rovers match. So, if you wish to make day of it, we will be offering a combined match, comedy and hospitality ticket.

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Brilliant! I'm proud of myself. I've reached the end and I didn't even mention Che.....!

STEVEN BURGE

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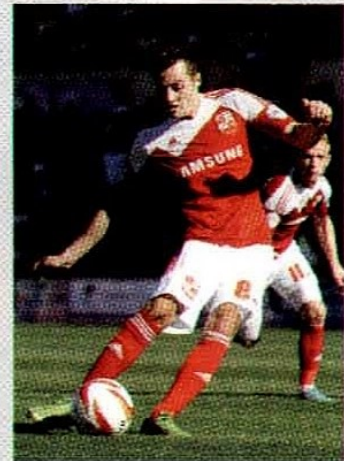
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MAN OF THE MATCH



Ryan Mason

THE man on-loan from Tottenham Hotspur stole the show last time out against Crewe Alexandra. He scored his first Town goal before going on to complete a hat-trick as Swindon ran out 5-0 winners at SN1. He might have even added a fourth goal to his name but saw his second spot kick of the afternoon saved by Crewe's Alan Martin. Voted as the Man of the Match by Match Sponsors VereLogic, Ryan is pictured receiving his champagne from Kevin Metcalfe and his son, Dylan.

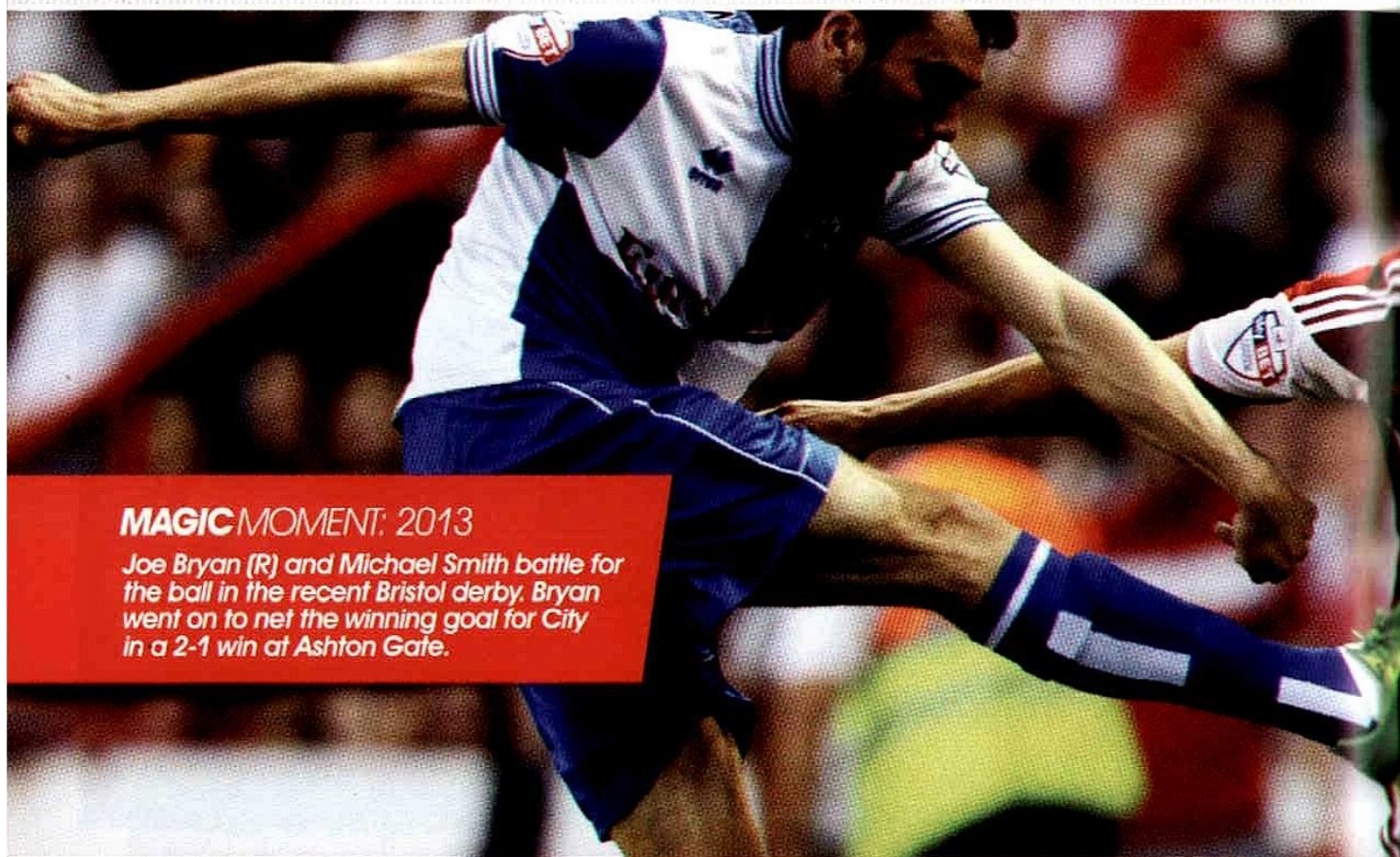
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PRE-MATCH LINE-UP





MAGIC MOMENT: 2013

Joe Bryan (R) and Michael Smith battle for the ball in the recent Bristol derby. Bryan went on to net the winning goal for City in a 2-1 win at Ashton Gate.

VISITORS BRISTOL CITY

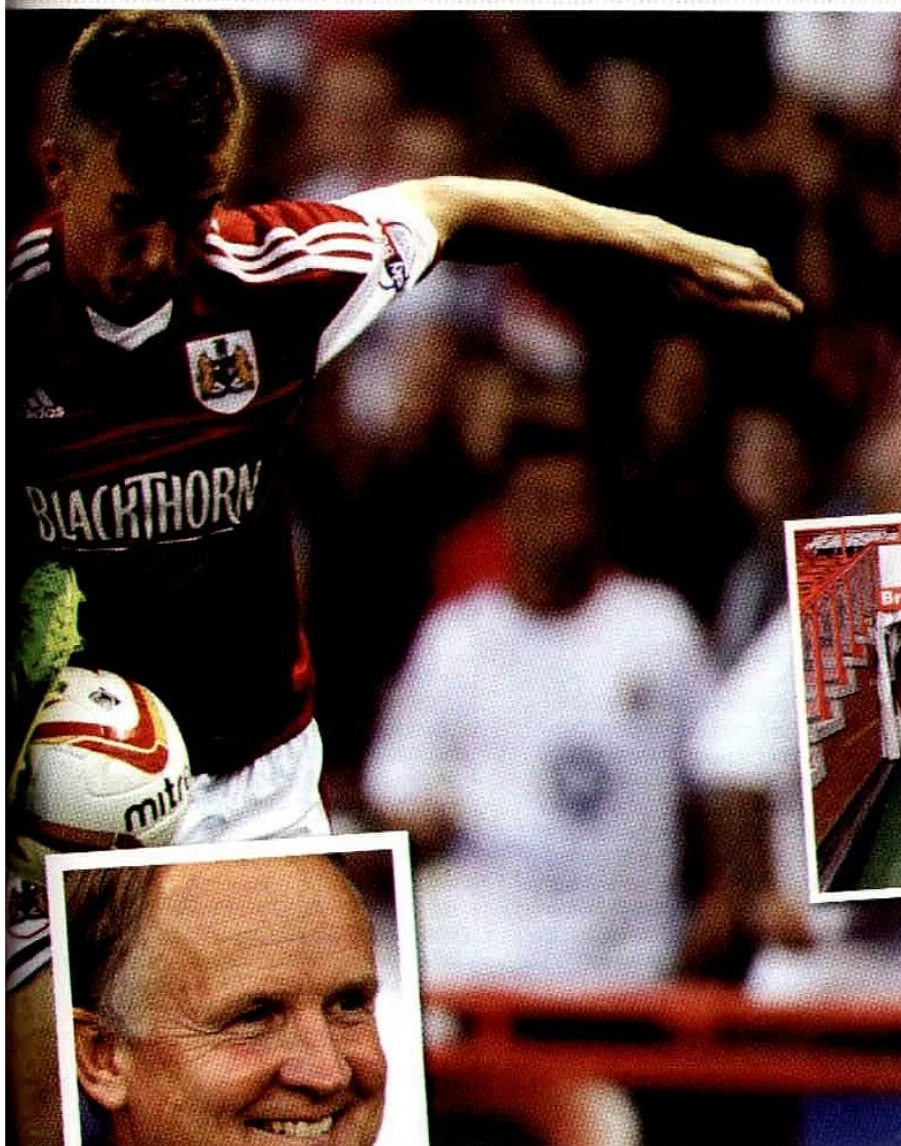


THE 2012/13 campaign was one to forget for Bristol City and their fans as they were relegated from the Championship.

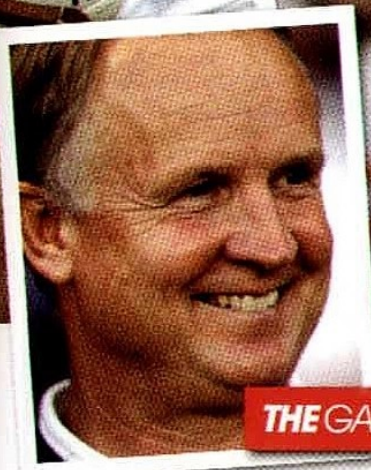
THERE was no sign of what was to come early on: City beat Crystal Palace and Cardiff City 4-1 and 4-2 respectively. A 2-1 win at Peterborough in mid-September would be the Robins' only win until the 24th November when they registered a 3-1 win at Middlesbrough. Between the two wins, City went on a run of seven consecutive defeats. Just two more victories followed in December. Three defeats at the start of 2013, including an FA Cup exit at the hands of Blackburn,

cost manager Derek McInnes his job. Following his sacking by Nottingham Forest on Boxing Day, Sean O'Driscoll was appointed as the new manager at Ashton Gate. Despite defeat in his opening game at Leeds, the former Bournemouth manager appeared to have the desired effect: three wins followed from the next four games. Under the guidance of the new manager, City lost just two games until early March where a 2-0 home win over Middlesbrough proved to be their last victory of

the campaign. Four defeats in their next five games put them on the brink of relegation. A 1-0 defeat to Birmingham City confirmed their relegation from the Championship, ending a six-year stay in the second tier. The Robins have endured a difficult start to life back in League One and are yet to register three points this term. Progress has come in the Capital One Cup and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy including a derby win over rivals Bristol Rovers.

**FACTFILE:**

Nicknames:
**The Robins, The Reds,
 Cider Army.**
 Stadium:
Ashton Gate
 Capacity: **21,501**



THE GAFFER: **SEAN O'DRISCOLL:**

O'DRISCOLL started his professional career with Fulham before moving on to Bournemouth. He made a total 423 appearances for the Cherries – then a record. He also won international honours with the Republic of Ireland. His first foray into management was with the South Coast club in 2000. In a six-year spell in the manager's seat at Dean Court, O'Driscoll guided Bournemouth to promotion from Division Three via the Play-Offs. After 23 years with the Cherries as player then manager, he then moved

to Doncaster Rovers in 2006. In his time at the Keepmoat, the Yorkshire side lifted the Football League Trophy and sealed promotion to the Championship the following campaign. He led Rovers into their first season in the second tier for 50 years before departing in 2011. Was next appointed manager of Crawley Town but was snapped up by Nottingham Forest before a ball was kicked. Following his sacking on Boxing Day 2012, he was appointed manager at Ashton Gate in January of this year.

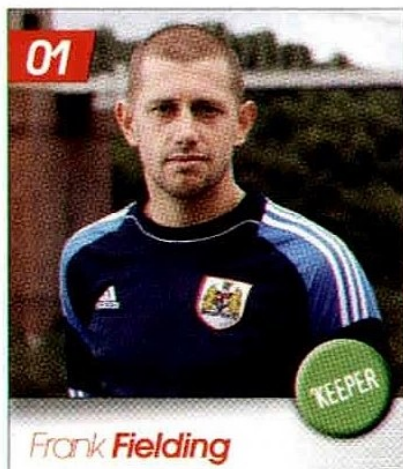
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THE PLAYERS



BRISTOL CITY

**Frank Fielding**

• **FIELDING** came through the ranks at hometown club Blackburn Rovers and had loan spells at Wycombe, Northampton, Rochdale and Derby, clocking up over 100 appearances. He made a permanent move to Pride Park in 2011 and was a regular for Nigel Clough's side before injury saw him lose his starting place last term. The 'keeper has also represented England at Under-19 and Under-21 level and was called up to the senior side in 2010.

**Brendan Moloney**

THE full-back is a graduate of the Academy at Nottingham Forest and spent time out on loan in the early part of his career. Broke into the first team at Forest when current City boss Sean O'Driscoll was in charge and became a regular in the side. Lost his place in the team following O'Driscoll's departure and, after having his contract terminated at The City Ground, Moloney linked up with his former manager at Ashton Gate in January of this year.

**Derrick Williams**

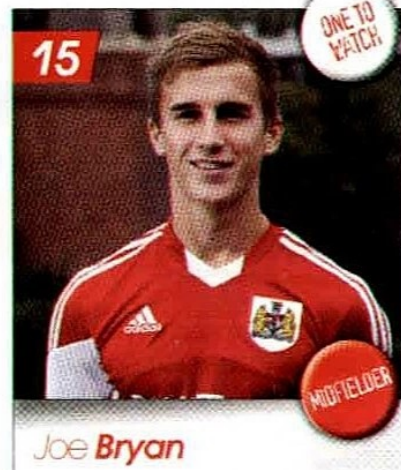
THE versatile defender turned down a new deal at previous club Aston Villa to join City in the summer. German-born Williams enjoyed success at youth and reserve level for the Midlands outfit and made one senior appearance in his time at Villa Park: a substitute appearance in a Premier League match against QPR in 2012. He has earned international honours with the Republic of Ireland, featuring for the Irish Under-19s and making his Under-21 debut last term.

**Bobby Reid**

THE midfielder is a product of the youth set-up at Ashton Gate and made his City bow at the end of the 2010/11 campaign. Since then, he has had short loan spells at Cheltenham Town and Oldham Athletic. Reid made 12 appearances last season in the Championship and scored his first goal in the Robins' defeat at Charlton Athletic. He has featured regularly for City so far this campaign.

**Marlon Pack**

THE midfielder came through the ranks at Portsmouth and in the early part of his career had loan stints at Wycombe Wanderers, Dagenham & Redbridge and Cheltenham Town. Departed the South Coast for Whaddon Road on a permanent deal in May 2010 and made over a century of appearances for the Robins. Pack was part of the Cheltenham side that reached the League Two Play-Off Final at Wembley in 2012. Penned a deal at Ashton Gate this summer.

**Joe Bryan**

ANOTHER graduate of the club's youth academy, Bryan made his City debut in March 2012. Earlier that campaign, the left-sided youngster had played four times for Bath City, scoring once. Broke into the first team last term and also spent time on loan at Plymouth Argyle, making 23 appearances in total. Scored the winning goal in the derby victory over Rovers at the start of this month. Also has international honours with Scotland's Under-21s.

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Aden Flint

A well-known figure to Swindon fans, Flint made the switch to Wiltshire in 2011 after starting his career in the non-leagues. During the 2011/12 campaign, he was a key component of the Town side that lifted the League Two title. Featured regularly last term as Swindon reached the League One Play-Offs and scored a last-gasp equaliser at Griffin Park that took the semi-final second leg against Brentford to extra time. Moved to Ashton Gate in the summer.



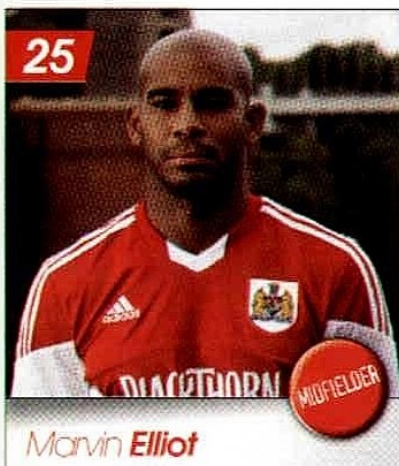
Greg Cunningham

THE Irishman moved to Ashton Gate last summer from Manchester City. Made his debut at the Etihad in 2009 and has featured five times for the Premier League side. Had loan spells at Leicester City in 2010/11 and Nottingham Forest in 2011/12 before making the move to Bristol. In his first season in the West Country he made 32 appearances as City were relegated. The defender has also won international honours with the Republic of Ireland.



Scott Wagstaff

A graduate of the youth system at Charlton Athletic, Wagstaff had stints on loan at Bournemouth and Northwich Victoria before establishing himself at The Valley. After featuring for the Addicks in the Championship, the midfielder helped Charlton to the League One title in the 2011/12 campaign. Managed just 10 appearances last term and spent time on loan at Leyton Orient before making the move along the M4 to Ashton Gate in the summer.



Marvin Elliot

THE midfielder began his football career at Millwall, joining at the age of 12. Progressed into the first team and made his debut in April 2003. The following season he played alongside current Town skipper Darren Ward in the 2004 FA Cup Final defeat to Manchester United. Moved to Ashton Gate in 2007 after making over 150 appearances for the Lions in a five-year spell. Elliot now has over 200 appearances to his name since securing a switch to City.



Sam Baldock

BALDOCK came through the youth ranks at Wimbledon before they became MK Dons. Scored over 40 goals for the Dons in a six-year spell. In the summer of 2011, he made a move to West Ham and notched five times for the Hammers as they won promotion to the Premier League. Opted for a move to Ashton Gate last summer and netted ten times as City dropped out of the Championship. Already has five goals to his name this term.



Marlon Harewood

THE veteran striker's career began at Nottingham Forest where he played more than 200 times before moving to West Ham. He helped the Hammers into the Premier League and to an FA Cup Final before securing a switch to Aston Villa. Has since had spells with clubs at home and abroad before moving back to Forest in 2012. Last season, he helped Barnsley avoid the drop from the Championship and penned a deal at Ashton Gate in the summer.

JAY EMMANUEL THOMAS

COYR takes a closer look at City's new goal-getter who has made great strides on the goal trail so far in 2013/14...

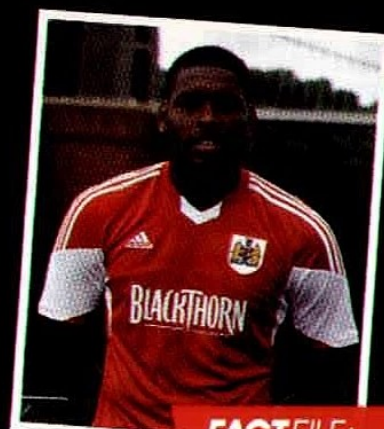
EMMANUEL-THOMAS wrote himself into City folklore last week when he notched the opening goal against fierce rivals Bristol Rovers in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. His left-footed thunderbolt set the tone for a 2-1 derby win. The forward, who can play anywhere along the front line, is a product of the Arsenal Youth Academy and, in his time at The Emirates Stadium, he captained the Gunners' Under-18 side to the Premier Academy League title and played a key role in securing the FA Youth Cup for Arsenal's young guns in 2009. At the start of the 2009/10 campaign, Emmanuel-Thomas penned a one-year loan deal with Blackpool, netting on his full debut for the Seaside. After extending his loan stay, the forward would go on to make eleven appearances before returning to the Emirates Stadium.

He made his Gunners' debut in an FA Cup Fourth Round tie at Stoke City in January 2010 and at the end of February he secured another loan move, this time to Doncaster Rovers. He made his first Doncaster start against current employers

Bristol City at Ashton Gate and notched twice in a 5-2 win. The forward made a further 12 appearances that season after extending his loan.

The following campaign saw Emmanuel-Thomas break into the Arsenal First Team after a blistering start in the Reserves. He made his bow off the bench against Chelsea before further appearances followed in the Carling Cup and in the Champions League. In January 2011 he joined Cardiff City on loan and scored twice in a stay that lasted until the end of the season.

That summer, he made a permanent switch to Ipswich Town. In two years at Portman Road he made 70 league appearances for the Tractor Boys, although 32 of those were from the substitutes' bench. In his first season, he notched seven goals including two against then league leaders West Ham. The forward scored twice more for Ipswich before making the move west to Ashton Gate this summer. He has hit the ground running this term, notching five goals in his first eight games for the Robins.



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Full name:
**Jay Aston
Emmanuel-Thomas**
Date of birth:
27 December 1990
Place of birth:
Forest Gate, London
Height:
1.85m (6ft 1in)
Playing position:
Striker

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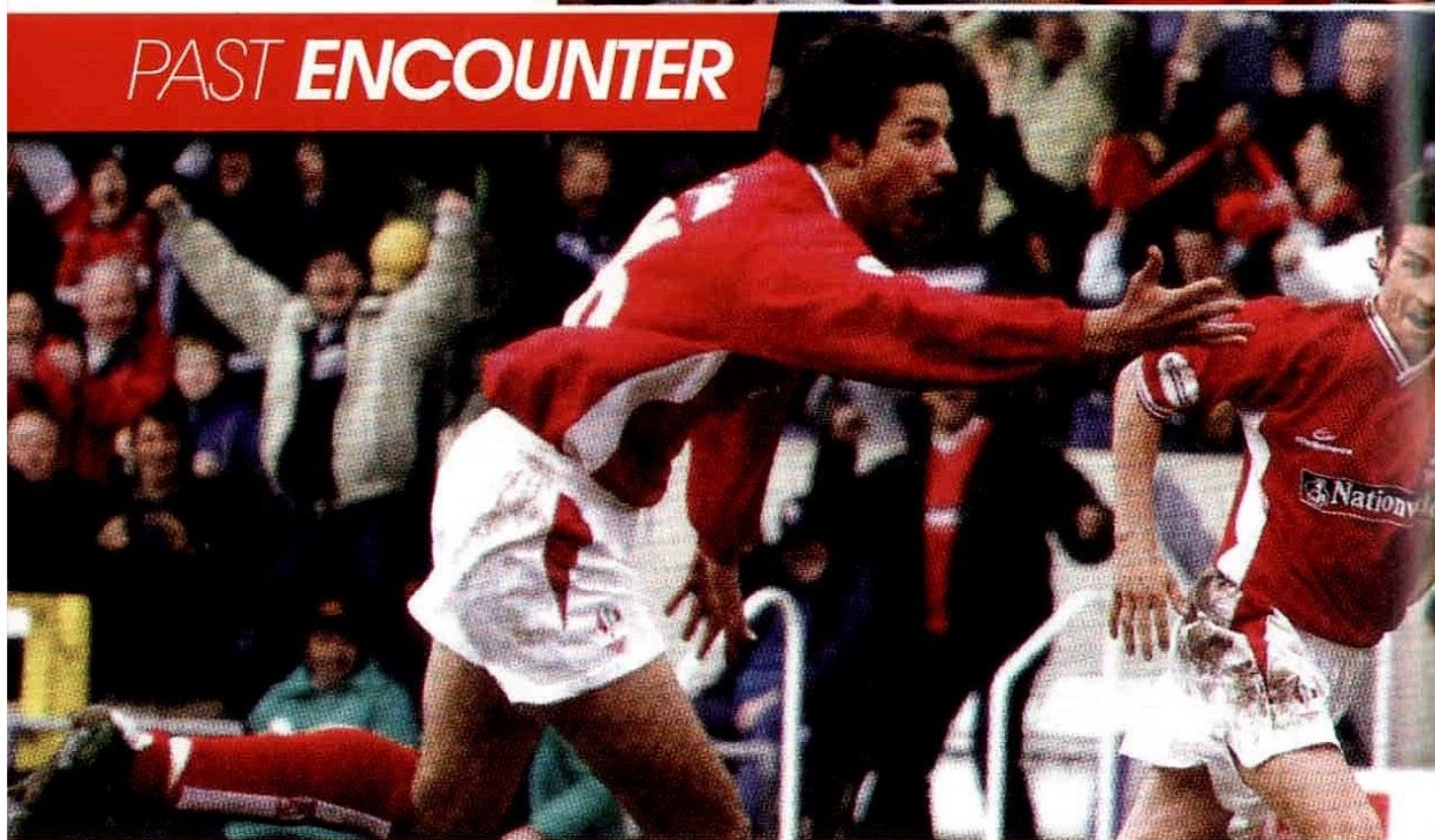
CLUB CONNECTION

LEE PEACOCK:

AFTER starting his career with Carlisle, Peacock came to Bristol City via Mansfield and Manchester City. He would go on to make over 150 appearances for City, scoring over 60 goals, including an effort in the LDV Vans Trophy triumph of 2003. After a stint at Sheffield Wednesday, Peacock signed for Swindon in January 2006. Along with his inimitable fur coat, he established himself as a cult hero in 2006/07, helping Town to promotion from League Two. In total, he made 138 appearances in his time at SN1 and scored 21 goals before moving on to Grimsby.



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MAGIC MOMENTS:

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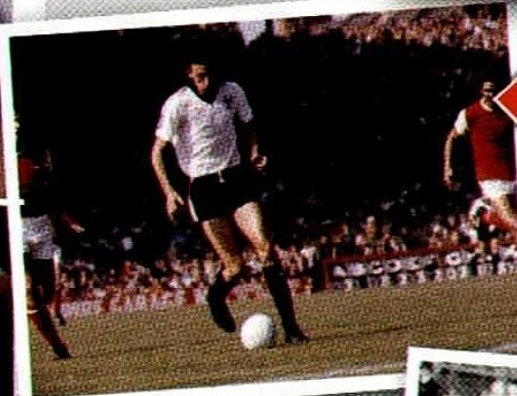
CITY finish as runners up in Division One - the top flight of English football. This is the club's highest ever league finish to date.

1909

AFTER reaching the FA Cup Final in 1909, City are beaten by Manchester United at Crystal Palace. They lose by a single goal to nil.

**1976**

TOP flight return - the Robins clinch promotion to the First Division after finishing as runners up in Division Two. Tom Ritchie is pictured in action against Arsenal at Highbury.

**1986**

HOWARD Pritchard (L) and Glyn Riley celebrate with the Freight Rover Trophy after beating Bolton Wanderers 3-0 in the final at Wembley.

**2003**

LDV Vans Trophy success! Skipper Tommy Doherty lifts the silverware after City beat Carlisle United 2-0 in the final at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff.



Date: **10.04.2004**
Swindon Town 1
Bristol City 1
 Attendance: **14,540**

THIS West Country derby from 2004 was a clash of two sides that had hopes of reaching the Division Two Play-Offs. Two future Town connections combined to give City the lead: Lee Peacock squaring for Christian Roberts. However, it was substitute Rory Fallon who wrote his name onto the back pages with a stunning equaliser. Sean O'Hanlon's clipped ball towards the edge of the area was flighted towards the Kiwi. Leaping highest, he took the ball on his chest before launching into an acrobatic overhead kick that sailed over Steve Phillips and into the net.

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1886 Peter Shilton becomes first player to make 1000 league appearances

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1892 2nd Division introduced

1898 Automatic promotion & relegation introduced
1901 Maximum wage introduced

1914 Footballers' Battalion formed

1920 Football League expands to 66 clubs and introduces a Third division
1921 Expanded to 88 clubs with 3rd Division North & South

1925 New offside law introduced
1937 BBC broadcast first live football league match on the radio

1939 League suspended due to World War II

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1958 Division 3 & 4 formed to replace regional 3rd Division
1959 First ever live Football League match shown on television
1961 Maximum wage abolished

1965 Substitutions for any reason permitted
1965 Keith Proctor becomes first Football League substitute

1976 Goal difference replaces goal average

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1981 3 points for a win introduced

1974 The first ever Football League match played on a Sunday

1987 2 substitutes per team introduced
1986 Football League Play-Offs introduced



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CLUB NEWS

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SWINDON Town are delighted to launch the Pro Red initiative in association with sponsors Excalibur...

PRO Red is a scheme designed to connect STFC with youth football clubs in Swindon and the surrounding areas, with Robins FC, Highworth Town Juniors and Melksham Town Juniors becoming the first clubs to join the scheme. Any youth club in the area can affiliate with a number of benefits on offer.

Adam Wainwright, the club's Marketing and Hospitality Executive, explained: "We want to forge a relationship with clubs and encourage them as much as we can to support their local, professional football club through an affiliate partnership scheme."

Excalibur CEO James Phipps explained why he had signed up to Pro Red.

"It's a good opportunity for the Club to build strong links with the clubs around Wiltshire," he said. "Excalibur does lots through sporting

organisations to help kids engage and be active and a programme that does all of that but helps out my beloved football club at the same time is a great win-win."

Mark Collett, Chairman of Highworth Town Juniors said: "It opens up so many more avenues with Swindon Town. It helps get junior clubs involved in football itself and coming along to watch."

Paul Wainwright, Chairman of Robins FC believes that the scheme will greatly benefit his club.

"Robins is a community club," he said. "STFC are part of that community and the linking of the two is absolutely excellent. These are the new supporters of the future."

For more information about the Pro Red scheme, please contact Adam Wainwright on 0844 880 1094 or email adam@swindontownfc.co.uk



Get Involved at STFC

SWINDON Town are inviting families to be part of a new Family Excellence Panel in a bid to connect families with the club and to help improve their matchday experience at SN1.

The Club are looking for as many people interested as possible to come on board and help with the implementation of ideas.

With lots of families involved, the FEP will provide a platform for the Club to work with the families, listen to what they have to say and work to give Swindon Town a community and family club feel.

As well as helping to improve the experience for younger fans and their families, the panel will also work as a voluntary arm of the Football Club.

For more details please contact **Mike Dixon**, one of the Town fans already on board, via email STFCfamily@gmail.com or follow the FEP on Twitter: [@STFCfamily](https://twitter.com/STFCfamily)



ALEX PRITCHARD

ALEX Pritchard has proved he can score and create goals, but now he's looking to help Swindon add more points to the board after recent disappointments...

WORDS: Nick Judd

Alex, cast your mind back to the MK Dons game on TV. We'll get to your goal later, but what was the squad's reaction at full time? Was there a feeling of disappointment?

There was. I thought we were on top on the whole and looked dangerous on the counter-attack. To go down to ten men when we did was disappointing, because we had 40 minutes left to play. We were on top at that stage but the dynamics of the game changed. They got a goal back quickly, but I thought in the end we looked quite comfortable and did well to get the point. I think given the circumstances we have to see it as a good point.

We've been unlucky on the road haven't we? We probably deserved more at Peterborough and Wolves as well as MK...

We're a good team and we're playing good football. Look at both the Peterborough and Wolves games, these are teams people are expecting to finish at the top; and we should have got a point at Peterborough and probably more at Wolves. Both

performances were impressive. At Peterborough we hadn't had long to gel as a team before the game while you don't expect to go and outplay Wolves like we did, so these performances bode well.

Before the Wolves game, we talked about silencing their fans because we knew they would be on their backs if we started well. Their fans expect to win home games because they still have a lot of Premiership quality. Obviously conceding so early wasn't ideal, but I felt we did that with the way we played.

Give us a small insight into the away experience for players... Can it be boring staying in hotel rooms?

No, not really. We're all together and we have a laugh. To be honest, once you're at the hotel it's about keeping your head down ahead of the game the next day. I like to get on the iPad and catch up on Twitter or watch some TV. The hotels are normally pretty nice and occasionally they'll have an Xbox or something, which keeps us occupied.

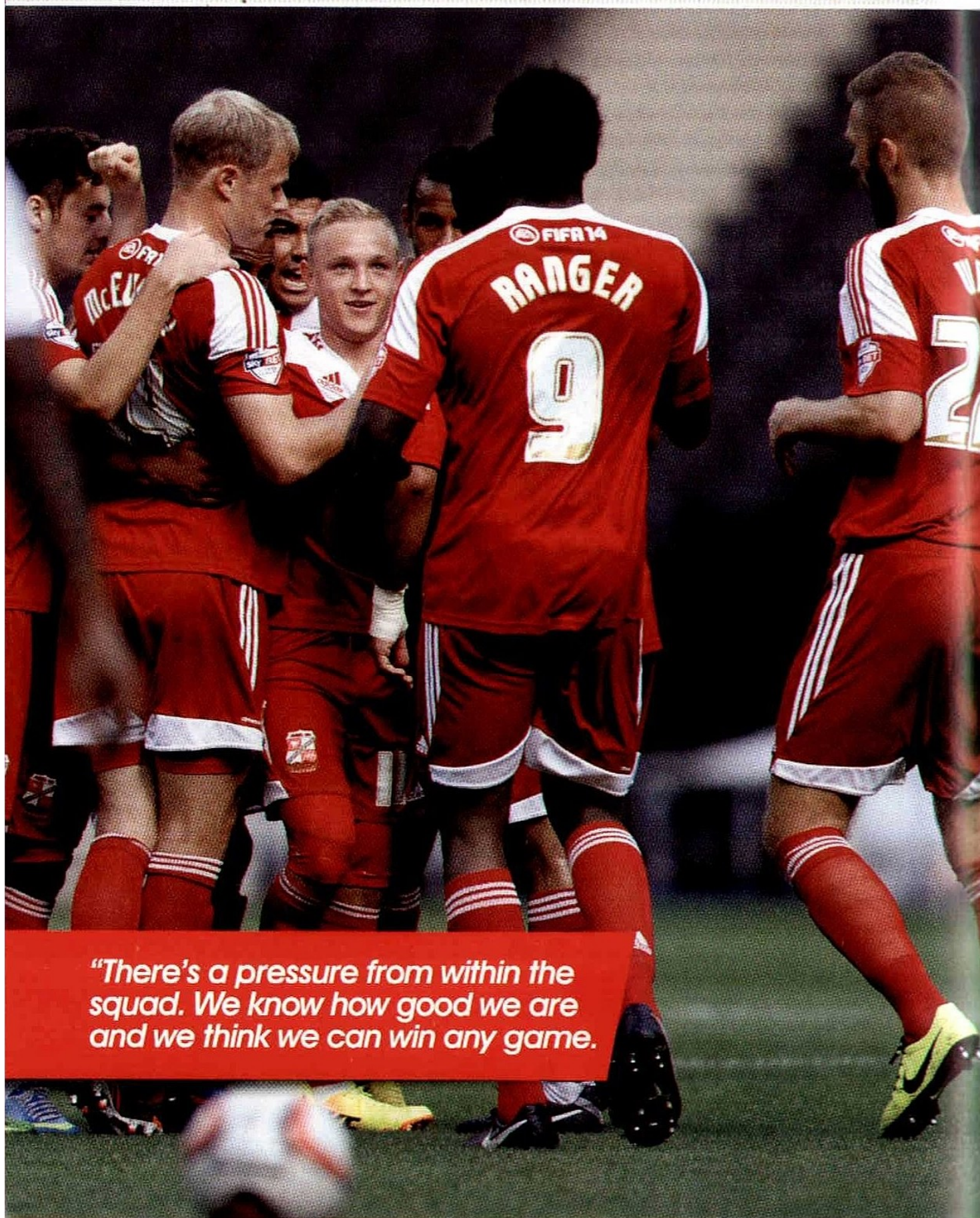
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"There's a pressure from within the squad. We know how good we are and we think we can win any game."

Overall, how would you assess the season so far?

We're starting to gel together now, but we just need to work harder to convert these performances into points. Wolves was a hard game but we proved we can go to places like that and compete, but we have to start winning matches. In a way, there is no pressure on us to win those games because no-one expects us to get anything, but there's a pressure from within the squad. We know how good we are and we think we can win any game.

The big games keep on coming, starting today...

They do. I hadn't played at Molineux before, so that was a great experience. I don't know too much about the Swindon-Bristol rivalry but I've played in a few derbies before when I was younger. Obviously they won't compare to a proper league derby match, so I'm really looking forward to it.

Bristol City are another team many are predicting to finish near the top.

Yes, although we're at home and so I think the pressure will be on us to win it. If we play as well as we can do, like we have in recent weeks, then there is no reason why we can't do that. As long as we keep creating the chances we'll hopefully start putting them away.

And how about your own form... are you pleased with the way you're playing?

My form's been good. I just need to keep going. The start of the season was tough because I was getting fit, but I'm just trying to create and score as many goals as possible. At the moment, I feel confident, so I just need to keep working hard.

I need regular football but it isn't just about getting games under my belt, it is about playing well in those games. I'm at an age where I need to play proper competitive football, so I'm happy. I'm enjoying the team playing good football.

The football is great to watch, so it must be even better to be part of a team producing this kind of style?

It's good. It means we're all playing with a smile on our faces and our confidence is high. Things are going right in terms of the performances, but it's when things go against you that you need to work hard. We can't play like that every week, so we need to try and grind out results as well.

True, although the team showed a lot of resilience at both QPR and MK Dons...

The QPR game was a good example. We played our football in the first half and managed to pass the ball about, then in the second half we were battered for 25/30 minutes. To stay in the game was impressive, and it was nice to wrap it up by hitting them on the break.

Have the Spurs contingent at the club helped you settle?

I think it's been really good for all of us. We all played together in the same team at Spurs and so to now be playing in the same team in League One is brilliant. It's a great opportunity for all of us.

It must have been weird for you fellas watching the ins and outs at White Hart Lane during the transfer window!



#ASKPRITCH

EACH week, we invite supporters to pitch their questions via the club's official Facebook and Twitter pages. Make sure you log on for the opportunity to get your question answered.



What's your favourite cheese?

Tom Lloyd (via Twitter)

My favourite cheese? (laughs). I don't know! Probably Cheddar I would say. I like Cheesestings so whatever they are made of.

Was playing football your childhood dream?

Victoria Marchant & Oscar (via Facebook)

Yeah it definitely was. From as far back as I can remember. It's all I've ever wanted to do to be perfectly honest.

What's been your favourite moment playing for Swindon Town?

Matt Oaten (via Facebook)

Can I choose two? I'm not sure. I'd have to go for either the free-kick against MK Dons or the goal I managed to score against QPR in the League Cup. I can't decide which one though!

How much time do you spend practising free kicks?

Steve Putnam (via Facebook)

Well at the end of every training session I'll take a handful of balls and then take about ten or fifteen free-kicks. Even on a matchday I'll make sure that I take a couple in the warm-up as well.

#ASKPRITCH



What is the best goal you've ever scored?

Cade Simmons
(via Facebook)

I did enjoy the free-kick against MK Dons but there was a goal I scored against Birmingham City while I was playing at Tottenham. I just picked the ball up and hit it from about 35 yards and it went right in the top corner. Their 'keeper had absolutely no chance.

Who inspires you?

Jay Rhys Harrison
(via Facebook)

I'm not really sure to be honest. There aren't really any footballers that I look up to but I'd have to say that my family have been a massive support throughout my career so far. No matter what happens they are always behind me, coming to watch games and things like that.

What's your favourite food to eat and cook?

Jay Rhys Harrison
(via Facebook)

My favourite food is definitely Dominos pizza. No real reason why - I just love it! Favourite thing to cook? (thinks). I'm not really much of a cook to be honest. The best thing I can cook is probably a bowl of cereal...

Amazing, wasn't it? We were watching it on Sky Sports News and it was mad.

So, you feel you've settled at the club and in the area?

It didn't take long to get to know everyone. I reckon I was feeling settled within a couple of days, to be honest. We have a good group of guys here and even though we've had a lot of ins and outs we've all got on pretty well.

It's a young squad, does that make it easier?

It's good to have hungry young players, but we also have experience with the older heads such as Darren [Ward] and Jay [McEveley]. They help

keep us grounded and

I'm learning stuff off them every day. I'm shocked by some of the stuff they tell us!

Has Darren been passing on some healthy eating tips?

He's tried to enforce it on me! He's a really good guy to have around because he knows his stuff. It's good to learn from him.

And have you enjoyed working under Mark Cooper?

When the old gaffer left I'd only been here a couple of days. After the first couple of sessions I was really hoping the current gaffer would get the job and I'm glad he's got it. We've got to play for him and it's working at the moment. He's a good guy and he's getting the best out of us.

You're here for the season, so what are your long-term ambitions?

I haven't thought that far ahead yet. I'm just looking to play games and play well in those games. We'll see what happens.

You can play out wide and through the middle, do you have a preference?

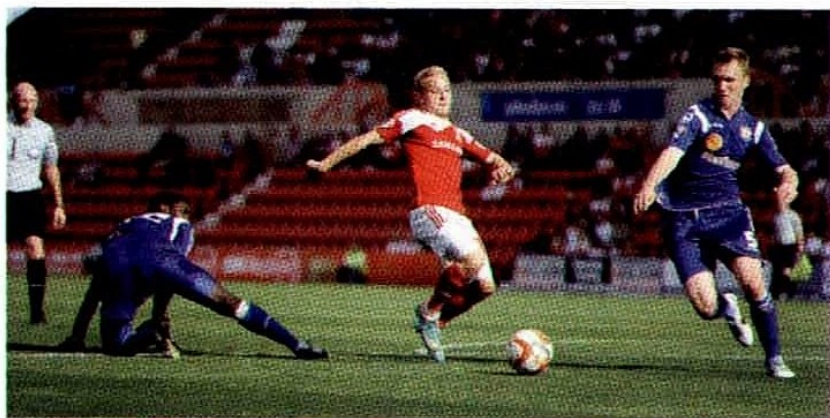
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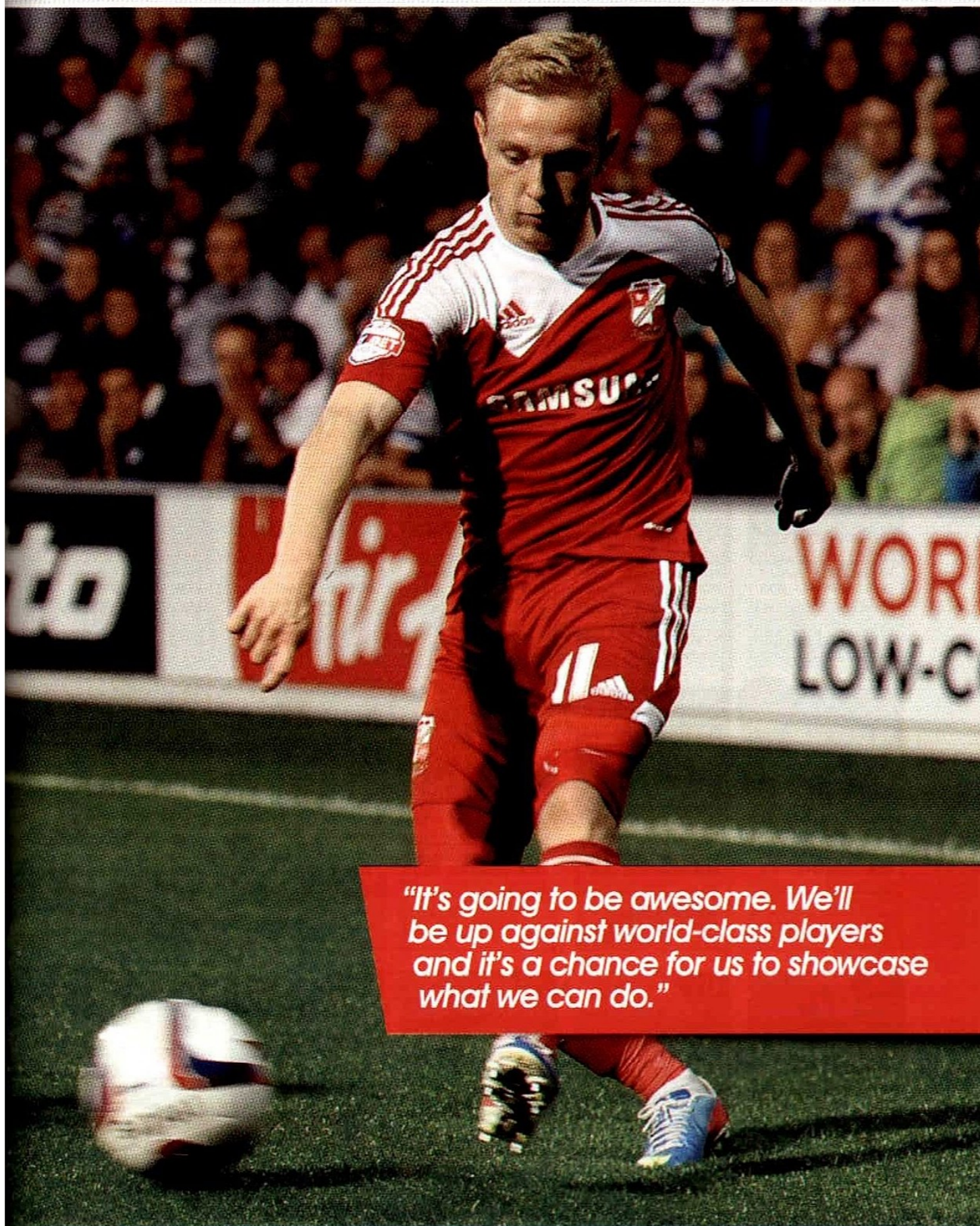
And as a supplier of crosses, what do you make of having Nile and Dany in attack?

They're good lads. They're both strong and are able to hold the ball up and bring others into play.

Have you allowed yourself to think about the Chelsea game at all yet?

It's on TV as well, so it's going to be awesome. We'll be up against world-class players and it's a chance for us to showcase what we can do. I'm really looking forward to it. The stadium will be rocking and it'll be amazing to be a part of it if selected.






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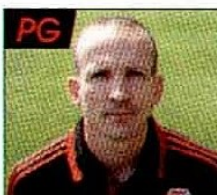
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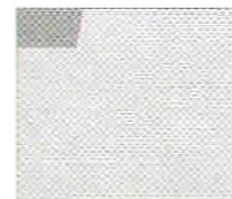
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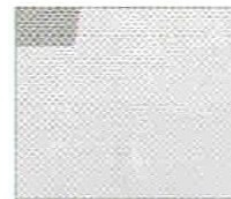
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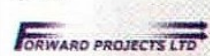


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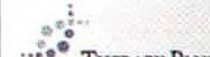


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80s

4. DODGY KITS:

WE continue our look back at what was acceptable in the 80s by this week casting our eyes back on some of the horrendous and garish kits that were on show...

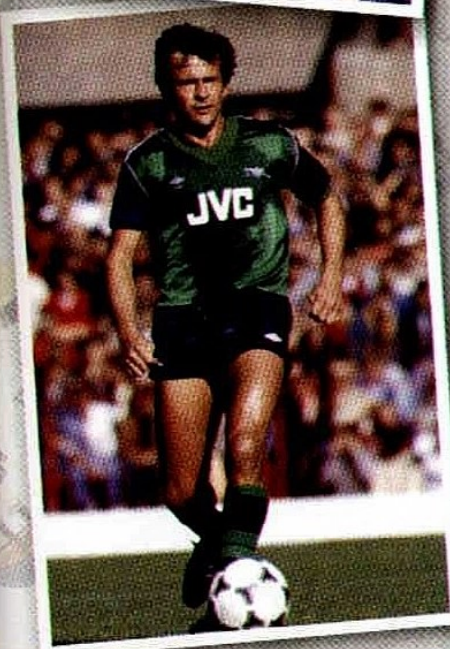
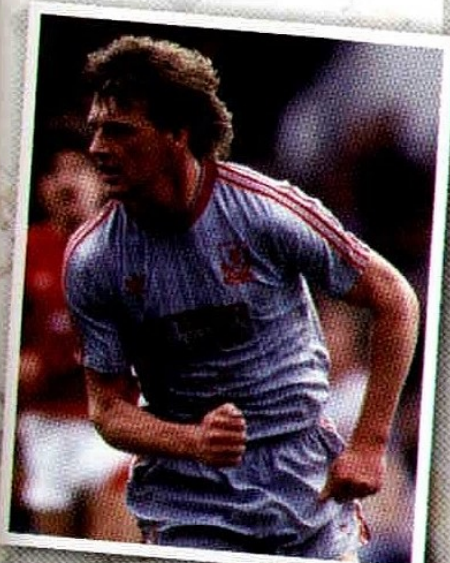
FASHION in the 80s had a lot to answer for, and football was no different, providing the world with some of the worst crimes against fashion ever known to man. A combination of ghastly colours and designs resulted in kits you would expect to see at roller discos rather than on the football pitch.

Liverpool, who were no strangers to fashion disasters themselves, sported a gruesome grey strip with red stripes going down the sleeves in 1988, the season they also lost the title to Arsenal on goal difference. Arsenal themselves were not exempt to a dodgy kit, they played their away games during the 1982-83 season in a murky green and blue kit. If you ask any Arsenal fan, the only other thing that was duller than that kit was the football that Arsenal played that season.

However, the award for worst kit of the 1980s has arguably got to go to Sheffield Wednesday for their abominable away kit which they adorned on their travels throughout the 1986/87 season.

Now you don't have to be Gok Wan to know that silver and lilac nylon is a massive no go and unfortunately no one told the top dogs at Umbro that, resulting in a kit that has mentally scarred all Sheffield Wednesday fans for life.

To all Liverpool fans who are disgusted at this season's third kit, just thank your lucky stars that your team doesn't have to sport one of the monstrosities seen in the 80s.



ABOVE: Liverpool's grey kit from the 1980s was reprised by the Reds in recent years. The Gunners' green and blue effort was not the most popular.



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TOWN TEAMMATES

TOWN skipper Darren Ward is the latest player to reveal all about his Town Teammates....

1

Worst haircut?

Aaron Oakley if I'm honest. Sometimes he goes a bit too far with his barnet. It looks a bit too sharp...

2

Best chef?

There's a few! I'm hearing that Jay's not too bad but it also sounds like Jay's their chef, housekeeper the lot!

3

Worst taste in music?

That's a tough one! Let's have Jay - a few times he's had his house music on and it's not gone down too well with the players...

4

Best singer?

From what I've seen, Ty Belford impressed when he had his introduction song.

5

Hardest worker?

I know I've been put down for this one before and I can't really say myself but there are a few hard workers. I'd say the new recruit Nicky Alose. From what I've seen he puts the work in but there are many others behind him.

6

Best moves?

After me I'd say probably Pritch has got a bit in the locker.

7

Busiest member of the squad?

That would have to be Wes at the minute because he's the fines man and he doesn't let anyone off. You could call him 'The Enforcer'...

8

Player you'd least like to play against?

Pritch. He's just one of those players that will get under your feet! Obviously he's a very skilful player and one that can cause players problems.

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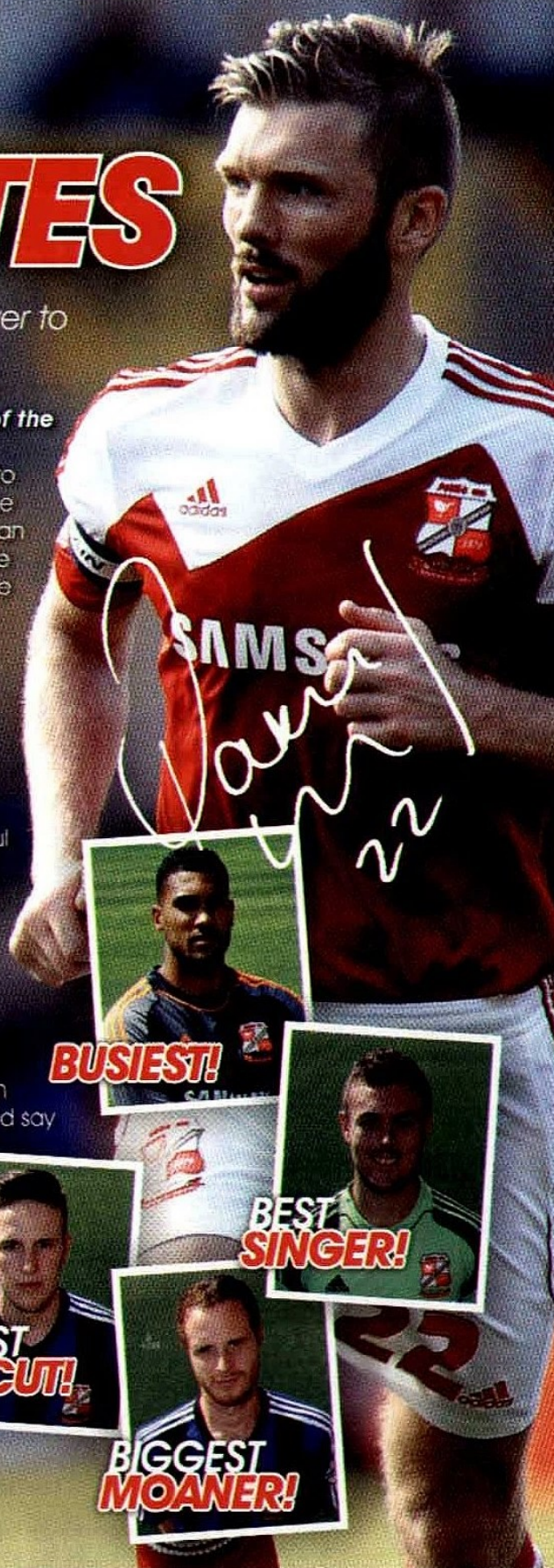
Biggest moaner?

At the minute I'd say Ryan Harley.

10

Worst banter?

Willo's gone which makes it hard but I'd say Pritch again. He does this thing on the training pitch where he'll shout 'heads' then everyone ducks and he just laughs. It's terrible!



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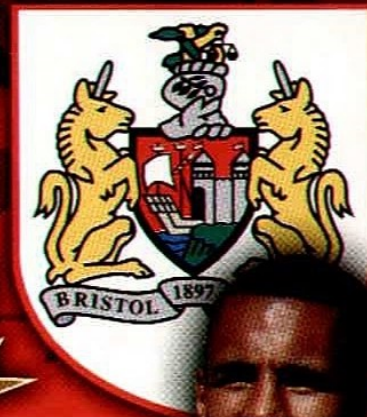
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11



Alex Pritchard

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With 50 points up for grabs how many can you score?

MY SCORE:

For 5 points

WHO IS BATMAN?

For 5 points

WHO'S THE BOSS?

For 5 points

WORLD CUP WINNER?

TRUE OR FALSE



1 point per correct answer

True False

- 1 In 1956 Town ground-shared at Ashton Gate for one season...
- 2 Town and Bristol City are both known as the Robins...
- 3 Aden Flint has a Swindon badge tattooed on his back...
- 4 In the last meeting between today's teams Town won 1-0...
- 5 Danny Wilson has managed both Town and Bristol City...

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Can you name this Fulham player?



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Can you reveal the current Town player?

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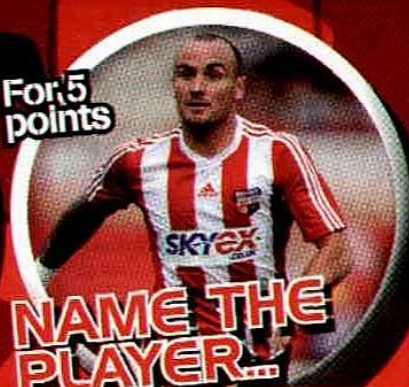
WHOSE BADGE...

For 5 points



NAME THE GROUND...

For 5 points



NAME THE PLAYER...

PLAYER FACTS

Ryan Mason

1 In 2009/10 I made 28 appearances for which club?

2 I've played 5 times under Kenny Jackett at which club?

3 How many caps do I have for representing England U19s?

1 point per correct answer

WHOSE KIT

For 2 points



The conundrum: Jay McVieley
Who's the boss: Nigel Clough
World Cup winner: Frank Leebout
Whose badge: Watford
Name the ground: The Valley
Name the player: Alan McCormack
True or false: 1 False, 2 True, 3 False, 4 True, 5 True
Premier Pict: Noel Fordell
Whose kit: Arsenal

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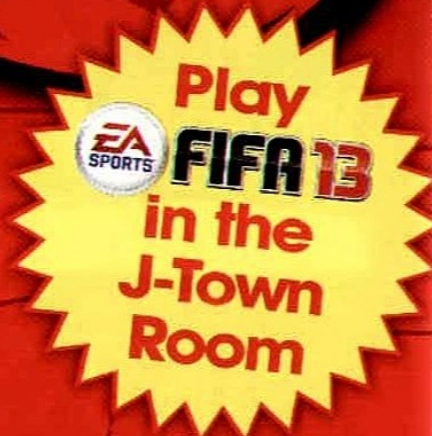
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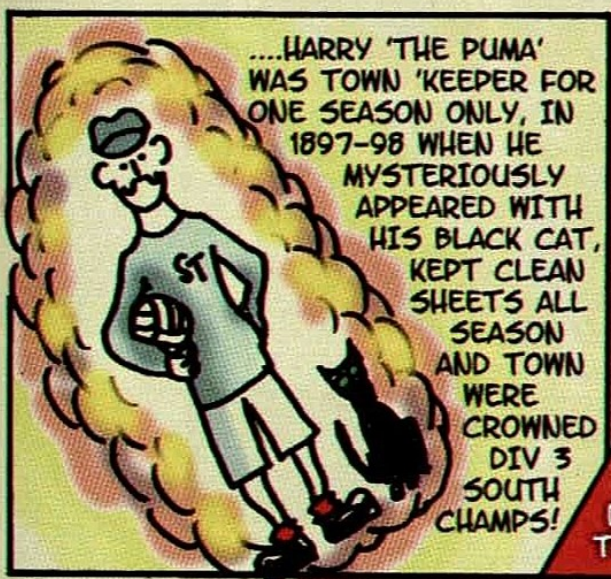
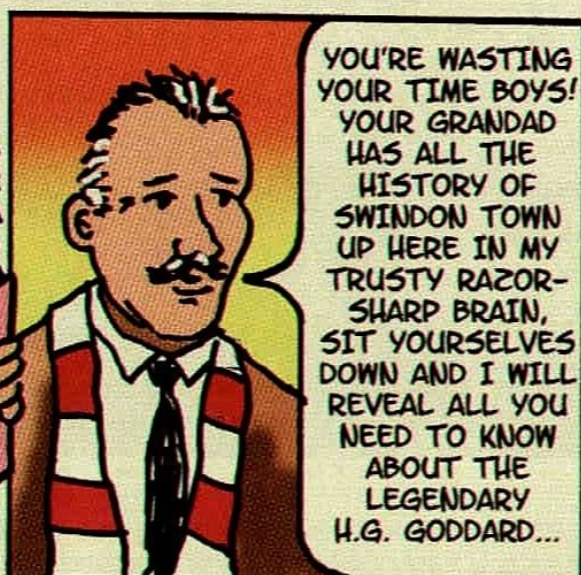
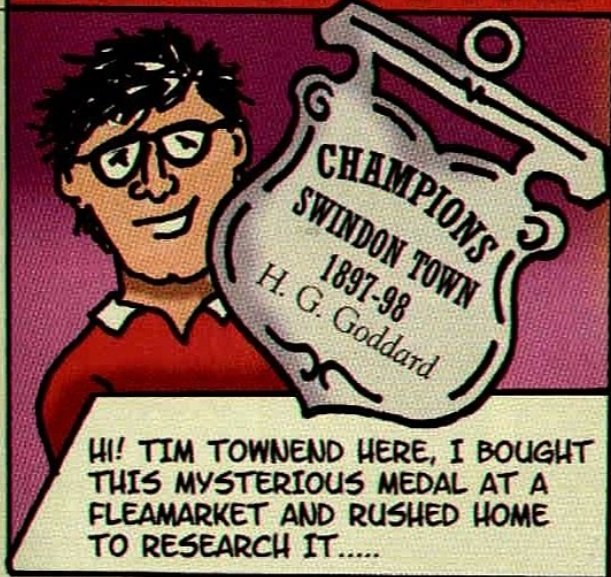
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ACADEMY MATTERS



Jeremy
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THE Academy boys are now all back to school and are in the flow of training, with the Under-8s to the Under-16s in three times a week with their games on Sundays...



IT'S full tilt with games coming thick and fast but, away from that, we recently had the Academy photos here at The County Ground. This is a fundraising event where we get an external company to do the photos. Each player has individual shots taken, then they're sold to make a bit of money for the Academy. It's a worthwhile exercise and we've been doing it for a few years now. It creates good memories for each of the boys then we can look back on them in years to come. The Under-18s have not had many games recently but we did have an Under-17s game and there was a development

game last week where we had second years taking part. This was good for us, with the lads under the guidance of the First Team management. The Under-17s played Luton and won 4-3. It was a good first half performance but we lost a bit of concentration in the second half. It's good for our Under-16s to interact with our first years who will possibly be our Under-18s for next season and we'll look to do more of that. A few of our Under-16s have been offered and have signed contracts for next season already which is a plus point. We'll try and do this a lot earlier with other age groups. It's difficult enough being in their position with the training

and games demands we put on them as a club. We've got to understand that these boys have got GCSEs coming up so we've got to be careful and if we can make this decision as quickly as possible and offer the contracts, that's then taken care of and they can focus on their academic studies.

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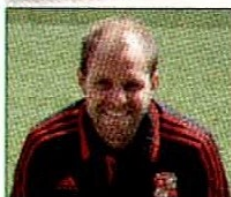
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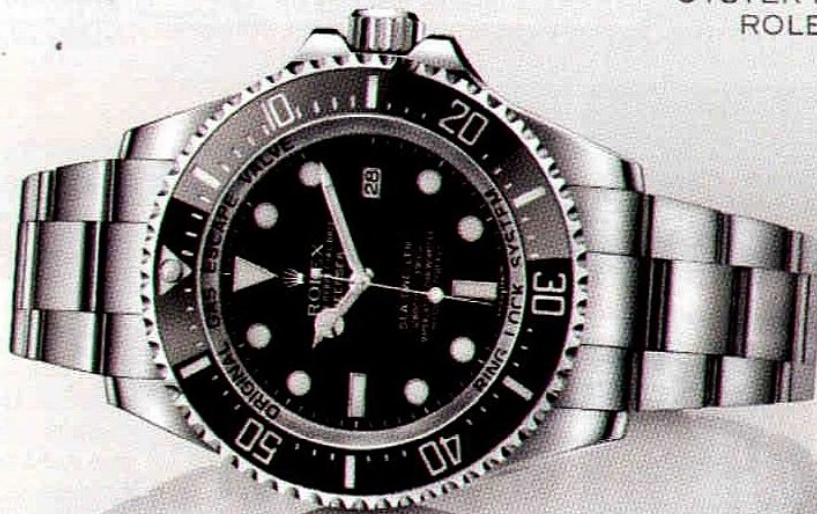
2013/14 U18s Fixtures:

Date:	Fixture:	Res:
Sat Aug 10	Oxford United	2-3 L
Sat Aug 17	Exeter City	0-5 L
Sat Aug 24	Free	-
Sat Aug 31	Hereford United	4-1 W
Sat Sep 7	Cup 1 (Bye)	-
Sat Sep 14	A.F.C. Bournemouth	3-4 L
Sat Sep 21	Newport County	A
Sat Sep 28	Cup 2 Oxford United	A
Sat Oct 5	Cup 3 AFC Bournemouth	H
Sat Oct 12	Bristol Rovers	A
Sat Oct 19	Cup 4 Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Oct 26	Cup 5 Hereford United	H
Sat Nov 2	Plymouth Argyle	H
Fri Nov 8	Torquay United	A
Sat Nov 16	Free	-
Sat Nov 23	Cheltenham Town	H
Sat Nov 30	In Service	-
Sat Dec 7	Cup	-
Sat Dec 14	Oxford United	A
Sat Dec 21	Free	-
Sat Dec 28	Free	-
Sat Jan 4	Free	-
Sat Jan 11	Exeter City	H
Sat Jan 18	Free	-
Sat Jan 25	Hereford United	A
Sat Feb 1	Free	-
Sat Feb 8	Newport County	H
Sat Feb 15	Cup	-
Sat Feb 22	A.F.C. Bournemouth	A
Sat Mar 1	Bristol Rovers	H
Sat Mar 8	Cup	-
Sat Mar 15	Plymouth Argyle	A
Sat Mar 22	Cheltenham Town	A
Sat Mar 29	Cup	-
Sat Apr 5	Free	-
Sat Apr 12	Torquay United	H
Sat Apr 19	Free	-
Sat Apr 26	Free	-
Sat May 3	In Service	-

2013/14 U18s Table:

Team:	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Cheltenham	4	3	1	0	+9	10
Bristol Rovers	4	2	2	0	+4	8
Exeter City	4	2	1	1	+9	7
Oxford United	4	2	1	1	+2	7
Bournemouth	4	2	1	1	0	7
Plymouth	4	2	0	2	+1	6
Hereford	4	2	0	2	-3	6
SWINDON	4	1	0	3	-4	3
Newport Co.	4	0	1	10	-7	1
Torquay United	4	0	1	3	-11	1

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Now imagine, in your first match, you absolutely destroyed your opponent. How optimistically would you view the future? To just what heights could your skills take you?

Perhaps that is what Town supporters wondered in 1920.

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And at our very first attempt, we set the bar at a level that we have never achieved since. Our very first match in the Football League culminated in a result we have never bettered or even matched in a further 93 years of trying.

Local boy and ex-England international striker Harold Fleming scored four times against the team he had made his Town debut against back in 1907, while Billy Batty netted a brace.

Also on the score-sheet were other local talents Bertie Davies

and Bob Jefferson while Luton's Allan Mathieson helpfully added an own goal to complete our 9-1 rout and indicate just how superior we were in this new-fangled Football League.

Success would clearly be a doddle.

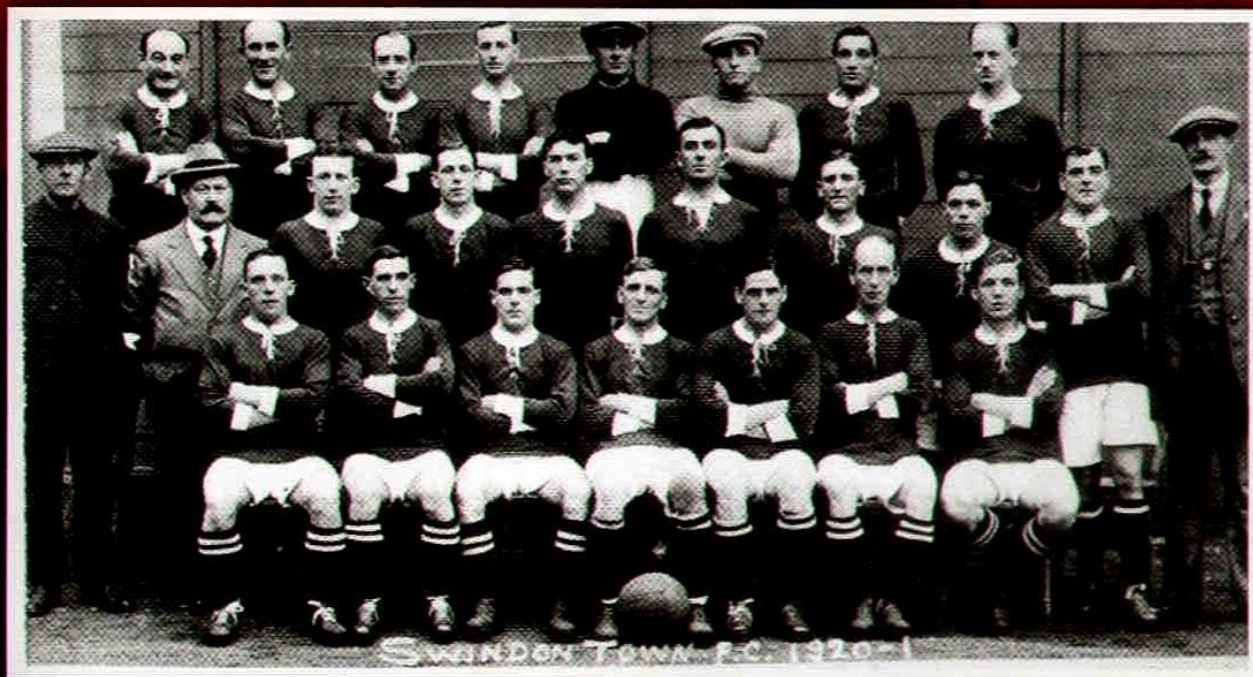
Luton Town forward Ernie Simms grabbed the consolation strike for the visitors.

Was this the start of a run that would lead us to decades of glory?

A week later we played at Kenilworth Road, and with a change of goalkeeper for the Hatters we lost 2-0.

This time Fleming didn't play and Mathieson scored at the right end.

Oh well. All good runs have to come to an end.

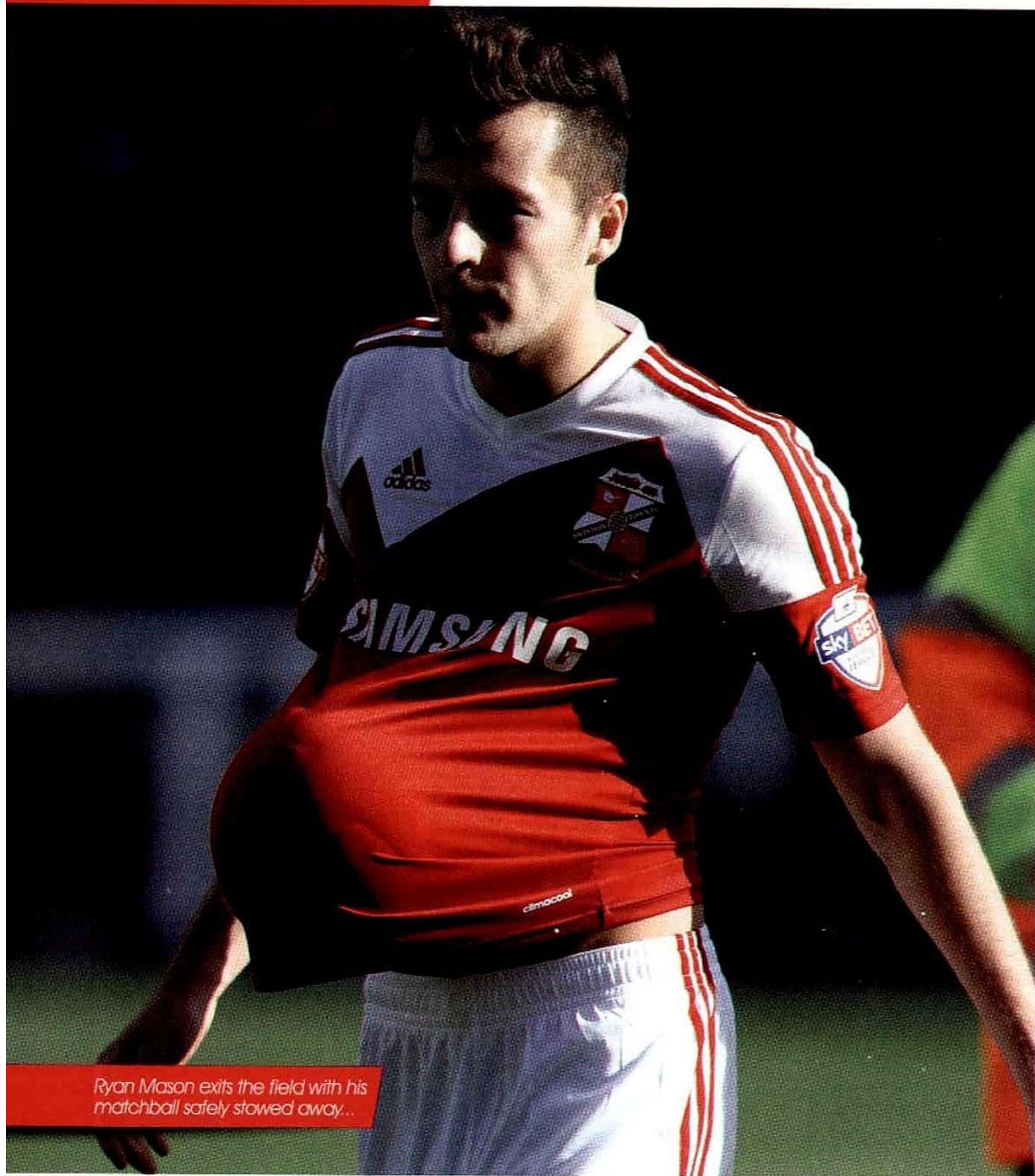


PICTURED: The squad shot from 1920. Harold Fleming is seated in the centre with the ball at his feet

MATCH ACTION:

HAT-TRICK HERO

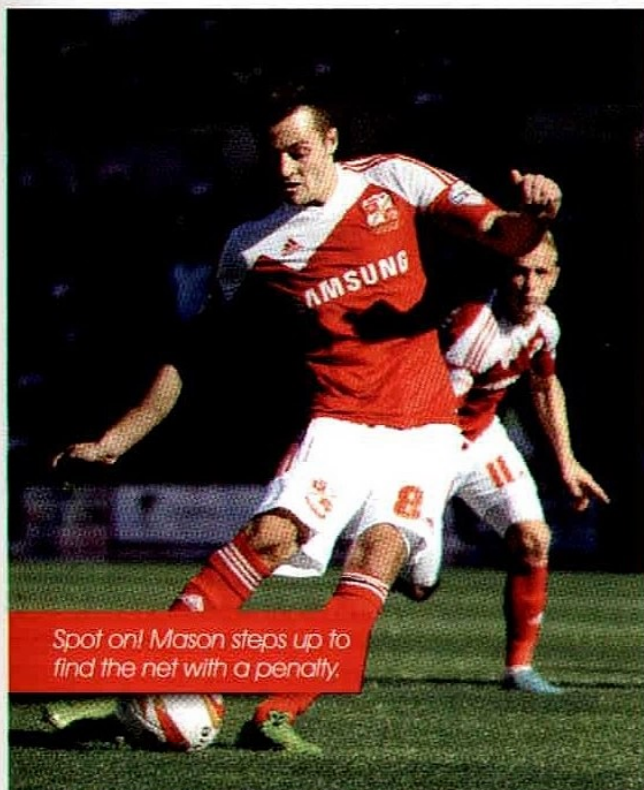
CLUB photographer Rob Noyes was at SN1 as on-loan midfielder Ryan Mason stole the headlines in Town's 5-0 thumping of Crewe Alexandra....



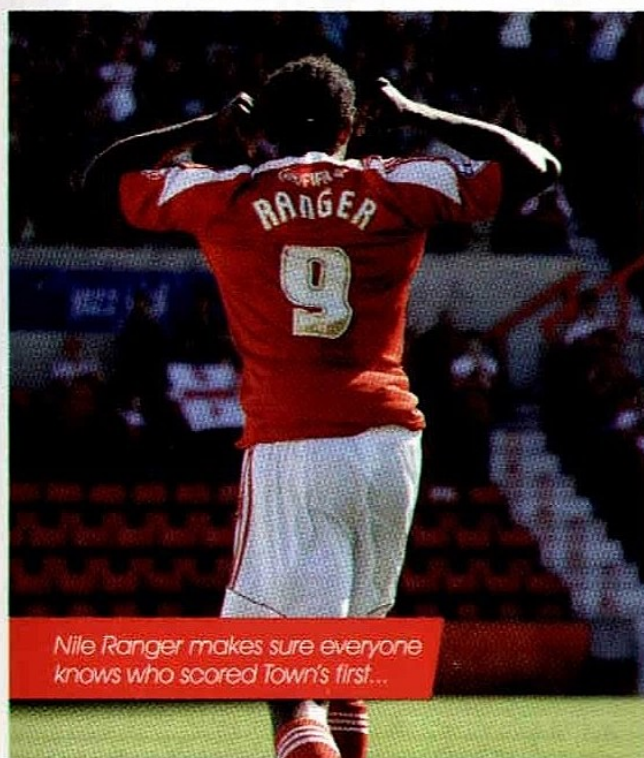
Ryan Mason exits the field with his matchball safely stowed away...

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Spot on! Mason steps up to find the net with a penalty.



Nile Ranger makes sure everyone knows who scored Town's first...



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2. Ticket 379, won £50 for P. Booroff of Compton.

AGM

A reminder to members that the AGM will take place in The Legends Lounge at 11.00am ahead of the Tranmere match on Saturday 5th October.

Any proposed rule changes must be with the secretary 14 days ahead of that date.

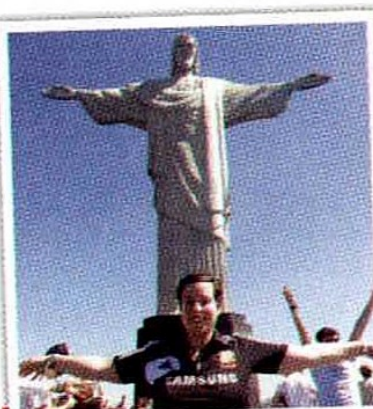
Members and non members are welcome to attend, with only members able to vote. New memberships will be available

for those wishing to join.

Talking of which... members should have received their loyalty points as a benefit of their membership of the Supporters' Club within the STFCMyWorld scheme. This should show on your loyalty points summary page within the scheme itself. If you haven't received yours yet you should provide the ticket office/shop with a note stating your name, address, MyWorld and Supporters' Club membership number.

Pounds for Points

ANYONE at Molineux last weekend would fail to understand why we never came away adding to the 'pounds for points' total after such a fantastic display by the team.



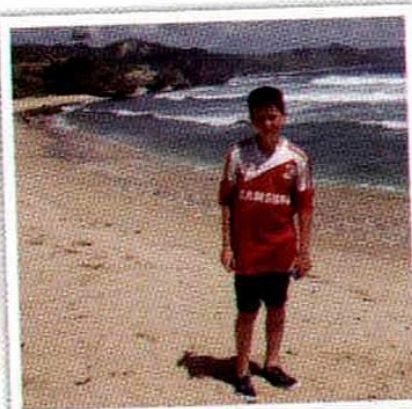
Rio Style!

HELEN Truman proudly flew her colours in front of Christ the Redeemer in Rio!



Happy Birthday

DECLAN Blake was 11 years old on 11th September and is looking forward to 3 points on 'Derby Day'!



Barbados Dreams

BEN Simons aged 12 can be seen here in his new home shirt on Bethsheba Beach in Barbados.



Still, with the previous points already accruing £420.00, let's hope our luck changes today, in this, the middle game of three games to excite fans during such a short space of time.

Chelsea

NEXT Tuesday will see one of those special occasions of a cup tie under lights against Premiership opposition. Whilst I am sure everyone is just focusing today on getting a good result in the league match in our local derby, it would be timely to remind all fans that the earlier they can get to the game, the better, as it avoids having, or developing, queues

in order to access the stadium at the last moment.

From the Supporters' Club point of view we will only be selling half-time draw tickets up to approximately 7.30pm on the night, rather than the few minutes before kick-off which is normally the case, so we thought we would take this opportunity to advise those that support the draw as we would not like you to miss out on the chance to win what we anticipate will be a really good prize.

Thank you for your support.

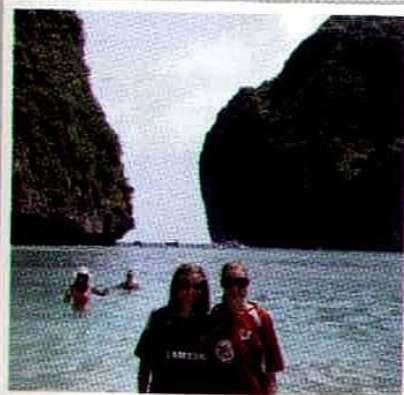
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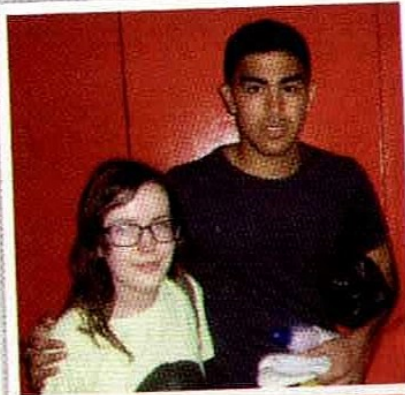
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Thailand Memories!

AMY Kenich pictured with her Bristol City friend Amy Bishop. Also a happy 15th Birthday to **Adam Kenich**.



Birthday Treat!

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MATCH ACTION:

TEN MAN POINT

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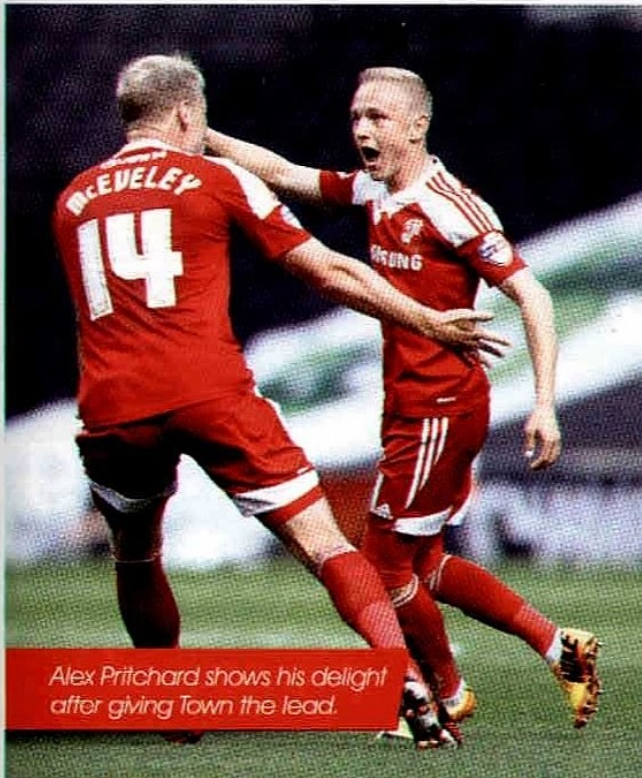
Nathan Byrne looks on in disbelief after being shown a red card.

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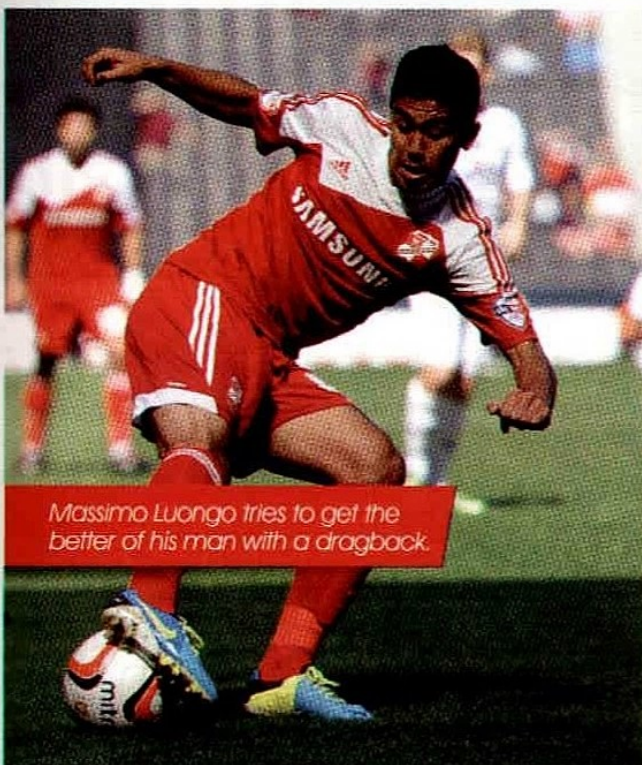
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Alex Pritchard shows his delight after giving Town the lead.

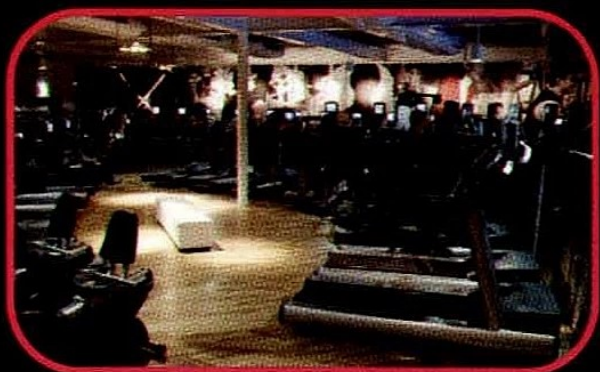


Massimo Luongo tries to get the better of his man with a dragback.



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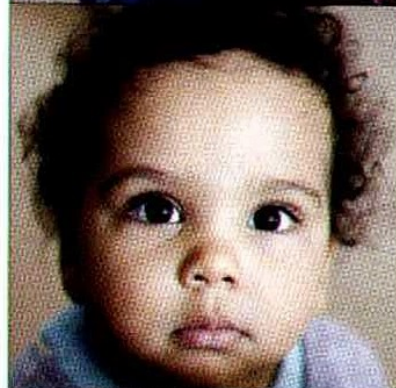
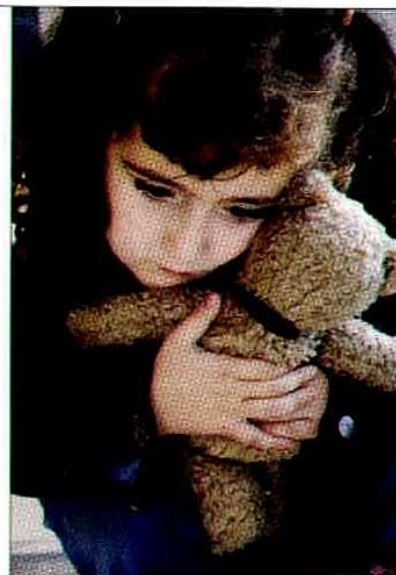
Services provided by the NSPCC in Swindon include treatment for children who have suffered sexual abuse and neglect, as well as support to help parents-to-be cope with the pressures of having a new baby and a home-visiting programme for parents with problematic drug and alcohol issues.

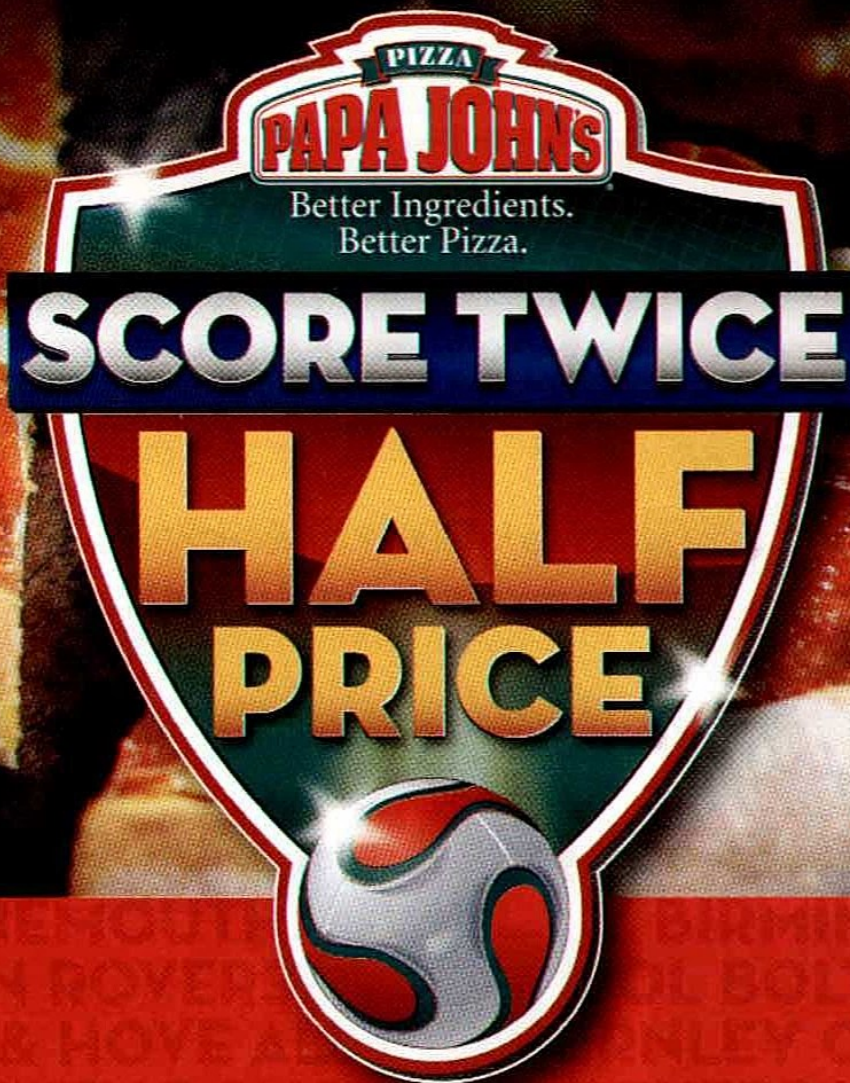
For information on how you can support the work of the NSPCC in Swindon, please contact Anna Keir on 01454 772290 or email anna.keir@nspcc.org.uk

To make a £4 donation to the NSPCC in your area text Swindon to 70744*

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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOD afternoon and welcome to today's fixture with Bristol City...



Saturday Team Club

TODAY we welcome Ashton Keynes Youth FC on our Saturday Team Club and would like to thank Jon Arnett for organising the visit. Over the last year we have built a strong partnership with Ashton Keynes FC which has seen us deliver coaching days and holiday courses for their junior teams. We hope you all have a good day with us today and we look forward to building the relationship in the future.

Extra Time Project

WE look forward to our Extra Time group providing the half time entertainment today with a walking football match against Bristol City over 60s.

The guys have been training for 60

years for this opportunity so please give them a big cheer! The Extra Time project is a weekly group for men and women that experience a different sport each week. The sports include croquet, golf, bowls, water polo, rowing and archery to name a few. If you are interested in finding out more about the project then contact Beth Thompson at the Community Trust.

Painting Project

THIS week saw the Manager Mark Cooper take some time out to have his own picture painted by a group of enthusiastic budding artists from Southfields School, Highworth. Mark even picked up a brush himself to put a few finishing touches to the masterpiece. The children spent the day at SN1

being taught the techniques of painting by Pippins Designs artist Jon Phillips. They then painted the four pictures that will be decorating the Community Trust room at STFC. As well as the Manager the other three paintings included Community Trust Chairman Mike Spearman, Club captain Darren Ward and the first Football in the Community Officer and former Town player, Leigh Barnard.

Lastly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our main Community Trust Sponsors Intel and hope they too have a great day out as today's match sponsors. I know they have raised a huge amount of money by offering this experience to their staff and will be donating the money to the charity 'Make a Wish Foundation'.

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KEEP IN TOUCH



SWINDON TOWN LADIES

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THE Town Ladies hosted Southampton Saints in the South West Combination Women's League and won by three goals to one. The early play was frantic with neither side able to settle but Town took an early lead when Coomb played the ball to Maynard who scored from close range. Swindon began to take control and against the run of play the Saints drew level when White latched on to a long punt forward and calmly lobbed the advancing Swindon 'keeper. Saints started the second half strongly and Town 'keeper Levett did well to hold Pritchard's drive. Play evened out and 10 minutes into the second half Town regained the lead when Rich set up Maynard to score her second.

Later into the second period Town were awarded a free-kick 30 yards out. Rich got her reward and drove the ball hard and low into the far corner of the net. The Saints came close to pulling a goal back in the last minute but Harper's header was just too high. The Town Ladies were well worth the three points.

U16s & Reserves

THE Under-16s recorded a massive 13-0 victory at Woodley United. Eight goals up at half time, two of Town's players notched hat-tricks. The reserves hosted Marlborough Town and ran out 4-1 winners with a dominant show. Sally Butterfield opened the scoring with Alex Baker adding a gloss to the scoreline late on.

Community Development Managers...



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COACH PROFILE...

Beth Thompson

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Beth Thompson is a crucial member of the STFC Football in the Community Trust. Beth's main responsibilities are the running and the development of the Tiny Tots Programme, which provides an introduction to young infants to the world of association football. In addition, Beth oversees a number of After School Clubs whilst delivering a Multi Sports and Social Programme to the Over 60s who engage with our Extra Time Project. Beth also oversees our website and social networking for the Community Trust. Beth is currently a UEFA Level 2 qualified coach.



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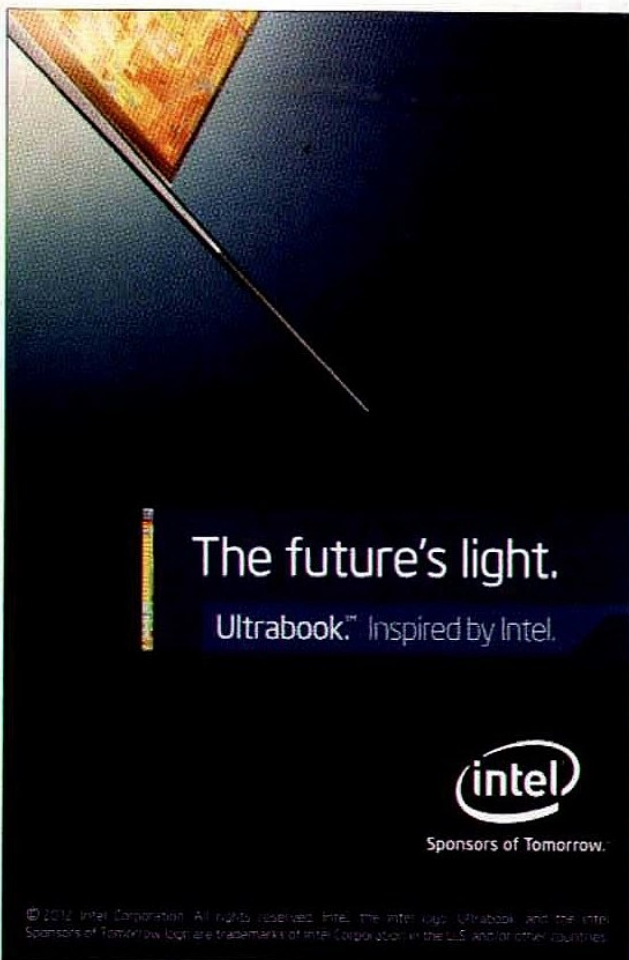
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How do you get a card?

You can now, as a non-season ticket holder, register to receive a MyWorld Card. This entry card will allow you to collect reward points as you spend. For every £1 you spend you will receive 5% back in club cash which you can then redeem against retail products in the Swindon store. Your MyWorld card will also gain you access into the stadium once you have purchased your ticket. The more you use your card the more benefits you will receive from the Club. You will also receive regular communication with your account balances and be able to access special offers that are only available to a MyWorld member.




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OUTSIDE THE BOX



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DERBY Day. Bristol City are the visitors to The County Ground today, and their arrival allows us to reflect and remember those cherished memories we all share from previous encounters with the red side of Bristol...

BE it Rory Fallon's sensational overhead kick or Raffaele De Vita's first goal in Town colours in a League Cup clash at Ashton Gate a couple of seasons ago, we all have our own personal memories from derby games.

However, the memory I am going to share with you today isn't an obvious one, it doesn't include overhead goals or those cup tie winners but rather a relegation. Yes a relegation. You may all be wondering why I would choose to remember an event we have all tried to rapidly erase from our memories, but for me, the events of Saturday 29th April 2006 changed my path as a football supporter for ever.

You see, up until that dark day at Ashton Gate, I was a Manchester United fan but please don't be disappointed in me too much everyone. I was present at Old Trafford only the week before, indulging in the riches the Premier League had to offer whilst Swindon were fighting for their League One status at home to Brentford.

Town lost that particular battle 3-1, meaning the derby game against City a week later was a must win for Ify Onuora's men if they were to stand any chance of avoiding relegation to League Two, and as a result, become the first team to have played in the Premiership to drop into the basement division.

I travelled to that game not really appreciating the full scale of the situation at hand, images



of Wayne Rooney's wonder strike against Newcastle the week before obviously still vivid in my mind. Any lingering thoughts I had of The Theatre of Dreams were soon wiped from my mind as the spirit of the travelling Town faithful caught my imagination. Ticker tape and balloons were released as the two teams entered the field of play ready for battle, with incredible support emanating from the away end.

The first half ended goalless with the large contingent of travelling Swindon fans all frayed by nerves. I made my way to the kiosks eager to see what delights Ashton Gate had to offer, and after what seemed like an eternity made my way back to my seat, pie in hand, just in time to see Aaron Brown stick the ball in the back of the net. The away end erupted in jubilation, and despite losing my pie after all that waiting in the melee that followed after the goal, it was well worth being part of that euphoria.

That joy was short lived however, with David Cotterill notching the equaliser that confined Town to bottom tier football for the first time in 20 years. Despite the pangs of pain and the despair of relegation slowly but surely sinking in, the Town faithful remained in fine voice and saluted their crestfallen heroes off the pitch. The whole experience of that day, despite ending in the worst way possible, decided for me that supporting my home town team was the only way forward.

Derby day leaves imprints on our minds and our hearts for all different sorts of reasons but I will always remember that April day fondly for persuading me to swap the red of United for the red of Swindon. Let's hope today creates more memories we can cherish.

Here's To Three Points.
Until Next Time.

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COACHES' CORNER



Michael Cooper

SWINDON'S Sport Scientist, a summer addition to the coaching staff at SN1, explains his role with Mark Cooper's backroom team...



I feel that I've settled in really well and I'm thoroughly enjoying my time here. Swindon has been very welcoming. My daily routine works like this: I come in and talk over the forthcoming training session with the management team and with Paul the Physio. We discuss what's happening in training and where I come in is deciding the intensity of the training drills, how long they last and to ensure we get the right physical outcome from training depending on what day of the week it is. Before training we do a half-hour pre-training programme incorporating various injury prevention and activation stuff, making sure the muscles are nice and warm and ready. Once training starts I take the warm-up, then afterwards I take the cool-down. Once that's done it's back to do analysis of heart rate data

and log what everyone has done. From that I can get a weekly or monthly overview and understand what the players are doing. This gives us an opportunity to spot potential injuries that are coming up or if anyone is fatigued. It's a two way street really – Mark Cooper will sometimes come in and ask me questions or I'll present him with the data and say this was tough or this could have been hard or this was spot on. On matchdays I'm in early looking after the players' hydration. I take care of the urine testing (which is lovely!) to check the players are hydrated early. We try and do that as early as possible so we can give them enough time to get water on board and get hydrated. From then on it's a case of being there if the players need anything supplements-wise. I then take the warm-up, so the blue band exercises that you may have seen have drawn a few wolf whistles from the crowd. Then after the warm-up I'm there during the game to provide players with anything they need. Post-match we do a cool down. Those who haven't played will do high-intensity running. That way they're on the same level as those that have played so we can all start from a level base the next week.

MICHAEL COOPER
SPORTS SCIENTIST



TOWN Physio Paul
Godfrey shares his tips
of the trade. This issue:
Warm up...

It is important that anybody about to undergo exercise does this properly. There are several aspects to the ideal warm-up and should take longer than five minutes to perform! The clue is in the name 'warm-up', so start slow and gradually build up the speed and intensity of what you are doing to ensure you: 1) raise your heart rate, 2) increase the blood flow to all major muscle groups, 3) take all your major joints through a full active range of movements in various directions and 4) ensure you have increased your body temperature so that muscles, tendons and ligaments are more elastic and better prepared to withstand the increased force you are about to place on them. All of this should take at least 15 mins, but our lads take around 30mins as we also include some football-specific drills too. Do NOT passive stretch as part of a warm up – it removes the elasticity from your muscles and will increase your risk of injury. Fail to prepare, prepare to fail!



PLAYER
FACT

Andy MUTCH:

After scoring against Newcastle the week before, Mutch's acrobatic celebration was played on the credits of Match of the Day for the rest of the season.

PLAYER
FACT

Denis IRWIN:

In a stellar career with Manchester United, Irwin won the Premier League, the FA Cup, the League Cup, the Champions League and the Cup-Winners' Cup.



PREMIER MOMENT

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TOWN'S next Premier League test came at Old Trafford, the home of reigning champions Manchester United.

AFTER a draw at home to Newcastle the week before, the daunting task of taking something away from Old Trafford was made harder after just five minutes when Andrei Kanchelskis put the hosts in front. Eric Cantona notched a second just before the break and Mark Hughes found the net six minutes into the second half as the Champions cruised into a 3-0 lead. Despite the deficit, Town rallied. Andy Mutch scored after 78 minutes and Paul Bodin thumped home a penalty with two minutes left to play. With the momentum now with the visitors, they pushed for an equaliser. Unfortunately for John Gorman's men, Mark Hughes sealed the points for United in the 90th minute. The Town manager took the positives: "45,000 people went away from Old Trafford talking about how well Swindon had played," he wrote in his next set of programme notes. "That, I think, was a great achievement for our club. We didn't realise until after the game how much people enjoyed the way we played. Not many teams can go to Old Trafford and come back from 3-0 down to 3-2 with a minute to go." Compliments even came from United boss Alex Ferguson who had admitted that Town had well and truly 'opened them up'. High praise indeed.

PLAYER
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Paul PARKER:
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HOME FIXTURES:




SAMSUNG




vs Chelsea
Tuesday Sept 24, 7.45pm
See website for details...




vs Tranmere Rovers
Saturday Oct 5, 3pm
See ticket prices...




vs Plymouth Argyle
Tuesday Oct 8, 7.45pm
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vs Chelsea (H) (Subject to availability)

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Saturday Sept 28, 3pm

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Saturday Oct 12, 3pm

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Sat Sept 28, 3pm

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Junior under 16	£8
Under 7 (in advance only)	Free
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SAS Travel Details:
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vs Rotherham United
Sat Oct 12, 3pm

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Junior under 12	£5

Prices increase by £2 on matchday

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The above two matches are now available online, by phone and in person. Phone charges of £2 per ticket booking. No online charges, only postage.

MATCHSTATS

KEY: 1 = Number of goals scored,

First substitution, Second substitution, Third substitution

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STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat Aug 3	Peterborough United	A	0-1 L	7,178 (741)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Tue Aug 6	Torquay United CAP1	H	1-0 W	5,662 (282)	Foderingham	Barthram	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 10	Stevenage	H	1-0 W	7,133 (217)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 17	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-2 L	4,943 (545)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Byrne
Sat Aug 24	Gillingham	H	2-2 D	7,520 (452)	Foderingham	N Thompson 1	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Tue Aug 27	QPR CAP2	A	2-0 W	9,715 (1,684)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	Smith
Sat Aug 31	Crewe Alexandra	H	5-0 W	7,419 (193)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley

SEPTEMBER

Sat Sep 7	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-1 D	7,738 (639)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 14	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-3 L	19,388 (1,591)	Foderingham	N Thompson	Ward	Hall	McEveley
Sat Sep 21	Bristol City	H	3.00pm						
Tue Sep 24	Chelsea CAP3	H	7.45pm	sky SPORTS HD					
Sat Sep 28	Preston North End	A	3.00pm						

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 5	Tranmere Rovers	H	3.00pm						
Tue Oct 8	Plymouth Argyle JPT2	H	7.45pm						
Sat Oct 12	Rotherham United	A	3.00pm						
Fri Oct 18	Notts. County	H	7.45pm						
Tue Oct 22	Walsall	H	7.45pm						
Sat Oct 26	Oldham Athletic	A	3.00pm						

NOVEMBER

Sat Nov 2	Port Vale	H	3.00pm						
Sat Nov 9	F.A. CUP1	TBC							
Sat Nov 16	Colchester United	A	3.00pm						
Sat Nov 23	Leyton Orient	H	3.00pm						
Tue Nov 26	Crawley Town	A	7.45pm						
Sat Nov 30	Carlisle United	H	3.00pm						

DECEMBER

Sat Dec 14	Sheffield United	A	3.00pm						
Sat Dec 21	Coventry City	H	3.00pm						
Thu Dec 26	Brentford	A	3.00pm						
Sun Dec 29	Bradford City	A	3.00pm						

JANUARY

Wed Jan 1	Crawley Town	H	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 4	Stevenage	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 11	Peterborough Utd.	H	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 18	Gillingham	A	3.00pm						
Sat Jan 25	Shrewsbury Town	H	3.00pm						
Tue Jan 28	Walsall	A	7.45pm						

FEBRUARY

Sat Feb 1	Oldham Athletic	H	3.00pm						
Sat Feb 8	Port Vale	A	3.00pm						
Sat Feb 15	Colchester United	H	3.00pm						
Sat Feb 22	Leyton Orient	A	3.00pm						

MARCH

Sat Mar 1	Crewe Alexandra	A	3.00pm						
Sat Mar 8	Milton Keynes Dons	H	3.00pm						
Tue Mar 11	Wolverhampton W.	H	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 15	Bristol City	A	3.00pm						
Sat Mar 22	Preston North End	H	3.00pm						
Tue Mar 25	Tranmere Rovers	A	7.45pm						
Sat Mar 29	Sheffield United	H	3.00pm						

APRIL

Sat Apr 5	Carlisle United	A	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 12	Brentford	H	3.00pm						
Fri Apr 18	Coventry City	A	7.45pm						
Mon Apr 21	Bradford City	H	3.00pm						
Sat Apr 26	Notts. County	A	3.00pm						

MAY

Sat May 3	Rotherham United	H	3.00pm						
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TOM EDWARDS

TOM Edwards, a friend and colleague of STFC Season Ticket Holder Richard Harris, sadly passed away in June. Tom was a Bristol City fan and he and Richard were looking forward to plenty of banter over the coming season.

RON NORTON

RON Norton, a dedicated, life-long Swindon Town fan sadly passed away recently. He will be missed by his family and by his friends in the corner of the Town End.

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Happy 50th Birthday to Ian Buckland. Ian has been a Swindon Town fan all of his life, remaining loyal despite living and working in Bristol.

which often makes Monday mornings interesting! Ian joins us in the Sponsor's Suite today, to celebrate – Enjoy!



Happy 40th Birthday to Matt Strong, Matt went to his first Swindon Town game at home to Man City in 1987 and has been going to Town matches ever since.

Matt is joined in the Sponsor's Suite by his dad, Malcom Church to celebrate his big day.



Happy Birthday
Martin Bright. Martin is celebrating his 53rd birthday with his brother Neil and his nephew Christopher in The Sponsor's Suite today.

Martin is the proprietor of White Horse Cars of Calne, and he has been following Swindon Town since his school days.

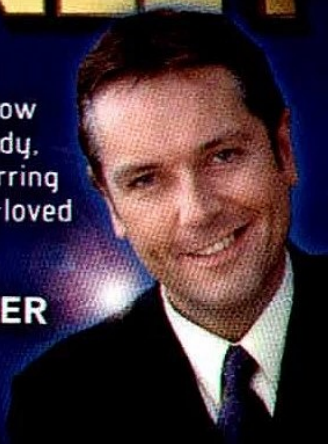
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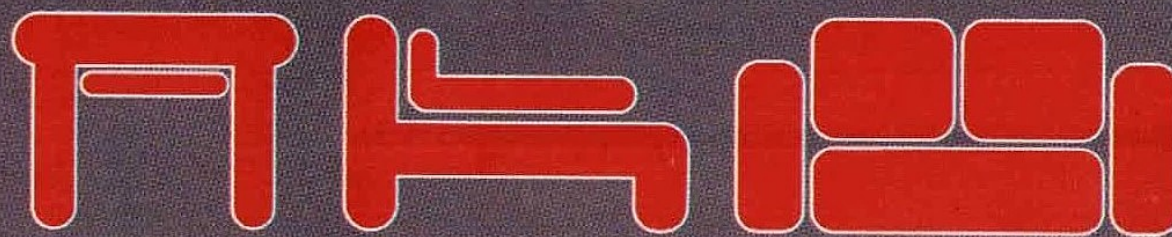
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STAT PACK



Sky Bet League 1 Table:

POS	TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Leyton Orient	6	3	0	0	8	2	3	0	0	8	2	+12	18
2	Peterborough	7	2	0	1	3	3	3	1	0	14	4	+10	16
3	Wolves	6	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	0	5	2	+9	16
4	Rotherham	7	2	2	0	8	5	2	1	0	6	4	+5	15
5	Preston	7	2	2	0	7	3	1	2	0	7	4	+7	13
6	MK Dons	7	2	2	0	7	4	1	2	0	3	2	+4	13
7	Bradford	7	3	1	0	12	2	0	2	1	4	5	+9	12
8	Brentford	7	2	1	0	4	1	1	2	1	6	9	0	12
9	Crawley	7	2	1	1	8	7	1	1	1	6	5	+2	11
10	Walsall	6	1	1	1	4	5	2	0	1	4	1	+2	10
11	Colchester	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	4	5	-1	9
12	SWINDON	7	2	1	0	8	2	0	1	3	3	7	+2	8
13	Shrewsbury	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	3	6	-1	7
14	Port Vale	7	1	1	1	4	5	1	0	3	4	7	-4	7
15	Oldham	7	1	0	2	3	3	1	0	3	8	10	-2	6
16	Stevenage	7	0	1	2	4	6	1	1	2	1	4	-5	5
17	Tranmere	7	0	2	2	6	12	1	0	2	3	5	-8	5
18	Crewe	7	1	2	1	7	9	0	0	3	0	8	-10	5
19	Carlisle	7	1	0	3	2	10	0	2	1	1	5	-12	5
20	Coventry	7	3	1	0	13	9	1	1	1	7	4	+7	4*
21	Sheff Utd	7	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	4	2	9	-7	4
22	Bristol C	6	0	1	2	3	7	0	2	1	7	8	-5	3
23	Gillingham	7	0	2	1	2	3	0	1	3	5	11	-7	3
24	Notts Co	6	0	0	3	2	6	0	1	2	3	6	-7	1

STFC Player Stats:

No.	Player	SBL1	FAC	CP	JPT	Total	Goals	Yellow	Red	STFC Apps
1	Wes Foderingham	7	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	104
2	Nathan Thompson	7	-	1	-	8	1	3	-	38(10)
3	Nathan Byrne	5	-	2	-	7	1	1	1	15(1)
4	Massimo Luongo	7	-	1(1)	-	8(1)	2	2	-	17(1)
5	Grant Hall	7	-	2	-	9	-	2	-	9
6	Tijane Freitas Reis	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	3
7	Ryan Harley	4(2)	-	1	-	5(2)	-	2	-	5(2)
8	Ryan Mason	4(1)	-	1(1)	-	5(2)	4	3	-	5(2)
9	Nile Ranger	4(1)	-	1	-	5(1)	2	-	-	5(1)
10	Andy Williams	3	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	49(3)
11	Alex Pitchard	6	-	2	-	8	2	5	-	9
12	Darryl N'Guessan	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	1	-	-	(2)
14	Jay McEvelay	4	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	45(1)
15	Yaser Kasim	6(1)	-	2	-	8(1)	-	1	-	8(1)
16	Mark Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
17	Connor Waldon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
18	Alex Ferguson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
19	Louis Thompson	(3)	-	1(1)	-	1(4)	-	1	-	2(8)
20	Miles Storey	2(2)	-	(2)	-	2(4)	-	1	-	4(19)
21	Alex Smith	1(2)	-	1(1)	-	2(3)	-	-	-	2(3)
22	Darren Ward	7	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	52
23	Jack Barthram	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
25	Tyrell Belford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
26	Aaron Oakley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
27	Harry Agombar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
29	Raphael Rossi Branco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
30	Leigh Bedwell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)
33	Nicky Ajose	1(2)	-	-	-	1(2)	-	-	-	1(2)
35	Kayden Jackson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Robbie Johnson: Age: 8
Favourite player: Wes Foderingham



Harveer Sandhu: Age: 8
Favourite player: Massimo Luongo



Aaronjeet Sandhu: Age: 8
Favourite player: Ryan Mason



Joe Sharps: Age: 5
Favourite player: Nathan Thompson



James Quick: Age: 10
Favourite player: Darren Ward



Lewis Hicks Age: 12
Favourite player: Greg Cunningham

LAST WORD

Swindon Advertiser



WHAT IS it about a local derby that captures the imagination to such an extent?

HOW is it that normal, placid men and women can develop a burning hate of another club based on geography and geography alone?

Odd, isn't it, but entirely commonplace at the same time. A footballing paradox if you will.

Today we get to experience first-hand one of those rivalries - not on the scale of Manchester United and Liverpool or Rangers and Celtic or even Swindon Town and Oxford, but a rivalry nonetheless. And one to savour.

It's been a long time since City rocked up at The County Ground, and even longer since they managed to walk away from Wiltshire with all three points.

I still remember two belting contests involving the sides at SN1. So allow me to take you on a journey down recent memory lane.

In April 2004 I was sat up in the rafters of the Don Rogers stand, one of a capacity 14,500 crowd, and cannot have been the only one to groan when Rory Fallon contorted his body to try a 20-yard overhead kick.

It was a ludicrous notion, but City stopper Steve Phillips could do nothing to prevent Fallon's almost absurd effort looping over his head to level the game at 1-1.

If that was truly out of this world, the game six years earlier was man-on-the-moon stuff.

I was a wide-eyed 11-year-old sitting with my grandfather and dad in the Intel Stand. No



sooner had we taken our seats, it seemed, had Town gone 3-0 up.

It took nine minutes for Mark Walters to score from the penalty spot, George Ndah to add a second and Ify Onuora net a third. I can remember a far-from-capacity crowd going ballistic. My grandfather turned to my dad and asked which team had scored on each occasion.

In the second half, things took an ugly turn, substitute Sol Davis saw red, in every sense, and was told to take an early bath to cool down while Ade Akinbiyi and Mickey Bell brought City back into the game.

When Robin Hulbert (remember him?) was also sent off in injury

time, the sound of nails being chewed filled the County Ground. Swindon hung on, but it was mighty tense.

And this is what is so special about local derbies - however big, however small. The crowd get involved more when there are bragging rights on the line.

This weekend, for the first time since November 2005, Bristol City are the visitors - and there's no reason why this game can't be just as memorable for all the right reasons.

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Nathan BYRNE	3	●
Massimo LUONGO	4	●
Grant HALL	5	●
Tijane FREITAS REIS	6	●
Ryan HARLEY	7	●
Ryan MASON	8	●
Nile RANGER	9	●
Alex PRITCHARD	11	●
Darry N'GUESSAN	12	●
Jay McEVELEY	14	●
Yaser KASIM	15	●
Mark FRANCIS	16	●
Connor WALDON	17	●
Alex FERGUSON	18	●
Louis THOMPSON	19	●
Miles STOREY	20	●
Alex SMITH	21	●
(CAPT) Darren WARD	22	●
Jack BARTHRAM	23	●
(GK) Tyrrell BELFORD	25	●
Aaron OAKLEY	26	●
Harry AGOMBAR	27	●
Raphael BRANCO	29	●
(GK) Leigh BEDWELL	30	●
Nicky AJOSE	33	●
Mohammed EL GABAS	34	●
Kayden JACKSON	35	●

Match Officials

Referee:
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Sky Bet League 1

Today's other fixtures

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Oldham v Crewe
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Gillingham v Bradford
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● 5	Aden FLINT
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● 8	Neil KILKENNY
● 9	Sam BALDOCK
● 10	Jay EMMANUEL-THOMAS
● 11	Scott WAGSTAFF
● 13	Elliot PARISH (GK)
● 14	Bobby REID
● 15	Joe BRYAN
● 16	Jordan WYNTER
● 17	Greg CUNNINGHAM
● 18	Ryan TAYLOR
● 19	Stephen PEARSON
● 20	James WILSON
● 21	Marlon PACK
● 22	Nicky SHOREY
● 23	Marlon HAREWOOD
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